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## Conference Closes With Vital Decisions For Future of God's Work

God's ministers returned to their pastorates last week filled with renewed **zeal** and **purpose** as the most important meetings on earth came to a close.

Vitally important decisions affecting the whole future course of God's final work on this earth were reached! Future plans for expansion, the establishment of new Churches, future big-space advertisements in magazines of the largest circulation, foreign broadcasting plans, the overall organization of God's Church and two colleges—these were just a few of the momentous topics discussed.

Some of the immediate plans will be revealed in other articles in future issues of this paper involving important questions of doctrine and Christian living, and in future issues of the GOOD NEWS magazine!

Jesus Christ was certainly **guiding** and **controlling** these meetings! Every minister once again felt the spirit of real **TOGETHERNESS**, of **UNITY** and **SINGLENES**s of purpose that pervaded each session! Let's all continue to pray that the long-range and lasting results of these conferences will keep bearing fruit in the months and years to come!

## Fun Show In Chicago

By Fred Mancewicz

The growth in the Chicago area has expanded into a new field, **SHOW BUSINESS!** For the first time the Chicago Church put on a **FUN SHOW**.

The assignment to produce and direct the show was given to Mr. Martin Filippello, two months before the Jan-

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Leading the way, Mr. Blackwell and Mr. McCrady participate in South Bend "Kloppen" dance.

## Knowing Our Pastor

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In June of 1953, Mr. Dean C. Blackwell and Miss Maxine Tankersley (Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tankersley of Kilgore, Texas) were united in marriage within what is now the dining hall, but at that time was the new tabernacle in Gladewater, Texas. Mr. Raymond McNair performed the ceremony. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Blackwell was God's instrument in establishing the church in Gladewater, and the hearts of many rejoiced in the answer to their prayers.

In September of 1952 a new thrill had been experienced by our pastor—entering a college in which every aim and purpose

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## Hurried Meals

by Dr. Kenneth C. May

A very common mistake nowadays is the hurried consumption of meals. Sufficient time is not given to mastication, and people appear to overlook the fact that teeth are **NOT** in the **stomach**, but in the **mouth**.

**Digestion begins in the mouth**, with mastication (chewing) and the flow of salivary juices to soften the food, and prepare it for the action of the stomach. Much digestive trouble would be avoided if greater care and time were taken in eating; this applies particularly in the days of youth, to avoid trouble in later years.

Indigestion, if persistent and unchecked, can develop into inflammation of the lining membrane of the stomach—gastritis—and this, in turn by becoming a chronic condition, can lead to ulceration. Whether of the stomach or the duodenum, ulcers can be very troublesome and painful. The best advice to anyone is to take good care of the digestion so as to prevent the developing of such conditions, but if they do arise, "diet" is all-important.

First, give the stomach a well-deserved holiday—a fast. Go without food for at least one day, and then live on fruit and vegetables for several days, and gradually bring back into the dietary the starch and protein in small but increasing amounts until a normal diet is achieved.

A change in diet is essential for all those who have partaken of too much carbohydrate, protein, and fat for any length of time. The desirable proportion is estimated at twenty (20) per cent of these concentrates balanced by approximately eighty (80) per cent of the base-forming foods: represented by **fresh, uncooked fruit, raw vegetable salads, and cooked non-starchy vegetables**.

Often the body must be prepared for

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## Letter to Editor

Dear Brethren,

A short expression of love and appreciation to the Brethren in the Chicago and South Bend areas for making three days (December 23rd, 24th, and 25th) the most enjoyable three days we have ever spent, excluding the wonderful—not to be compared with—Feast Days of God.

In response to a very kind invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meeks of Fort Wayne to visit them and attend Sabbath Services at South Bend, we drove to their home on Sabbath morning, December 23rd, then on to services. Each time we are privileged to attend Sabbath Services, we are made more aware of our great need for a church to attend. We are scattered brethren, living approximately 35 miles north of Dayton, Ohio, and it is a rare wonderful, privilege to attend Sabbath Services and hear God's Ministers preach the Word of God, and to have fellowship with other brethren. We are thankful, and we were filled with joy as Mr. Van Slooten was ordained a Deacon in the South Bend Church.

We had heard that there was to be

a Social, and we surely had a wonderful time. How we wished that all of the brethren in our area could have been there to enjoy the delicious, wonderful, food, fellowship, and fun. We were sad it was time to leave, even though we did not arrive at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Meeks until around 4:00 A.M.

On Sunday we spent a wonderful day visiting brethren in the Ft. Wayne area—Mr. and Mrs. McSorley and family, and Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hambrock. The Meeks family and Shallenberger family were there also and we had a wonderful meal and a really fine, enjoyable time.

After spending another night with Mr. and Mrs. Meeks we started home on Monday. But on the way we stopped off near Van Wert, Ohio, to visit with even more brethren, Mr. and Mrs. Rader and daughter (where we thoroughly enjoyed a truly delicious, nutritious meal) and Mr. and Mrs. Kimmey and family. We were treated wonderfully everywhere we went.

As Mr. Hambrock jokingly said,—It was the best "Christmas" we **never** had! By all means!

If possible, could we please be on the mailing list of the Chicago Midwest Edition of the Church of God News? We would certainly like very much to receive it.

With love  
Your brethren in Christ,  
Betty Wetzel and family



**Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Marrs and Family.**  
Mr. Marrs was recently ordained deacon.

### PHILADELPHIAN VIRTUES

To admit error candidly, to begin over again courageously, to accept advice thankfully, to act only after careful thinking, to make mistakes pay, to apologize when found wrong—these are painful duties we owe ourselves: duties that pay when put into practice.

A true friend is one who knows all about you, yet loves you just the same.

# Basketball At Bloomington

by Jack Smoot

Bloomington versus Chicago! That was the basketball scene 8 P.M. Saturday night at the Moose Lodge in Bloomington, Ill. The Chicago team had come at the invitation of the Bloomington church. We did not know the class that the Bloomington squad would show, but it was soon evident as to what the outcome would be. There were two games played. After being behind briefly, Chicago surged ahead to stay, breezing to a 62 to 26 victory. The second game, a shortened edition, turned out to have the same result with Chicago winning 32 to 20.

Nearly 100 of the Bloomington Brethren were in attendance for the game. Among the spectators was 84 year old Mr. Brown, the oldest member in the church at Bloomington. Those who starred for Bloomington were as follows: Mr. Gene Dawson, Deacon of the Bloomington Church; Gary Antion, assistant to Mr. Baird in the St. Louis-Bloomington area, was the playmaker and the mainstay for the hapless cagers from North Central Illinois. Some of the others were Mr. Gene Scarbrough, Mr. Gerald McCormick, Mr. Robert Ort, Mr. Stig Erlander, Mr. Bill Short, and Mr. Gene Carter, the roving deacon in the Illinois-St. Louis area.

The pace-setters for Chicago were Mr. Dean Blackwell, Pastor of the Chicago-LaGrange Churches (from which the team material was taken), Mr. Wilbur Ball, Mr. Robert Marshall, Byford Edwards, Roy Fowler, and Mr. Martin Filippello, Deacon of the LaGrange Church. The superior height and rebounding power of the C-LG's were just too much for the Bloomington five and they were trounced soundly by the invaders. However, it was all friendly for our hosts treated us to a buffet-style supper after the games. We are cordially invited to engage in a return match on Saturday, February 17, 1962 so that they may "even the score".

### Hurried Meals (Cont'd)

alkaline food before it can adjust itself to the change without chemical reaction and unrest.

Fasting is the most effective procedure by which to prepare the body for the change.

The old adage runs, "We are what we eat." To be more precise, we are what we **assimilate**. What we do not assimilate either **accumulates** or **decays**. Our **feelings** affect our powers of assimilation. Ill-health cannot be remedied merely by physical means; sickness is the result of breaking the laws of health.

### Mr. Blackwell (Cont'd)

of the student is to "recapture true values". He immediately accepted the challenge, plunging into the studies and the assignments with all the fervor and the joy of the abundant life. The San Diego Church was blessed in having Mr. Blackwell as co-pastor with Mr. Roderick Meredith during his tenure at Ambassador. Mr. Blackwell had also began a new life; that being the life of a family man.

In January, 1954, something new was added to the mail room at the College. The employment of men was introduced as a means of adding to its efficiency. "Mr. Dean" as he was affectionately referred to by many in the San Diego Church, headed this department until his graduation in June, 1954, when he was sent to the Portland-Eugene area under Mr. Raymond Cole. However, the duration of this arrangement was very short, for, after two weeks Mr. Cole was assigned to other duties, leaving Mr. Blackwell "on his own" with a two-

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### Fun Show (Cont'd)

uary 27th performance date. He was able to produce eight acts of talent gleaned from among the membership.

The show started off with a literal bang—a blood curdling scream, followed by a crash of a window breaking and gun shot introduced, "the sounds of Chicago".

The spark of the whole show was struck by the two masters of ceremony, Messrs. Jack Freel, and Gene Madison. Their wit sprinkled between acts added greatly to its success.

The theme of the show "Getting to Know You", and the first act consisting of this title song, sung by Mr. Glen Metz, Janet Sienkiewicz, Lita Kreidich, Cindy Gardner, and Jimmy Filippello.

Mr. Ralph Penson carried the second act singing two popular numbers.

One of the bigger production acts was the Upside down "Spokesman Club". This was a speech club session where everything was done improperly. As you can imagine, it was hilarious. Mr. Madison gave Mr. Karwacki's icebreaker a

### George "Homer" Gibbs and Byford "Jethro" Edwards.



scathing evaluation, under which the strongest beginner would have cracked. Utter chaos was prevented by the strong arm methods of the Sgt. at Arms, Mr. Lowell Foster, who did not hesitate to use the power of his office, and his red baseball bat.

The spice to the show was added by a Calypso number headed by Mr. Williams, followed by a rendition of "Tea for Two" by Sandra Childress and Charlene Thomas. George Gibbs and Byford Edwards, as "Homer" and "Jethro", had them "rolling in the aisles" with their song, "Let Me Go, Blubber."

An unusual performance was given by Mrs. Claudia Harris. She gave a monologue on the old Negro mammy awakening her son, and the woes of a Negro preacher, whose flock would not support him. Her costume enhanced her performance very much.

The All-Negro Chorale performed with a professional sound as Mr. Don Porter led the group singing, "Stardust" and "Without a Song".

For the finale, all the performers returned to the stage, and Mr. Blackwell led them and the entire audience in the theme song, "Getting to Know You". For the final number all sang the stirring "America the Beautiful".

The cast was happy the show accomplished its purpose, for there was much effort and practice put into the two hour performance.

From the favorable comment, everyone is expecting and looking forward to the next show, and for more new things to happen here in the fast growing, Chicago Church.

### LAODICEAN ATTITUDE

Nothing is easier than fault-finding; no talent, no self-denial, no brains, no character are required to set up in the grumbling business.

# LAODICEAN JONES



MORNING = SWEET  
KIND AND GENTLE

—————  
EVENING = BEAT  
AND TEMPERAMENTAL

MRS. JONES  
IS A VICTIM

of

# TENSION

# Co-Worker Department Needs Your Help to Serve You Better

As most of you know, we are now recording all tithes, offerings, and donations received by God's Church automatically through IBM machines. These machines are extremely versatile and can save the Work untold man-hours of labor, but there are certain things a machine **cannot** do!

A machine can only do what the human mind tells it to. Beyond that, it is **limited**, and many times our human minds are not sure what to tell these machines. Many members in God's Church send in tithes and offerings with hardly enough information for us to know who they are. In times past, the Work has been small enough that someone in the organization might know that Mrs. John Jones was the same person as Mary Jones.

The Work is big now and this is no longer true! **We can never be sure**; and unless we are sure what to inform the machine, it is impossible to match and know that we are posting the donation to the correct member's record card.

Our biggest problem is not so much the similarity of names as it is people who use a full name one time, and initials the next; women who use their husband's name one time and their given name another, or use his initials one time and hers the next. In some cases an apartment number is given part of the time and a house number the remainder. In other cases it is the route without the box number part of the time and the box without the route at other times. Then there is the person who likes to use a "nickname" once in a while. And there are those who use a Post Office Box number part of the time and a street address at other times.

We could save endless hours manually looking in the files if our tithing members would **be consistent**. You members can help us very greatly by remembering our plight and **always** send your tithes and offering **in the envelopes that we send you**, with your name and address stamped on the back as we have it recorded in the files, or using **your full name** (including your middle initial if you normally use it for everything else), your **complete house number** and street address, your city, **zone** and state.

If you use a route or a box number, always give us the complete information—**exactly the same each time!** You can also help by giving us both your **old** and **new** address together each time you move.

Another **BIG PROBLEM**: At this time of the year, many write in and tell

us of tithes or offerings given back in April or June, etc., which they would **now** like to have recorded in the name of Ambassador College rather than the Church.

This seems like a simple little request. But it is **impossible** to go back and change all of our records once they have been printed. Therefore, we had to institute the policy of requesting each amount received be clearly marked, **at the time we receive it**, when it is to be considered Ambassador College—otherwise, **we must record it as Radio Church of God**. Once it has been machine recorded it is too late to go back and change it.

At this time of year another problem arises and that is, members will send in amounts as late as February or March asking that it be counted for income-tax deductions for the previous year.

We cannot open the records for these late donations once the books have been balanced and closed. Therefore, all amounts that are to be recorded for a given year **must be** in our office no later than January 2, of the following year. Therefore, please get your tithes and offerings in **early** if you want to claim income-tax deductions for any given year.

May we express our thanks and appreciation, in advance, for your warm co-operation and assistance in this vital matter!

Co-Worker Dept.

## MR. BLACKWELL (Cont'd)

church circuit covering 240 miles round-trip every Sabbath. The Church in Eugene had 15 members, while in Portland the number was 40 to 45. Our Pastor smiles as he recalls the wood-burning stove used to heat five rooms in their home in Eugene. (Those of you familiar with this type of heat will laugh at the herculean task given to a stove of this nature).

As God's Work proceeded to expand, so did our pastor, for he started the Church in Salem, Oregon in June, 1955, with 26 members. Services in Eugene were on Friday night—Salem, Saturday Morning, and Portland, Saturday afternoon, keeping him busy on a 240 mile round trip every week; as well as his daily work schedule.

To most Americans, July 4 marks the anniversary of the declaration of Independence, but to Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell July 4, 1956, marks the date of the change of church areas with Mr. Raymond McNair, who pastored the Chicago-St. Louis Churches. If the pace was considered fast on the west coast, then one

can imagine the effect of this switch when, after taking over in the big cities, the minister had to fly from Chicago to St. Louis in order to hold the Saturday afternoon service. Both services were held on the Sabbath Day—both had approximately 35 members, and covered a circuit of 600 miles round-trip. Later, however, the St. Louis service was changed to Friday night. A Church was begun in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in December, 1956, making the circuit coverage increase to 850 miles each weekend.

In the following issue you will be brought up to date on Mr. Blackwell's present work, and some of his personal life and habits.

## Dates To Remember

by Elaine Tkach

**BASKETBALL**: 8:00 P.M. every Thursday evening. 3660 W. 23 St., Chicago, Illinois

**VOLLEYBALL**: 8:00 P.M. Tuesday evenings. Lawndale Park Gym. 31st and Keeler, Chicago, Illinois. Ladies only.

**BIBLE STUDY**: every Wednesday evening 7:00 P.M., currently covering book of Romans.

**LADIES CLASS**: Sunday, March 4, 9:00 A.M., Wozniak's Hall.

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