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## Feast Days To Be Held in Gary, Ind.

### New "Panorama America" To Be Presented

by Dean C. Blackwell



Narrators Wilbur Ball and Ken Ellis flank Miss Dorothy Bresson whose piano accompanied the Chorale and soloists on songs of many countries.



The dramatic finale! Mrs. Joyce Hitch portrays the Statue of Liberty as the Chorale sings "America the Beautiful."



Chorale President Fred Mancewicz sings out, "Alouette — je te plu ma rae."



Director Charles Halliar did a fine job after only two months in which to prepare.

Shown here are some scenes from the recent production of "Panorama America," the first annual concert of the Chicago-LaGrange Chorale. The performance was very successful and quite well received by the local area people attending. Now a revised and improved version is to be presented especially for the entertainment and enjoyment of the scattered brethren who will be in the area to celebrate Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. The present plans are to hold the concert the afternoon of Sunday, March 29th. The exact time and place will be given during the announcements at the services that week-end.

The fine choice of music provided an enjoyable and cultural experience for everyone who attended the first performance. It is quite evident that the chorale is continuing to improve under the able direction of Mr. Charles Halliar. The coming performance should be great. Don't miss this one.

The Gary Memorial Auditorium will be the site of the Annual Sabbaths in the coming Feast of Unleavened Bread. This location is very convenient for all in the district, as the building can be seen from the Indiana East-West Tollroad. It is also only a few miles north of the Tri-State Tollroad. The building, surrounded by parking lots, is only one block east of main street, Broadway, and one block from the Gary Hotel. Also the train and bus stations are only four blocks away.

The dining facilities will be arranged so that all of us can either use the YMCA or YWCA cafeterias or bring lunches and dine together in a potluck fashion in the Moose Lodge, which is only three blocks distant. With the large crowd of 2,500 plus expected, it has become impossible to dine and meet in the same building. This we discovered after weeks and weeks of searching.

The auditorium is unusually clean and nice, and has very comfortable, permanent-type seats on the lower level and balcony set out in theatre-style with rising seats toward the rear. Lighting is good for taking notes, as the auditorium was built for school assemblies and meetings. The lobby is very suitable for visiting and fellowshiping. Large, clean rest rooms will add convenience. I am personally really enthused about the facilities, and hope that you are or will be, also.

Let us look forward greatly to the Feastdays, and be eager to visit with each other once again, and to meet new brothers and sisters in Christ at these delightful Festivals. How wonderful it will be to see all of our brethren from the outlying, scattered areas once again. These areas are becoming

### GOD BLESSES CENTRAL ILLINOIS WITH TWO NEW CHURCHES!

by Gene Scarbrough

On February 1, 1964, one-hundred-ninety persons attended the Church of God in Bloomington, Illinois. The meeting hall was very over-crowded; something HAD to be done! For several months a larger hall had been sought, but as soon as one was found

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### Two New Bible Studies

Sunday, Feb. 9, 1964—God's Work LEAPED ahead, this time with a new monthly BIBLE STUDY in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

The meeting was held in the Carpenter's Hall located at 512 Midland in Poplar Bluff and was conducted by one of God's Evangelists, Mr. Dean Blackwell. He was assisted by Mr.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Ball:

Please accept enclosed check as do-  
 nation for publication of Church of  
 God News.

I enjoy this paper very much and  
 hope I may continue; at least some  
 support, in the future.

You do an excellent job in your  
 "bits of interest," to all of us; and  
 thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann E. Wright

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Dear Sir,

I thank you with all my heart for  
 having received the Church of God  
 News, Chicago-Midwest Edition, thru  
 the mail for approximately the last two  
 years. However, we now can get it at  
 the Cincinnati Church, so please take  
 us off of your mailing list.

I'm sure I speak for all of the breth-  
 ren when I say that we certainly look  
 forward to each new edition, and thank  
 you all for the work you are doing.

Very gratefully,

Mrs. Ralph E. Wetzel

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell,

Today I just received the January Church  
 newspaper. It is really jammed full of won-  
 derful and exciting news. It's also so full of  
 spiritual meat it's going to take a couple of  
 times more to get it all down.

## ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER

by Will Vandermolen

Here is a good suggestion for you  
 bachelors! Mr. Edmund Stout of the  
 Saturday night Spokesman Club gave  
 a speech on how to make delicious  
 whole wheat pancakes in a hurry. With  
 a few basic ingredients, you can pre-  
 pare them on those cold crisp morn-  
 ings when the temperature takes a  
 nosedive and your appetite soars.



His speech was so convincing, we  
 thought he was going to make some  
 for us to sample. It was so good, he  
 received the cup for the best speech.

His recipe is simple: first you need  
 some whole wheat flour, salt, baking  
 soda, good buttermilk, a mixing bowl  
 and a little imagination, with a limber  
 wrist to flip the flapjack. OR, find a  
 helpmate who has her own recipe and  
 can serve them up piping hot and done  
 to a turn just for you.

Now for some of the thrilling news from  
 out here. You know your article, "Campus  
 Humming With Construction Activity" —  
 here is something else to hum about. We  
 went to the Official Ground-Breaking for  
 the Gym (last week, February 10th). And  
 they are really working hard on the building.

The Freeway is going to miss the College  
 and it will take out the slums to the East  
 of us, by the handball course. This is going  
 to really make the campus a lot safer and  
 more beautiful all around.

The Ambassador College Auditorium  
 (God's House) is going to be beautiful. We  
 saw the plans in color — (like the clipping  
 Mrs. Atlas sent you). It will seat 1250 peo-  
 ple and there will be counselling rooms and  
 other rooms in here. There will be a lake  
 around the Auditorium and the building will  
 be 70 feet high with big white pillars rising  
 out of the water!

Thank you again for such a wonderful  
 Church newspaper. We all really enjoy it.  
 Laodicean Jones is especially good.

Time to go now. So we can feed our ever  
 hungry Ambassadors.

Much love always,

Ruth Ann

P.S. What a wonderful picture of you both.

## SPOKESMAN MEMBER TAKES A WIFE

by Barbara Ellis

Just after the Spokesman Club meet-  
 ing of Monday, January 27th, the men  
 and guests were happy to witness the  
 wedding of one of the Club's members,  
 Oleh Karpowycz to Shirley Baillie.  
 It was the second wedding within a  
 month in this area.



The ceremony was held in the Oval  
 Room of the Keymen's Club, which  
 was decorated with flowers and stream-  
 ers. Mrs. Jack Schurr at the piano  
 accompanied Mrs. Lloyd Regnier in  
 her vocal solo, "I'll Walk With God"  
 and then played the processional for  
 the wedding party.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Allen  
 Bush, wore a pink dress and carried a  
 matching nosegay bouquet. The bride,  
 on the arm of her father, wore a floor  
 length white gown, pearl crown, and  
 veil, and carried a white bouquet cen-  
 tered with an orchid. The ceremony  
 uniting the couple in marriage was per-  
 formed by Mr. Dean C. Blackwell.

Best man was Ihor Karpowycz, bro-  
 ther of the groom, and ushers were  
 men from the Monday evening club.  
 The newly-formed band headed by  
 Mr. Elmer Davis, played dance music  
 for the reception which followed the  
 ceremony, and added a festive note to  
 an already joyous occasion.

## NEWS BRIEFS

There was great rejoicing when Mrs.  
 Plache, after many months of conva-  
 lescence from an almost fatal stroke,  
 attended services again. She is under  
 the nursing care of Mrs. Iris Field.

The Thursday evening Spokesman  
 Club is planning to meet in the Rock-  
 ford area one evening so that scattered  
 members may see a club session for the  
 first time.

## PIONEER OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

by Fred Mancewicz

The best fiction written would seem insignificant to the true life stories of some of our brethren.

Let's take a look at Mrs. Minnie Meisenbach. Her story would even make Zane Grey blush.

She was born in Arkansas nearly 80 years ago. Her father was a timber baron and furnished the hickory lumber to make the famous Studebaker wagon, whiskey barrels, and railroad ties for the Santa Fe. The family received a free Studebaker wagon each year.

As a girl she always rode a horse, and at age 10 could pick 250 pounds of cotton a day. When just 15 years old, Mrs. Meisenbach became a school marm, and taught 63 students in the Indian territory. Among her students were Indians from the Pottowattomie and Choctaw tribes.

The family sold its timber lands in Arkansas and a hotel in Hot Springs, and moved to a 400 acre ranch in Texas. It was here that Mrs. Meisenbach helped her father plant the first rice in Texas. People thought him crazy, but they're still doing it today.

The family name of Spivey is well known in the South. There is believed to be a connection with a place called Spivey Gap in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee and the killing of Grandfather Spivey by a Yankee Colonel during the Civil War.

Mrs. Meisenbach married but some years later her husband was killed in an explosion in the oil fields.

She became a secretary to support herself. As you might expect, this woman's drive, coupled with her ability and good business sense, led her to open a school of typing and shorthand in Brownsville, Texas.

She later moved to Chicago where she became a real estate broker. She was a real go-getter and sold many homes in the southeast part of Chicago. She attempted to sell the famous Edgewater Beach Hotel but the parties could not agree on the price.

Her biggest accomplishment, which earned her the title of "Miracle saleswoman," was her sale of land in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Here she sold many acres.

Mrs. Meisenbach planted the first grapefruit in this Valley, which today is the fruit basket of the nation.

It is this kind of personal initiative, drive, and enthusiasm which many Americans had to have in those early days to develop this land of ours. Mrs. Meisenbach is today as sharp as ever, and keeps up with world developments,

## Evangelist Visits St. Louis — Harrisburg

The St. Louis and Harrisburg Churches were delighted with Mr. Dean Blackwell's visit. The newer people, meeting and hearing him speak for the first time, were rapidly won over by his frank, down-to-earth personality.

Arriving Thursday, Feb. 6th, for a four-day visit, Mr. Blackwell gave his personal evaluations of both sections of the St. Louis Spokesman Club. His manner of giving deep-reaching, personal, and yet POWERFULLY constructive pointers is well known and respected.

Again, Mrs. Blackwell, his charming and very personable wife, accompanied him from Chicago.

Sabbath morning, Feb. 8th, Mr. Blackwell delivered a powerful sermon on understanding human nature and the devices that Satan uses to ensnare us.

Mr. Ray Roenspies, Local Elder from Chicago, flew Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell and Mr. Baird to Harrisburg in his four-place, single-engined Beechcraft Bonanza. They returned by plane the same evening, in time for the St. Louis Social.



**A certain deacon (this is not one of the Beatles) at age 5. Guess who?? Last month's deacon was the newly ordained Mr. Phillip Fowler.**

and events, and is still today actively working and helping her neighbors. She has many more exciting stories to tell so why don't you stop by and visit with her? She would love to have you over.

With this exciting past, Mrs. Meisenbach says the most interesting part of her life is yet before her—her life in God's Church.

## At Last - Our Own Band

by James Howell

The Chicago area church social on Saturday, January 25th, had a bright, new ingredient — A REAL LIVE BAND — but composed of several familiar faces! It was the *first appearance* of the newly-organized group. It was a smashing success!

Currently the group has six members. Mr. Elmer Davis is the leader, vocalist, and lead accordion player. Mr. Joe Holly plays those sweet notes on the saxophone and the clarinet. Mr. Leslie Marshall handles the drums while his son, Mr. Dick Marshall, does the guitar picking. Mr. Robert Skaggs plays the clarinet and Romeo Maggi squeezes the other accordion.



The band practiced only nine hours before its first appearance. They were so well received that they also played at the reception following the wedding of Oleh Karpowycz and Shirley Baillie two days later.

Mr. Davis is looking for additional talent to give the troupe more balance. If you have a musical talent and like to play, he would be glad to hear about it.

## COLORED NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. George Bailey and Miss Marjorie Robinson were joined in holy matrimony at the Wabash Avenue YMCA on Sunday, January 26. Performing the marriage was Mr. Harold Jackson, Co-Pastor and Preaching Elder of the Colored Church.

Mr. Bailey was the fifth bachelor to be taken out of circulation since the Colored Church was formed.

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The Colored Church welcomes James Wilson and Edward Herndon from Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama. It's a pleasure to add these two young men to our growing number.

## Two New Bible Studies . . .

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Hal Baird, Jr., pastor of the St. Louis and Harrisburg Churches. This MOMENTOUS occasion was attended by 106 people and had a total of FIVE of God's Ministers present!!

Mr. Dean C. Blackwell also started a Bible Study in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. 60 attended the first meeting.

Many in the eastern half of Iowa who have been listening to the World Tomorrow broadcast over KXEL, Waterloo, or WMT, the local station, now have the opportunity to attend a regular study.

We all rejoice to know that more of our scattered brethren will have an opportunity to have their questions answered and to be exhorted and taught by one of God's servants

## Two New Churches . . .

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the door was firmly shut. This clearly indicated to those whom God has chosen as His servants that the Church in Bloomington should re-locate. Due to the fact that Bloomington is near the center of the state, many members traveled long distances each Sabbath. So during the ministerial conference, God's ministers decided to establish *two new churches* according to where God would open the door for them. God did open two doors, one in Peoria, and the other in Danville. Now many will not have to travel so far every Sabbath and others who were unable to attend a local church are able to do so.

The last church social was enjoyed very much on Saturday evening, February 8th at the Western Avenue Youth Center in Bloomington. When the time came to part, there was a certain amount of sadness, but greater joy. Everyone knew that by having two churches instead of one, God's work would grow faster than ever. More people would have the opportunity to serve and to be served. It will be with even greater joy when we meet old friends and brethren from the former Bloomington Church of God at the Feast Days.

These two deacons each went to one of the new churches. Mr. Jean Dawson now attends in Peoria, and Mr. Gene Scarbrough serves Danville. The Peoria church, which has the larger number of members attending, will have the Spokesman Club meeting there. As the attendance grows in the Danville area it is expected a new Club will be formed. The first meetings of the new churches were held the Sabbath of February 15th.

# LAODICEAN JONES



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## Feast Days . . .

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fewer and smaller as we have more churches and Bible studies, but many still have to travel hundreds of miles to their nearest assembly. How thrilled these people must be with the soonness of the next festival season. What a family reunion it will be to have all of our churches together once again as well. There will be Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, South Bend, Milwaukee, Peoria, and the new churches in Danville, Illinois, and Lexington, Kentucky, meeting as brothers and sisters and future kings and priests in Christ in Gary in just a few more weeks. How thrilled we should all be!

## News Briefs . . .

The first sewing party for the young girls held by Mrs. Kreidich was successful. This is a wholesome endeavor to help teach our young girls poise and enhance their femininity, helping them grow into fine young ladies.

More new members — Mrs. Stapleton delivered a fine baby daughter — and so did Mrs. Gauker, all are doing fine.

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