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PATERSON CHURCH RAISED UP

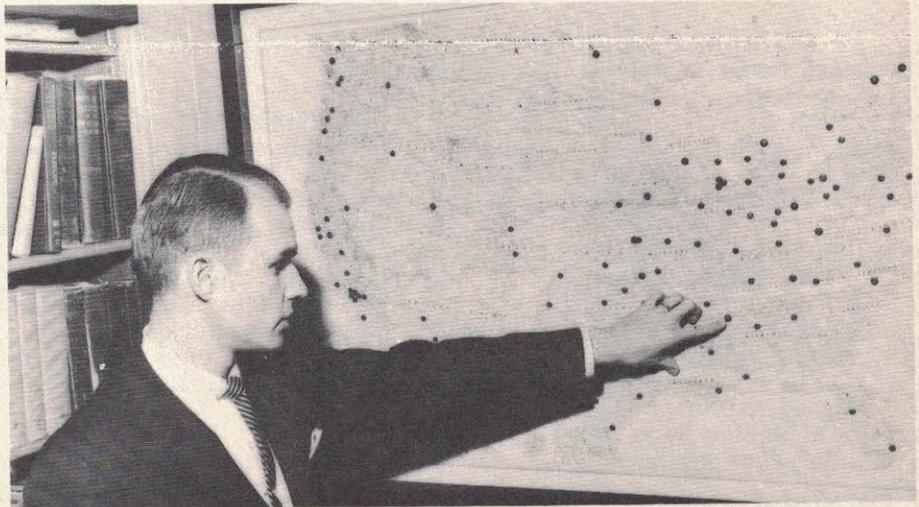
PATERSON - Looking like Old Mother Hubbard's shoe, overflowing with children, the Newark Church had to expand. On January 1, 1966, at the Paterson Y.M.C.A., one hundred fifty-four of these "children" became the Paterson Church.

At the beginning of services, nine year old Kim Van Acker started to cry. She realized, along with many of the rest of us, that part of the "family" was missing -- they still attended services in Newark. We then understood that expansion in God's work contains some heartache along with the joy of growth.

In the sermonette, Mr. Spence pointed out that through this growth, new opportunities and responsibilities are available to those willing to work. He stated that we should all take advantage of the new environment and grow.

Mr. Cole, district supervisor of the Northeastern area, gave the sermon. He showed man's ability to build and control power in engines, atom bombs, dams, rockets, etc. Yet man can't control his own human nature. It takes God's Holy Spirit, a power greater than any man can imagine, to conquer human nature.

The very existence of the Paterson Church testifies to how much God's Holy Spirit is working, conquering human nature, and building His church.



CHURCH MAP - Mr. Dan Porter points to map showing all the local churches in the U.S. Tremendous growth was made in the number of new churches during 1965.

1965 - A Fruitful, Dynamic Year For The Work of God!

Here we are winding up the year 1965! What kind of a year was it for God's Work? What lies ahead in the next year? With the idea in mind that the past can give a key to the future, many news analysts spend hours poring over records of the past year. With this in mind let us take just a brief glance back at some of the highlights of the year 1965 in God's Work.

The year got off to a bang in the broadcasting field in January as The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast was blasted into the land of Ephraim. Through a special telephone hookup from England to Pasadena, Mr. Armstrong heard the first broadcast over Radio London and gave a smile of joy and relief; we were on the air in power to England at last.

The rest of the year in the broadcasting field proved just as impressive; In the year 1965 the radio station lineup increased by more than 25 stations. From our own Radio Studio comes the fact that the wattage of radio power had increased by more than five million watts.

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Merry Semiramis

HARRISBURG - "Greetings and a Merry Semiramis to you all!" These were the opening words of Mr. Raymond Cole as he addressed the members of the Harrisburg Church, on December 25th.

The sermon that followed was indeed true spiritual food. He posed the question, "Will you remain steadfast to the end?" He then proceeded to show us how, why, and what we must endure; that the trials we are called on to bear are for the building of our election and calling.

It had been approximately a year and six months since Mr. and Mrs. Cole and family last were in Harrisburg -- June 20, 1964, to be exact. On that day he delivered the "baptismal" sermon of the "newest" church.

EDITORIAL

How to be a Good Assistant

by Keith M. Hunter

We often hear the stress put on becoming a leader, but WHAT DOES BEING A LEADER ACTUALLY MEAN? How would you define it? Would you ever define it as an "assistant?"

Isn't it true that being a good leader is also being a good assistant? The higher one goes in God's Work, or any work, the more he assists. Jesus Christ is an assistant, but a good assistant!

Satan lost his position because he didn't want to be an assistant. This same nature is in us -- we love to be BOSS, not to be under any authority at all. But in God's Government we will never be boss, always an assistant -- true, for all eternity. We will be doing God's job in aiding and assisting Him -- doing His work. Therefore, if we want to become good leaders, we HAVE TO BECOME GOOD ASSISTANTS.

Here are three points you must follow to become a really good assistant! You will likewise become a really good leader.

I. BE SUBMISSIVE

A. Do the job the way the boss wants it done, not your way. Any other way doesn't show insight, but open rebellion. The good assistant does his job when, why, how, where, etc., as he is told to do it.

B. The boss is boss because he is most generally right. That's why we should do it his way. Most humans, especially those full of human nature, secretly feel that they are smarter than their bosses. They feel their way is better.

C. When the boss makes a decision, back it up as you would your own personal project. Be sure to make his plan work. Certainly offer suggestions when asked, but remember that he doesn't have to follow them.

D. Don't make your boss have to be a dictator because he can't trust you to be obedient and do what he wants done.

E. Anticipate the thoughts and wishes of your boss -- just as you would with God. You know God's will through study and experience. If you would observe the boss's decisions you will know how he thinks. This will make you more valuable. If the boss should leave you with insufficient information to effect an operation, you're a good assistant if you can accomplish it, anyway.

II. HAVE HUMILITY

A. Be teachable. Remember that you can learn from anyone!

B. Never be a "know it all!" This type of person attracts enemies -- few friends. Learn to cooperate well; humility is the key

C. Don't act humble, BE HUMBLE. People can tell the difference.

III. REMEMBER GOD IS IN CHARGE

A. Never take things into your own hands if you think you are wronged.

B. Don't seek after position or seek to impress -- this is a selfish attitude. If advancement is all you want, CHANGE!

C. Don't push the boss or try to undermine him. Success comes through cooperation.

D. Be content with what you have and where you are if you can serve there. Apply these rules and you will be a good assistant

Remember, to be a leader really means to be a good assistant!

(Courtesy of The Church of God News
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BANQUETS. BANQUETS? BANQUETS!

NEW YORK-The audience laughed. Then they snickered. Then they roared -- until most were actually laughing. This was the audience's reaction to the Most Effective Speech at the fifth Semi-Annual Spokesman Club Banquet in New York on January 23.

Entitled, "The Invisible Companion of Man -- B.O.," Mr. Stratford's speech had everyone virtually rolling in the aisles. This light-hearted speech about one of man's oldest problems pretty much describes the tenor of the entire evening -- HUMOROUS! Also adding their presence were good conversation, a scrumptious meal, and a lively Tabletopics session.

Mr. Barkei's first "loaded" question of the evening -- "What was the sneakiest thing you've ever done?" -- evinced some eloquent and evasive replies from the members.

Mr. Zimmerman, the evening's Toastmaster, kept the meeting moving along as did the Speakers and Evaluators. This year, with six clubs participating, a speaker and an evaluator were selected from each club.

Mr. Raymond Cole's overall evaluation topped off a most delightful evening. He then announced the officers for the next term and



My favorite things ...

ended the evening with a swift rap of the gavel.

Here are the new presidents for the next term: Mr. Abner Washington; Mr. Robert Williams; Mr. Charles Carson; Mr. Mitchell Hadad; Mr. DeWitt Kepler; Mr. Gary Demarest.

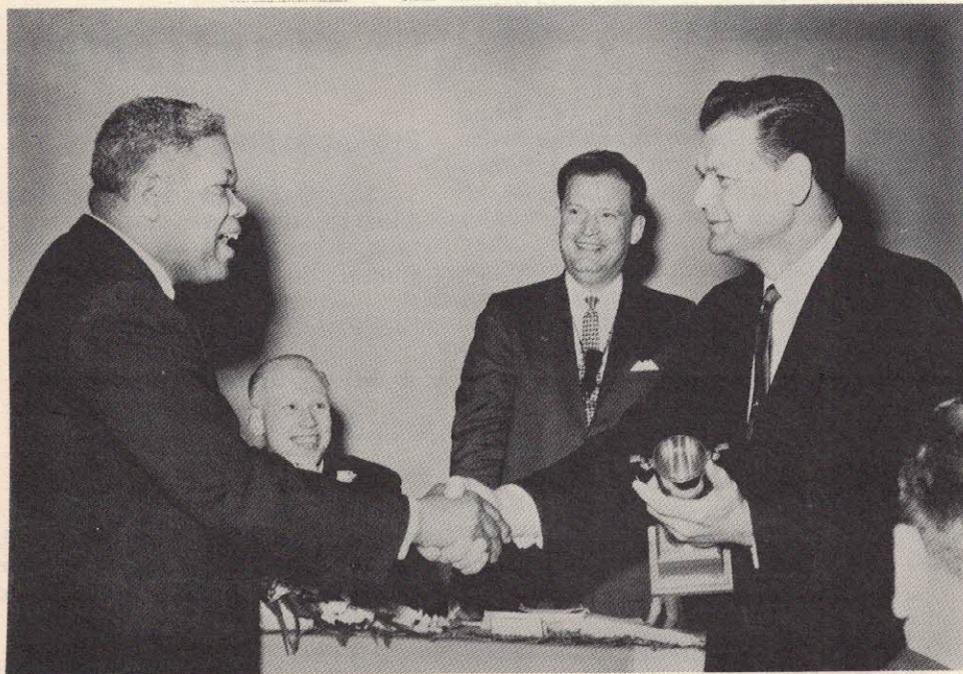
BUFFALO - TORONTO - Prudhomme's Garden Centre Motel Hall-January 9'. The combined Toronto and Buffalo Spokesman Clubs were gathered for a gala evening. The theme was "My Favorite Things"

Added to the setting were colorfully dressed wives and dates, a fine meal of roast, stuffed turkey, the activities of the club, and the very enjoyable dancing afterward. It was a fine evening!

Mr. Gary Antion directed the program. Presidential duties were shared by three club presidents: Mr. George Lee and Mr. Perc Burrows of Toronto; Mr. Patrick Regoord of Buffalo.

Mr. Henry Marek from Buffalo provided the dry humor in his introduction of the speakers. Unanimous honors and the trophy for the most effective speech went to Mr. William Wagner. His hilarious speech concerned the ultimate weapon in the field of golf -- a super putter, complete with compass, spirit level, light, and horn!

To top off the evening, Mr. Antion explained the various functions of the Spokesman Club for the ladies' benefit. He then announced the officers for the next term.



That was certainly the Most Effective Speech, Mr. Stratford. Congratulations from all of us here!

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SPOKESMAN'S CLUBS IN ACTION

BUFFALO - From the snowbelt city of Buffalo comes this news:

Basketball has invaded and has enthused the Buffalo Spokesmen Club Members -- tall, short, and rotund-- turned out for the energetic recreation, when a local school opened the use of its facilities to the Club. Once again an opportunity has been provided for the Spokesmen to keep active during the winter months.

As the bear stores up for hibernation -- so had some of our Spokesmen. But, forty-five minutes to an hour and a half of good steady exercise has slimmed down that winter store.

Even the ladies have stepped out to enjoy the invigorating sport of basketball. And for extra fun -- the husbands played their wives in a man to man defense (PARDON ME, man to woman). This game scored high in laughs and entertainment, especially for the audience and children.

We may never become professionals, but we're sure going to have fun trying!

TORONTO - What could possibly be better than a Spokesman Club? Why -- two Spokesman Clubs, of course!

Mr. Antion was faced with the problem of how to give over fifty anxious enthusiastic men equal opportunity in Spokesman Club with only time enough for one club meeting a week! His solution was two clubs, meeting on alternate Thursday evenings.

This arrangement has afforded everyone who earnestly desires to participate in the club's meetings and activities a chance to benefit from the experience and training which ONLY the Spokesman Club can offer.

The highlight of this term has been the Ladies' Night, giving the two clubs experience in meeting and working together. Each president shared the duties of the chair helping the evening to move at a lively yet enjoyable pace.

WASHINGTON - Thursday night, December 30th was a memorable occasion for the Washington Spokesman Club. LADIES NIGHT!! The twenty-two ladies present certainly inspired the members. We had the most enthusiastic meeting of the current semester, as the gentlemen pulled out all stops to give their guests a lively evening.

"What do you think of lady drivers?" sparked the topics session. This was ably answered by Mrs. John Hawk who came through "in the clutch." The speaking session, which followed, highlighted an already delightful evening.

Mr. Fred Kellers, our director, in his overall evaluation explained to the ladies the goals and purposes of the Spokesman Club. He added how the qualities developed in the club are valuable in all phases of daily living.

PHILADELPHIA - The Philadelphia Sunday Spokesman Club hosted several ladies and older children of club members on November 28. Our club director, Mr. Walter Sharp, rated the meeting as a very good meeting. Thank you ladies and young people for the lift your presence gave us.

Following the meeting two films were shown. One featured the highlights of scenic, industrial Pennsylvania. The film helped us to realize more than ever the wealth and beauty of our state. The other showed us how to properly administer mouth to mouth resuscitation. Who knows when one of us may share our breath of life with someone else.

Once upon a time when you told someone your battery was dead it was understood you were talking about your car not your toothbrush.

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What makes living on a small income so hard is having to spend so much of it trying to keep it a secret.

Marriages

Miss Mary Fields and Mr. Alexander Horychata were united in Holy Wedlock by Mr. Walter Sharp, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans on Saturday evening, December 4th.

On January 11, 1966, Mr. David Tinkham took as his bride the former Barbara Wheeler, who, until her marriage, attended church in Lexington, Kentucky. In the process of becoming a husband, Mr. Tinkham also became a father of four: Huston, William, Kevin, and Dana Wheeler.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. David Kenders, Philadelphia -- Girl, Beth Suzanne, Born October 25, 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Parent, Philadelphia -- Boy, Bart Anthony, born November 5, 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reese, Newark -- Girl, Amy Elisabeth, born February 3, 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. David Peace, Toronto -- Boy, Born December 6, 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Watters, Toronto -- Boy, Timothy Scott, born December 20, 1965.

Baptisms

PHILADELPHIA

Mr. Carl Derstine, Mr. Prince Albert, Mr. Edwin Harlar, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Given, Miss Virginia Postorello, Miss Irene Kosinski.

BUFFALO

Mr. William Bullivant

TORONTO

Mrs. Raymond McNut, Mrs. W. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tompsett, Mrs. Ivy McLenachan, Mrs. Theresa Baszta, Miss Shirley Jones, Mr. Albert DeKoning, Mr. Bill Farr.

If the stores start selling fruit any greener they will just be selling the seeds.

PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST...



Mr. Ivan Sell

Brethern, meet Mr. Ivan Sell.

Mr. Sell, a graduate of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, comes from a large family. His parents now attend the Phoenix, Arizona Church.

After graduation last June, Mr. Sell was sent to assist in the Greensboro, North Carolina church area. Following the Feast of Tabernacles in 1965, he was assigned to assist Mr. Walter Sharp in the Philadelphia and Harrisburg area.

Mr. Sell is already helping in the Spokesman Clubs, Bible Studies, and in bringing sermonettes; but the most important task of all is that of full time visiting with Mr. Sharp.

Welcome to the Harrisburg and Philadelphia area, Mr. Sell!

Did You Know?

According to P.T.A. Magazine, in Durham, England, girls don't have to wear caps in swimming pools while the boys do. This is because the girls are cutting their hair short while the "boys" are wearing theirs long.

BUFFALO - TORONTO - The assignment: Ministerial assistant to Mr. Gary Antion.

Ever since God raised up the Toronto Church in August 1964 -- and the Buffalo Church after the Feast of Tabernacles the same year -- it became increasingly apparent that an assistant was needed in these growing areas.

After the ministerial conference, God answered our prayers by sending Mr. Bryce to assist Mr. Antion.

Tall and rangy, Mr. Bryce hails from Texas. He entered Ambassador College in Pasadena in the Fall of 1961. After graduation and marriage in June of last year, Mr. Bryce began assisting Mr. James Doak in the Long Beach, California area.

His charming wife, Sharon, is a wonderful individual and you ought to get to know her.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Bryce every success in this area and extend a heartfelt welcome to the Toronto-Buffalo area.

NEW YORK - "There is a transit strike in New York. We might as well visit some prospective members on the way home rather than do nothing in the traffic jam."

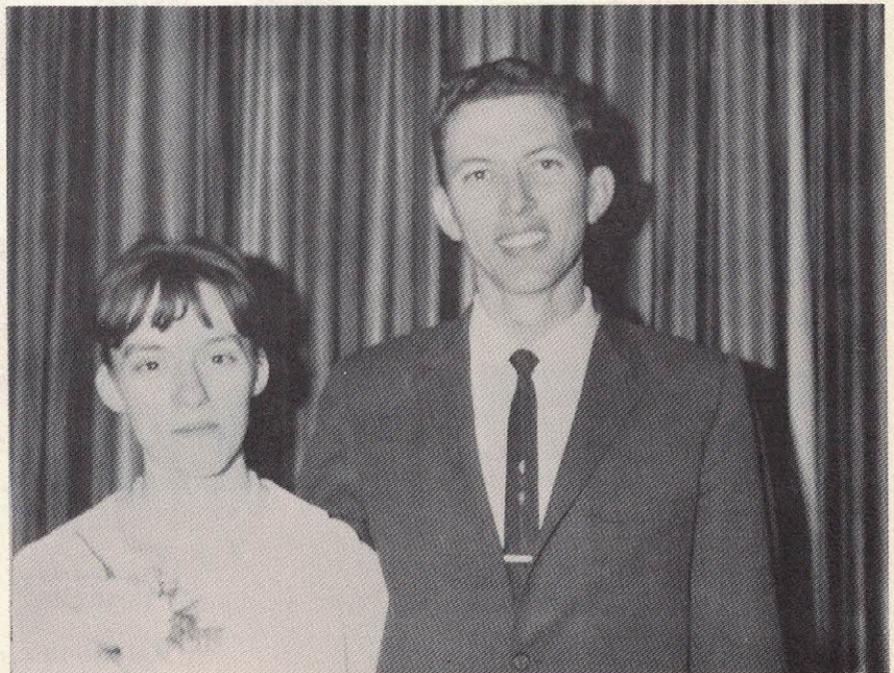
This was the greeting Mr. Ben Leonard received when he arrived in New York City from California. He wasn't allowed to even "take off his hat" before starting to work.

Mr. Leonard has been sent to assist the ministers in the New York-New Jersey area for a year before returning to Ambassador College to complete his senior year. He is a graduate of Imperial Schools and comes from a large Texas family Mrs. Fred Kellers, wife of the new local elder in the Baltimore-Richmond-Washington D.C. area, is one of his older sisters.

Having Mr. Leonard in this area is a wonderful blessing. With him, Mr. Spence and Mr. Platt can do more visiting in the area.

Welcome to the East, Mr. Leonard!

If molecules in *one* drop of water could be converted into grains of sand, there would be enough sand to build a concrete highway half a mile wide and one foot thick from New York to San Francisco.



Mr and Mrs. Charles Bryce

THE WELFARE STATE

The Government is my shepherd,
Therefore, I need not work,
It alloweth me to lie down on a good
job,
It leadeth me beside still factories,
It destroyeth my initiative,
It leadeth me in the path of a parasite
for politics sake,
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of laziness and deficit spending,
I will fear no evil, for the government
is with me,
I filleth my head with false security;
My inefficiency runneth over,
Surely the Government should care
for me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in a fool's paradise
forever.

Philadelphians Go Bowling

PHILADELPHIA - The Philadelphia Church, on the 18th day of December, held its first social of the winter season -- a bowling social. Sixty-six bowlers and sixteen non-bowlers participated. No one SPARED themselves the opportunity for a most enjoyable and invigorating evening. Everyone was able to STRIKE up an acquaintance as they diligently endeavored to better their bowling averages.

As is the case with all socials, the end came. We hope there'll be a next time!

The Greatest Mistake You can make in life is to be continually fearing You will make one.

—Elbert Hubbard

Schedule

BUFFALO - TORONTO -

March 19 Movie - Toronto
March 20 Movie - Buffalo
May 1 Dance - Buffalo
May 22 Spring Semi-formal
- Toronto

If you are in the respective areas at the time of any of the church socials, you are cordially invited to attend, especially you eligible ladies. Do you know that in the Buffalo Church alone there are nearly twenty-five eligible males?

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Tackle this tricky teaser!

Don't give up until you have conquered it!

ACROSS

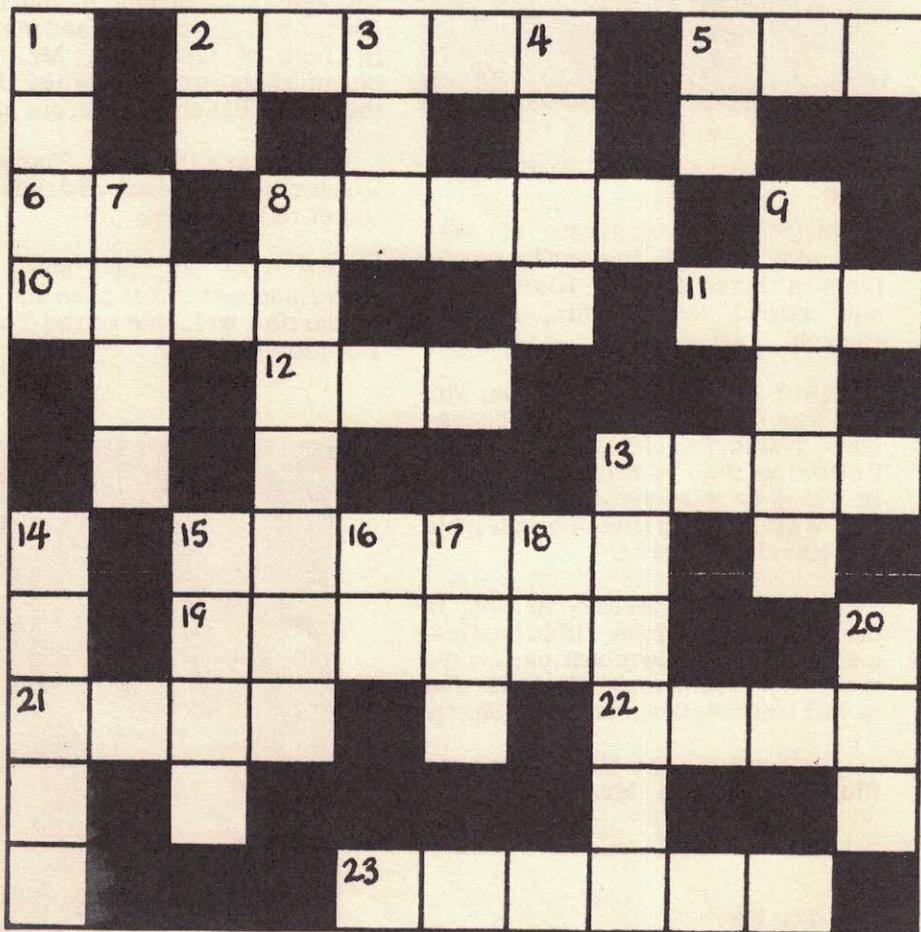
- 2 Abraham's son. (Gen. 17:19)
- 5 Self righteous man of Uz.
- 6 Abram of (Gen. 15:7)
- 8 He shall again reign over Israel. (Ezek. 34:23)
- 10 He wrote Acts and a Gospel.
- 11 Joshua the son of (Josh. 1:1)
- 12 He entertained two angels at Sodom. (Gen. 19:1)
- 13 Ruth's husband. (Ruth 4:13)
- 15 God's prophet who healed Jericho's water. (2 Kgs. 2:19-22)

- 19 Saul sought a witch to raise this man. (1 Sam. 28)
- 21 He only found grace in God's sight before the flood. (Gen. 7:1)
- 22 Cain murdered this brother. (Gen. 4:8)
- 23 He doubted Christ's resurrection. (Jn. 20:24-29)

- 5 Abbrev. for Gospel writer.
- 7 David's lineage began with her.
- 8 She found Samson's weakness. (Judg. 16)
- 9 He betrayed Jesus. (Lk. 22:47-48)
- 13 An ass spoke to him. (Num. 22:28)
- 14 He spent three days inside a fish.
- 15 Father of the Edomites. (Gen. 36:43)
- 16 T--othy
- 17 Je---
- 18 Queen of S--ba.
- 20 This priest's sons did evil at the door of God's house. (1 Sam. 2:22)

DOWN

- 1 Apostle to the Gentiles. (Gal. 2:7-9)
- 2 --aiah or --rael.
- 3 He sought physicians, rather than God, and died! (2 Chr. 16)
- 4 Adam and Eve's first son. (Gen. 4:1)



Would you prefer being called "stingy" or "thrifty"?

Would you rather be called a "scholar" or a "bookworm"?



Mr. Wilmer makes a point.

BANQUETS (Continued from Page 3)

BALTIMORE - WASHINGTON - The great day finally arrived! Following a week's postponement, due to the area's worst blizzard in recent years, the Washington - Baltimore Spokesman Clubs held their semi-annual banquet on Sunday, February 6th.

Amidst a festive atmosphere, heightened by tasteful table appointments and lovely ladies in colorful formal dress, over seventy gathered for the meeting and the installation of the clubs' new officers.

Mr. Robert Jenness, president of the Baltimore club, presided over the first half of the program. His witty remarks added life and spark to the evening. Mr. Melvin Jennings gained widespread participation in the table topics by both the men and ladies with such topics as "Should men cook?" and "How would you handle Sergeant Shriver's job?"

For the remainder of the program, Mr. Eli Ciarrochi, Washington Club president, took over the presiding duties; Mr. Andrew Jackson was our genial toastmaster for the evening. Speech titles were: "A Bachelor's Life," "The Longest Night," (Don't read these two subjects together) "The Package," "A Night of Terror," and "This is Your Life".

Trying to get a word in edgewise with some people is like trying to thread a sewing machine with the motor running.

The growth of the members, especially those who gave speeches, was encouraging and set a good example for us in striving to overcome and grow in the club and the church.

In his over-all evaluation, Mr. Engelbart called the meeting the most enjoyable he had ever attended. He expounded the goals and purposes of Spokesman Club for the benefit of the guests. THEN ... the awaited -for announcement. Mr. Englebart announced the officers for next year. They are as follows:

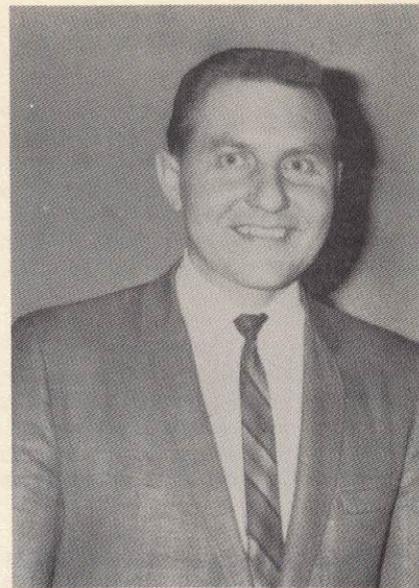
Baltimore Club: President, Mr. Andrew Jackson; Vice-president, Mr. Carl Wilmer; Secretary, Mr. Marvin Hush; Treasurer, Mr. Donald Wittlinger; Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Raymond MacKenna.
 Washington Club: President, Mr. Melvin Jennings; Vice-president, Mr. Robert Sloneker; Secretary, Mr. Gerald Dulaney; Treasurer, Mr. Jimmie Wright; Sergeant-at-arms Mr. Jay Lee Callahan.

PHILADELPHIA - In spite of nearly zero visibility, drifting snow and icy roads determined PMA's (Positive Mental Attitudes) spurred the Philadelphia Spokesman and their guests on to the Merion Inn for the Banquet-Formal! We arrived --during the blizzard of '66 -- in boots, old clothes, slacks, curlers, carrying suit cases, but when Mr. Sharp lowered the gavel, all was in order for the occasion.

The meeting was full of surprises especially for the newly appointed officers. The Monday Evening Club: President, Mr. Alfred Cole; Vice-president, Mr. Richard Smith; Secretary, Mr. Allen Ruth; Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Parent; Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Robert Shriver. Sunday Morning Club: President, Mr. Donald Traynor; Vice-president, Mr. Fred Rosencrans; Secretary, Mr. Gerald Campbell; Treasurer, Mr. David Rago; Sergeant-at-arms, Mr. Davis Northnagel.

The meal was delicious and our PMA's were still in good working condition when Mr. Sharp mentioned first that the local band couldn't make it, and then that the record player didn't work. Mr. Rago consented to play for us so we could dance. We danced and had a fabulous time, thanks to Mr. Rago.

When time to part came -- back on went the old clothes, slacks, boots, etc. and all started for home. Some didn't make it home that night but all agree that this Spokesman Banquet was a success.



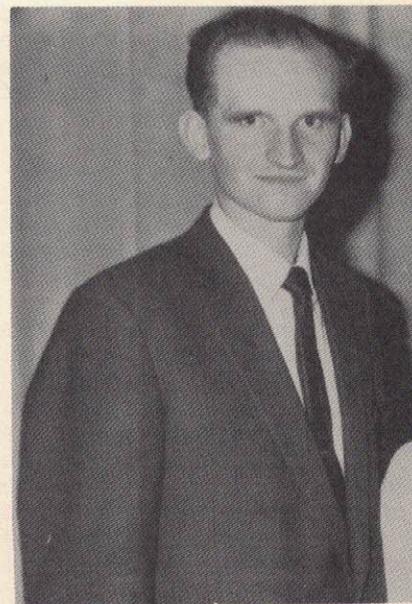
Mr. Frank Schnee

Surprise Visits

TORONTO - As a result of this year's Ministerial Conference, the brethren in Toronto were provided with two special visits.

On his way to the conference, Mr. Frank Schnee, in charge of the German work in Dusseldorf, stopped by for a Bible Study. He brought with him many colorful slides of the beautiful European continent and of last year's Festival of Tabernacles in England. He made everyone feel much closer to God's work in Germany and related incidents of several personal contacts with the German brethren. We were happy to hear of those whom God is calling behind the Iron Curtain. Mr. Schnee

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Mr. Colin Wilkins

With a back look to the January 1965 edition of The PLAIN TRUTH can be found subscription figures totalling 545,000 copies. Now take a look at the December 1965 figures - a whopping 675,000 copies - an increase of more than 10,000 copies per month.

The quality of The PLAIN TRUTH increased right along with growth last year as the February edition's cover was printed in full color. Just take a look at the older issues and compare them. The difference is astounding.

Counted the districts of God's Church in the United States lately? If you did then you realized that the church districts had to be raised from 7 to 8 to handle the increased load of work to be done. Mr. David Antion now heads the new Akron district.

Giant strides were made at Ambassador Press in England as a new plant of 18,000 sq. ft. was acquired. With a big 2-color press, complete bindery and camera sections, The PLAIN TRUTH now pours out of our own printing facilities in England.

In Australia things didn't stand still. They had a first baptizing tour through the state of South Australia. Printing news was made in the land down under, too. For the Australasian PLAIN TRUTH was printed on our own printing presses in North Sydney - saving the Work time and money in Australia.

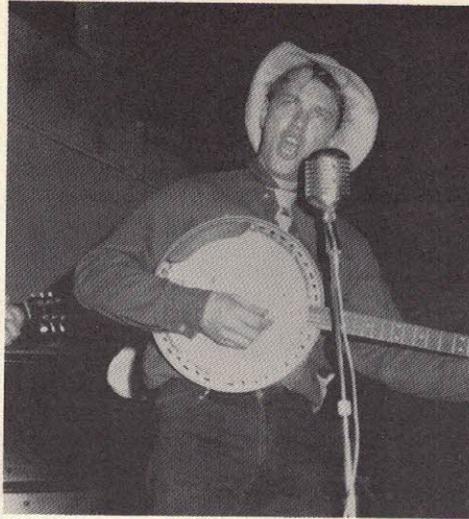
In the Mail Receiving Department here at Headquarters, Mr. John Wilson stated that "we received slightly over a million letters in the last year." A far cry from the days when Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong read all the letters themselves.

Ask the young people who attended the Summer Educational Program in the Minnesota woods this last summer. The blessings from this new site were slightly terrific.

Your prayers for more laborers in the harvest were truly answered. As 1964 ended there were 126 ministers and elders in the Church of God. At the latest count there are more than 175. Over fifty elders ordained in the last year! In the end of the calendar year 1964 there were 94 local church congregations around the earth, now there are more than 115.

An active dynamic year? Yes, it was!

With all these facts at hand (and these are only some of the highlights) we can safely foretell that one of the greatest years of growth lies ahead.



"Grandpa Jackson" sings at Baltimore-Richmond social!

Grand Old Opera?

BALTIMORE-RICHMOND-There were solos, duets, trios, quartets, dramatic skits and a pantomime. "Granpa" Jackson and "the boys" did a rousing rendition of "That Good Ole Mountain Dew" which provided many laughs. Sound like Grand Ole Opera! NO! Just a rousing social of the Baltimore and Richmond Churches on December 12th at the Fredericksburg National Guard Armory.

Outdoors, the children were playing various games including a bean relay race and a tug of war which ended with the girls routing the boys. Inside, the "old folks" were warming up their dancing shoes. There was square dancing, round dancing, and ordinary dancing to suit the tastes of everyone.

A burst-the-balloon contest plus musical chairs helped to produce an appetite that couldn't be ignored. Activities had to be suspended so that everyone could replenish his energy supply.

A fine day, filled with fun and fellowship, was rounded out with a turkey dinner and several movies. Sincere thanks to those who worked to make this occasion a success. We hope it won't be too long before the next gathering.

Visits

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acquainted us with the many problems that those who do not enjoy the freedom of Israelitish countries must endure.

After the conference, Mr. Colin Wilkins, head of the French office in Geneva, Switzerland, paid a visit for Sabbath services on January 15th. He spoke about the highlights of the conference, and how much God's Spirit was in evidence throughout the conference. Mr. Wilkins helped all of us realize how much we in Israel have to be thankful for -- physically, the natural resources at our feet; and spiritually, in the way that God is blanketing the United States and British Commonwealth with the Gospel of Christ.

These visits were certainly welcomed and they have given all of us much more to think and pray about.

CHILD: A stomach entirely surrounded by curiosity.

Sign of the times

Drought

For those Americans who only heard about the drought during the past four years in the Northeast .. look out for the summer of 1966!

The U. S. Geological Survey shows that the Northeast drought is spreading into the South. According to the survey -- as 1965 ended, stream flows in the eastern areas of Virginia and North Carolina reached record lows and ground water levels were considerably below normal.

Meanwhile, there's more discouraging news for the already parched Northeast. Geological survey reports show that a slight seasonal upturn in water levels during October and November were REVERSED in December by generally below normal precipitation. As 1965 drew to a close, streams and wells were at record or near-record low levels.

So, the Northeast looks forward to another even drier year -- as the devastating drought spreads its menace further across the face of our land. Remember brethren, do your part in conserving water in the coming year!