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New Zip System Proves Boon To Church of God

Twenty-nine local Churches in the United States, including all the Churches of God in California, are now set up and operating under a NEW ZIP CODE VISITING SYSTEM. The remainder are soon to be included in this method which creates one *uniform system* for visiting, filing and maintaining of MEMBER information for all the Churches in the United States. Based on this new system, each local Church area is clearly defined by definite boundaries based on Zip Code Sectional areas.

All corporations with large mailing lists are required by law to maintain them *in order* by Zip Code. At Headquarters, our entire PLAIN TRUTH and GOOD NEWS files comply with these requirements. This means all the members in one area within a state are together in our files.

What an ideal set-up to enable the ministers to visit all the members in an area at one time! If he has an anointing to perform in a certain area, the minister checks his files for other members with the same Zip Code number. He can then visit right in that area quickly and easily if needed. Lists of members in his Church area (once definite boundaries have been established) are supplied from the files at Head-

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NEW SCHOOL—Rheem Manufacturing Company has construction well advanced for new grade school building. Made of modular components primarily for speed, cost approximates stucco-plaster.

Imperial Elementary Building Near Completion at Pasadena

The first Imperial School buildings ever built here at Headquarters are in the last stages of construction. Planned for five years by the administrative staff of Imperial, the new buildings with spacious 28' x 30' carpeted classrooms will house grades 1-6.

The imminent ground-breaking of Ambassador College's much-needed dining hall necessitates the demolishing of the small homes presently being used for grade school classrooms.

Many innovations are being introduced in the new school. Colors in the classrooms were chosen to create a live-

ly atmosphere conducive to learning. Air conditioning will keep the temperature at a constant 72 degrees.

The playground will be one of the finest available today. Included in the equipment is an all-purpose obstacle-climbing device.

Students and faculty alike are anxiously awaiting the completion of this fine new facility.



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Pasadena C Installs New Club Officers

Three new officers were appointed for Pasadena Section C at their recent Ladies' Night, February 3.

Outgoing President, Mr. Jim Simpson, handed over the gavel to new President, Mr. Lewis Greenwood.

Vice President William Dankenbring remains in office since he has been serving in this capacity a short while.

The same is to be said for Zino Caradonna, who continues as secretary.

Replacing Glenn Hill as collector of dues is Jim Rasmussen.

Handling the responsibilities of sgt.-at-arms is Roy Dove. He takes over for "retiring" Archie McNair.



OFFICERS—Left to right, Messrs. Roy Dove, sgt.-at-arms; Lewis Greenwood, president; Bill Glover, club director; Bill Dankenbring, vice president; Jim Rasmussen, treasurer; and Zino Caradonna, secretary.

Editorial

The Neglected Virtue!

by Bill Glover

STOP just for a moment. *Think* about the last sin you admittedly committed.

Was it discouragement over your prayer life? A "what's the use" outlook? Discouragement over sin *is a sin* in itself!

But, what *excuse* did you give yourself for this sin of discouragement? Or, did you even bother to think about it enough to give yourself an *excuse* or *reason*, let alone go to God diligently about it? Many, who have had counselling lately, have demonstrated this "what's the use" outlook but can't seem to shake it.

We all admit we are sinners, that we fall far short of what God requires of us. We are very familiar with the *words* of Romans 6:23. We know what Proverbs 14:12 says and can practically quote Jeremiah 17:9 backwards.

All this means very little in the way we conduct our lives. We *learn TO LIVE WITH* our sins; our weaknesses. We accept them on a permanent basis. We then look for a panacea—a cure-all! We wait for "the spirit to move us." And, truly a *spirit*—the wrong spirit of human nature, i.e., discouragement, vanity, selfishness, lying, lust, envying, fear (I Cor. 6:9-10)—does move us; but in the wrong direction. The *cares of this life* (Luke 21:34) are overpowering! We lose our sense of purpose, our motivation dwindles to nothing and we are overtaken by discouragement, thinking "what's the use, I'll never make it anyway. I'm just too weak."

Without realizing it, we try to prevent sinking any lower, but don't really grow either. In frustration we *hope* we won't lose our salvation and that we will escape the tribulation—but we are doing very little to *INSURE* such! Endlessly we continue in this vicious cycle—trapped like a rat on a treadmill. Life—yes, the true Christian life—loses its zest; its sparkle becomes tedious. One failure after another brings on discouragement until we become weary—weary of the struggle, the routine, the personalities about us and just weary of being weary.

Whats the solution? Is there an answer? Is there a way out? Why can't we sense the *JOY* spoken of throughout the entirety of the New Testament?

There is an answer—a solution! The difference between us and that rat on the treadmill is that we have a *MIND*. We *can* stop the treadmill, pause long enough to let our minds become sober, collect our sense of direction. Then we can chart a course of action which will take us far away from this endless routine. We can go to God for help even though Satan would like us to believe the course is hopeless; that God won't understand and pardon!

STOP your treadmill! Step off right now and take your *Bible*, opened to I John 1:8-10 and go to your private place of prayer. Kneel and read this promise to your merciful Heavenly Father. Ask Him—who is your *source of strength*—to help you stay off this treadmill of senseless discouragement and purposeless living (Gal. 6:9). EXPECT to receive the answer, for you are a *SON OF GOD* and He cares for you. Whenever you see yourself falling short—which is daily—go to God and REPENT. All too often REPENTANCE IS THE NEGLECTED VIRTUE. Have *you* neglected this virtue TODAY?

Fontana Church Enjoys A Variety of Activities

Five different events within five weeks has taught the Fontana Church the "variety-is-the-spice-of-life" lesson!

It all started during the recent ministerial conference. Former Fontana pastor Dr. Charles Dorothy returned for a welcome visit. After delivering the main sermon, he and his wife and *new* baby were joined by many Fontana brethren at the home of our local elder, Mr. Al Mischnick, for a happy reunion! A delicious potluck in the backyard was followed by an "old-time" group sing session with *Dr. Dorothy* 'tickling the ivories.'

The next day Dr. Dorothy escorted some of the young people on a mountain climbing trip.

A week later the brethren were back at it with an energizing square dance which included our present pastor, *Dr. Clint Zimmerman*, clicking his heels! Mr. Jim Pierce did his usual fine job as caller and Mr. Claude Cates and Mr. Stephen Cox conducted children's activity and intermission entertainment.

The local Spokesman Club was next to get in on the 'variety' act. A delightful meeting was held in a club member's home to bolster the treasury.

And still another treat was "movie night" the first Saturday night in February. Brethren turned out to enjoy a half-dozen interesting color films including *Adventure in Israel* and *Portrait of Mexico*.

So it's true! *Variety is the spice of life!*

Weekly Volleyball Starts

Each Sunday morning, brethren of the Santa Barbara Church meet at the Murphy Park for blood-stimulating games of volleyball.

The volleys are sometimes long and exciting. Surprising plays are performed, which cause us to wonder, was that skill or just luck?

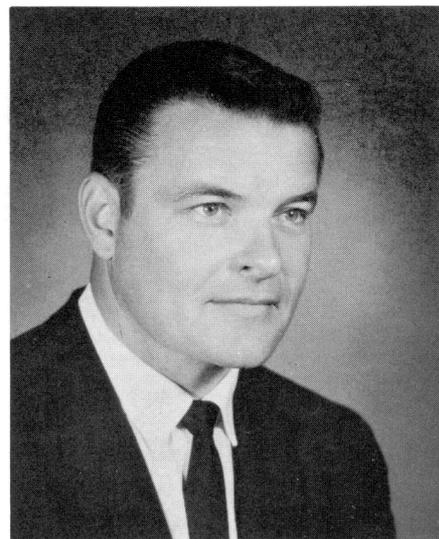
The results are amazing! The stiffness and soreness of muscles have disappeared. Agility and skill are appearing. The reward is there for those who take advantage of this opportunity for fellowship and good physical exercise.

New Pastors Now Guide Bakersfield, North Hollywood and El Monte Churches

El Monte—Mr. Norman Smith replaces Mr. McCullough as minister of the El Monte congregation.

Since his graduation from Ambassador in 1954, Mr. Smith has been Director of Radio Production—a very responsible position involving the distribution of *WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast tapes to hundreds of outlets.

He and his wife are the parents of two boys and a girl. Prior to coming to El Monte, Mr. Smith was the pastor in the North Hollywood area.



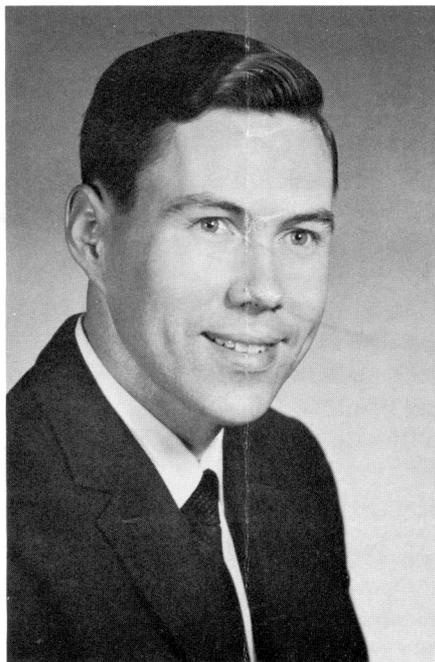
Mr. Howard Clark, North Hollywood.

Bakersfield—Mr. Paul Royer, personnel director for Ambassador College, is the new pastor at Bakersfield. During the recent ministerial conference he was elevated in rank to full Preaching Elder.

Formerly a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, Mr. Royer moved his family to Pasadena in 1960. Three years later he was graduated from Ambassador.

For the past several years he has also handled the duties of Feast Co-ordinator for the annual Fall Festival at Squaw Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Royer have three children—Scott, Doug and Sharon.



Mr. Norman Smith, El Monte.

North Hollywood—A member of the Faculty at Ambassador College, Mr. Howard Clark is the new minister over the North Hollywood Church.

Mr. Clark formerly attended Yale University and spent some time in the Korean conflict before coming to Ambassador. He was graduated in 1963 as Student Body President.

The Clarks were recently blessed with their sixth child and are now the parents of four boys and two girls.



Mr. Paul Royer, Bakersfield.



ENGLISH SPEAKER—Mr. John Thomas, transfer teacher from England, gives impersonations of different dialects commonly heard in Great Britain during Ephraim night at North Hollywood.

Ephraim Night at North Hollywood Ladies' Night

The North Hollywood Spokesman Club met at the Pump Room Restaurant December 15 for Ladies' Night.

It was decided that this particular Ladies' Night should have an underlying theme to make the evening even more interesting. It was finally decided that our brother Ephraim (the United Kingdom) would make a fine theme.

One of the Club members built up a relief map of the British Isles which helped greatly in better visualizing what our brother country looks like.

Four of the speakers spoke respectively on the history of the country, the people who have made it great, its

geography and the men and women who have ruled it. The fifth speaker of the evening was a special guest, Mr. John Thomas, who just happens to be from England. He gave impersonations of some of the dialects that you could expect to hear if you were to visit there and, of course, he was able to give a more personal firsthand account of the country and its people.

Many lingered on after the formal part of the evening was over, to become better acquainted with the guests and to continue enjoying each other's company. This happy evening ended but it will be followed by other Ladies' Nights, in the not too distant future.

Bakersfield-Fresno Enjoy College Chorale

Bakersfield and Fresno brethren assembled together on January 2, at the Woman's Club in Bakersfield, for a most delightful barbecued beef dinner. A bus load came from Fresno along with several cars.

We were honored by having the band from Pasadena to play the dance music. All had fun, even those who said they could not dance had a try at it.

The top of all the evening was the Ambassador College Chorale with the presentation of a double-header program, absolutely beautiful. Thank you, Chorale, from Bakersfield.

Our most gratifying thanks to Mr. Howard Clark for such a memorable evening. This night among many will always be remembered.

Record Low Tide At Santa Barbara

On Sunday, January 20, Santa Barbaraites were privileged to see a portion of God's creation heretofore unseen by most.

We didn't have a modern-day Moses to part the waters, but we did have a 20-year record low tide, baring hundreds of acres of the shallow ocean floor.

People thronged the beaches to see what they could find.

Among the "loot" found were many crabs, shrimp, lobsters, hermit crabs, starfish of all colors and sizes, and octopi, as well as many little fish stranded in the small pools.

This was a wonderful lesson in the intricate detail and balance of God's creation.

Mr. Bierer Ordained, Sent to St. Louis

Mr. David Bierer, newly ordained Local Elder in the Los Angeles church, is being sent to assist Mr. Baird in the St. Louis church area!

Mr. and Mrs. Bierer and their new son, Mark David, will leave Sunday, February 21 for this new assignment.

Mr. Bierer was originally from Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Geneva College where he majored in history. Shortly afterward he started attending the Pittsburg church. In 1961 he applied for and was accepted to Ambassador College. Only three years later he was graduated.

Mrs. Bierer is from Glendale, but attended Imperial Schools before entering Ambassador College, where she met Mr. Bierer.

A special dance will be held in their honor February 20 by all of the Los Angeles church. We have grown to love and respect the Bierers during the past



TRANSFERRED—Mr. and Mrs. David Bierer with Mark David soon to leave for St. Louis area.

few months. Mr. Bierer has been visiting full time in the L. A. church area as well as being captain of one of the church basketball teams. A busy life, yes, but not half as busy as the job that lies ahead.

BEST WISHES, Mr. and Mrs. Bierer— and Mark David!

With this issue we welcome the Sacramento, Oakland, San Jose and Reno churches to the *Headquarters District Church of God News*.

Phoenix Spokesmen In Successful Outing

Never before have so few eaten so much and played so hard! I'm sure Sir Winston Churchill wouldn't find his original and famous quote in that statement, but it expresses the exact sentiments of the participants of the Phoenix Spokesman Club outing Sunday, January 3rd, at Estrella Mountain Park. It was a made-to-order day with a cool breeze and near 70-degree temperatures.

Cries of, "Make mine medium rare" and "Oh, I like mine much more done than that" were heard around the five charcoal braziers going full blast and emitting the delightful odor of porterhouse steak sizzling to a golden brown. Crisp salads and cold beer were part of the sumptuous meal.

The healthy appetites for this feast were supplied by organized softball and volleyball games. More than a few people tried their prowess at badminton and horseshoes. Some brave grown-ups and the always "jet-powered" children went on a hiking trip over the cactus and shrub-covered hills. The youngsters surprisingly made it back without any skinned knees or bites and no adult casualties were reported.

If soreness of limbs is any sign of success, this was the most successful Spokesman Club outing to date.

Four Los Angeles Clubs Tour Anheuser-Busch

Warm greetings and cold beer began a gathering of the four Los Angeles Spokesman clubs and their guests, at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Sherman Oaks, on January 13.

The plant bar pleasantly pulsed with laughter and conversation of good friends. When all had gathered, a tour of the installation was conducted by guides who explained the brewing and aging process.

After the excursion there were no regrets about the beer consumed so far. The plant was immaculate.

Returning from the tour, dinner was served in the dining room adjoining the bar. After dinner a film was viewed on tarpin fishing in Florida.

Cheery "Northwoods" Theme Enlivens Evening As El Monte Single People Host Dance

Once again the single people of God's Church held a fun-filled evening, packed with gay variety and interest! This time the occasion was a logger's dance with a cheery *Northwoods* theme. Couples appeared clad in mackinaws, turtle-neck sweaters, jeans and dungarees to whoop it up with rip-roarious, rollicking fun.

Hosted by the El Monte members of the club, the evening swung off with a lively dance instruction! The German Rhinelander proved to be a big hit and another "variety dance" which enlivened the evening was the *Hokey Pokey!* Loggers and Northwoodsmen, with their femme fatale partners also enjoyed stomping to the strains of the old-fashioned "bunny-hop."

It was a night to be remembered—a night filled with dancing, swinging, bunny-hopping, waltzing, polkaing and experimenting with NEW dance steps. Truly, it was a harbinger of good times TO COME!

Besides dancing, there was a variety-filled entertainment program, emceed by El Monte's George Mailer (he's *not* a postman!), who *cracked* jokes throughout the evening. Other features of the entertainment included a rip-snorting singing presentation by the *Smoggy Mountain Boys* who explained that a logger is one who stirs his coffee with his *thumb* in 1000 degree below zero weather without his mackinaw!

Another number which was a real hit was Larry Keller banging away on the steel-guitar. The whole show was a spicy success with divers ditties.

After the program, Mr. Dale Schurter led a "sing-a-long." The most popular numbers proved to be such tunes as *Beer Barrel Polka*, *There's A Tavern In The Town*, and similar gusty old favorites.

The Single People's activities have started with life and enthusiasm! The future promises to be full of surprises and thrills!

But alas! Still *no name* has been chosen for the group—no one has yet won the beautiful clock-radio which goes to the one coming up with the best suggestion for a name. What about you? Will *you* be the one to win the radio?

The next activity on the docket will be the wide open spaces. We're planning a trip in late March to the towering, gigantic rock formations of Joshua Tree National Monument. There will be a "sing-a-long" on the buses, planned activities and games (including a treasure hunt), hiking, food and the works. You won't want to miss this one!

Thanks for planning and co-ordinating the tremendously successful evening are to be extended to Mr. Clayton Steep.

POLKA INSTRUCTION—Dancers pay close attention to demonstration of Polka at recent Northwoods evening. Most found dance easier to do than they thought.



A Thumbnail Sketch of Long Beach Church

The Long Beach Church meets in the modern Women's City Club building in Long Beach, a short distance east of the downtown business district and only about four blocks from the Pacific Ocean. This Church serves those living in the areas south of and including Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lynwood, Downey, Norwalk, La Mirada, and all of Orange County (excluding La Habra).

The Long Beach Church was established on August 15, 1959, with ninety-four persons attending. We were the sixth Church of God to be established in California and the 29th such Church to be formed in the entire world. Mr. L. Leroy Neff was assigned to be our regular pastor shortly thereafter.

By the Spring of 1960 we had grown to a weekly attendance of about 150, thus becoming the second largest congregation in Southern California (Headquarters Region). Later that same year, due to the need primarily of reducing the size of the Pasadena Church, the Los Angeles Church was formed in September 1960. Most of the membership of the new L. A. Church was drawn from the Long Beach congregation, but we remained close—sort of twin sisters. About this same time, Mr. Roger Foster was assigned as our pastor. In November of 1960, Mr. Foster established the L. A. - L. B. Spokesman's Club with initial membership of 24 men. That same month Temple City Church (now El Monte) was formed and, as a result, Long Beach attendance was further reduced, due to the transfer of some of our northernmost families. This left us with a nucleus of 140 attending (upon which our present growth has developed). Also, in this same month a joint Bible Study for L. A. and L. B. Churches was started in Long Beach by Mr. Foster.

In January of 1961, Mr. Neff was reassigned to Long Beach as pastor. Later, the L. A. and L. B. Churches again in a concerted endeavor established the joint Church newspaper, "Church of God News, L.A.-L. B. Edi-

tion." By August of 1961 the joint L. A.-L. B. Spokesman's Club had grown so large that it was necessary to split the Club into two—one, our own Long Beach Club, and the other became the Los Angeles Club.

The year 1962 had one milestone for us in Long Beach Church: This was the year, in April, which saw the formation of the Long Beach Boy's Group.

In 1963 we had four memorable events: the split of the Long Beach Spokesman's Club into two clubs due to growth; and, later in April, both clubs were blessed with the privilege of being able to meet in the same building in which our Sabbath services are held. This allows complete privacy for the clubs and also gives the ladies of our Church a chance to serve by being the cateresses. In August of that year, our present pastor, Mr. David Jon Hill, was assigned to serve us. Then, to top off the year, a new tradition was established—our Thanksgiving Day dinner, for those Long Beach Churchers who do not have outside relatives with which to celebrate.

Our local church newspaper, published jointly with the L. A. Church since its inception, bowed out of existence in June of 1964, yielding in favor of this, your expanded "Headquarters Region Church of God News." September of 1964 was particularly important to us of Long Beach—Mr. Kunz, who has served us as assistant pastor since early 1960, was elevated in rank (at the Feast of Tabernacles) to Preaching Elder. The second Thanksgiving Day dinner with sing-along and games was the feature of November.

We presently average around 340 in attendance at Sabbath services. Our deacons are Mr. James Bald, Mr. Cecil Williams, Mr. Herbert Magoon, and Mr. Ted Phillips. Our deaconesses are Mrs. Margaret Bald, Mrs. Evelyn Williams and Mrs. Thelma Polk.

We hope you will feel that you know us a little better and that there will be an opportunity for you to visit us down here, "where the cool ocean zephyrs blow. . ."

BIRTHS

- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Black, El Monte, Girl—born January 17, 1965
- Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Ruggless, Fontana, Boy—born January 17, 1965
- Mr. and Mrs. David Horton, Long Beach, Boy—born January 12, 1965
- Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Olsen, Los Angeles, Boy—born January 31, 1965
- Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Slocum, North Hollywood, Boy—born January 17, 1965
- Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clark, North Hollywood, Boy—born January 27.
- Mr. and Mrs. Eugenio Api, formerly of San Diego, Boy—born August 12, 1964.
- Mr. and Mrs. William Gharis, Tucson, Girl—born January 8, 1965

MARRIAGES

- Miss Judith Diane Untiedt united to Mr. Donald D. Royer by Mr. Dibar Apartian, January 31, 1965 at Pasadena.
- Miss Clara Yonts united to Mr. Leonard Norton by Mr. James Kunz, January 16, 1965, at Long Beach.

BAPTISMS

Pasadena

Mrs. William Sprouse

Fontana

Mrs. Judy Congleton

Long Beach

Mr. Jerry Kuipers; Mrs. Pat Williams; Mrs. Eleanor Reed; Mr. Ricky Helm; Mr. and Mrs. William Golden; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Koellner and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lewis

Los Angeles

Mr. Alan Latham

North Hollywood

Mr. B. R. Bricker

Phoenix

Mrs. Bernard Lyon; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schnelle

San Diego

Mrs. Bertha Sirbono; Mrs. Janice Sittner; Mrs. Mary Grohkoph; Mr. William Whitman; Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClean; and Mrs. Omegene Henderson



NEAR UPSET—James Tate of Los Angeles A sinks lay-up for two points in thrilling near upset of Los Angeles B. Teammate Bill Wilson, far right, looks on.

Pasadena A Holds Solid Lead in Basketball Tourney

In the hectic waning stages of the church basketball tournament only Mr. Glover's Pasadena A team remains undefeated with a record of 8-0. This strong, hard-playing group is the one to beat for top-spot honors in the remaining few games.

Los Angeles B, with an injured Clee Rothwell, suffered their first loss at the hands of Pasadena B. They still have an impressive 7-1 record.

Continuing to be formidable challengers are North Hollywood and El Monte—each with six wins and two losses. The labors of Messrs. Blackwell and Rapp are bearing much fruit on the courts.

Although not yet in the "win" col-

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost
Pasadena A	8	0
L.A. B	7	1
El Monte	6	2
North Hollywood	6	2
Pasadena B	3	6
Pasadena C	2	6
L.A. C	0	6
L.A. A	0	9

Variety of Steps Adds Spice to San Diego Dance

There were snappy steps, waltzes, dreamy two-steps, and even a shuffle at the San Diego Church dance, Saturday night, January 23. The atmosphere was very cheerful and conducive for the occasion; and many were just bubbling with enthusiasm.

A live band from Pasadena helped make the evening a success. The program was furnished by local talent consisting of a cute oriental dance by Vickie and Laurel Cook. Mr. Frank Kaufhold "came through the rye" with his trumpet, his son Frankie made melodious sounds on the clarinet, Pat Grizzard presented a clever satire about a submarine captain of the *Cod Fish*. To cap the program, we were favored by Judy Favor doing a pantomime of *A Sweet Old-Fashioned Girl*.

Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Sprotte who spent their time and effort in preparing the program and the tasty refreshments. This dance served as good deviation from pressing daily cares of a busy life. Now we are more aware that "there is a time to dance." Eccl. 3:4.

umn, Mr. Atlas is moulding a team which displays all the ingredients of potential champs. He promises to improve upon their unimpressive record before the season is over.

Los Angeles C finds itself in the unenviable position of losing its captain and stabilizer, Mr. Bierer, who is being transferred to the St. Louis area. Already they are adopting the age old cliché, "wait 'til next year!"

Pasadena C, sponsored by Mr. Duke—with hard-driving Mr. Evans remaining healthy—rounds out this group of potential "spoilers."

Enthusiasm continues high throughout the league. Fun and fellowship abound. Most of all, the lesson of authority and discipline is being learned, resulting in growth of character.

If you get the chance come root for your team. You'll find it exciting and enjoyable.

Phoenix Brethren Have Church Social

On Sunday, January 24, the Phoenix brethren convened in the I.O.O.F. hall for a Church social. Two films obtained from the Mountain States Telephone Company provided a slow, easy warm-up to the dizzying pace to follow.

The first film, alluding to many hazardous conditions in the farming communities, demonstrated the need for safety awareness in every home. It was followed by the hour-long, colored, television production, "The Unchained Goddess." An interesting and, at times, exciting description of the causes of wind, precipitation, pressure systems and storms. One frightening scene was of an actual tornado reeking havoc with its awesome, powerful, destructive force—literally turning houses into exploding bombs!

After the movies, a potluck dinner was served in the newly built dining quarters. Then came the call!

"Find your partners and form a square!" Yes, square dancing! Phoenix was to have its first taste of a real old-fashioned hoe-down. At first, most were reluctant to participate. But as the dance progressed, more and more joined in until the floor became jam-packed. One by one the calls were described and slowly the dance took shape. When the session was over, many had nearly mastered two complete dances.

It was a most successful evening. The near 80 percent attendance set a new record for participation. Many are already making plans in anticipation of another square dance soon.

