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MINISTERS GATHER IN CHICAGO FOR DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
12 of God's Ministry (God's foundational number) gathered in the Chicago area to exhort, correct and edify over 2,300 called out ones. Not too long ago the whole work did not have more than 12 ministers to serve world wide. Today, in the district we have had the privilege of hearing and learning of THE WAY expounded by as many. Pictured from left to right are:

First row . . . Mrs. Young, Mrs. Roenspies, Mrs. Dorothy, Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Manteufel, Mrs. Bald, Mrs. Catherwood

Second row . . . Mr. Young, Mr. Pyle, Mrs. Pyle, Mrs. Tkach, Mr. Dorothy, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Crim, Mrs. Meeker, Mr. Meeker, Mr. Bald.

Thrid row . . . Mr. Roenspies, Mr. Tkach, Mr. McCrady, Mr. Manteufel, Mr. Crim, Mr. Catherwood.

Will You Be Back in 1966?

OBSERVE FIRST HOLY DAY IN 1965

by Jim Howell

The time: April 17. The place: Gary Memorial Auditorium. The reason: A holy convocation COMMANDED by Almighty God (Exodus 12:15,16).

At sundown on April 16, the seven day period of unleavened bread—the spring feast—began. This temporary removal of leavening pictures the removal of SIN from our lives. This was the Night to be Much Remembered—the night Israel started out of Egypt.

A happy, enthusiastic crowd heard the explanation of the meaning of this night from Evangelist Dean Blackwell before scattering to four locations for the physical feasting. It was a "short night" for many but at 10 a.m. the next day, the spiritual feasting began in earnest.

How many of you think you will be here next year? This was the leading

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COLOR COMES ALIVE ON THE WIDE STAGE

by Harold Stocker

The most dynamic and ambitious production of all time was meticulously prepared and enthusiastically presented before well over 1,300 people at the Gary Auditorium during the Days of Unleavened Bread. The program, consisting of the very best stage music of our time, was bound for success from the start. The huge stage called for full scale production techniques common to professional theatricals, but never before experienced by the Chicago Chorale. This gigantic task called for teamwork and top planning talent. Mr. Charles Hallier (Musical Director) kept the musical and acting elements together in expert fashion.

Come behind the scenes for just a

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Also see complete picture story

Passover Localized In Midwest

God's spirit passed over the sins of 8 Church congregations of the Northern Midwest district on April 15th, 1965. Yes, 2,379 people came realizing Christ, the Lamb of God, shed his blood in an excruciating death so that our past sins would be forgiven on this solemn memorial. The eight areas chosen to localize this occasion were: Chicago, 674 attending; Cincinnati, 367; Minneapolis, 363; Peoria, 102; Madison, 176; Kalamazoo, 290; Hopkinsville, 244; and in Indianapolis 163 attended.



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Friends:

Many thanks for your Church of God News. I truly enjoy your many inspired articles and the wonderful fellowship you have, and all the personal notes, as well as Knowledge Knots. There is always something of real interest and true value.

I am sending you the few American dollars that I have.

Your friends,

Mr. Mike Kaczmar

Kelliher Sask., Canada

Mr. Ball:

Enclosed find one dollar to help pay for the church paper which I enjoy very much. I am in a wheelchair, so I can't get out anyway. I'm 82 and old enough to make the best of things. There are so many who can't see and are bed-ridden. I have one leg, but I get around in my chair and am blessed with good grandchildren and children.

Sincerely,

Edith M. Buck

Four Ordained — God's Number Revealing Himself



Showing themselves ready workmen willing to unselfishly give of their time and effort to serve, the burgeoning work of God will now have FOUR more instruments helping the ministers of their local areas. God revealed himself and stamped his approval on their works and so His Ministry laid Hands on Dr. Stig Erlanger of Peoria, Mrs. Glenn Keeley of South Bend, Mrs. Raymond Johnson of South Bend, and Mr. Donald Morris of Peoria ordaining them into the rank of Deacons and Deaconesses.

PADUCAH EXCITEMENT

by T. J. Olsen

The date—Sunday, March 7, 1965—will remain in the minds of many people in God's church who reside in the vicinity of Paducah, Kentucky! On this day, God established a BIBLE STUDY in Paducah.

Mr. Bob Steep, minister of the Evansville, Indiana and Nashville, Tennessee churches, walked into the hall and onto the podium, viewed the sea of people before him, and uttered one word: "WOW!" There were 139 people assembled to hear more of God's word expounded by one of His true ministers.

The states of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee were represented. Indications are that nearly two-thirds of the group will be regular attendants of the Bible Study. It will meet the first and third Sundays of each month at Carpenters Hall, 701 Washington, Paducah, Kentucky.

The message very emphatically pointed out the difference between the Philadelphian and Laodicean eras and how the people whom God has called out of the world should strive to overcome, keep His word, not deny His name, and put forth the effort necessary to be in the Philadelphian church. It was also clearly explained how our attitudes, if Phila-

Social In Bismarck

by Erwin Hintz

Over 130 brethren from North and South Dakota converged on Bismarck for an evening of fellowship and entertainment. The highlight of the evening was the showing of beautiful slides by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Blackwell. These slides vividly portrayed their recent trip to England, Europe, Egypt, and Palestine.

The brethren here really enjoyed seeing the places they have read, heard, and studied about. It helped us to more fully grasp what we learn from the Bible. We were impressed by scenes of places where Christ ACTUALLY WALKED.

The Dakota brethren have much for which to be thankful. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin McMichael of the Minneapolis church come to Bismarck every other week to conduct a Bible study. Having Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell with us was a special treat. We are waiting for them to come again with more slides to show us.

delphian, will help each individual to learn, to remember, and to grow, as well as contribute to the growth of the very work of God.

Fellowshipping was enjoyed and Philadelphian love was very much in evidence!

And women rule over them.
ISAIAH 3:12



Midwest Gathers for Feast



This is the Armory in Gary which served as one of the four eating places on the Night to be Much Remembered. Food was served to a capacity crowd, over 1,000.



2,300 gather in the huge Hammond Civic Auditorium which has the capacity of seating 5,000. The remaining part of the auditorium was to provide ample space for the noon meal.

Wonders of the Universe

by Bennie Colyer

Let us take a look at our galaxy. The nearest galaxy to ours is the spiral nebula of Andromeda. Imagine that we are there and that we are trying to find the earth. From our stellar map, we find that the earth is one of nine planets circling the star called the sun. This sun is located in the galaxy called the Milky Way. So we head in that direction, travelling at 186,000 miles per second. Finally, after traveling at this speed of light for 750,000 years, we reach the vicinity of the Milky Way. We are looking for the star we know as our sun; it is actually one of the smaller stars even though it is 800,000 miles in diameter. There are some stars so large that if the sun were placed at their centers, they would completely envelop our entire solar system and extend far beyond.

Now we look in the direction of the sun and there we see a star which we think is the sun, but on close examination we find it to be the sun's nearest neighbor star Alpha Centauri. Continuing our travel then toward the sun at the speed of light we reach the vicinity of the sun and its solar system in about four years. There we see the sun and its nine planets circling about it and sure enough there is the planet earth.

Just what is so outstanding about the planet earth? It does not have the beautiful rings of Saturn, nor the enormous size of Jupiter. Let us take a closer look at the earth and see if we can find anything outstanding on this planet. Yes! There is something different—there is life on this planet and there is a very delicate balance of everything for this life to exist.

The earth rotates on its axis in 24 hours or one thousand miles per hour. What if it rotated at the rate of 100 miles per hour? Then our days and nights would be ten times longer and the hot sun of summer would burn up the vegetation and the long nights would freeze it.

The sun has a surface temperature of 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and our earth is far enough away so we are warmed just enough. If the temperature of the earth changed so much as 50 degrees average for one year, all vegetation and man would be dead, either roasted or frozen. The earth travels around the sun at 18 miles per second. If the rate of revolution had been, say, 6 miles or 40 miles per second, the seasons would change too fast for our form of life to exist.

Many thousands of conditions have to be exactly right. Suppose you take ten pennies, mark them 1 to 10, put them in your pocket and shake them well. Now try to draw them out in sequence 1 to 10. Your chance of drawing No. 1 is 1 to 10. The probability of drawing 1 and 2 in succession is 1 to 720, and your chance of drawing No. 1 to 10 in succession would be the unbelievable figure of one chance in 3,628,800.

So many essential conditions are necessary for life to exist on our earth that it is mathematically impossible that all of them could exist in proper relationship by chance at one time.

There must be some form of intelligent direction. Since this is true, there must be a purpose for it all. You and I know what that great purpose is. We know that God, the Architect of the universe, did not build a stairway leading nowhere! Even as David said in Psalm 8:4—"What is man that You are mindful of him?" Yet we have been given the opportunity to inherit all this universe.

FEAST FUN SHOW

Ministers and Deacons Thrill Audience With Antics

by John Hawkins

What a success! In every way it was filled with the proper tone and balance throughout. Everyone had fun. It got off to a unique start by the well-known and comical figures of Amos and Andy, portrayed by Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Pyle. Naturally everyone was interested not only in the jokes that were told but also in the humorous way they were given and exchanged. Next, a song taken from the Academy Award winning picture 'Mary Poppins' was sung by Mr. Mancewicz and his family. This appealed to the young and old alike by audience participation in singing "supercalifragilistic . . ."—a tongue twister and a half! Some more jokes were highlighted by Mr. Foster dressed in his colorful Maxwell Street style. The program continued with a beautiful and popular song, "On the Street Where You Live," done by Mr. McCrady and Mrs. Tkach. The next scene was a silhouette by Mr. Ball and Mr. Fowler. The two doctors were

operating on a patient. This was hilarious. Livers, intestines, and appendix were all awkwardly extracted and heaved overboard during which time the patient's bank account was voraciously examined by one nurse while the other one administered anaesthetic very skillfully to the awakening patient by means of a claw-nail **hammer**. It ended with the operation being a **smashing** success even though funeral preparations followed. Another much enjoyed scene was the Southern Barber Shop. The two colored barbers were Sam, who had sudden fits of jittery nerves (Mr. Tkach) and sunglassed Grease Lightning, (Dr. Dorothy) who couldn't see too well—the barber shop specialized in **close shaves**. These were just a few of the fine performances. The outstanding part of the show was the fine **example** set through the proper balance of finesse and laughter for all.

A Message to Garcia

You are there. 3 p.m., a finger taps you on the back and says "Garcia, you have a job to do. The assignment is: Erect a stage (go get the lumber for it) obtain stage props necessary, stage make-up for the individual acts, build a dressing room and get the costumes ready by 7 p.m. this evening." With two ready hands and ten nimble toes, Mr. Svehla,



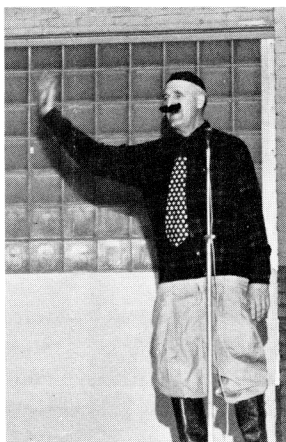
tabbed for the job, recruited his his "Bohemian work crew" slashed all redtape and got the show going on time. Those at the Chicago Bible Study several weeks ago would call that "Getting the Blue Vase."



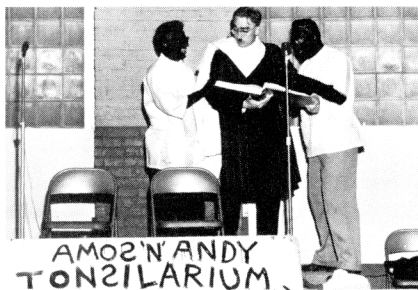
Hello Lyle Vershowske, the clown from Milwaukee.



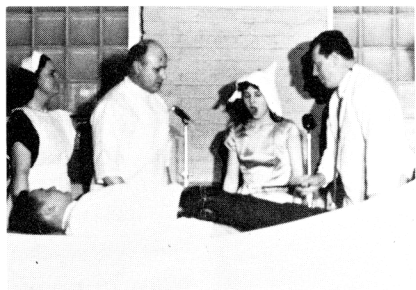
Amos (Mr. Pyle) and Andy (Mr. Blackwell) stop the show with balanced humor and antics.



Deacon Lowell Foster caught in Maxwell street garb.



Greased Lightning (Dr. Dorothy) and Slippery Sam (Mr. Tkach) assist Professor Manteufel off the stage.



Nurse Schlitt, Drs. Fowler and Ball, assisted by Nurses Aid Cindy Gallo-way successfully kill patient Ham-brook.

CHICKENING OUT



After a hard days work five deacons were caught red handed eating chicken. Mr. Kreiger was in charge of counselling; Mr. Raymond Johnson and Mr. Dawson, the stage area; Mr. Van Slooten, the ushers; and Mr. Cormany of the detective squad (you can tell by the white trench coat). Quietly entering the kitchen unnoticed they were caught in the act by our on-the-spot photographer.



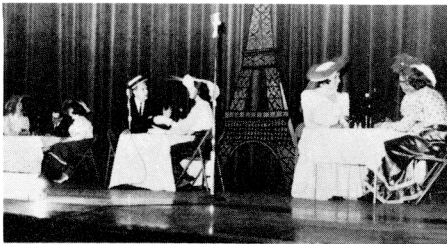
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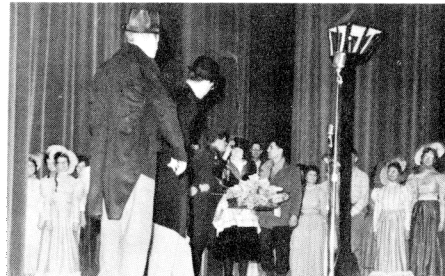
Hello Dolly.



The second annual Show of Shows being dedicated to Miss Bresson as she is being presented a bouquet of Roses by Mr. Blackwell.



I remember it well.



My Fair Lady.

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moment. Before the brilliant blending of color and song ever reaches your eyes and ears, hours of tedious practice and planning were a must. But, as in all efforts in God's Church, the joy was greater for those who did the work and gave their energies.

Rolling off to a start, the River City Band sparked by snappy, high-stepping Harold Hill (Fred Manczewicz) in his brilliant red and royal blue uniform complete with full plumed hat, sold the nervous townfolk on a 76 trombone band made up of pool cue experts. With a change in tempo, Mrs. Tkach, dressed in apple blossom pink, sang several songs from Music Man. This prepared the audience for an afternoon of awe and anticipation!

Lisa Doolittle (Eleanor Barrows), equipped with cockney accent and flower basket, successfully murdered the English language until Prof. Henry Higgins' (John Hawkins) persistent tutoring paid off in the delightful song "The Rain in Spain Lays Gently on the Plain." Mr. Doolittle (Oscar Olson), in the elegant white cutaway tailored by the nimble needles of Mrs. Olson, was finally "carried to the church"—though whether "on time" is questionable.

Wagon wheels and the corral around the old red barn took us to Oklahoma for a dazzling display of lively square dancing to Karen Sterling's hot violin

strings. So moving was this music, that nearly everyone in the audience must have desired to take part themselves. Such dancing comes easily for truly happy people. Full flowing dresses in checks, yellow and green merged together in colorful harmony amid shouts and pistol shots. Included was Mr. Edmund Stout, our authentic cowboy.

Sidewalk cafe, Eiffel Tower, girls and wine seemed to sway Maurice Chevalier (Wilbur Ball) and jar his memory slightly in the melody "I Remember It Well." Gigi (Nancy Kurtz) did her best to straighten him out as all "Remember Quite Well." Mr. Ball also sparked the entire show as master of ceremonies.

The King of Siam (Jack Freel) arrived on the elaborate scene in his 8 cylinder sedan, powered by 8 bald headed strong men. The audience was captured by the exotic silky costumes. Costumes for the entire program were organized by a costume committee checking on authenticity.

Who can forget the grand climax "Hello Dolly" by Sanders Ray and the chorale? Sensing keen audience "snap" from an afternoon of the world's liveliest stage music, Mr. Ray invited audience participation which capped a day of entertainment we won't soon forget.

Our sincere and deep thanks to everyone responsible for our first Broadway size production.



Get me to the church on time.



Music Man.



Oklahoma.



Lida Rose

Weddings!!

The soft rustle of taffeta ushered in the April wedding of George Panattoni and Judith Larson. They were wed April 3, 1965, in the Terrace Room of the Keyman's Club. Both were baptized on October 24, 1964.

Newlyweds to Leave For Denmark

Mr. Fleming Sylvest and Miss Cecelia Stanciu were united in marriage at her parents' home April 4, 1965. Both are Ambassador College students from Pasadena.

Mr. Jackson in Alabama for Passover

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson went to Mobile, Alabama for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread, while Mr. and Mrs. Maceo Hampton flew down to Greensboro, North Carolina. Our prayers were certainly with them.

News Briefs

Mrs. Theresa Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, has come to Chicago to live since the death of her husband Berry of the San Diego Church. Mrs. Dean has three boys—Mark, Carl, and David. A hearty welcome to you, Mrs. Dean!

News items are strangely silent regarding the Elkhart church!

The reason: it has "gone west," Sabbath services and Wednesday Bible studies are now held at the Progress Club, corner of Taylor and Colfax streets, South Bend.

Brethren in the Minneapolis-Duluth church areas were saddened by the recent death of Mr. Peter Nelson whose warm and friendly smile and dedicated service as pianist added to the blessing of each Sabbath service.

We in the Peoria church would like to extend a hearty welcome to the William Williams family of Montrose, Iowa who recently moved to Mason City, Illinois.

"English is Spoken Here." This is the sign that greeted the Peoria spokesmen, wives and widows as they entered Shakey's Italian Pizza Parlor. The warm atmosphere and lively music from a

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question asked by visiting Pastor Dr. Charles Dorothy in the morning service. YOU have SINS you need to repent of! We need to be concerned about our relationship with God. We all need to realize that Christ **paid** the price of sin so we could sit here today. Will you really be sitting here next year—or will bitterness or neglect keep you away? Christ was despised and rejected by men (Isa. 53:3). **THIS INCLUDES CHURCH MEMBERS.** How often do WE despise Christ by our actions? Repentance is **ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY**—an essential qualification to eternal life! Repentance is a **DAY BY DAY** process; it is repeated and progressive. We need to be ashamed of our sins; Christ was wounded and beaten **FOR US**—think about that the next time you want to sin!!

God's minister in the two Wisconsin churches, Mr. George Meeker, spotlighted the necessity to study and know God's word. The twelve disciples were not just simple fishermen. They anticipated Christ's coming (John 1:38,41). Philip and Nathaniel **KNEW** the scriptures (John 1:45,46). Even the Pharisees knew that Christ came from God (John 3:2). The heart of the righteous **STUDIES** to answer (Prov. 15:28). Do you?

Mr. Dean Blackwell, in the afternoon sermon, asked "Why are we here?" God is trying to make priests and kings of us (Rev. 1:6). Christ gave positions of authority to the twelve apostles (Luke 22: 29, 30). However, David qualified for a higher position—king over **ALL ISRAEL**. Christ is the King of Kings—the coming World Ruler. David is the righteous standard against which the kings of Israel and Judah are compared. Hezekiah commanded observance of the Passover (II Chron. 30:1) but Jereboam instituted his **OWN** feast days. Josiah became king at 8 years, doing right

rinky-tinky piano enticed everyone to an old-fashioned song-fest.

Everyone enjoyed the evening of **FINE** food, song and drink.

The latest movie to be enjoyed at the "Saturday night at the Movies" was Walt Disney's "Living Desert."

during his reign but Solomon, who started out so well, turned away from God (I Kings 11:3). Asa did right but died trusting in doctors for healing; but Omri created and worked at evil. Ahab provoked God by building groves (Ashterohs) then his son Ahaziah did just as badly. What kind of a king will YOU be?

Sunday morning services were held once again at the Gary Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Jack Pyle explained how bitterness and neglect will take **many** out of God's church. Then Mr. Allan Manteufel proved some of the finer points of God's character. Here we learned that God is **JUST** and **FAIR** always.

On Monday and Tuesday nights, services were held at McCormick Place. Dr. Dorothy and Mr. Blackwell delivered stirring sermons to the brethren on these nights. Wednesday and Thursday services were held at the Keyman's Club, before returning to Hammond and Gary for the final feast day and the sabbath following.

It is surely a blessing for God's people to hear ministers from the different churches. It adds breadth and depth to our understanding of **THE WAY** and enables us to see God's power in action as He works through His called and chosen servants.

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