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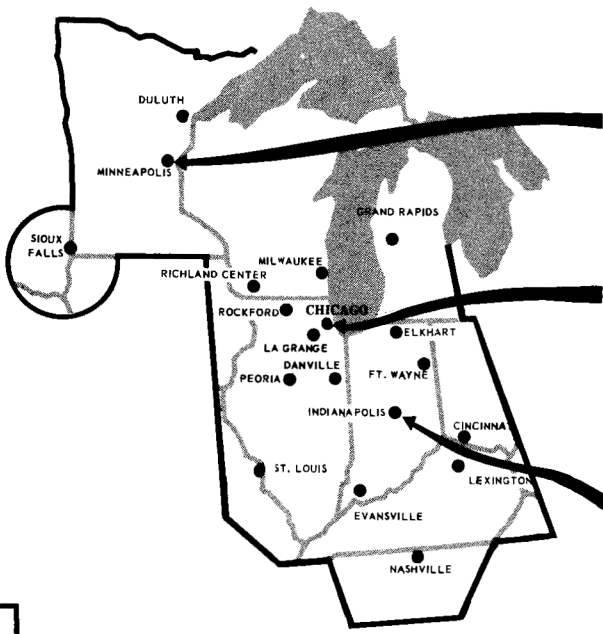
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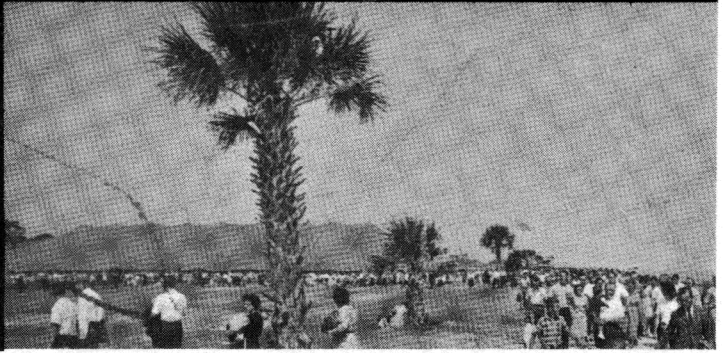
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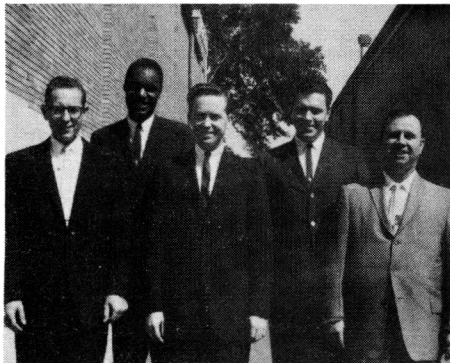
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St. Louis Changes Spokesman Club Officers

by Jerry Flurry

When Mr. Dean Blackwell comes to town, many activities usually occur. One of the most *exciting* events was the change of Spokesman Club officers.

The following men were appointed as officers of Section "A" Spokesman Club: Jerry Flurry, President; Jim Malone, Vice-President; Jim Carrington, Secretary; Lee Welshans, Treasurer; and John Thompson, Sergeant-at-Arms.



Left to right; Jim Malone, Jim Carrington, Jerry Flurry, John Thompson, Lee Welshans.

Don't Be a Dead-Pan!

by Allen Manteufel

Apathy, boredom, unconcern characterizes the world in which we live. People are unable to have a wholesome **enthusiasm** for anything.

This was **vividly** illustrated several weeks ago as the National League baseball pennant race was reaching its furious climax. Two teams—the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds—were hammering it out for the championship. The St. Louis team was finishing up against the Mets from New York while the Reds of Cincinnati were battling the Pittsburgh Pirates. The league championship and share of the world series were at stake.

Down in St. Louis loyal fans were jamming the ball park, shouting, screaming, cheering their team on every play. The air of loyalty, enthusiasm and fervor sparked the hometown Cardinals.

Meanwhile, up in Cincinnati a strange paradox was taking place—a paradox which illustrates the **empty, spiritless** lives most people live. Instead of the 40,000 seat ball park being packed with yelling, applauding fans, barely 7-8,000 spectators bothered to come out and back their team. Such fickleness, lack of loyalty and enthusiasm was appalling!

This was not all. The second to last league game was a thriller. The Reds had battled their opponent to a scoreless tie for nine innings. Reports of this game were being telephoned each half inning to St. Louis where each scoreless inning was received with thunderous roars!

Then, another shock came. To the dismay of many—hundreds upon hundreds of "fans" casually got up and left the ballpark with the game and league championship still hanging in the balance.

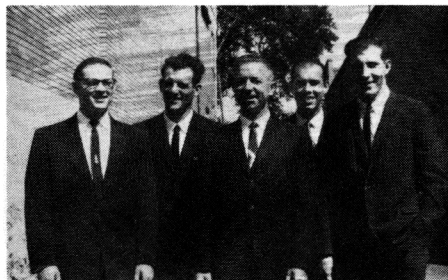
You brethren of God's church need to take a **vital** lesson from all this.

The **carnal** mind is **fickle**. Most times it is pitifully empty—only short-lived periods does it have something to be enthusiastic about.

God's personality exudes enthusiasm. Loyalty, concern, excitement, optimism, characterizes His spirit. Wholesome, balanced, emotional expression radiate from **God's personality**.

Brethren, we are not to be unemotional, unexpressive **dead pans!** That's the mark of stunted carnality. Heartily throw yourselves into every phase of Christian living—study, prayer, church occasions and family activities. Get **excited** over each day you live. Live life with gusto and enthusiasm!

The new "B" club officers are: Roger Malone, President; Bill Gracey, Vice-President; Gerald McCormick, Secretary; Walter Darling, Treasurer; and Dick Pierson, Sergeant-at-Arms.



Left to right; Bill Gracey, Walter Darling, Roger Malone, Dick Pierson, Gerald McCormick.

Mr. Hal Baird once asked us all a very pertinent question: "Can you picture a king who can't speak?" The answer is obvious. Mr. Dean Blackwell said in his sermon the following Sabbath that

if we were not attending the Spokesman Club, we might just as well write "**LAZY CHRISTIANS**" in our notes, because that is **EXACTLY what we are!**

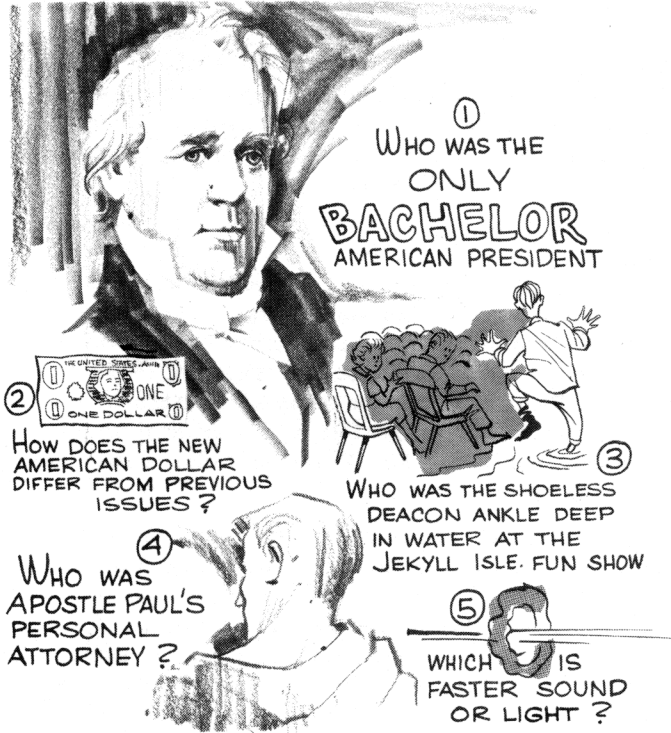
The new officers are filled with enthusiasm about their opportunities to serve in this **significant** way. The Spokesman Club is a vital part of God's work. When a job needs to be done, a spokesman is usually chosen—one who can take the "Message to Garcia."

Season Finale!

by John Coco

On Sunday, October 11, the combined Chicago-LaGrange softball team met the St. Louis team in Bloomington, Illinois. The contest was tied at six runs apiece going into the 9th inning. Then the Chicago-LaGrange outfit exploded for four runs to provide the victory margin.

Knowledge Knots



See page six for answers



Away from the world—Jekyll Island

THINK-BIG-THEME At Big Sandy Feast

by Jerry Flurry

"This is the 1964 Feast of Tabernacles, and **this is God speaking!**" So began Mr. Norman Smith in one of his earlier sermons to set the theme for an **entire** feast that admonished us to **THINK BIG NOW!** Mr. Smith told how God has, since the time of Moses, spoken through men and unless we believed this, we were wasting our time at the Feast.

Between 7500 and 8000 people motored to Big Sandy to attend this festival. The weather was hot and humid when we arrived, but a good rain cooled things off in the latter part of the week.

Last year, about the time of the feast, deep cracks veined much of the land around Gladewater. However, this year floods were raging in other towns around Gladewater, but God protected his people from them.

Mr. Roderick Meredith opened the feast, and in his first full length sermon told us to **RULE** our **thoughts** and **emotions**, our **mouths** and our **time**. We were told that our motto should be, "anything **good** is accomplished by God—**ALL** mistakes are ours." Our accomplishments are to be considered as **dung** (Phil. 3:8).

People there for the **first** time were absolutely awed by the **content** of the messages and by the **authority** with which God's ministers spoke. Of course, the old-timers weren't exactly unmoved when such vivid pictures of the coming Kingdom were portrayed.

Many spokesmen were used, and the organization was **smooth**—displaying the fruits of the clubs. Men were told to do a job and they did it.

After talking to many of the spokesman club officers and members, they agreed that there has been much growth in the clubs. However, **ONE main problem** is a failure of **many** men to **THINK BIG**. No doubt this reflects a problem in the whole church and is **why** God gave us so many sermons on striving for the **RIGHT GOAL**.

Mr. Meredith told us when we saw the sun and moon to think how we would shine like them in a **few** years. We must think in terms of the universe. If we are to be Gods, we must **think** and **act** like Gods. As Mr. Herbert Armstrong said, "The only way to the top is the **hard way**."

In the future, little men with little purposes are going to persecute us more severely. Mr. Meredith told us how this stage of the church has suffered **less** than any other. Perhaps this is why so much emphasis was placed on **THINKING BIG**—unless we do, we can't possible **endure** to the end.

Superior Power

by Karwin Kalassy

"America's record standard of living stems from superior horsepower," said a top man in the national space agency.

We have less than 10% of the world's population, yet we control almost half of its power supply. The result of this superior power control is that our living standard is seven times the average of the rest of the world.

In 1900, every person had two horsepower available to work for him day and night; today he has ten.

NASA's power consumption is very great. The first stage of the Saturn V launch vehicle—which they think will carry man to the moon by 1970—will have a 7.5 million pounds of thrust.

We of God's church can be very thankful for this rich, industrialized na-

tion in which we live, but realizing the real key to the wonderful standard of living we enjoy is the promise God made to Abraham.

Only when God's government reigns on the earth and men have received the Holy Spirit, will horsepower and the awesome power of the atom be properly used to make this planet the productive and beautiful place it was meant to be.

Jekyll Island Again Scene of Fall Feast

by Jim Howell

More than 7,000 people from all over the eastern parts of the United States and Canada converged on Jekyll Island State Park near Brunswick, Georgia for the Feast of Tabernacles 1964. For many, it was the second opportunity to spend eight days on this fabulous, semi-tropical island. Although nearly twice as many of God's people were present than the year before, space was found for all.

Were you on the edge of your chair when Mr. Ted Armstrong said, "I believe that Adolf Hitler is STILL ALIVE!"? Look at the end of Rev. 17:8. Are you practicing the points of child rearing given by Mr. Les McCullough? Did you enjoy the humorous "repeat performance" sermon on worldliness by Mr. Dean Blackwell—or were you there in 1963? Did you think Mr. Richard Plache was going astray when he said God WAS a respecter of persons (He is in a spiritual sense)? Were you deeply moved by Mr. Raymond Cole's sermon on the supreme sacrifice?

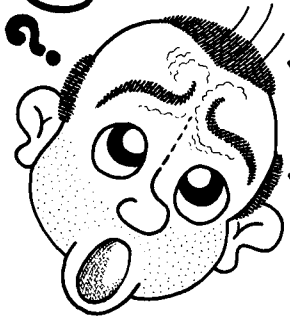
One of the main topics during the feast was marriage and family relations. Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong mentioned that humans grow up in families. Why? Because God is a family! Marriage and children are a picture of God's plan of salvation. Marriage is serious, permanent, and a job. It has responsibilities, but it brings GREAT REWARDS. Husbands—do you take charge of the family? Do you love your wives? Wives—are you in subjection to your husband? Do you have a meek and quiet spirit? Marriage is the BEST TRAINING GROUND for the Kingdom! Did you ever notice that Gen. 2:24 was A COMMAND? Mr. Raymond Cole, in a later sermon pointed out that only a mate can share your innermost thoughts and feelings. A family enjoys things a single person can NEVER enjoy. Through marriage you give; a single person gets. Read Acts 20:35. All bachelors—and single girls—should be thinking about these two sermons.

Do we fully realize how much God cares for us and wants us to rejoice in His feast days? In his first message, Mr. Les McCullough related how God prevented severe damage from hurricanes Dora and Gladys. Mr. Richard Plache sobered us by asking "Do we assume we are going to be here tomorrow?" Our lives are a wisp, a vapor—and they are in God's hand. (James 4:14, 15). An inspiring sermon on how to enjoy the feast was delivered by Mr. Raymond Cole. Your diligence determines how much you will be able to rejoice. Trust in God and rejoice (Psa. 28:7). God commands you to rejoice in His feasts—see Deut. 12:18!

Finally, just how REAL is the millenium to YOU? The Feast of Tabernacles PICTURES THIS PERIOD OF TIME. Our own evangelist, Mr. Dean Blackwell, pictured our duties and our children's duties in the future restoration of Christ's rule. In a series of gripping, informative sermons, Mr. Herbert Armstrong covered the past, present, and future of God's plan of salvation. Do you know now when rebellion FIRST APPEARED? Do you know what is BEYOND THE MILLENIUM? On the Last Great Day, Mr. Garner Ten Armstrong covered this intriguing, vital topic. Are YOU WILLING TO SHARE YOUR SALVATION WITH OTHERS?

God's people REALLY LIVE THE SCRIPTURES. They know the way of God—and believe it. Yes, the Feast of Tabernacles 1964 was a JOY to all who attended.

LADICEAN JOKES



Sure I have faults!
Why there's ???
and there's ???
and ?? ah?? there's ???
Well, no one is perfect.

If you have trouble recognizing your faults,
try these on for size.

ungrateful...spiritually weak...a hypocrite...unfair...immoral...unruly children.
disrespectful...unreliable...irrational...prankish...pugnacious...uncharitable...
abruptness...materialistic...prayerless...a smoker...an effeminate...disobedience.
a cheater...lustful...a coward...meddlesome...an intruder...two-faced...shiftless.
a procrastinator...a sluggard...a loiterer...a spendthrift...wasteful...hasty...
impractical...unstable...dishonest...a thief...neglectful...unfaithful...clumsy...
insincere...vanity...idolatry...unrepentant...forgetful...immature...uncleanness.
a Sabbath breaker...a liar...a ridiculer...a mumblor...an apathist...a conniver.
a glutton...a show-off...cacography...a scandal-monger...superstitious...a moocher.
opinionated...self-righteous...ill-tempered...a misogynist...sadistic...discourteous
vindictive...a commandment breaker...a philosopher...a poor sport...relying on medicine.
adulterous...lack of diligence...a swindler...a tyrant...ill-mannered...egoistical...
discouraged...short-sighted...motiveless...cantankerous...a chatter-box...faithless.
vulgarity...presumptuous...contradictive...indecisiveness...evil-minded...discriminative...
unskilled in God's word...a worry wart...over-confident...distortive...a ruffian...fat.
thrifless...dishonors parents...over indulgent...an atheist...a blasphemer...hateful...
eats unclean meats...a heretic...a fornicator...a wrong attitude...boisterous...pride.
a prevaricator...a beggar...impious...a kibitzer...covetousness...disinterested...a cynic.
a backbiter...self-complacency...decadency...a dandy...selfishness...sloppiness...naggy...
gloominess...cacology...wears make up...incorrigible...fallaciousness...lack of benevolence.
unwholesome...lack of self-discipline...apathy...a gossip...extravagance...profanity...
fetidness...hypercritical...a tattler...quarrelsome...a tithe stealer...unwashed...alibi.
cliquish...pomposness...wantonness...a gambler...no enthusiasm...unromantic to mate...
anti-semitic...a prodigal...an exclusionist...infatuation...eats fat or blood...a trespasser.
an alarmist...vacillation...arrogant...lasciviousness...a teetotaler...takes tranquilizers.
wears clothes or hair like opposite sex...emulous...insidiousness...mopish...debauchery...
unmerciful...an acephalist...capricious...lack of zeal...shabbiness...an accuser...a whiner...
cupidity...smugness...stubbornness...a vagabond...callousness...an agnostic...bumptious...
a demander...waywardness...desecration...fastidious...tension...a plunderer...
a gadabout...a vixen...an acataleptic...jumps to conclusions...a slob...a tale-bearer...
a counterfeit...a seducer...purposeless...disloyal...incompatible...inconsiderate...a sneak.
not industrious...panderage...incompetence...fatalistic...obstinate...undisciplined...brazen.
misotheism...unreasonable...perversion...a misogynist...spiteful...domineering...disorderly...
an introvert...irresponsible...frustrated...pursy...a beatnik...defiant...a starrer...irritable...
a tease...fickleness...a quibbler...a slut...a speeder...insolent...a sissy...an alcoholic...
jealousy...a debaser...an antarchist...drabbish...a ham...oppressive...a bore...inshippable
a sneerer...dowdy...antagonistic...licentiousness...audacious...a giggler...a slanger...silliness...
slyness...enmity...loquaciousness...crudeness...snubbish...a slanderer...a threatener...a swearer...
a swaggerer...a slobberer...scowling...a braggart...a flatterer...an interrupter...indifferent...rape.
worldly...an agitator...thoughtless...deceitful...indecent...hysterical...an abogonist...a slouch...insulting...
contemptuous...british...a truant...impulsive...evasive...no ambition...a perjurer...unscriptural...chaotic
disruptive...peevisish...small talk...fetishism...misquote...a pretender...figet...a scatter-brain...noisy...
passiveness...a poacher...unrestrained...misrepresent...a joker...a parasite...impatience...a flirt...
a bungler...poor perspective...an old codger...forward...unhappy...whimsical...frivolous...illogical...
insubordinate...unfruitful...frigidity...a judge...unsoicable...confused...helpless...a bully...a softy...
a snarler...pagan...killer...polygamist...nicolaitan...prostitute...racketeer...conspirer...soothsayer...
not ethical...insecure...mislead...misread...romanize...dilly-dally...sulky...over emotional...undignified...
a sodomite...Nazi...sun-worshipper...backslider...soothsayer...theorist...shyster...pessimist...shrew...
shy...an impostor...sceptic...wriggler...scribbler...imposer...corrupter...and LADICEAN.

Seven Chicagoans Attend Feast In England

by Shirley Carr

Feast of Tabernacles in England? Unbelievable! Fantastic!! Seven Chicago brethren—Byford Edwards, John Homyk, Bob Roenspies, Daisy Recky, Margaret Silver, Nancy Kurtz, and me—were greatly surprised to learn the opportunity was present, and that God had blessed us with being able to take advantage of it.

On our first day in England, we were able to tour Westminster Abbey where the Stone of Scone—or perhaps better known to us as Jacob's pillow Stone—is located. We also saw Big Ben, the Parliament Buildings, and the Thames River. Since it was Friday we cut touring somewhat short so we could freshen up for Bible Study at Bricket Wood that evening.

Arriving at the college proved to be quite a time of reunion as well as making new friends. Mr. Donald Ecker and John Stanciu, both former Chicagoans, were quite surprised and happy to see us. We attended Sabbath services in Bricket Wood and were able to tour the campus at that time. For those of us who have been blessed with seeing the college in Pasadena as well, we must admit that each of the colleges has a distinct, different beauty from the other as Texas will no doubt have when it is completed.

Arrangements were made for us to travel on the student buses to Prestatyn where the Feast was held. Prestatyn is in Northern Wales and is located on the coast of the Irish sea. This is about 250 miles from the college. Everyone lived in chalets which are simple box like structures. There were around 1250 people present representing forty-four different countries. Eight different countries had only one person representing them.

Several of the Welsh people commented to us about how unusually beautiful the weather was for this time of year—unusually SUNNY and WARM. Some of the more adventurous went

swimming in the "heated" swimming pool—sixty-five degrees.

One of the outstanding things at the Feast in England was the family atmosphere—even to the point where we were all able to eat in one dining hall at the same time.

Bus tours were provided of some of the scenic spots in Northern Wales—Conway Castle, Caernarvon Castle, Swallow Falls, and Snowdon mountain. Looking closely at Snowdon, you could see several mountain climbers making the ascent. There was also a bus trip to the British power station.

The time flew hurriedly by and the first thing we knew we were back on the buses headed for Bricket Wood. After arriving at the college, we suddenly discovered that several people were missing luggage including Byford, Daisy, Nancy, and several of the college students. Daisy and I went on into London, and after finally figuring out how to use the telephone managed to find a place to stay for the night. Byford, John and Bob flew to Paris that night, and the other two girls stayed at the college. Margaret flew back to Chicago the next day. Daisy and I spent a day touring more of London, and taking in the stage play—Pickwick. After several hours of hurrying to get out to the college to pick up Daisy's luggage we finally made it to the airport in time to discover that we were among two hundred people for whom they had no room on the plane. A colossal mistake had been made they said, and they would put us all on later flights. One man was quite upset as he was getting married in the morning. Six hours later we began our trip home.

John and Bob returned to the college to discover that they weren't going to be coming back to Chicago, but would be staying on as students of Ambassador College—Bricket Wood. Byford returned to Chicago, and we are still waiting to find out if and when Nancy Kurtz will be returning.

Negro Brethren Keep Feast in Texas

by Elisha Crim

Arriving by train, cars, and buses, 1,100 Negro brethren gathered together to attend the Feast of Tabernacles on God's private grounds at Big Sandy Texas among the 8000 meeting there. This mass exodus from all parts of this country was welcomed by the ever growing and constantly improved grounds. A new four lane entrance driveway, paved parking lot and several newly constructed college class room buildings greeted us.

A new experience of pitching tents
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Seen and Heard At the Feast

"I'm glad to see you people back. Now we will have some good weather."

"You people certainly are organized. All the police in Georgia couldn't do as well with a crowd that size."

"In one of the motels here in Brunswick, there was no hot water for three days and not a complaint was heard!"

"We have never seen children so well behaved."

"It was a real pleasure having you in our motel."

Have you ever wondered what people are saying about YOU? Now you know!

The excellent attitude of God's people was most evident on Saturday night. The rain came down by the buckets-full; many were soaked to the skin. Did they grumble or murmur? On the contrary, those in the tent sang and kept tune to lively band music. Those in the motels with leaking roofs cheerfully hung out their possessions to dry.

God's method of organization gets results. On the Last Great Day, 83 men sorted, counted, and recorded the collection from 7,000 people in 63 minutes! The cashier at the bank commented he had never received money so well packaged and accurately counted. At the conclusion of the feast, a large crew of volunteers removed the 7,000 chairs from the huge tent in a mere 15 minutes! Impossible, you say? Well, it happened anyway!

Negro Brethren Keep Feast in Texas (cont'd.)

was a most exciting event to many upon arrival. Zealous men who had developed skill at this job were available; therefore, newcomers and widows had no worry.

Many considered it a special blessing to have arrived early enough to attend the regular Friday night Bible study and the weekly Sabbath service in which Mr. Meredith gave a powerful sermon on "How to be a successful Christian."

The first night of the Feast began with an overflowing crowd; there were chairs set up outside where several hundred enjoyed the services sitting under the moonlight while others were seated in the dining room listening to the services on loud speakers.

Our annual semiformal ball was held on the night after the first Holy Day. The program was somewhat different this year. The eligible young ladies were dressed in long white evening gowns while the men wore white coats. The enjoyable event began with an introduction of the ministers and their wives, after which the eligibles came to the front and were coupled off and introduced to each other by Mr. Jackson. To add to the enjoyment of the evening, there was a short "talent review." The live dance music for the evening was

rendered by the Hampton band. The event proved to be a most delightful one for the hundreds of brethren who were there from many church areas.

As the Feast progressed day by day, we were hearing powerful sermons from the true ministers of Jesus Christ, the kind of sermons that get right down to the root of the tree regarding our salvation and daily Christian living. The shortness of the time was truly being stamped on our minds.

There were opportunities for various sport activities. Our softball team and volleyball team played teams from other church areas.

The annual picnic was another delightful event with swimming and boating in lake Loma.

We were privileged to see Mr. Leon Ettinger conduct the Chorale Concert for the last time before his retirement after serving at Ambassador College for 15 years.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong gave us the closing sermon on the Last Great Day, and the people who came to this place where God had placed his name could truly be thankful that God had commanded it and said, "you shall rejoice, you and your household."

New Church in Nashville!

by Ken Wingham

Nashville, Tennessee—Another page of church history was written on the Sabbath of October 10, when a new church was raised up by God Almighty in Nashville! At 9:00 A.M. 147 (21 7's—1 plus 4 plus 7 equals 12, God's **beginning** number) of God's happy people from middle Tennessee, southern Kentucky and northern Alabama assembled in the beautiful Commodore Room of the Dinkler-Andrew Jackson Hotel for the very first service.

Mr. Bob Steep, who will be pastoring the Nashville as well as the Evansville Church, led us in the opening songs after which he gave a very inspiring sermonette. Paraphrasing the account of building the temple at Jerusalem in the book of Ezra, Mr. Steep showed that we too should be very joyous because the foun-

dition of the Church at Nashville was laid at the Feast of Tabernacles and is now a reality. (Ezra 3:11). Then we were privileged to hear Mrs. Jewell Ray from the Atlanta Church sing "How Great Thou Art."

Last, but certainly not least, we were further blessed by having Mr. & Mrs. Dean Blackwell with us for this very memorable occasion. Mr. Blackwell gave the main sermon which was very stirring and uplifting to all. Much could be written about this sermon, however, I'm sure the main theme driven into the minds of everyone was the admonishment to have brotherly love—and to follow the example of the Church at Philippi.

To top this wonderful day off, exactly thirty men took the pen firmly in hand and signed up for the Spokesman Club and not a single case of knee knocking was heard.

Answers to Knowledge Knots

1. James Buchanan, America's 15th President, was the only man to serve a full four year term as President without a mate. Buchanan is rated by many historians as a weak and indecisive President. His successor as President was Abraham Lincoln. Another President, Grover Cleveland, was a bachelor when elected but he married before the end of his first term (he couldn't stand the agony any longer!).
2. The new American dollar bill bears the words "federal reserve note." The old issues had the inscription "silver certificate." The new issue is not legally redeemable in silver currency as were previous issues. This new issue is only paper.
3. If you were there, you know it was Admiral Lowell Foster!
4. Zenas did legal work for the Apostle Paul. See Titus 3:13.
5. Light is much faster. It travels at approximately 186,000 miles per second while sound moves at a rate of 660 miles per hour. Both are faster than YOU are!

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