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New Church in Joplin

By the time you read this, another church will have been raised up in Missouri.

On the second Sabbath in November, Mr. Bryce Clark and Mr. Rowlen Tucker will hold services in the Empire Room of the Connor Hotel in Joplin. Services will begin at 9 a. m.

Also on this 13th day of November Mr. Tucker will take over the Springfield as well as the Joplin church.

We in Kansas City will certainly miss him, his wife and family, but we are thankful for the opportunity this change affords our brothers and sisters in the Joplin area.

This new church will take in portions of southwestern Missouri, southeastern Kansas, northeastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas.

Our prayers are with this new church and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker.



The Connor Hotel



Midwesterners Enjoy Feast Of Tabernacles

Big Sandy, Texas, was filled almost to capacity this year, as over 12,000 people of God kept His Feast of Tabernacles, 1965.

There were better than 8,000 camped on our own grounds and the work involved in handling this large gathering was tremendous. However, by utilizing the captain system that God has shown us in His word, everything was handled in an orderly manner.

The weather, as usual, was just what was needed to make this the most enjoyable and profitable feast ever.

The sermons and sermonettes were especially strong and pointed this year. We were made to realize not only the seriousness of our calling, but also the nearness of the return of Jesus Christ, to rule the world and bring order out

of the mounting chaos about us.

On Saturday evening, October 11, the Ambassador Chorale gave its usual excellent performance, depicting the music

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Ordinations at Sedalia

Monday, September 27, saw eleven hundred people from the Kansas City, Springfield and Columbia churches gather in the Agricultural Building, on the Fairgrounds in Sedalia, to keep the Feast of Trumpets.

In addition to the meaningful sermons and delicious physical feast, this occasion was highlighted by the ordination

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Little Things

By Dr. H. J. Rogers

An old adage says "Take care of the dimes and the dollars will take care of themselves." Little things do make big things. Jesus recognized this by calling his disciples "little ones" and the "little flock."

Most people are unaware of the many little things in our being that place us on a pedestal far above other physical beings. We are made in His image and likeness and have many little things which he has in His glorious body, such as heart, eyes, hands, feet, etc.

No animal has a hand like ours. The thumb is placed so that objects large or small are grasped firmly. Monkeys, apes, rodents, etc., can simulate but not duplicate this. Consider our finger nails. We can pick up pins and small objects only by the aid of them. Try buttoning a tight collar with the nails filed back to the quick. Some people are born without fingernails and are seriously handicapped. Man's mind is a tiny part of God mind, and his hands next to his mind are responsible for his superior achievements.

Eye brows and lashes protect the eyes from liquids, dust, insects, etc. Micro-

Editorial

None of us would ever think of seeing a psychologist, nor would we approve of our children doing so. The Bible makes plain to us the cause and cure of emotional, psychological and mental problems. Yet thousands of American children were recently subjected to "psychological" tests given under the auspices of the U. S. Office of Education. *Perhaps your child was one.*

Here is the test: True or false — My sex life is satisfactory. 2) Evil spirits possess me at times. 3) I am very strongly attracted to members of my own sex. 4) I believe in life hereafter. 5) I have been disappointed in love. 6) I dream frequently about things that are best kept to myself. 7) I am a special agent of God. 8) When a man is with a woman he is usually thinking about things related to sex. 9) I read the Bible several times a week. 10) There is some-

thing wrong with my sex organs.

These tests (the above, is one example) given by "researchers" financed by grants from the U. S. Office of Education ask questions of a highly personal nature dealing with sex, religion, race and family relationships.

Since when does the U. S. Government have the right through "educational research" to pry into the most private and personal aspects of your children and of your home? What could be the purpose of such psychological testing? To where will this develop or lead? The point we need to be making plain to our children is: *Who is really qualified to ask and evaluate such questions.* Certainly not these pin whiskered jerks masquerading as researchers who receive their inspiration from *Playboy*, *Facts* and *Esquire* magazine!

Big Day for Omaha

By R. A. Meacham

The nostalgic sound of the steam whistle always sounded to me like a surprised exclamation that ran out of breath in sheer ecstasy. So might the emotions of the brethren be described by the events of October 23, our first Sabbath after the Feast.

First, our minister, Mr. Ron Reedy introduced a new member to our church, the former Miss Pat Riegel. But, her name is no longer Riegel, it's Reedy! Congratulations to the new couple and welcome to Mrs. Pat Reedy!

Next, it was announced that beginning October 30, at 7:30 p. m., the Omaha Spokesman Club would be a fact and no longer merely a hoped-for event.

Finally, after the sermon, Mr. Reedy called for the ordination of two deacons and Mr. Keith Hudson and Mr. Warren Rediger stepped forward to be ordained! Our congratulations to these men and our prayers go with them in their new



Mr. and Mrs. Ron Reedy

scopic nerve cells in all parts of the body, and other tissue cells are responsible for all the complicated functions of the body and the unknown intricacies of life itself. Food is broken down into tiny particles and absorbed and assimilated into live flesh and blood. Wastes are similarly eliminated. The tiny male and female germinal cells unite to form a new being.

We cannot mention all the miriads of little things that make us what we are, but we must not forget one more little thing which is at once so stupendous

Mountain Memoirs

Fun and Games in Denver

Wonderful!
Enjoyable!
Gay!

These are but a few of the words used to describe the social and fun show that was held in the Denver area on September 18, at 8 p. m. The evening started for the adults with dancing and a different version of "musical chairs" (imported from the California churches by Mr. Alton Billingsley). The children were organized into games and dances of their own. Mr. Billingsley's top-quality stereo and records provided the music.

About 9:30, church members of all ages participated in a fun show. Emcee Ervin Sollars kept the show moving rapidly by interesting and funny jokes and anecdotes.

Following the floor . . . er, fun show, donated punch, coffee, and cookies furnished nourishment to keep the recreation going. A spontaneous combo took turns with the stereo to provide more dance music.

A special vote of thanks is due the Denver church teen-agers for doing such an admirable job of decorating the hall.



The show goes on.

A Rustic Club Meeting

"Here, have some pine needles. They're more comfortable to sit on than the ground." Had you been there you'd have heard this several times. This took place in the Black Forest. The Pueblo Spokesman Club was having an informal outdoor meeting.

Fun, excitement and amusement were the agenda for the day, and everyone enjoyed the event. Among the unusualities were no suits or ties; in fact, no one had on his best shoes. The speakers had no stand and for a podium they stood on a tree stump, as though they were soap box speakers.

The great outdoors posed a foe and test to voice power and the men fought well to overcome. After all, they had practiced during the morning by calling to each other and laughing while installing roofing on a church member's home. We don't like to see people with roof problems, but it sure offers a fine time to work together. We will remember this event for many days to come.

What doctors seem to say in their reports on cigarette smoking is that Tobacco Road runs into a dead end.

Baptisms

Those recently baptized in this area were:

Mrs. Hazel Leslongchamp, Denver.
Miss Katherine Lystem, Denver
Mrs. Bonnie Sutton, Denver
Mrs. Max Williams, Hayden
Welcome to God's family!

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keefauver of Woody Creek, Colorado, are the parents of a baby son born September 21, 1965. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces.

Mrs. Dorothy Duff, Denver, gave birth to a son, Roy Matthew, on October 25, 1965. He weighed 8 pounds 10 ounces . . . Congratulations!



Gestures!

One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.



Club in Action!

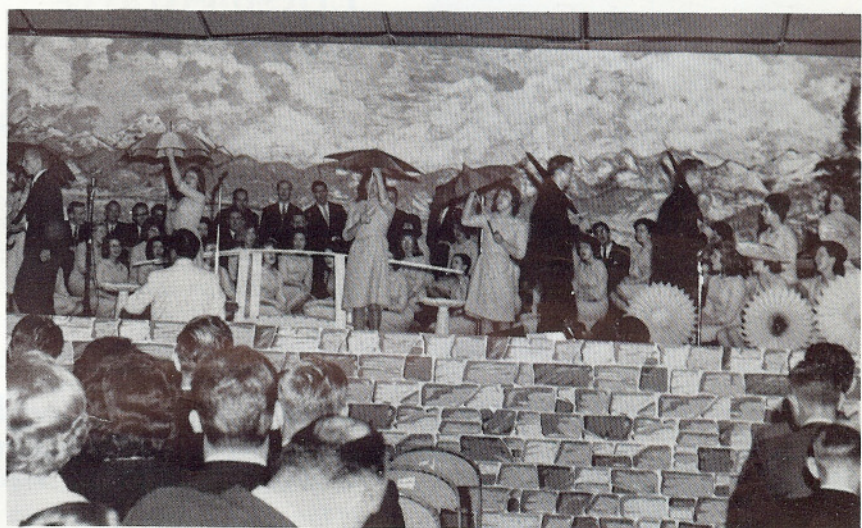
Big Sandy Continued

and scenes of the "Four Seasons."

This feast seemed to be filled with even more blessings this time, with a minimum of illness and accidents.

God has certainly blessed us in every way; may He give us the zeal and determination to put this knowledge into practice in the short time left. We will then be ready for the return of Christ and will be accounted worthy to rule with Him in the world tomorrow.





Kansas Korner

Bide-A-Wee Outing

It rained all night, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the Wichita brethren as they gathered for the last picnic of the year. The day at Camp Bide-A-Wee began at 9:00 o'clock in the morning with swimming and volleyball both providing invigorating exercise. Soon the sun's golden rays came out from behind the dark clouds drying and brightening up the day. A few hours later the gate to the swimming pool closed and the volleyball came to rest as the brethren gathered in the lodge for a delicious lunch. Big appetites made short work of a delicious pot-luck dinner — after which volleyball was resumed with badminton and other entertainment added. After allowing a reasonable time for the lunches to settle, the swimming pool opened again and proved to be most popular due to the warm weather. Fifty-three p.m. rolled around only too quickly, and the day's activity came to a close, the brethren heading for home after a most enjoyable day at Camp Bide-A-Wee.



Ericson-Graves Wedding

Mr. Norville Ericson and Miss Clara Jean Graves were united in a beautiful and significant ceremony performed by Mr. Roger Foster on October 2. The wedding was held in Mr. Jenkins' home with the families and friends of the bride and groom in attendance. Mr. Victor Elmore served as best man and Miss Juanita Jenkins as maid of honor.

After the marriage covenant and the laying on of hands the newlyweds cut the cake and received the good wishes of the guests. After the wedding the entire wedding party went to the groom's

parents' house, the Houk residence, for an evening supper. We hope that the happy couple will have a fruitful and abundant life and that many blessings will be bestowed upon them.

Spokesmen Host Sons



Fathers and Sons

The first father-son meeting of the Wichita Sunday Evening Spokesman Club was held Sunday, October 31. The young men who were able to attend the meeting were greatly impressed and many of them are eagerly awaiting the day when they will be able to join the club themselves.

Mr. Foster said that the meeting was very successful and didn't show any of the drag often demonstrated this soon after the Feast of Tabernacles. We appreciated the additional audience the sons of the members added to the meeting.



Mr. and Mrs. Norville Ericson

Over the net!

BAPTISMS OCTOBER 6, 1965
WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. George Birdwell
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ruebke
Mr. David Atkins
Mrs. Joan Garcia
Mrs. Lillian Sullivan
Mr. Frank Shardein
Mr. Ervin Syfert

One Bachelor Less

Another bachelor lost his single status on September 18. Mr. Max Frisby and Miss Marla Swan were united in marriage that evening at the Wichita YMCA. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Miss Janet Swan, while Mr. Lawrence Gregory served as best man. Nearly the entire Swan family participated as Joy Swan and Charley Fisher were the ring bearers while Lindy Swan was the flower girl. Besides giving away the bride, Mr. Swan also provided the music for the dance that followed the wedding. Mike Swan served as an usher.

After the marriage covenant and the laying on of hands by Mr. Roger Foster, the recessional brought the newlyweds back up the aisle to cut the cake and receive the gifts and good wishes of the nearly 250 guests. Many people from other church areas were also in attendance. After the wedding everyone from 2 to 72 danced and enjoyed stimulating conversation.

We wish the bride and groom a full



Mr. and Mrs. Max Frisby

and complete life enriched with many blessings.

BAPTISMS IN LIBERAL

Mr. Glen Truax
Mrs. Fern Pounds
Mrs. Katherine Hanselmann
Mrs. Oneta Rhoades

Skating Party For Wichita Youth

Smiling faces September 5, marked another eventful day for the Wichita youth as they gathered at Skateland Roller Rink for a skating party. The skaters participated in a grand march, under the bar contest as well as special trio and couple skating. Many took home reminders of their experience in the traditional colors of black and blue — something they are sure to remember for some time. Whether a beginner or an "Old Pro" it was enjoyed by all!



Roll on! Roll on!

St. Louis Spotlight

Columbia Club Meets Outdoors

By Paul Seltzer

The Columbia Saturday night Spokesman Club entertained their wives and families with an outdoor meeting at the Lake Club on August 29, 1965.

The meeting began at 10:00 a. m. and was presided over by Mr. Bob Hively, president.

The setting for the meeting was a tree-

studded knoll flanked by a clear blue lake on the north side. A log cabin enhanced the scene of the meeting. With the temperature in the mid-sixties, the atmosphere was readily conducive to a very enthusiastic meeting.

The eagerness of the Spokesmen was quickly demonstrated by a scintillating tabletopics session led by Mr. Ken Walker. Mr. Gene Templeman commented that his favorite music was "Classical Hillbilly."

Most of the speeches were of a light nature inspired by the setting for the meeting. The most improved speaker was Mr. Joseph Hutchison while Mr. Paul Seltzer received the most effective speakers award for an attack speech on "Anarchism." Mr. Roland Kitchen was the most helpful evaluator.

The meeting was followed by a very delicious and enjoyable outdoor meal of tossed salad, baked potato, corn on the cob, and a rare treat — barbecued goat.

Dist. Superintendent Visits St. Louis

By Jim Malone

Mr. Bryce Clark, District Superintendent, accompanied by Mr. Carl Franklin, visited the St. Louis area September 23 through 25. His visit included evaluating a combined meeting of the St. Louis Spokesman Clubs,

It's always an added blessing to have a combined Spokesman Club especially when it's evaluated by a visiting minister. As things worked out four of the six speeches scheduled that night were *attack* speeches.

Mr. Clark's evaluation covered the performance of each member as well as the growth of the club's over-all. He said we were improved from his last visit several months ago, which is *always good news* to hear.

Sabbath services showed growth in the St. Louis Church. The attendance was close to 600.



Outdoor topics.

More Hands for the Harvest



Mr. Ronald Reedy, minister of God's Church in Des Moines and Omaha, welcomes his new assistant at the Omaha municipal airport.

Mr. Allen Bullock, a native of Irving, Texas, and a 1965 graduate of Ambassador Colege, has been sent by headquarters to help meet the ever-growing requirements of God's work.

Omaha Continued

opportunity to serve the Omaha brethren.

So ended one of the most eventful Sabbath services since the beginning of the Omaha Church.



Messrs. Keith Hudson and Warren Rediger

Things Continued

and encompassing as to overshadow all else. It is that little spark of God's own Spirit and Being, that he gives to us and

which spiritually impregnates our very being, and will some day give us a new Spirit body just like His glorious body.

But there are conditions to this gift. In this He is very selective. This greatest treasure of all is ours only through obedience to His laws.

What will we do about it?

Afternoon Wedding for Mattson-Heaton

Miss Ruth Elaine Heaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren J. Heaton, became the bride of Mr. Kenneth James Mattson on October 3 at the Kansas City Athenaem. Mr. Clark, Pastor, performed the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Arlo Gieselman was matron of honor, and Diane Gieselman was flower girl. They wore identical blue floor-length dresses.

Mr. Warren Jay Heaton, brother of the bride, was best man. The ushers were Mr. Irvin Kresse, Mr. Curtis Taylor, Mr. Kent Lading and Mr. Ron Goodwin. The ring bearer was James Baldwin.

A reception was held with Mrs. T. M. Manion and Mrs. F. B. Webster serving the cake and Mrs. E. W. Miller serving the punch. Miss Susan Rethford was in charge of the guest book.

The couple now reside in Nashville, Tennessee, where Mr. Mattson assists Mr. Bob Steep in the Nashville-Evansville Churches.

Ordinations Continued

of two new deacons in the Kansas City church.

Mr. Clark, assisted by Mr. Tucker, ordained Mr. Lawrence Frazee and Mr. Leslie Schmedes to the rank of deacon.

The ordination of Mr. Schmedes was a first in this area as he is our first Negro deacon.

Congratulations to these new deacons, and May God use them more fully in the time ahead.



Messrs. Schmedes and Frazee



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mattson