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Hold Combined Meeting Midwestern Spokesmen

by Maceo Hampton

Men of this world have military training centers, located in divers places in this country and around the world, for the purpose of training men to fight physical wars after the pattern of this present system of society. But on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 18, 1962, men with grim-faced determination

Largest Passover Ever Held in Midwest

by Ken Ellis

gathered from three training centers of God Almighty: Chicago, Milwaukee, and Bloomington where they are preparing for a different type of warfare,

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Order and brotherly love keynoted the 1962 Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread here in the Chicago - Midwest Area. In the words of Mr. Dean Blackwell, Pastor over this area of God's Church, "This was the most orderly Passover I have ever seen for this number of people." With Evangelist, Roderick C. Meredith as visiting speaker, and a grand total of ten of God's servants, to instruct, admonish and correct us, it was to be expected that the assemblage would be respectful and attentive.

The combined Feast Days were held in three separate halls this year: The Keyman's Club, and the Electricians' Hall, both near Madison and Cicero, and the Logan Square Masonic Temple.

A sober, soul-searching group of 614 took the Passover on Tuesday night. These baptized members of the Church of God had come from many midwestern states and Canada to be present for this most meaningful occasion. After the thought-provoking ceremony conducted by Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Meeker, Minister of the Milwaukee Church, the congregation quietly retired to their homes to think upon the great sacrifice made for us by Jesus Christ.

The following evening, the Night to Be Much Remembered, 972 assembled at the Keyman's Club for an evening of

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**MINISTERS GATHER IN CHICAGO FOR THE
DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD**

At a treasured moment during the Feast of Unleavened Bread these servants of God were assembled for this picture. They are as follows from left to right: Mr. John Bald, Mr. Raymond Roenspies, Mr. Clarence Bass, Mr. Gary Antion, Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, Mr. Dean C. Blackwell, Mr. George Meeker, Mr. Lester McColm, Mr. Hal W. Baird, Jr., and Mr. Harold Jackson.



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Correction Please

In the March issue of this paper Mr. Kenneth Swisher was listed as supervisor in the Southern area. This should read Southwest area. Mr. Gerald Waterhouse is Supervisor of the Southern area. Also, Mr. Carl McNair is listed as the minister of the Memphis and Little Rock Churches, and also as Visiting Minister. Please omit the latter. By making these changes you will be able to keep your list up-to-date.

Thank You

Only God knows how grateful I am to my brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers in Christ, who prayed and fasted for me during my illness.

God is so good to His people, and I thank Him even for this trial. May He bless each and every one of you, for your concern, your prayers and your help.

Mrs. Lester McColm

Feast In Meridian

by Edwin Marrs

Surprises never cease in God's Church. Such was the case when Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson were notified they would be with the brethren in Meridian, Mississippi, for the Passover and first Holy Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, along with Mr. Sanders Ray, left Chicago on April 12.

There were twenty-eight who partook of the Passover. The Feast was held Thursday in the Palm Room, a very nice and adequate hall. Out of a total of forty-six adults and children, an offering of \$322.00 was given. It can truly be said that with God's people, "Where the heart is, there will your money be also."

We truly rejoice and pray earnestly for God's people in Meridian, who were overjoyed to see more of God's people who really care for them.



Among the participants in the combined Spokesman Club held during midweek in the Days of Unleavened Bread are the speakers you see pictured above. From left to right: Mr. Larson, from the Milwaukee Church; Mr. Gene Scarbrough, from the Bloomington Church; Mr. John Wood, from the Chicago Church; Mr. Harold Krueger, from the Milwaukee Church; and Mr. Martin Filippello, Toastmaster - from the Chicago Church - at LaGrange. Mr. Wood won the Best Speaker's Cup.

Dear Editor:

We really enjoy the few issues that we have of the Church of God News. We have gained so much knowledge from the interesting articles in it.

Please put us on the mailing list. We would like to receive a couple of back issues, if possible—October 15, as it contains Part I of the **Milk Question** and the March 15 issue, as we did not receive it.

Thanking you sincerely.

Your brethren in Christ,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Payton

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is \$1.00 to help pay for the publishing of the Chicago local Church of God News.

The newspaper is extremely interesting and gives me spiritual strengthening, too. My best wishes go to those behind the paper. Praise God, too.

Very truly yours,

Thomas R. Scott

NOTICE

Because of the special news events of Passover Time, the Australian Story part III will be continued in our June issue.

LARGEST PASSOVER (Cont'd)

fellowship, feasting and joyous reunion. By the following morning the attendance had swollen to a high of 997. A wonderful feast of physical food was served between the feasts of spiritual food. Mr. John Bald, assistant to Mr. Blackwell, gave the morning sermonette on "God's Calendar" and showed the relationship between the days of the year 31 A.D. and 1962 A.D. Mr. Meeker spoke briefly on the Holy Day offerings just before the collection was taken. Mr. Blackwell's sermon on "How to Become Among the Elect" showed definite pointers on how we must improve and change if we are to become among the elect of God. In the afternoon, Mr. Meeker spoke on "God's Mark" and Mr. Blackwell completed the day's menu with a sermon on "Attitudes in the Scriptures".

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COMBINED SPOKESMAN (Cont'd)

spiritual warfare! Men, who with their scattered comrades are being trained to use the "Sword of the spirit" which is the word of God!

This scintillating meeting with its hand-picked officers, speakers, and other participants was presided over by men from the Spokesman clubs of this area. President Mr. George Gibbs, Treasurer, Mr. Edward Karwacki, Secretary, Mr. Edmond Stout, Sgt.-at-arms, Mr. John Coco.

Our Over-all Evaluator was the pastor of the Chicago, La Grange churches, Mr. Dean C. Blackwell. Other of God's laborers present were Mr. George Meeker and Mr. John Bald. We were also privileged to have present the wife of God's Evangelist in charge of the Northwest area of the United States: Mrs. Raymond Cole.

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Chicago's Colored Chorale made itself known during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Its performance was especially appreciated by the scattered brethren. Its presentation was a Cantata on the Passion of Christ, by David H. Williams. The director of the Colored Chorale, Mr. Clarence Bass is to be congratulated on this achievement.

The Chorale members are as follows: Rear row reading from left to right—Mr. Isaiah Morrison, Mr. Edwin Marrs, Mr. Russell Hampton, Mr. Maceo Hampton, Mr. Nelson Brown, Mr. Maurice Welch, Mr. George Sampson, Mr. Eugene Dumas, Mr. Donald Porter, Mr. Ralph Penson, and Mr. Clarence Bass, Director. Front row, Mrs. Helen Gibson, Miss Colleen Hamilton, Mrs. Mary Hampton, Mrs. Virtue Whittle, Mrs. Tabia Foster, Miss Aletra Hampton, and Miss Carmelita Hampton.

ONE-SENTENCE SERMONS

Religion is bread for everyday, not cake for special occasions.

Christians should be like pianos grand, square, upright and in tune with God.

Opportunity knocks at the door of many a person while he's honking for service somewhere else.

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

LAODICEAN JONES



LARGEST PASSOVER (Cont'd)

With the arrival of Mr. Meredith during the Bible study on Friday afternoon, came greetings from the Pasadena area. Despite a very rough flight (by jet) he was ready to give us a sermon on the Sabbath. Mr. Harold Jackson, the only colored elder in God's work, told us of his having conducted the Passover in Meridian, Miss. for 28 colored brethren who attended the feast day there. Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Jackson on their trip was Mr. Sanders Ray, an outstanding member of the Chicago Spokesman Club. One of the men who has come along in the Spokesman Club to the point that he might be a help among the scattered colored people.

Mr. Meredith's first sermon was on "Why We, God's People, Are Together"—celebrating, unlike the rest of the world, and set apart from the world. In the afternoon, Mr. Meredith's talk was on "Leadership Development". Rounding out a full Sabbath was Mr. Blackwell's "God Is A Family," which he showed us that one of the major problems among the people was a lack of **persistence** in striving toward the major goal of God's kingdom.

On Saturday evening, a social was held at the Masonic Temple, while the Negro brethren had one of their own at the Fiftieth Bridge Club. Theirs was doubly joyous in that it was also the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Maceo Hampton, who had been married by Mr. Blackwell the previous Thursday evening.

The next morning, while the rest of the world was celebrating "Easter", God's people were rejoicing in another full day of instruction and feasting. Mr. Les McColm, minister of the South Bend area, spoke on "Spiritual Types" and how certain parallels may be drawn between the people of ancient Israel and today's Church. Mr. Meredith's sermon was "God's Holy Spirit and What it Can Do For Us". He expounded on the fact that the "Easter" celebrations deny the one true sign that Christ is the Messiah—that He was to be in the ground for three days and three nights, and then he went on to tell just what God's holy spirit is and how it should be used.

At noon, the group partook of the feast meal together. Mr. Hal Baird, who had taken an early morning plane from St. Louis, where he had conducted festival services, delivered a very helpful sermon telling "Nine Ways to Put Sin Out of Your Life". He told how to start the day right, how to plan because

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LARGEST PASSOVER (Cont'd)

"There is time for every purpose under the heaven" Ecc. 3:1. Mr. Blackwell followed with a sermon on "Security in Sins", showing three ways people are inclined to harbor sins in their lives and what should be done about it.

Sunday evening, the Walt Disney color film, "The Living Desert", was shown to all who wished to stay for even more fellowshiping and entertaining instruction.

Wednesday morning dawned bright and sunny and God's people met in the attractive Electricians' Hall for the final festival day. In his opening sermonette, Mr. Meeker admonished us all to "Make a Continual Effort". Mr. Blackwell showed "How God Guides His Church" and how more members should addict themselves to the ministry of the saints, this being the important thing in life.

Once again a sumptuous physical meal, served at noon, was enjoyed by all. Beginning the afternoon meetings, Mr. Jackson talked on "Reaching God Through Prayer." For his final sermon, Mr. Meredith delivered: "We Are Here to Become Like God" and showed us four ways we can accomplish this: "By searching for our sins; Truly acknowledging them and repenting; Doing battle against our weaknesses; and Walking with God". He commended the efforts of all God's servants in the many facets of their work in the Chicago Area. Although the actual sermons were over, the real work is just beginning for those who are striving to overcome and to attain the Kingdom of God.

COMBINED SPOKESMAN (Cont'd)

Mr. Lowell Foster added his contribution to the afternoon's training by presenting, in his unique way, many thought-provoking topics. To name one: "How would a worsening of the steel crisis affect you?"

Our Toastmaster, Mr. Martin C. Filippello, brightened the meeting by telling jokes such as you have never heard before. Mr. Harold Krueger gave a challenging speech on "A Challenge": describing five points on which he works daily in order to overcome. Mr. John Wood carried us into the imagination-defying, and limitless universe in his speech on "My Reply to Mr. Krushchev." Mr. Gene Scarbrough's speech on "Wild-life" gave us a spine-tingling new concept of the increase of wild animals in the present and very near future. And to ring down the curtain, the final speaker of the day was Mr. Larson of Milwaukee, adding to our knowledge with his revealing speech about The Prophet Jere-

miah." Finally Mr. Blackwell sprang a startling surprise on many of our scattered visitors as well as some of the local brethren with his announcement that there would be as of May 1st, 1962, not one, not two, not three, but four Spokesman Clubs in the Chicago area. Meetings are as follows: Saturday Night, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, and the latest addition, Tuesday Night. The officers and members of each are:

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Our Over-all Evaluator stunned us with the heart rending statement that, 5% of those attending local churches fall away from the truth, while a staggering 70% of our beloved scattered brethren fall away. The primary cause is that there are not enough yielded and dedicated men qualifying themselves to be sent to these areas as pillars, and leaders. The realization of this fact should inspire those who are already attending one of the clubs to spend and be spent in an untiring effort to grow and qualify for the Eternal's work. And the list of vacancies in the clubs should move the "Jonah's" of all areas to stop running from their God-given responsibility, and yield as pliable clay in the hands of their Creator that He might through these Spokesman Clubs prepare us as instruments to be used when, where, and in any way that the living Head of the work of God may choose.

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