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Chicago's Colored Chorale

by Maceo Hampton

The colored chorale sprang from what began as an all-male chorus in the winter of 1961. At that time the participating members were: Messrs. Ralph Penson, Donald Porter, George Sampson, Philip Penson, Louis Williams, Maurice Welch, Edwin Marrs, Maceo Hampton and Nelson Brown. The director and piano accompanist was Isaiah Morrison. This male chorus was the subsequent result of a desire of four men to have a quartet.

The progress of the group was being closely observed by Mr. Harold Jackson, Local Elder at the time. Mr. Jackson's past experience with various instrumental and choral groups was just the professional help that this newly-born group needed. The men received a great deal of encouragement and inspiration from Mr. Jackson's frequent, and welcomed visits. It is to Mr. Jackson that the credit must go for the size and solidarity of the present colored chorale. Many of you brethren have heard and enjoyed their singing during the spring festivals and Pentecost seasons.

It was soon recognized that the men's chorus needed to be larger, and equally as important, we were made aware of the fact that we could not get the necessary balance and effect without female voices. Auditions began immediately, "many were called and few chosen," and with the numerous troyouts the foundation of the mixed group was being laid. But as a rose bush may have thorns, even so the chorale was not without its problems. The next obstacle presented itself and brought with it some discouragement. Just at the time we were rehearsing the "Contata" to be presented during the Days of Unleavened Bread of 1962, Mr. Jackson jolted us with the statement that the expectant mothers

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WHY EXERCISE?

by Dr. Kenneth C. May

Physical exercise has good effects upon the body. It stirs up the dead, morbid accumulation in the tissues, expands the lungs to full capacity, increases the intake of oxygen, and effectively promotes the elimination of waste (slag) and morbid materials through the skin, respiratory

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Front row; left to right: Myrtle Adams, Mary Hampton, Marjorie Robinson, Vivian Ivy, Ruby Scott, Sylvia Hooks, Ruby Featherstone, Judy Woods. Second Row, left to right: Eugene Dumas, Nelson Brown, Helen Gibson, Mrs. Juanita Porter, Mrs. Madeline Hardy, Dorothy Vaughn, Carmalita Hampton, George Sampson, Charles North. Third row, left to right: Maceo Hampton, Maurice Welch, Philip Penson, Isaiah Morrison, Tomotha Adams, Ralph Penson, Russell Hampton. Not in picture are Leroy Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holmes, Thelma Dumas, Voneva Dunham, and Lois Bass.



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tract, kidneys and bowels. It also increases the arterial and venous circulation.

Regular physical exercise does increase your blood supply, improves the nutrition and creates better drainage-elimination—for all the vital organs of the body.

It increases the **oxidation** (burning) of **fuel** (food) and of **slag** (waste material) which demands a greater intake of oxygen and compels deeper and more rhythmic breathing.

Physical exercise is a **positive necessity**, not only for brain workers and those of sedentary occupations, but for those in **all** walks of life. Unless the regular exercise is gained, your circulation grows sluggish and the organs of elimination inactive. The **cells** and **tissues** of your body will readily become clogged with waste (slag) material and this will ultimately lead to **mental and physical deterioration**.

Exercise will **relax** and **soften** contracted and hardened muscles, ligaments, tendons, and connective tissues, and bring **tone** to those tissues which are abnormally relaxed or weakened.

So remember—**Activity is Life** while **Stagnation is Death**; so do enjoy the planned activities by actively participating.

Editorial

Come Out To The Ball Game!

Sunday afternoon is **softball time** in Chicago. Beginning at 11:00 A.M., the younger **children** frolic around the ball field. At noon the **women** get rid of their "excess" energy in a game that usually doesn't quite last seven innings. Then, at 1:00 P.M., the spirited **men** of the La Grange and Chicago Churches engage in battle for their usual double-header.

Those who come out really enjoy it! Those of you who haven't been **getting out** to this Church activity, frankly, to put it bluntly, brethren, **ought to!** For your own **spiritual good** you need to uncloister yourself and **get out** to the ball game. Whether you play 18 innings of ball or not isn't the main thing.

You who are plagued with deep-seated personal problems, inferiority, timidity, would be amazed at how much good it would do you. To run, dive, dash, and "holler" around the ball field releases all your pent-up frustration. You need it! Your wife needs it! Your children need it! It'll be a **tremendous aid** in getting the "bugs" out of your mind and personality. It'll build into you the spirit to participate, to taste victory, or to take defeat, to co-operate, to enjoy the presence of others who are "letting go" and richly enjoying themselves. And it'll be good for your physical health, too.

Members of God's Church, **get yourselves out** to these activities in your church area and **enjoy yourselves** with the spirit of Jesus Christ and the rest of us!

Allen Manteufel



South Bend News Briefs

With faces glowing, ten additional repentant sinners were added to God's Church June 9th at baptismal services at Simonton Lake, Indiana. Sixty-five South Bend Church brethren were on hand to extend warm handshakes and congratulations to their new brothers and sisters in Christ. Our minister, Mr. Lester McCole, did the baptizing.

In the second row are: Mr. Kenneth Norgren, Mr. Alvin Velting, Mr. Lester Hildebrandt, and Mr. Sherman Hochstetler. First row: Mrs. Lyndon Hari, Mr. Hari, Mr. McCole, Mrs. Russell Houston, and Mrs. Bell Mock whose 81 years easily makes her the "senior" of the group. Mr. Lester Miller, in front, wears sunglasses. Mrs. Fern Kendall, also baptized, is not included in the picture.

Grand Rapids News Briefs

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Koster, Shelby, Michigan, on the birth of a baby boy weighing nearly nine pounds. Mrs. Koster is in good health.

Bloomington News Briefs

Mark Jauch, Samuel Ort, Linda Scarbrough, and Janet Lucht, all from the Bloomington area, are attending the summer camp in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Dawson have moved to a farm home near Mason City, Ill. This will cut Mr. Dawson's driving distance in half.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ort of Mark, Illinois, are planning to move to the Bloomington area soon. Mr. Ort has been employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Singer are the happy parents of a 7 lb., 15 oz. baby boy born July 13.

Prayers are needed for the Bloomington Church finding a new hall, as they have outgrown the present hall. Attendance the Sabbath of July 13th was 166.

The Bloomington picnic will be held on August 4th at Miller Park in Bloomington.

"Keep Your Eye on the Goal"—A record attendance in the new hall of seven months at Bloomington greeted

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Fellowship and Fun Abound at Summer Picnics, Camp-out

FATHER-AND-SON OUTING DRAWS 102 PARTICIPANTS—A breakfast of golden brown pancakes and scrambled eggs drew plenty of "M-mmm's" from fathers and sons of the South Bend and Grand Rapids churches. After Sabbath, June 15th the party held a wiener roast and then camped overnight at the Glenn Keeley farm, Gobles, Michigan. Ball games, fishing, swimming and a joint Spokesman Club meeting completed a fun-filled day. The camp-out was sponsored by the two South Bend Spokesman Clubs. (See picture at right.)

Bloomington

by Jean Dawson

July 4th will be a memorable day in the hearts of many who attended the Bloomington picnic at the farm of Mr. Lyle Atteberry, near El Paso.

The setting was quiet and peaceful, with clouds drifting overhead and a cool breeze to provide a perfect day.

Mr. Knochel and family and Mr. Ort and family camped-out the night before and everything was in readiness when the picnickers began coming down the "old wagon trail," with cleverly worded signs to mark the way.

After having much fellowship, a fine dinner, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, and men and women's softball games, the happy picnickers headed for home with eager anticipation for another such occasion.

Indianapolis

by Donald Hofmann

The day dawned bright and clear on June 23rd as the Indianapolis brethren converged on an eighty acre farm southeast of Brazil, Indiana, for their first picnic.

Tables were set up and ladies prepared to receive the bountiful supply of food as the men moved out to the ballfield for a morning softball game.

At noon, a feast dinner was served and enjoyed by more than 275 people, who spread their blankets beneath the trees which shaded the spacious lawn.

Soon after lunch the brethren spread out to the various places of interest such as the ballfield, the "old swimming hole" and ponds for fishing and boating.

The day ended about sunset with a country-music-show and wiener roast.

Everyone left thankful that God had allowed us to have such a perfect place for a picnic and what an enjoyable day it was!



Chicago-LaGrange

by Ken Mattson

The bang of the normal Fourth of July celebration was enjoyed by a hearty group of 160 old and young alike at the annual picnic at the Ales' farm. Sunny, mild, beautiful weather boosted everyone's spirits and filled the eager group with enthusiasm for the day's activities of baseball, volleyball, badminton, football, and horseshoes.

In the baseball playoffs La Grange trounced Chicago in a double-header.

A feast lunch filled the empty spot developed by morning activities. To top off the lunch were watermelon and delicious home-made ice cream.

More baseball, volleyball, and warm fellowship filled the afternoon.

As a grand climax to the activities of the day, Mr. Blackwell organized foot races to see who was most agile.

Those who expected a lazy afternoon in the country were jarred from their lethargic attitudes by a rousing, stimulating day of joyous activities with the brethren in God's Church.

Young People's Picnic

by Andria Beyersdorfer and Bill May

The picnic was held on June 23rd, at Starved Rock State Park, a historical landmark of early Illinois history. Indian legend says that a group of Illinois Indians under attack sought refuge on the citadel, now called Starved Rock, only to succumb to starvation and thirst. Survivors of the band finally surrendered to be mercilessly slaughtered.

The park has acres of forest for hiking, facilities for horse-back riding, a plane

ride over the park, and a boat ride to Horseshoe Canyon. Many of the young people took advantage of the boat ride, but a few hearty individuals hiked three and one-half hours through the forest to Horseshoe Canyon.

Lunches prepared by the girls were packed into large paper bags. After Mr. Filippello asked the blessing, each man chose a lunch and ate it with the girl who had packed it.

Individual talent was not lacking as demonstrated by Karen Sterling. She played a few selections on her violin and was applauded for an encore. After Karen's performance, Ken Mattson, Romeo Magi, and Mr. Davis played the accordion as accompaniment for the sing-along led by Mr. Ken Westby.

Following the evening meal of hot dogs, bread and marshmallows supplied by the Young People's Committee, we all got together for a softball game. The men stood the women and needless to say you can guess who won, after twenty-to-two we lost track.



New members of the Chicago-area churches, baptized on June 22, are, from left: Mrs. Barbara Bachoefer, Mrs. Ramona Kampe, Mr. and Mrs. John Durko, and Kay Halle.

News Briefs (Cont'd)

Mr. Dean Blackwell, Pastor and Supervisor of the Northern-Midwest area, on his visit there July 13th.

Everyone was very happy to see Mr. Blackwell and his family as well as Mr. Ken Westby who is the ministerial assistant in the Chicago area. A very enlightening message on "Why You Can Understand," was given by Mr. Westby. The sermon, "Why We Are Called Now" given by Mr. Blackwell was very stimulating. Mr. Blackwell emphasized Faith, Hope, and Charity. He left us much "food" on which we can grow.

Chicago Area News Briefs

Welcome to the Chicago area Ken Mattson and Bill Stough. They are Ambassador students using their summer in this area.

Also welcome to Mrs. Green from Texas. She is formerly from this area and will be with us through the summer.

Mr. Blackwell's niece, Theresa Hughes, from Kilgore, Texas, is enjoying a brief visit to this area. Also with the Blackwell's is Peggy Powers from the Glade-water Church.

We're hoping Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cole will stop in Chicago on their way from Eugene to New York.

Jim Lichtenstein and Charlene Douglas were married in June and are now assisting in the Seattle and Tacoma Churches. It was a long wait for both (teen-age sweethearts).

Carol Runice and Lorene Fellows held a party for the young people—Ihor Karpowycz showed some very interesting movies. The party was a grand success.

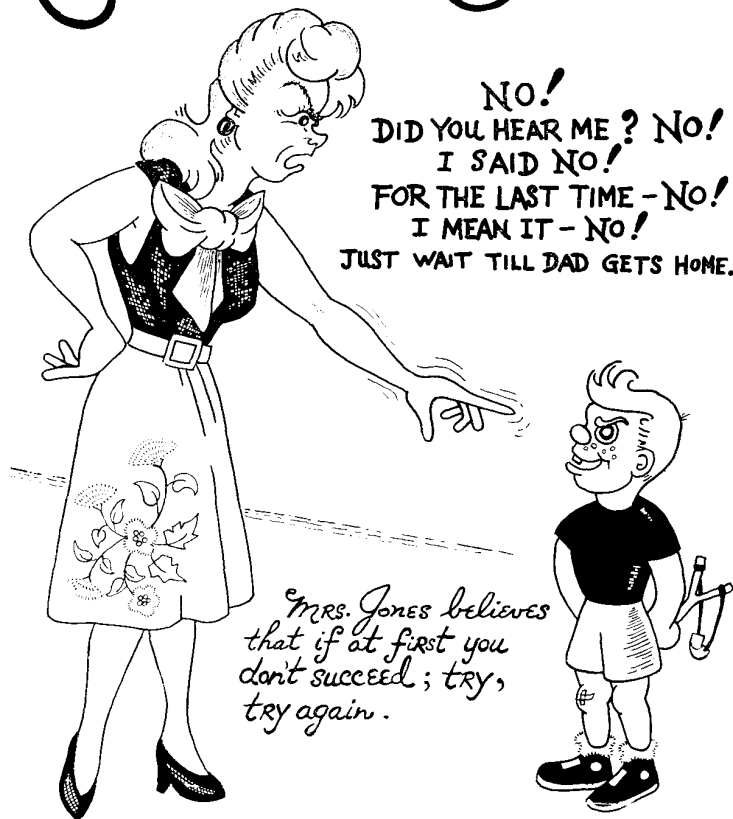
We all sighed with relief when Mrs. Meeker finally delivered their two week late infant baby daughter. Mr. Meeker excitingly told us of the event. They named the 8 lb. 3 oz. bundle of joy Julia Elizabeth.

Also with a new-born son are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Einersen. He weighed 7½ lbs. and is named Stephen Leroy.

The men and boys from the colored church had a delightful time at Camp Sullivan recently. Mr. Blackwell transported some of the men from the Saturday night Spokesman Club to the camping site and participated in the wiener roast with his wife and Ruthann Schutt.

Charles North and Sylvia Hooks plan to be married at the coming Feast of Tabernacles.

LODDIEAN JONES



A July 4th picnic was given for the small children at Chatham Park. Plenty of home-made ice cream and cookies were served.

Mr. George Bailey will marry Miss Marjorie Robinson this summer. Congratulations, Mr. Bailey!

Thelma Dumas will become Harold Bruton's bride in December.

Chorale (Cont'd)

could not continue rehearsals. These much needed voices were necessarily dismissed until after the "blessed events."

There were more problems to overcome: Female replacements were urgently needed; Mr. Jackson would have to conduct the Passover and Feast in Meridian, Miss., and Mr. Morrison could direct, but if he took this responsibility, who would accompany the chorale on the piano? (To learn how these problems were solved, read Part 2 next issue.)

Worker Added

Mr. Elisha Crim, Chicago's first colored deacon, gave his first sermonette on July 16.

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