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NEW DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED

God's Church is growing! The attendance in all areas is rapidly increasing and new local churches are continually being established. This burgeoning growth has made it necessary to add additional districts in this country and decrease the geographical size of the ones which had existed.

The northeastern district, which is under the supervision of Mr. Raymond Cole and served by this edition of the Church of God News, had few local churches and Bible studies several years ago. Just before the formation of new districts last month, this district encompassed 16 churches and six Bible studies.

The new Northeastern District now has within its borders nine churches -- Manhattan, Brooklyn, Newark, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Richmond, Buffalo and Toronto -- and two Bible studies in Concord and Washington, D.C. This number is only temporary since new churches are being planned.

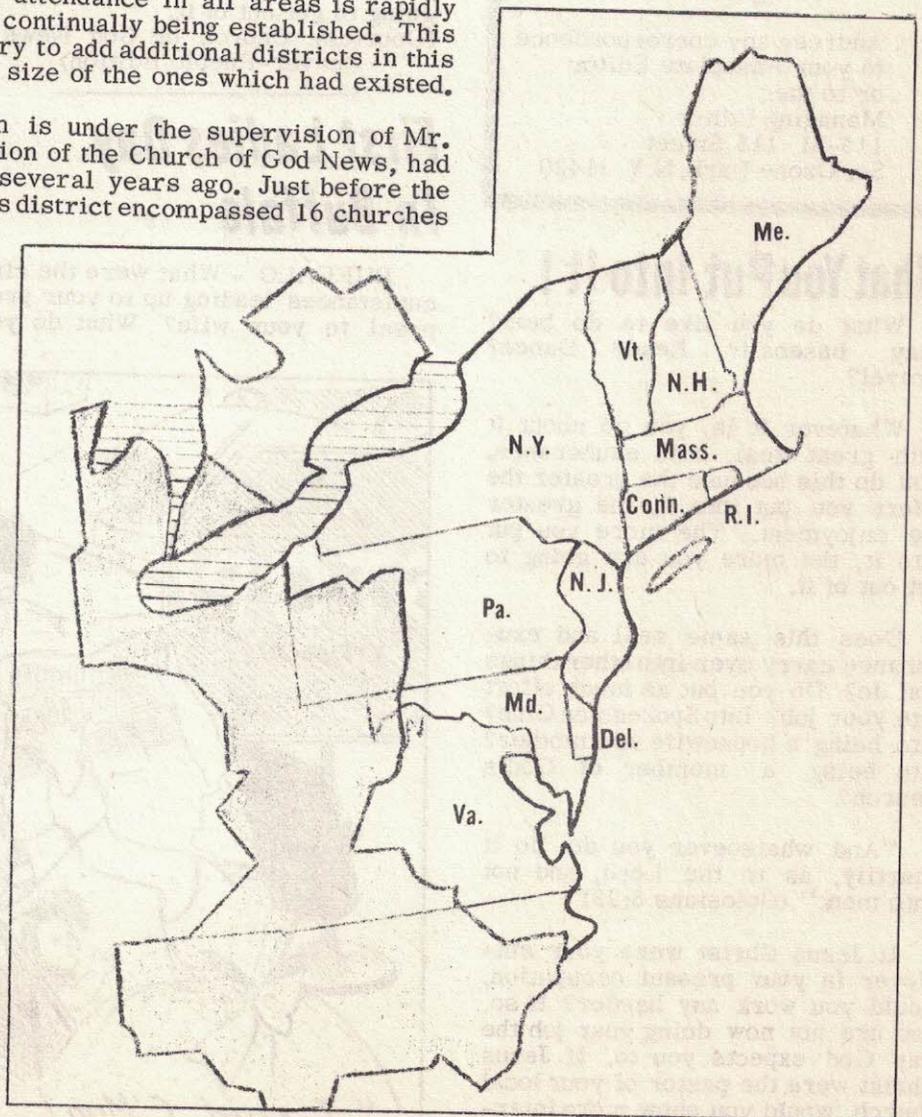
The churches in Akron, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Toledo and Detroit and those in Greensboro and Asheville are now in districts under the supervision of Mr. David Antion and Mr. Kenneth Swisher respectively.

Change and growth are two things which will continually be experienced in this Philadelphia era of the Church of God. Let's be ever thankful we are part of that change and growth as members of the body of Christ.

Pentecost In New York

NEW YORK - The brethren of the Newark, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Brooklyn Churches of God, as well as scattered brethren travelled to the

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activities? If so, are you sure that you are now in the best possible attitude toward God's Church? Wives, would your house be more clean and neat if you thought Jesus Christ might call on you? And do you have the respect for the office of your husband that you would have if Christ were in that office? And you husbands, do you love your wives as Christ loves the Church?

These are things that you have repeatedly been pointed out in the Plain Truth, the Good News and in sermons. And yet we all have to admit that we still fall short--some of us, abysmally far short. And we seem to continue month after month without striving to correct the situation.

Christian living cannot be divorced from our jobs, our home lives, and our social lives. We must put every possible effort into being ambassador's for Christ. What you put into life, that is what you are going to get out of it.
(Courtesy Church of God News - Denver-Pueblo Edition)

First Ladies Day In Buffalo

BUFFALO - What were the circumstances leading up to your proposal to your wife? What do you

think about women drivers? What would you do about the recent "Free Speech Movement" were you the dean of Berkley College? These were only a few of the questions put to the men at the first ladies day for the Buffalo Spokesman Club on May 23rd.

Mr. Patrick Regoord, as Topics-master, presented a lively session and certainly drew a variety of responses. A deep sigh of relief could almost be felt, as well as heard, as the ladies were informed that they were at liberty to volunteer if they wished, but otherwise would not be called upon. Mrs. Gary Antion proved to be the only lady brave enough to participate. The variety of subjects discussed plus the equally fine performance given by the Toastmaster, Mr. Charles Vaughn, were contributing factors to the success of the day.

The ladies had the opportunity of seeing how the Spokesman Club is conducted and also how those participating are overcoming and learning to become leaders. Their presence seemed to put the men more on their toes and made it that much more rewarding for those who received the trophies. The trophy winners were Mr. David Tinkham, Mr. Mark Issler and Mr. Wilbur Smith.

We are all looking forward to more ladies days.

What You Put into It!

What do you like to do best?
Play baseball? Read? Dance?
Travel?

Whatever it is, you go about it with great zeal, with exuberance. You do this because the greater the effort you put into it, the greater the enjoyment. The more you put into it, the more you are going to get out of it.

Does this same zeal and exuberance carry over into other things you do? Do you put as much effort into your job? Into Spokesman Club? Into being a housewife and mother? Into being a member of God's Church?

"And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." (Colosians 3:23)

If Jesus Christ were your employer in your present occupation, would you work any harder? If so, you are not now doing your job the way God expects you to. If Jesus Christ were the pastor of your local church, would you show more interest in and enthusiasm for the church





A SIGN OF THE TIMES

DE GAULLE STRIKES AGAIN

French President Charles De Gaulle has served notice on the U.S. that his country will pull out of NATO by 1969 at the latest and probably much sooner.

More than this, De Gaulle wants all NATO facilities and equipment removed from French soil and threatens to confiscate all property not removed. Estimates for the cost to the U.S. for removing this equipment run to at least a billion dollars.

CHINA'S SECOND A-BOMB

On May 14, Red China exploded its second atomic bomb, immediately setting off comments from around the world about China's future nuclear capability.

The size of the blast was equal to 20,000 tons of TNT. Larger than the Hiroshima blast of 1945, it left no doubt about China's ability to produce a nuclear device.

In the wake of this blast, Defense Secretary McNamara announced that intelligence sources indicate that China's nuclear weapons program is going according to schedule and that in ten years at the maximum, China will have a nuclear arsenal and a delivery system capable of attacking the U.S.

Political "experts" in this country are now drawing conclusions as to why China won't enter the Viet Nam war. They say China doesn't want to risk bombing by the U.S. and risk destruction of its nuclear plants before they have a chance to fully develop the program. Entry of China into the Viet Nam war would give the U.S. just the excuse for doing this while Russia, who also takes a dim view of China having

the bomb, would sit by and watch.

The bomb was exploded in western China near the Soviet border, and fallout from the blast passed over Japan releasing a storm of protests from that country on its trip around the world.

DROUGHT NEWS

Lack of rain and the lowering water table in New England is causing an alarm to be sounded by worried officials. One official said, "It will take one month of rain to fill our lakes and bring the water table back to normal." The drought situation is becoming so acute there is fear of a New England dust bowl in the making.

ANIMALS ATTACK

In New England it looks as though Lev. 26:22 is going to be fulfilled in the near future. There seems to have been a population explosion among the wild beasts from chipmunks to bear. Recently bear in northern New Hampshire attacked and killed cattle and sheep.

A Golden Opportunity

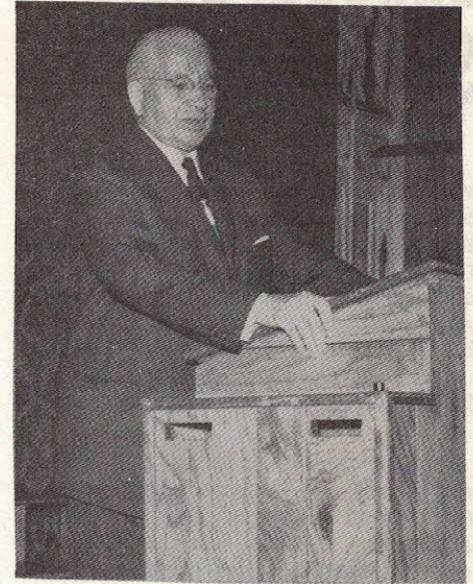
NEW YORK - Where can you find the important selected works of Gibbon, Rawlinson, Shaff or Josephus? Where can you find many Bible reference books such as dictionaries, Moffatt, etc? Where can you locate a set of encyclopaedias for easy reference? Where can you borrow books on speaking, history, Germany or other interesting subjects? THE CHURCH LIBRARY, THAT'S WHERE!!

We have been appalled at the lack of borrowism and enthusiasm shown towards these invaluable reference works. They are all found in our own church library and are to be borrowed free of charge. These works can better enable you to PROVE and back up many of the things you now believe. They can broaden your horizons and give you a much better understanding.

You brethren in Newark can see Mr. Wallace Anderson for prompt and efficient service while those from Brooklyn should look for Mr. Stanley Lowe. In Manhattan check with Mr. Steven Mathe. These men are standing by just waiting to assist and serve YOU.

Pentecost

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MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
IN NEW YORK CITY

church in New York City to observe the 1965 Feast of Pentecost. This year we were once again blessed with three full days of services.

With over 1400 observing the 1934th Pentecost, the continued growth of God's Church was quite in evidence. God's ministers delivered the spiritual food, with Mr. Raymond Cole speaking Pentecost morning on "Do We Understand the Need of the Holy Spirit?" During the afternoon service, we were blessed to have Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong deliver the main sermon which dwelt on the importance of having a spiritual mind.

This spiritual food combined with an abundance of physical food, and the special music, made Pentecost a memorable occasion.

Buffalo Growth

BUFFALO - The Buffalo Church is growing by leaps and bounds and is now boasting a recent attendance of 162. Our ranks were swelled by many new brethren and also the presence of some visitors from Pittsburgh, Akron and Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Our present meeting place is soon to be outgrown, but there are no complaints as we all rejoice in the increase of those being called to God's Truth and the blessing of knowing those of like mind and spirit.

Unusual Bible Study

NEW YORK - The night began with the usual Tuesday night Bible Study--but it turned out to be anything but usual. As one walked up the stairs at the Woodstock, he became aware of an air of excitement. As he reached the top of the stairs he saw why. There, one after the other, he saw most of the ministers in the Northeastern District.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Cole explained the presence of the distinguished visitors. They were here attending a three-day ministerial conference; solving problems and plotting the necessary expansion during the next several months.

Mr. Cole acted as toastmaster (rating, Excellent!) and introduced Mr. Hoops of Akron, Mr. Arvidson from Ashville and Mr. Holladay from Wheeling. These three men each told of the recent church growth and the coming expansion in each of their areas. It was very exciting and inspiring to hear of the growth of God's work throughout the District.

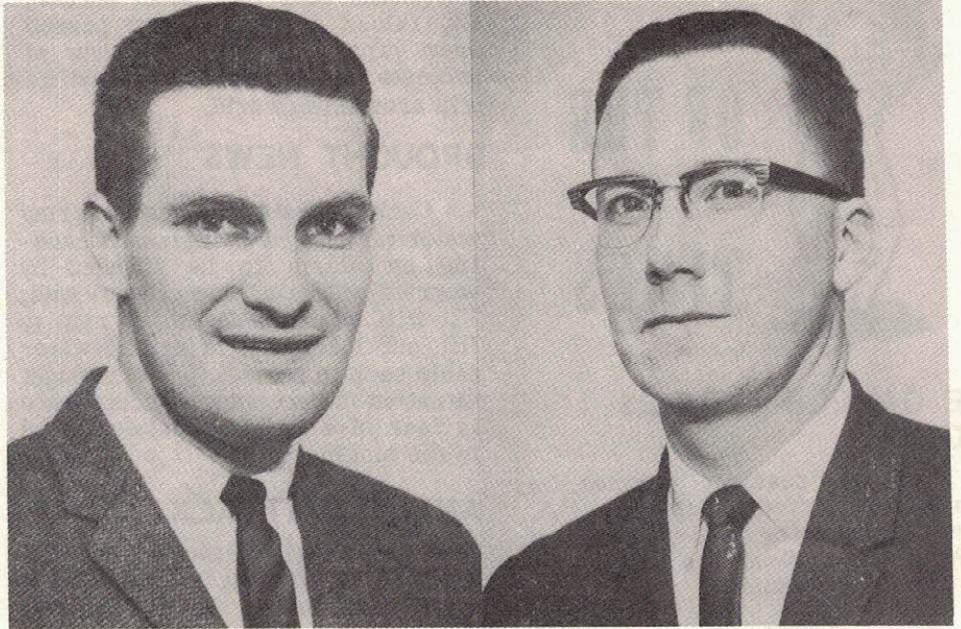
The main part of the meeting continued the different format. Three more ministers from areas distant from New York City used the balance of the time to give three very profitable messages.

Mr. Mocarow from Detroit-Toledo gave a very thought-provoking message on "Teenagers - In and Out of The Church". After outlining the attitudes and clans of the teen world, he gave us several points to show us how to properly rear our teenagers.

Mr. Friddle from Pittsburgh then took over, and after telling us of the rapid expansion in the Pittsburgh area, helped us to realize the importance of fully developing the mind, attitude and personality to be of service now and in the coming Kingdom, which will NOT be a welfare state.

Mr. Cole altered the final introduction of the evening to inform us that Mr. Plache would be leaving shortly for Pasadena to instruct at Ambassador College. Mr. Plache

The First Two



MR. GEORGE LEE

TORONTO - There were two very surprised Canadians at the Feast of Pentecost in Toronto. During the afternoon sermonette, Mr. Antion suddenly called for Mr. Perc Burrows and Mr. George Lee to come to the fore to be ordained to the rank of deacon. Both were dazed by the statement, but recovered and came to the front to be ordained.

Mr. Perc Burrows has been doing outstanding work in the Church since it's inception. He has been responsible for locating halls, giving receipts for tithes, on the Church of God Newspaper staff, and other responsible functions. He has been in the Church for three years. His

talked about the plan and purpose of Satan and the ways we in our lives give Satan a green light to trip us up. He closed with exhortation on the proper way to combat Satan and thwart his plan.

We all rode home that evening with an extra glow of warmth and more to pray about after a most momentous evening.

Philadelphia Church Picnic

PHILADELPHIA - A beautiful day, aesthetic surroundings, delectable food, refreshing beverages,

MR. PERC BURROWS

wife and family are good examples in the Church as well.

Mr. George Lee has been in God's Church since 1957. He had to wait a long time for a Church but has shown his zeal didn't lag by serving faithfully once it did come. He has been in charge of tabulation of attendances, social activities, and was a Spokesman Club President. His dedicated wife and two daughters are solidly behind him in the Church.

We thank God for ordaining these first two Canadians from Eastern Canada to the rank of deacon and we pray for their continued zeal in serving in the Toronto Church.

invigorating exercise and recreation and wonderful fellowship; these were the ingredients that went into the first Philadelphia Church picnic of the season. One hundred sixty-five attended and enjoyed themselves immensely in the beautiful surroundings of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park on May 23, 1965.

The highlight of the day's festivities was the softball game in which both men and women participated. The women played exceptionally well making the game interesting rather than comical. After a full day of frolicking in the sun, we all participated in a "Sing Along With Dave," in the cool of the evening.

One of the fruits of God's Holy Spirit - Joy - was thoroughly experienced this day.



**Here
and
There!!**

NEW YORK - A hearty pre-welcome to the two newly formed Negro Spokesman Clubs which will be forthcoming in the fall in New York City.

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PHILADELPHIA - We're very happy to have Mrs. Phillip Salato and infant son back in our midst after her prolonged visit to Pittsburgh.

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TORONTO - We were pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Stroud to Sabbath services May 29th and June 5th and also for the Feast of Pentecost. Mr. & Mrs. Stroud, from the Pasadena Church, are the parents of Mrs. Frand Schnee. They had attended a number of the early Bible Studies in Toronto.

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TORONTO - In Toronto for the Sabbath service on June 5th, 277 persons were present to break all previous records. It was only in July 1963 that the first Bible Study was held in this city with a total of 86 in attendance.

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NEWARK - Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Demarest who were married by Mr. Raymond Cole on June 3rd. Mrs. Demarest is the former Miss Marcia Houghtaling of Miami, Florida.

BALTIMORE - We are happy to see Mrs. Roy Miller again after she was absent for two weeks due to a broken leg. We know that she will be happy to be relieved of the cast.

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BALTIMORE - Our best wishes go to Miss Julie Walls and Mr. Israel Swarey, who are going to enter into a partnership. The wedding will take place in Pittsburgh.

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BALTIMORE - A hearty welcome is extended to those who now find themselves traveling to Baltimore each Sabbath instead of to Richmond. We know your smiling faces will be missed in Richmond.

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BALTIMORE - We are sorry to hear of your broken foot, Mr. Getz, and wish you a speedy recovery.

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NEW YORK - Miss Lana Dewey and Mr. Melvin Kangas are engaged. Purported date of the marriage is August 8th. Congratulations!

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NEWARK - Mr. Brian Wells and Miss Carol Keler were united in marriage on May 30, 1965 at Montvale, N.J. Mr. Walter Sharp performed the ceremony. Much happiness to you both.

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HARRISBURG - Stephanie Ann Cooper made her debut on May 29th. Mr. & Mrs. Cooper are now the proud parents of a girl who weighed 6 lbs. at birth.

Harrisburg Banquet

HARRISBURG - All things in God's Church keep getting better and better. The Plain Truth, Good News, Correspondence Course are all so fine now that one wonders how they could get any better but knowing this is God's work, they will. So it is with the Spokesman Club. The banquet meeting of the Harrisburg Spokesman Club on Sunday evening, June 13th was the best meeting yet.

The Club met in a beautiful room overlooking the Susquehanna River at the Nationwide Inn. The delicious

food and the presence of the fairer sex seemed all that was needed to give the Spokesmen the spark to make this a lively meeting.

Spokesman Banquet - Philadelphia Style

PHILADELPHIA - May 30th truly was a memorable day in the hearts of the Spokesmen of the Philadelphia Church of God. Not necessarily a Memorial Day, but one to remember all of the training and instruction and patient correction we have received as students of speaking.

It is truly a joy to observe growth in poise and power and overall effectiveness in newer and older members of the two clubs. The enthusiasm of Mr. Robert Dolan as our vocal exercise leader really helped to get some of the inhibitions out and the zeal back in. Mr. Archie Surplus directed an interest-holding and entertaining table topics session and entertaining table topics session highlighted by humorous and beautiful descriptions of marriage proposals. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp helped us to see more clearly how effective Ambassador College is in recapturing the true values in their marriage.

The excellent meal underlined the enjoyment of the meeting, increasing our thankfulness to our God Who has made all this possible, Who makes our joy overflowing.

The speakers brought timely, important and yet amusing speeches on a variety of subjects about which we all need to be concerned. Their evaluators proved effectively that there is still room for improvement.

Mr. Walter Sharp, director of the two clubs then presented his overall impression of the evening and introduced the grand climax: the new officers. They are: Club #1 - Pres. Mr. Vernon Temple; Vice-Pres., Mr. Robert Dolan; Secretary, Mr. Richard Fenstermacher; Treasurer Mr. Gerald Campbell; Sgt. at Arms, Mr. Ananias Henley. Club #2 - Pres., Mr. George Evans; Vice-Pres., Mr. Fred Balanda; Secretary, Mr. Al Cole; Treasurer, Mr. Richard Smith; Sgt. at Arms, Mr. Josiah Farney.

Mr. Sharp very accurately noted in conclusion that we don't have any summer vacation from overcoming our faults and weaknesses. So, Spokesmen, let's stay in the battle all year round, and look to the victories that lie ahead.



SCENES FROM HAWAII IN TORONTO

A Future Spokesman?

NEW YORK - It was a great day in the household of the Perkins clan when it was learned that their firstborn, namely Philip, was chosen to be Valedictorian of his graduating class. Although he will be going to Junior High School and still has a number of school years ahead, he has already set a wonderful example as a representative of God's church. And that's not all... The same week his parents were notified that he had won an essay contest and along with other students from his district, was requested to make an appearance to receive an award presented by the Mid-Bronx Community Council. Keep up the good work, Philip, we're proud of you!

Record Group Meets In Canada

TORONTO - The largest single group to assemble in this era of God's Church in Canada gathered at Leaside Community Gardens to observe the Feast of Pentecost. Four hundred and twenty-one brethren caused the hall to bulge at its seams.

Spiritual food was on the menu for the morning as a sermonette on "How to Count Pentecost" and a sermon on "What is the Holy Spirit!" were fed to the huge flock.

As Noon Time arrived the diet was changed to physical food and all ate their share of a bountifully prepared buffet-type meal, made possible by the generous contribu-

tions of food by the brethren.

As the afternoon service began, Mr. Antion started a sermonette on leadership but it was interrupted, when he called Mr. Perc Burrows and Mr. George Lee to the podium and ordained them to the rank of deacon. All shared in this joy as these two Canadians were the first of their nation from East of the Rockies to be ordained to that rank in God's Church.

The meaning of Pentecost and what we will be like at the spiritual first-fruits harvest was explained by Mr. Antion in the afternoon sermon. Thus ended another joyous Feast, not soon to be forgotten--that is, until the next Holy Day of God, the Feast of Trumpets!

Baltimore Plays Ball

BALTIMORE - The first softball practice of the Baltimore Church was held in Herring Run Park on Sunday, May 3, from 9:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. This session was initiated by the members of the Harrisburg Spokesman Club who attend the Baltimore Church.

Several brethren from the Washington, D.C. area were present making enough for two teams. After separate infield and outfield practice a game got under way with several long-ball hitters giving their legs and lungs some unaccustomed exercise. Team "A" started off with a bang but team "B" won the game.

The Spokesmen were well-exercised vocally as well as physically for the club meeting later that

Evening in Hawaii

TORONTO - "Night and you and blue Hawaii". You could almost feel the gentle breezes caressing the swaying palm trees, and hear the lilting strains of "Blue Hawaii" from the shores of Waikiki, as the Toronto Church held its last dance social of the season on May 30th.

Complete with grass skirts and Hawaiian punch the evening was an overwhelming success with everyone participating in the games, dancing and entertainment. Colorful decorations of painted murals and lush greenery enhanced by real and artificial flowers depicted the beauty of Hawaii, and made this evening one we will long remember.

The "Hawaiian Retreat", a uniquely decorated area with bamboo partitions and candle-lit tables, offered many delectable refreshments while our very own "Socialites" provided the sparkling and danceable music. To top off the evening, a half hour of entertainment presented by a very talented group of performers, including Hula Girls, provided enjoyment and amusement for all.

We can hardly wait for next fall!

evening. Some were already stiff and sore, but an enjoyable time was had by all.

When you have nothing to say, say nothing.

Diets are for people who are thick and tired of it.