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Nine Thousand Attend Local Congregations

Over 9,000 brethren of the Church of God assemble around this world each Sabbath! In Fifty churches established on four continents, those whom God has called out of this world are able to be fed and instructed by God's chosen ministers on His Holy Sabbath Day.

Because of the establishment of new churches, plus the usual thirty percent growth in already established churches, the average attendance at local congregations has leaped FIFTY PERCENT since last year at this time. Forecasting next year's growth even at the conservative 33 percent mark, the heart-warming, pulse-quickenning figure of TWELVE THOUSAND appears as next year's Church of God News headline!

These thousands are ministered to by men only numbering in the dozens. There are many more thousands of the brethren who do NOT have the opportunity to attend services every Sabbath. And there are HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS who need and ask for literature, for answers to questions vitally concerning their lives . . .

Do you still think all the jobs in God's Work are filled, or does this help you to realize that there is a GIGANTIC WORK YET TO BE DONE . . . hundreds of jobs yet to be filled. God CAN use you—if you WILL!

We are commanded to "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God". We can fulfill this command by studying and doing God's will. Also, we must "Pray without ceasing" for God's work and His ministers. For those of you who are not familiar with God's ministers and their locations, here is a helpful list.

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Knowing Our Pastor

In the past two articles, we have followed the life story of a Texas youth who left Texas A & M College after 3½ years of training. He left the possibilities for an engineering career in the

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THE AUSTRALIAN STORY

For more than three years The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast had been going to the whole of Australia over a net-work of fifteen stations—once a week. By late 1959 plans were finalized for the commencement of daily broadcasting to begin the second week in November of that year. The obvious result of this growth necessitated the immediate establishment of an office in Australia staffed with trained personnel prepared to undertake the responsibilities anticipated with the rapid growth of the work in Australia and South-East Asia. Selected as the Director of this important undertaking, was Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse, who had previously completed a tour of duty as pastor of the Church in London and Director of the London office.

After continued resourcefulness in bringing pressure via telephone and letters on the Australian Consulate, Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Frank Longuskie accompanied Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong from Los Angeles to San Francisco Nov. 9, 1959. The flight from San Francisco to Sydney had been booked in *faith* even though after considerable time lapse, no



Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Cole discuss the Australian work in our North Sydney office.

visas had yet been granted by the Australian Consulate in San Francisco. The trio arrived at the Consulate in San Francisco at 2:45 p.m., hoping that by this time approval had been received from Canberra for issuing the visas. They found *approval had come*. But this was not the finish . . . medical exams and chest X-rays were now required much to their dismay. (Continue reading next month for the complete Australian story.)



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News Flashes

God's reward for service recently came to Mr. Gene Scarbrough, latest addition as deacon to the Bloomington Church. Mr. Scarbrough, a zealous worker, a solid family man, and one of the first members of the church in Bloomington, has born the fruits which qualify him for the position to which he has been elevated. His recent ordination was a joyful occasion for all those who know and love him.

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On February 18th, a ten pound son, christened Daniel Abraham, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Avery Hitch. Their elation at his birth was enhanced by having this delivery at home, after experiencing four births in the hospital. Eight days later he was circumcised by a Rabbi.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jean Dawson of Browning, Illinois, are the proud parents of a baby girl, their third daughter, born February 7. Her name is Cynthia Jean.

CHICAGO FIRST CLASSES FOR THE LADIES

by Emma Dayton

Are you interested in learning more about good grooming, good manners, how to set a table properly, or how to bake bread? These and many other subjects will be covered in future classes.

The first class was held on February 11. Mrs. Viola Peets conducted, with Mrs. Joseph Schlitt and Mrs. Ray Roenspies acting as consultant. Eighty-eight adults and thirteen children made the attendance total 101.



Mrs. Peets asked the ladies to fill out cards with name, address, and occupation. In the case of married women, they were to put down their former occupation if they had worked outside the home previously. They also wrote down questions they would like answered or subjects to be discussed. Orders were taken for booklets on the subjects of Good Grooming, Good Manners, and a Baby Sitter's Handbook. Mrs. Peets read from the book on Good Manners, also reading an informative article on whether it is wrong to wear clothing of mixed fabrics. The last portion of the class was spent answering some of the questions the ladies had written. The starting time for the class was 9:30 A.M. and it seemed that only minutes had elapsed until it was ended at approximately 11:45:

We have all been looking forward to the next class (on March 4).

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wealth-laden oil fields of his native state in order to become a student at a new college, without great world reputation, and for a **possible** career in the ministry. He also married his home town sweetheart before becoming, in the eyes of the world, "established." After thus stepping out on faith, Mr. Dean Blackwell began a brilliant new career in the Church of God — a life work which shows the spirit of God active within him.

His responsibility for the spiritual growth of all the true Christians in the Mid-West section of the United States—the "salt" (Mat. 5:13) which must not lose its savour — began after his assignment to feed the two congregations of the

flock in the St. Louis and Chicago circuit in 1956. Milwaukee was added in the same year and by Fall, 1957, Mr. Blackwell and his family headed for Pasadena so he could take some graduate work at Ambassador College. Mr. Wayne Cole relieved him of his duties in the Chicago-Midwest area while he was away.

Mr. Blackwell then turned to Chicago resuming the burden of an 850-mile circuit: In August, 1958, the reshuffling of territories prompted the removal of St. Louis from his area, but three weeks later, he started the El Paso, Ill. Church with twelve members. The year saw great progress in the Churches of God under the able and watchful eye of Mr. Black-

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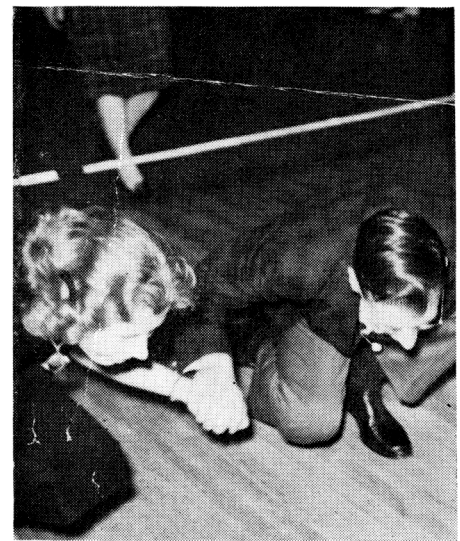
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- Brethren, lets keep in mind what Samuel said, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (I Samuel 12:23).

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM CO-WORKER DEPARTMENT

Although the government allows you to contribute up to 30% of your income to the Church, the chances of your tax return being questioned is less when you split your contributions among two organizations. Therefore, to those of you that will be giving 20% of your income or more to the Work, we suggest that once every three or four months you request a receipt from Ambassador College. Toward the end of the year when you know your contributions are running well over 20% you might wish to classify all donations in December as Ambassador College. This simple method will insure an acceptable balance of your contributions between the Church and the College as far as the Federal Government is concerned.



Mr. and Mrs. Griggs, and the "Limbo", taken at the recent Milwaukee social of February 24th. Many of the Chicago brethren also were able to attend. Mr. Ochs directed the "Mixer", and a grand night of relaxation and joy was had by all.

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well. In November, Mr. Frank McCrady was ordained local elder. Additional laborers were needed. By 1960 the staff consisted of one preaching elder, two local elders, seven deacons, and one deaconess in the three churches. During the flourishing '60's the El Paso Church (which had become the Bloomington Church) was taken from the circuit, but God did it again thru Mr. Blackwell. Bible Studies had been held in the South Bend area and, after careful consideration, the South Bend Church was begun in mid-July, 1961, with 164 members!

Today the South Bend Church and the La Grange extension of the Chicago Church are going full swing so that Mr. Blackwell now has charge of a total of ten Churches. Under him are four preaching elders, five local elders, and a host of deacons and deaconesses.

Despite the fast pace at which he must work to meet his many commitments, Mr. Blackwell realizes that in order to be a whole man and a rational one he must balance his activities. He maintains an interest in sports and participates in the activities of the Chicago-LaGrange basketball teams when he can find the time.

He is now an "established" family man also, and spends time with his three daughters Regina 7, Rhonda 5, and Bon-

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Example of Prayer

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nie Lynn 3. The girls love an occasional trip with their parents to a museum, zoo; or picnic. Mr. Blackwell has two brothers at Ambassador College—both due to graduate this year. His mother is also in the Church; a young brother attends the Imperial school in Gladewater, and his father is a friend and help of the Gladewater Church. This Kilgore, Texas, family really contribute to God's work!

The most touching part of his personality is his personal concern for each one of the brethren. That seems to be the key to his success. The way in which he is able to understand problems and to help solve them makes him most beloved. This is greatly evident when he "steps on our toes" in love and exhorts us, corrects us, and admonishes us in our weaknesses.

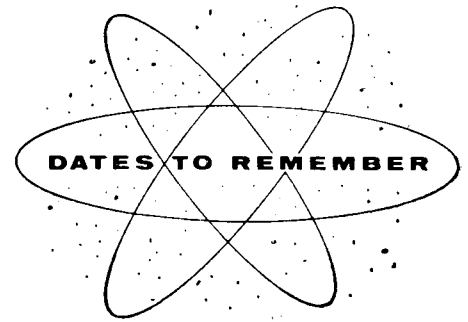
Those of us who have met Mr. Blackwell already are aware of these qualities which he has in his possession. Those

of you who have not will understand quickly why this dynamic, persistent, unrelenting, and compassionate individual is able to get the job done. His organization of three speech clubs in Chicago and many educational and recreational opportunities for all, help us strive to attain the perfection which eludes the general world today.

He is a man truly dedicated and cognizant of the gigantic task before him. He faces it with dogged determination and zeal which few could match. Mr. Blackwell himself has said that this is not a one-man job! Therefore, it is the duty of all of us to give a little of ourselves for a man who is giving his all for us. By following his example we may achieve the high calling to which we should be aspiring.

Today's Grin

A psychiatrist is a guy who asks you a lot of expensive questions your wife asks you for nothing.



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.

SOCIAL: March 31st at Bloomington. Chicago Brethren are heartily invited.

SOCIAL: Chicago — Sometime in March — Date to be announced.

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