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"Many an Alleluia
That rings through the Father's home
Sobbed out its first rehearsal
In the shades of a darkened room."

Old grist mill near Howell, Michigan (photo by Monkmeyer-Pace)

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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



The Diary of a Delegate

To the GENERAL COUNCIL, Seattle, Washington

● ALL ABOARD for the Pacific northwest! Many have moved to that part of the country in recent years, to get their share of the prosperity and other material blessings which have come with industrial developments in that area. We go to get our share of the spiritual blessings which we believe God is going to send during the General Council meetings, and to contribute what we can to the success of this national convention of the Assemblies of God.

It is with great anticipation we visit the Northwest District, one of the oldest districts in our fellowship. When formed over 30 years ago, it included several states. Now it includes only the state of Washington and that part of Idaho lying north of the 46th parallel, but it's still one of our strongest districts, having 216 churches. In Seattle alone there are 16 assemblies, and Northwest Bible College. For many years Northwest District has been a leading contributor to world missions. At present there are 85 missionaries from this district laboring on foreign fields.

Reports of the various departments at Headquarters have been printed, so this delegate was able to get a preview before the General Council sessions opened and to jot down some of the high points.

General Secretary's Report

J. R. Flower, our General Secretary, reports that in two years our fellowship has grown, as follows: Number of affiliated and co-operative assemblies, from 5548 to 5950. Enrolled membership, from 243,515 to 275,000. Ordained ministers in the U.S.A. (not including foreign missionaries), from 5746 to 6225. Exhorters, Christian workers and licensed ministers, from 4477 to 5497.

He mentions the blessed trend toward unity among the various Pentecostal groups throughout the world, and reports on the Second Pentecostal World Conference held this year in Paris.

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America has been formed since the last General Council meeting. Groups that have applied for membership in this Pentecostal Fellowship and have been accepted, to date, are the Assemblies of God, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Open Bible Standard Churches, International Pentecostal Assemblies, Church of God with headquarters at

Cleveland, Tenn., and the Church of God of Mountain Assembly, Inc., with headquarters at Jellico, Tenn. The Pentecostal Holiness Church also has voted to join this new Fellowship, which will hold its Second Annual Convention in Oklahoma City, October 18-20.

Treasurer's Report

W. A. Brown, General Treasurer, states there is a deficit of \$32,000 in the Headquarters Fund due to the fact that offerings from ministers for the support of the Headquarters Office have not met expenses. He is appealing to each minister to send an extra offering to make up the deficit.

He mentions also that only one fifth of the assemblies responded to the last semi-annual appeal for the Ministers' Benevolence Fund. Offerings for this Fund decreased while the needs of our aged ministers increased!

A third part of his report, which concerns the new printing plant for the Gospel Publishing House, is more encouraging. Friends donated a total of \$41,089 toward the new building, up to June 30, while many others purchased Annuities or loaned money on Demand Notes. The help of all these friends is greatly appreciated, he says. There is still a large indebtedness on the new printing plant and boiler house, due to the currently high cost of construction, and the assistance of many others throughout our constituency is urgently required.

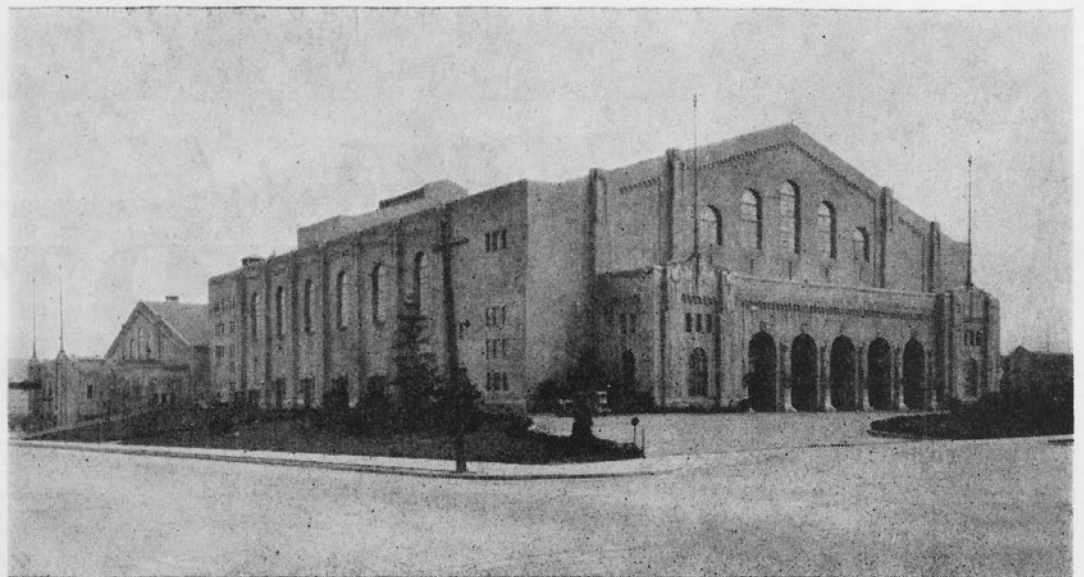
Educational Department

R. M. Riggs, Educational Secretary, reports that enrollment in our 13 American Bible schools has doubled in the past five years and stood at 3223 this spring. A third of the students were returned servicemen. Out of 14,000 returned servicemen attending theological schools in the U.S.A., 1050 were studying at Assemblies of God Bible schools!

Another interesting statement in Brother Riggs' report: 36% of our ordained ministers are graduates of our Bible schools, and 74% of our foreign missionaries have had training in our Bible schools.

Brother Riggs emphasizes that education must always be kept subordinate to spiritual life and spiritual power, and subservient thereto. He says that if education is "kept as a servant to the main end of the salvation of souls and the glory of God, it has some value. But," he warns, "if it is made an end in itself, and a cause of pride and self-sufficiency, it is vain and from a spiritual standpoint is even a curse."

Many of our parents and ministers are concerned about the worldliness and atheistic teaching our young people get in high school and college, and some districts and churches have established junior colleges, high schools, and grammar schools, staffed by Spirit-filled teachers, for the spiritual protection of their children. (Continued on page five)



Seattle's Civic Auditorium where General Council met (seating capacity 6,500)

Let Us Arise and Build

Ernest S. Williams at the General Council

We asked Brother Williams if he would write out a digest of the message he expected to bring at the opening session of the General Council, and he very kindly did so. However, the Lord may lead him to speak on some other theme instead.

● THIS IS THE LAST time I will address a General Council as your General Superintendent. For twenty years you have borne with my infirmities and shown me every kindness. I have never felt myself qualified for the position in which you have so kindly kept me and I appreciate more than my words can tell the many kindnesses that I have received from both ministers and laymen.

Since another will be chosen in my place at this General Council, I am taking a good deal of liberty in making this address and shall include in the foundation for my message the first three chapters of the Book of Nehemiah.

Since it is a General Superintendent that we will be choosing I wish, first of all, to consider Nehemiah the Governor, who might well be likened unto the General Superintendent, and from him draw some lessons which I feel ought to be taken into serious thought when it comes time to elect one to fill this office.

We need a Governor who will accept office, not because he wants an office, but because he feels the burden on his heart. Word came to Nehemiah that the remnant that had returned to Jerusalem was in great affliction and reproach. The walls of Jerusalem were broken down and the gates were burned with fire. As to personal advantage Nehemiah was well situated. He was the king's cupbearer. But he could not stand knowing the condition of his afflicted people without trying to do something for them. He felt their distress. God save us from the time when our Movement will have people in office whose ambition is to have an office. God give us men who feel the burden of the work, whose hearts are touched with the needs and infirmities of the Church; men who know how to pray as well as to say.

When Nehemiah learned of the plight of his people he "sat down, and wept, and mourned, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven." How we need to pray, and how we need to know how to pray. We will never pray aright until we feel the burden, until the sense of need almost crushes us. I fear we are taking things too lightly. God give us a Governor who feels, who sympathizes, who prays, a Governor who is willing to deny him-

self in the interest of others. If we ever get a governor whose office makes him think himself important, God help us.

We need a Governor who knows how to repent, not for himself alone, but for the people. Hear Nehemiah in his prayer. "We have sinned against Thee, we have dealt very corruptly against Thee." Then he pleads in their behalf the promises of God. "Thy servant Moses has said, 'If ye turn unto Me, and keep My commandments, though there were of you cast unto the uttermost parts of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence.'" Time forbids our following this prayer further, but it commanded his whole soul. And brethren, the spirit of this prayer was in him before he was ever appointed to office. If we elect an unspiritual, unburdened man to office, he



Ernest S. Williams
Retiring General Superintendent

is not likely to deepen in sympathy and depth after his election. God help us to give this serious consideration.

We need a Governor who is willing to sacrifice for the cause. Nehemiah pleaded that he might be permitted to give up his place of comfort at the Court to go and share the distress of his brethren. When the spirit of self-sacrifice leaves us we are doomed as a spiritual force. And nowhere ought we to see a living example more than in him who will be Governor. The laws of nature say, "Give ease and prestige to position." The law of Christ says, "Let him that is great among you be servant to all." Without the spirit of Christ that makes us servants we serve not well. In fact we become a blight.

We need a Governor who is cautious and wise. May we avoid choosing one who is impetuous or who fails to think things through. Nehemiah studied carefully the situation at Jerusalem before he committed his plan to any. He arose in the night and went out by night in his study of the walls and of their needs. An unsteady Governor who has to deal with some of the problems that come before us can raise a good deal of havoc. God give us a man cautious and wise.

We need a Governor who can encourage and get results. We have no need of a flatterer, a back-slasher who acts for personal gain. We need a man of genuine purpose and quality. The days were dangerous when Nehemiah set about repairing the walls. The builders had to be ready to use sword as well as trowel for their enemies were many. Nehemiah moved around them, giving them words of counsel and encouraging them in their work. Not once did he lord it over them. He was a worker together with them. He shared their burdens and their toil.

Finally, we need a Governor who can withstand discouragement. Discouragements come, especially to a person who has a burden. They may not mean much to one who holds a position and is satisfied with a title, but they come, and come heavily, to a person who feels the work heavily on his heart. Nehemiah had to meet his Sanballat and Tobiah, who sought to laugh the laboring Jews out of countenance and make fun of their work. Then rose the Governor and said to the people, "The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build."

We leave the Governor and think next of the Ministers. Those who oversaw the work of rebuilding the walls may well be likened to our ministers. Minister, may this speak to you. We need ministers who will encourage the workers. In other words we need ministers who will feed the flock of God and encourage the laity. Advancement of the church depends as fully on the labors of the members as it does on that of the minister. We grieve when we learn of a minister who has put this one out and that one out because they did not quite please him. There are times when discipline is required. Let it be done in a right spirit and according to the Scriptures. With what care it ought to be served. God give us a shepherd's heart. It were better that a millstone were hanged about our necks and we cast into the sea, than that we should knowingly cause one of God's little ones to stumble.

Note that the first builders mentioned on the wall were Eliashib the high priest with his brother priests. They set the example. But more is said of them. They built the sheep gate and sanctified it.
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The Victory of Calvary

Dan Crawford spent forty years in the forests of Africa, during which time he took only one furlough. At that time he went to Switzerland with A. C. Dixon, who was scheduled for an evangelistic campaign in Spurgeon's tabernacle in London. Each morning Dixon hiked to some lonely spot in the mountains, there to wait on God for his message. Each night he would return to the hotel with the word: "Dan, I am stuck! I am gloriously stuck! I can only get one text, and I'll be preaching on that one every night." Crawford wrote: "And what was that one text? John 3:16? No, that is not a text—that is the whole Bible in itself. Dixon's text was: 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.' I never saw Dixon again. From time to time he wrote to me from London, saying, 'I am preaching on that text every night and, praise God, I am seeing scores surrendering their lives to the Crucified One.'"

Let us be determined not to know any thing among men, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified, for "the preaching of the cross . . . is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18.

The Gospel of the Cross

In the 69th Psalm we hear the heart-cry of the Son of God at Calvary: "Save Me, O God; for the waters are come in unto My soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing; I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow Me." Verses 1 and 2. In the days of Noah, when every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually, the Lord brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly. In the days of Lot, when the filthy conduct of the wicked called for divine judgment, the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from heaven. But on the cross of Calvary we see all the waves and billows of divine wrath against sin, and the holy fires of His righteous judgment against iniquity, coming upon the sinless Substitute.

His prayer, "Save Me, O God," was registered in heaven, and He who was delivered for *our* offences, was raised again for *our* justification. We can now proclaim the glorious gospel message: "Through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts 13:38, 39.

Restoration

Though Christ was full of love, and

went about doing nothing but good, He met with constant hatred, so that we hear His cry: "They that hate Me without a cause are more than the hairs of Mine head: they that would destroy Me, being Mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty." But listen to the word of the gospel that follows: "THEN (at Calvary) I restored that which I took not away." Verse 4. Hallelujah! His sufferings were great, but note the result—that which was lost in Eden was restored at Calvary. We can now sing with the Psalmist: "He restoreth my soul." He restoreth our song. He restoreth our health. He restoreth all the years that the locust, the cankerworm, the caterpillar and the palmerworm have eaten. Hallelujah for His restoring grace. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. The trees of His planting will be laden down with the luscious fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance.

A Stranger in the Earth

Listen to these words: "I am become a stranger unto My brethren, and an alien unto My mother's children." Verse 8. We read that Joseph's brethren "hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him"; they "envied him . . . and in Dothan . . . they conspired against him to slay him." Thanks to Reuben's intercession, Joseph was delivered from death, but there was no Reuben to intercede for the Son of God. They cast Joseph into a pit. The Son of God went into a deeper pit than Joseph, and in the 15th verse of this

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Psalm we hear His prayer: "Let not the pit shut her mouth upon Me." How well Satan and his hosts would have liked to close the mouth of the pit so that Christ would never have come forth. But He came forth, hallelujah, more than conqueror over all the powers of darkness.

The day is coming when there shall be a reconciliation between Christ and the brethren who rejected Him. They will come before His face and declare, like Joseph's brethren, "Behold, we be Thy servants." But He will greet them with words like Joseph's: "Ye thought evil against Me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

When Our Joseph Returns

Before us is an interesting article* calling for the Jews to return to the land of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It points out that according to the word given to Abraham, God promised not the mere 6,000 square miles we know as Palestine, but a territory forty times as large—one of approximately 240,000 square miles. The writer says, "We have been in the diaspora (dispersion) long enough. 'Let us go up and possess the land,' and prepare to welcome back Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the revered ones of our past, who shall be our governors, and above all else, to welcome back with much mourning our brother Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. He is now invisibly present, supervising in co-operation with the Eternal the rebuilding of the tabernacle of David which had fallen. Amos 9:11. We have not recognized this fact, just as Joseph's brothers did not recognize their benefactor, but in time they did. So we too shall acknowledge the one whom we despised and rejected. Many of us Jews have already accepted Him as our Messiah, and soon the eyes of all our brethren will be opened, and they too shall behold Him in his splendor and majesty just as Joseph's brothers were enlightened. And as Joseph blessed his brethren, so our brother Jesus has blessings in store for us—He will forgive us. . . . The Messianic blessings of peace, health, happiness, security and life will be ushered in by the new era of restoration, resurrection and restitution. Isaiah 27:6; 2:2-4; 11:1-12; 25:6-9. Emanating from Jerusalem, the benefits of Messiah's reign will flow out over the whole earth for the blessing of all peoples."

Cleansing the Temple

The next verse of the 69th Psalm says: "For the zeal of Thine house hath eaten Me up." Verse 9. This verse is quoted in John 2:17 as being fulfilled. It was at the Jews' passover time that Jesus found in the temple those that sold oxen, (Continued on page seven)

*From "The Jews in the News," P.O. Box 432, Redwood City, Calif.

DIARY OF A DELEGATE

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dren and young people. The Educational Department assists such schools by offering advice and helping find qualified Pentecostal teachers.

Central Bible Institute

The report of the Board of Administration of CBI tells of the remarkable way in which the school has expanded during the past two years, and the gracious times of refreshing that have come upon the student body from the presence of the Lord. The name was changed last year to "Central Bible Institute and Seminary." A fourth year of studies was added last year and a fifth year is offered for 1949-50. The size of the faculty has been doubled. Some 900 applications had been received, as of June 30, so it appeared that there would be a capacity enrollment of 750 for the fall term beginning Sept. 19.

Radio Department

The Director of our Radio Department, T. F. Zimmerman, was able during the past year to get our national radio hour, "Sermons in Song," on a number of stronger stations. As a result, he says, the Department has been able to increase the coverage of the program and at the same time utilize fewer outlets. At present the broadcast is going out over 75 stations, in 28 states and 14 foreign points.

He expressed thanks to the C. A.'s for the new transcription equipment by means of which thousands of dollars have been saved in transcription expense. As a result of this savings, and the profit on the sale of Sacred Series recordings, the deficit in the Radio Department has been sharply reduced. In the 11 months ending June 30 there was a total operating cost of \$51,255 and a deficit of only \$7,304. If the offerings from our constituency continue to increase as in the past, it should not be long until the Radio Department is "out of the red."

Brother Zimmerman announces that 52 transcriptions of the new children's broadcast, "The Gospel Rocket," have been made—a full year's supply. More of our Sunday schools ought to take advantage of this opportunity to reach the children with a 15-minute Saturday morning broadcast. In many places the radio stations have provided free air time for this unique program. For full particulars, write the Radio Department, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

Christ's Ambassadors Department

The National C. A. Director, W. R. Steelberg, has an inspiring report. Out of 5034 churches which reported to the C. A. Department last year, 3360 had C. A. groups with a combined membership of 66,087 young people. Thank God for the great host of consecrated young people throughout our assemblies. They are our joy for the present and our hope for the future. May every one of them be endued with power from on high.

The National C. A. Department is doing much to aid our young people's work in all the districts. It is only fitting therefore that all the C.A.'s should support the Department financially, and this they are doing to a greater degree each year. On National C. A. Day, 1949, the C.A.'s gave \$6103 in offerings to its support. Let us pray that when another National

C. A. Day rolls around next March every local group will send an offering, so that the C. A. work may be on a self-supporting basis.

Servicemen's Division

The Servicemen's Division of the C. A. Department has printed 450,000 copies of two new peace-time issues of *Reveille* since last General Council, and a third is now being published. In addition, the Division has published 85,000 copies of *Chat*, a booklet for chaplains, and has furnished considerable quantities of other free literature for servicemen, besides rendering such services as personal correspondence with servicemen, financial aid for service centers, Bible study courses for servicemen, etc.

There are 86 pastors in the vicinity of Veterans Hospitals who co-operate with the



Wesley R. Steelberg, newly elected
General Superintendent

C. A. Department and, upon request, visit certain patients in these hospitals. Many have been saved through these contacts.

Speed-the-Light Division

From Jan. 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949 the C.A.'s gave a total of \$266,309 for Speed-the-Light projects, making a grand total of \$544,927 in less than five years. These offerings have provided 427 transportation vehicles for our missionaries to use in their gospel work, and have also bought radio and printing equipment for foreign fields. A remarkable record!

Sunday School Growth

Paul Copeland, Director of our Sunday School Promotional Department, records a substantial growth in our Sunday schools. Only 53% of our Sunday schools returned their annual Checkup Forms last year, but on the basis of these reports and other information available he estimates there has been a total attendance gain of approximately 100,000. Our total average attendance for all Assemblies of God Sunday Schools in the U.S.A. is estimated at 378,350 and the enrollment is approximately 481,045. These figures do not include the many unaffiliated Sunday schools who are using our Gospel Publishing House literature.

Gospel Publishing House

J. Z. Kamerer, General Manager of our Gospel Publishing House, reports we are now printing and publishing 32 periodicals (28 in English, 4 in Spanish) having a combined circulation of more than 1½ million copies. This represents a gain in circulation of 214,430 in the past two years.

We are now printing the following quantities of Sunday School Quarterlies: *Adult Student* 240,000; *Junior Pupil* 108,000; *Teen-Age Student* 104,000; *Primary Pupil* 66,000; *Adult Teacher* 62,000; *Junior Workbook* 34,000; etc.

Sunday School papers: *Gospel Gleaners* 139,000; *Lesson Leaves* 97,000; *Junior Trails* 93,000; *My Picture Paper* 84,000; *Little Folks' Friend* 81,200; *Hi-Call* 78,000 Primary Picture Cards 58,525; etc.

Periodicals: *Pentecostal Evangel* 123,000; *Missionary Challenge* 26,000; *Our Sunday School Counsellor* 22,000; *C. A. Herald* 20,000; etc.

Brother Kamerer announces that a new series of Vacation Bible School books will be ready in time for use next summer. A new graded series of Sunday School Quarterlies is being prepared but cannot be printed until the printing department is moved into the new plant and has additional equipment.

"We hope to be moved into the new printing plant before the end of October," says Brother Kamerer, "and as soon as we can install the new two-color rotary press and other equipment now on order we expect to greatly increase our output of periodicals, books, tracts, etc."

Home Missions Department

Fred Vogler, Home Missions Secretary, reports there have been glorious revivals among the Indians of North America. We have missionaries laboring among these Indians in 11 states. We also have workers among the Jews, Deaf-Mutes, Prisoners, and Foreign-Language Groups in the U.S.A. We now have 15 established churches in Alaska.

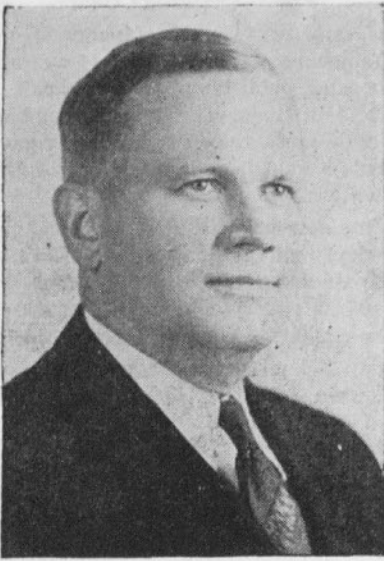
A total of \$216,725 has been given since last General Council for Home Missions. Of this amount, 40% has been spent on the work in Alaska, 15% on Indian work, 9% for Jewish work, 9% for Kentucky Mountain missions, 11% has gone to districts in the U.S.A., etc.

Department of Benevolences

The Department of Benevolences was organized a year ago, with Fred Vogler in charge. Under this Department is the National Children's Home at Hot Springs, Ark., which has been operating for several years, and the Home for Aged Ministers and Missionaries which was recently established at Pinellas Park, Fla.

Foreign Missions

The report of Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, gives much cause for praise and very much cause for prayer. Our missionary force has grown until we now have 670 foreign missionaries. Our missionary offerings have increased too, the amount given for World Missions in the 23 months ending June 30, 1949, being \$4,712,643. (This total includes offerings for office expense and money returned to the various District Councils for home missions. It does not include any offerings for home missions taken in the districts or any offerings received for home missions in our national Home



**Ralph M. Riggs, re-elected
Assistant General Superintendent**

Missions Department.) The total for 23 months was \$402,332 more than the amount given for the 24 months ending July 31, 1947 (11.7% increase).

Unfortunately, however, this increase was not enough to take care of the expansion of the work and the increased costs of our worldwide missionary program. What Brother Perkin writes is so important to us all that some paragraphs bear quoting in full:

"In spite of this very encouraging report of the giving of our churches," he says, "we face one of the most serious situations we have had along financial lines. Although we have made every effort to check the expansion of our work beyond what our income would allow, it has just grown regardless of our caution, and as a result we find ourselves forced to look to God more definitely than ever that our daily needs may be met. We fear that the opinion of many that the Foreign Missions Department had more money than was necessary may have hindered some from giving, yet we have been operating for several years on far too narrow a margin in consideration of the vast extent of our work. Actually the amount of money in our General Foreign Missions Fund undesignated at the end of June was \$658.43.

A Financial Crisis

"This situation presents only one course, and that is to economize in every way possible and to advise our missionaries that all who hoped for an immediate furlough should postpone any thought of this for perhaps six months, during which time we shall be praying that God will graciously move upon all who are in a position to give so that funds may come in to meet the need. Should a missionary be in ill health and it seem imperative that he return without delay, we shall do our utmost to arrange this and appeal to friends for the specific need; but others may have to make the extra sacrifice of carrying on for a longer period.

"We have been greatly encouraged by some letters already received from missionaries, who, instead of complaining, sympathize with us in our problem, and assure us that regardless of what may happen they are prepared to stay on and trust God, even if allowances have to be reduced. The reducing of allowances is some-

thing we are doing our utmost to avoid, since most missionaries are finding it difficult to make ends meet with their present income. *We would urge any assembly having missionary funds in its treasury that are not being held for some special need (such as missionaries' return fares) to send the money to the Foreign Missions Department to meet immediate needs.*

"Some may ask why it is that we are so low in funds when offerings have actually increased. This is due to various causes. In the first place, the cost of living has been rising steadily in every country of the world, and transportation expense, especially in the shipping of freight, is practically double what it was prior to the war. It is not out of line to state that practically everything is twice as expensive as it was prior to the war, yet our missionary personnel is much larger than it was in prewar days.

"We feel that somehow, in spite of all the difficulties, God is going to help us to keep going forward. Often man's extremity is God's opportunity, and if the needs of today force us all to seek God more earnestly and specifically for the supply of our needs, it will result in unmeasured blessing and perhaps a fresh moving of the Spirit of God in our midst."

If every church will give an average of five cents per member per day, we will double our present giving and will be able to advance on every front.

Leaders in Missionary Giving

The 13 leading states in missionary giving are: California \$604,133; Texas \$342,290; Washington \$331,036; Ohio \$237,466; Pennsylvania \$231,078; Oklahoma \$190,789; Missouri \$184,171; New York \$168,332; Michigan \$168,005; Oregon \$158,625; Illinois \$157,679; Minnesota \$155,280; Kansas \$132,015.

The 25 leading assemblies in missionary giving (for 23 months ending June 30, 1949) are as follows:

Glad Tidings, New York City	.....	\$ 82,357.30
Pentecostal Ch., Cleveland, O.	.....	67,274.40
Full Gos. Tab., Bakersfield, Calif.	....	53,278.89
Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, Calif.	....	37,402.30
Gospel Tab., Minneapolis, Minn.	.....	36,602.31
Highway Mis. Tab., Philadelphia, Pa.	....	35,324.23
Stone Church, Chicago, Ill.	.....	30,468.59
Bethel Temp., Sacramento, Calif.	.....	27,649.59
Ch. of the Fourfold Gospel, Battle Creek, Mich.	.....	24,116.73
Magnolia Park A of G, Houston, Tex.	....	23,895.26
Calvary Temple, Seattle, Wash.	.....	22,884.58
Full Gos. Tab., Fresno, Calif.	.....	21,795.74
Bethel Temple, Dayton O.	.....	21,492.60
Pente. Church, Akron, O.	.....	21,443.63
A. of G., N. Hollywood, Calif.	.....	20,526.06
Central A of G, Springfield, Mo.	.....	20,274.90
Pente., A of G, Tacoma, Wash.	.....	19,633.40
Trinity Tab., Goose Creek, Tex.	....	19,071.02
Assembly of God, Turlock, Calif.	.....	16,480.58
Fremont Tab., Minneapolis, Minn.	....	15,869.76
Stone Church, Yakima, Wash.	.....	15,793.17
Full Gos. Assem., Washington, D. C.	....	15,136.45
Full Gos. Assem., Maywood, Calif.	....	14,697.13
Brightmoor Tab., Detroit, Mich.	.....	14,512.57
Assem. of God, Sunnyside, Wash.	....	14,477.07

Modern Methods

Brother Perkin states that our missionaries are using modern methods to expedite the task of evangelizing the world, wherever possible.

In the Philippines and Latin America, radio is being used. He would like to see record players put in villages of many foreign lands, so our missionaries can supply records with gospel preaching on them; thus the missionaries could reach many more people than by personal visits to the villages. We have equipment to make these recordings, and we have preachers who can express God's message in other languages; all we need is a little money to provide the material.

Our missionaries have their own printing presses in Brazil, Peru, Gold Coast, and Nigeria. Plans are in process for printing gospel literature for China and India. "This literature work cannot be made self-supporting," Brother Perkin points out, "since the literature must be sold at a price that is popular among the poorer classes. We are therefore very happy for contributions to our Literature Fund."

Five airplanes are being used by our missionaries in Liberia, and our big air transport, "The Ambassador," has traveled 75,000 miles across mountain, plain and sea carrying missionaries to and from South America, Africa, Europe, and India. It is the largest airplane in use by any missionary society, and the first two-motored missionary transport to fly across the South Atlantic with missionaries and supplies.

Africa

H. B. Garlock, Field Secretary for Africa, reports wonderful harvests of souls in various parts of the Dark Continent, especially in Gold Coast. A revival of apostolic proportions has been sweeping certain parts of that country and approximately 2,000 souls have been saved within the past two years; hundreds of these have received the Pentecostal baptism.

China and Japan

H. C. Osgood, Field Secretary for China, states that in spite of troublous times in China the banner of the Cross has been planted in many new and important regions. Two of our five Bible schools in China are now in Communist-held territory, but by the latest reports they still function in a limited way; the other



**Gayle R. Lewis, re-elected
Assistant General Superintendent**



**Bert Webb, newly elected
Assistant General Superintendent**

three are carrying on with constantly increasing blessing and enlarging student bodies.

The spread of Communism has presented many grave problems, he says. "All of our missionaries have labored nobly, in the face of the fact that the Communist armies were continually forcing them to alter their plans, leave one place of labor for another work without much hope that there could be permanent results. Of the total force on the field since the end of World War II, only 22 have returned to the States because of the China Civil War. Twelve have transferred to other fields. Twenty-four are still at work in China, and three of these are in Communist-held areas. Those who have returned to the U.S.A., made the decision after much prayer for the leading of the Spirit."

We now have seven missionaries laboring in Japan. Two acres of ground have been purchased in the heart of Tokyo, and a Bible school for training Japanese young people in the ministry is now being built.

India and Ceylon

R. W. Cummings, Field Secretary for India and Ceylon, reports at length concerning the favorable progress of the Pentecostal work in those lands. We now have six Bible schools there, and another will no doubt be opened soon. Space does not permit mention of further details in his report, except to say that, while the granting of political independence to India and Pakistan has presented many problems for our missionaries, it has also had a beneficial effect in that the national preachers have assumed a greater responsibility in the work. The various Pentecostal bodies are drawing more closely together, and an All-India Fellowship likely will be formed very soon.

Europe

G. V. Kinderman reports that in 1946 there were only five Pentecostal assemblies in Austria; now there are 20. In Poland there are over 60 assemblies. Souls are being saved in Greece, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and other lands. Soul-winning efforts among the millions of refugees in Germany are yielding rich fruitage.

Through the offerings of American friends, Brother Kinderman has been able to distribute over 10,000 New Testaments in Europe, besides 3,000 Bibles and Gospels, and to purchase \$26,718 worth of food parcels for the many destitute saints in these needy lands. There have been 77,180 pounds of clothing shipped over, also. All of this relief has brought much joy and blessing to thousands, he says.

Latin America

During the past two years there have been revolutions in a number of countries in Latin America, but there have been revivals too. Not only political upheavals, but also spiritual downpours of the Holy Ghost!

H. C. Ball, Field Secretary, states that we have Bible schools in a dozen lands, and a combined enrollment of over 500 young people is expected this year.

Our workers are now broadcasting the gospel over the air in seven Latin-American countries. They hope to have a radio station of their own in Latin America before long.

There are many Assembly of God churches in Mexico, and 14 in Mexico City alone. A tabernacle accommodating some 4,000 was erected in Mexico City for special meetings held in that city in August.

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THE VICTORY OF CALVARY

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sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting—expecting to do a lucrative business as thousands of Jews from all over the world came to Jerusalem for the feast. He made a scourge of small cords and drove them out of the temple, poured out the changers' money, and overthrew their tables, saying, "Take these things hence; make not My Father's house an house of merchandise."

The solemn word comes to us today: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." Let us invite the Son of God to take a scourge and drive out from all of us all that is displeasing to Him, completely delivering us from the spirit of Mammon-worship, setting us free from the love of money, the root of all evil.

Then we hear Him saying: "The reproaches of them that reproached Thee are fallen upon Me"; the reproaches that became so heavy that eventually, as we see from verse 20, they broke His heart, for there He cried: "Reproach hath broken My heart."

Weak through Fasting

Christ continues: "When I wept, and chastened My soul with fasting, that was to My reproach." Verse 10. There is much in the Word about fasting. It is very evident from several places in the Psalms that Christ did much fasting. In Psalm 109:24, we hear Him saying, "My knees are weak through fasting; and My flesh faileth of fatness." Men doubtless called Him a senseless fanatic. If we follow the Lord closely we can expect to be misunderstood and reproached. But He had the vision of the joy set before Him, and so He endured the cross and bore the shame. And as we follow Him closely, denying self and taking up our cross daily, He will in days to come share His joy with us.

Just Retribution

Christ's utter loneliness at Calvary is set forth in the words, "I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me also gall for My meat; and in my thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink." In that dark hour they all forsook Him, and fled. In Isaiah 63 we hear Him saying, "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with Me . . . and I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to

uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation." Isa. 63:3, 5.

And then we read, as we have it also in Psalm 109, the Holy Spirit praying for judgment upon His persecutors. It is a terrible thing that when we go far in sin and in Christ-rejection, the Holy Spirit prays against us. "Pour out Thine indignation upon them, and let Thy wrathful anger take hold of them . . . for they persecute Him whom Thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of Thy wounded." Verses 24, 26, marginal rendering.

We believe that God's righteous judgments against those who reject His Son are at hand, when vast numbers will call to the mountains and rocks, crying, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:16-17.

Complete Cleansing

Read prayerfully all the words of this wonderful 69th Psalm. Recognize them as the words of the Lamb of Calvary. Note the call to praise at the end of the Psalm: "Let the heaven and earth praise Him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein." Verse 34. Let us praise the name of the Lord with a song, and magnify Him with thanksgiving. Verse 30.

A missionary from India told me this story. At their station there was a stoppage in the drainage system—a very dangerous thing in that hot climate. One of their most refined workers sensed where the trouble was, and so she bared her arm, trust it down into the filth, and removed the cause of the stoppage. As water was poured in, all the filth was flushed into the cesspool.

Surely it was not only His arm, but the whole being of our Savior that was sunk into the deep mire of our sin. And He has provided a complete removal of all our filthiness. And it is written of Him that "Himself purged our sins." Heb. 1:3. And as our High Priest in glory, He dispenses mercy and His all-sufficient grace to all who come unto God by Him. Let us therefore come unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.—S. H. F.



**Fred Vogler, re-elected
Assistant General Superintendent**

Mob Violence in Bolivia

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkie, Bolivia

● WE LEFT LA PAZ the latter part of May to go to Cochabamba to be there at the close of the Bible school. What a fine school we had this year! Twenty five young persons were enrolled.

A short time after the school closed we started on a trip to Santa Cruz. The distance is 296 miles. It took us more than nine days to reach Santa Cruz. Perhaps the time on the road will give you some idea as to the condition of the road. We traveled in the power wagon, and had to use the winch on several occasions to get through the deep mud. The winch is practically the same thing that is found on a wrecker except it is located by the bumper on the front of the truck. When the mud gets too deep for the four-wheel drive to pull through, the cable is unwound and hooked to a tree ahead. As the winch is wound up the truck is pulled through the mud. Words cannot express our appreciation to the C. A.'s for getting this truck for us.

Just before leaving on the Santa Cruz trip we had the greatest shock of our missionary careers. A radio call from the neighboring city of Oruro informed us that one of our very close friends, a mining engineer and Pentecostal Christian from Kirkland, Washington, had been killed by an angry mob in the mining camp where he was working. When the mob got together and started out after him the cry was, "Let's get the preacher." They got him all right. He suffered horribly most of one night, but he left a rich testimony behind. His labor in the mines was only part of his life. He actually worked as a missionary, too. We had had him minister to us here on two different

occasions. He had worked in the mine most of the time since the war. He leaves behind a wife and three small children. Remember them.

Just slightly more than two months from the time that the engineer was killed a Canadian Baptist missionary, Norman Dabbs, in company with a number of Christians, went to a large ranch to hold a service. Quite a crowd had gathered for the service. It was being held in the open. An Indian Christian came running and cried, "Flee, flee! they are coming to kill all of you." Not believing that the report could be true the service was continued. A few minutes later a mob began to arrive, and stones began to fly. When the Christians saw that real harm was meant to them they jumped into their truck and attempted to escape. A short time later when troops arrived there was not one member of the mob in sight. The truck was about two blocks from the service grounds. The driver was near the truck. His head was completely crushed. Mr. Dabbs was about one hundred yards from the truck. He had been finished off with axes, machetes, and huge stones. In all, nine Christians had been killed. The affair had been planned for a long time. The Christians, it seemed, did have some premonition of it. Some of the men who were killed left families. The driver left a wife and six children, and Mr. Dabbs left a wife and three small children. Pray for these sorrowing ones, and pray for God's work in Bolivia that it may go forward in spite of the attacks of Satan.

Our own work is going ahead at all of our stations, and we are looking to God for greater things.



The woman, shown in the picture above, came to the Leper Colony near Kunming, with which our missionaries have been closely connected, for treatment. She was told the old, old story of Jesus and His love, and is now a Christian.

L. G. Bolton, who sent the above picture, tells in a letter of a little slave girl, now at the Leper Colony who had previously lived in a village where there were many lepers. One day a government official went to the village, invited all the lepers to a dinner at a hut, and after they had eaten had the hut burned. The little girl was the only person who escaped the building. She wandered to Kunming. There she was seized and sold as a slave, but when it became known that she was a leper she was driven out on the road again. Some Christians found her in a half-starved condition, and guided her to the Leper Colony. She, too, is now a Christian.

men pouring out their hearts for more of God.

Some of the teachers are making a real sacrifice to see the work of the Lord advance. A few have sold their clothes to get money to send some of their Christ's Ambassadors to Bible school. One teacher who was given a small amount of pocket money for use while in training, gave half of it toward helping a young man who wanted to go to Bible school. I am certain that God sees such sacrifices, and that He is pleased with such consecration.

Pray that all of our teachers will let God use them in winning the school children for Him. They have a great influence on the pupils.

The revival spirit is continuing in the Mendoza, Argentina Assembly. In a recent letter R. Edward Miller reported that thirteen believers had been filled with the Holy Spirit, and that the baptistery, after several years of disuse, was refilled, and nine new believers baptized in water. He reported further: "Our house is filled with people at all hours who are hungry for the things of God. The wonder of it all is the change from a cold, silent folk to an animated group."

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Teachers Interested in Baptism

May Garner, Nigeria

● SEVERAL WEEKS AGO about thirty-five of our day-school teachers met for a week of services. From the beginning hearts were stirred, and the Lord's blessing was felt mightily. Ben Osumo, our Nigerian evangelist, had charge of the morning services and J. Paul Bruton spoke in the evening. Since most of our teachers have not received the Baptism we felt that some special studies along that line would be in order. It was soon noticed that the teachers were interested. It was not necessary to take roll—the teachers were hungry for God and they did not miss one meeting. How we rejoiced to see the change that took place when God moved in the hearts of various individuals! Since that time those teachers have been more faithful in church attendance and prayer meetings than ever before. Sometimes they can be heard praying after

study hours at night. The revival spirit is still burning in hearts.

Later Mr. Osumo and I met with another group of teachers in the Benin Province. They had to walk to the village where the meetings were held. Two of the teachers walked thirty-eight miles. When they arrived they were tired and weary, but there was no complaint.

I was greatly impressed by one service. A young man, with tears coursing down his cheeks, stood to confess the lack of power in his life. He said, "I feel God is not pleased when I send people away to the hospital when He wants to heal them. I want someone to pray for me that God will be able to use me." His sincere pleading to be a greater servant of the Lord struck a kindred desire in each heart, and in a few minutes the altar was filled with young

Mayas of Guatemala

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clark, Guatemala

● THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF descendants of the Mayan Indians shut away in the high Andes. They are a fascinating people—as interesting a people as can be found. Their way of life has been affected only slightly by the coming of the Spaniards. They continue to live much as their ancestors before them. Among these Indians we find distinctive dress and customs, and at least nineteen different dialects. To date we know of only three tribes that have the Bible in their own dialect.

For many years our work has bordered on the edge of the Indian country. Some time ago God gave us a few converts in one of their little villages. After that, Mario Aguilar, a young worker was sent among the Indians to establish a work among them.

A few months ago we decided to visit Mario and his new work, located by a volcanic lake, almost completely surrounded by impassable mountains. We arrived at the lake, Atitlan, sometimes called the Lake of the Devil, about noon. Several Indians awaited us to take us across. It was a little late in the day to start out, and the Indians evidently were concerned about attempting to cross, but it was finally decided that it was better to cross than to spend a night on the shore. When we looked at the expanse of water and saw the mode of transportation provided—a handmade canoe, shaped from a cedar log—we had to restrain our natural fears.

As long as we live we shall never forget our experience of that day. We sat with our national secretary in the prow of the canoe, and the Indians stood in their positions to paddle the canoe. They chattered excitedly. One of

them, who spoke Spanish, finally informed us that the wind was rising dangerously.

Soon great waves arose and we were tossed about like a helpless cork. The Indian, who conversed with us, asked us to pray. He expressed the opinion that our chance of reaching shore was not great. Within our souls there was a deep peace; nevertheless, we held on to God, and after some hours we were landed on the other shore.

What a welcome was given us! It had been many years since a missionary had visited the Indians. They wanted to examine us. All the while their tongues flew, but we could not understand a word. They wanted us to start a service immediately. We had not eaten since sunrise, but were glad to oblige. The service went on far into the night.

We had planned to leave early the next morning to visit another village. It meant recrossing the lake. When we announced our intentions the Indians shook their heads and flatly refused to take us. Our interpreter informed us that since they had waited so long for a missionary to come, and since they had no way of knowing how long they might have to wait again, they were not returning us so soon. We must stay and tell them more about the Jesus that Mario had been talking about. So for two days and nights longer we continued with one service right after another.

As we write there is an indelible picture before us of the eager faces of that gospel-hungry people. Do you wonder that there is a constant cry in our souls that God might raise up workers to go to these and thousands more like them with the message of eternal life?

LETTER OF GRATITUDE FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF AUSTRIAN WORK

The following letter has been received from the Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Austria:

A letter of gratitude to our dear brethren in America who, through our Brother Wannemacher, have proved to be our benefactors.

It was a great joy to have Brother Wannemacher again as our guest in Austria. God richly blessed us through his message and violin.

As Superintendent of the Austrian churches I wish to express our and my gratitude for your compassion and kindness toward us in supplying in our need. I can, to your joy, tell you we sing from your songbooks in all of the churches in Austria. Then the rich articles we receive in "Licht und Leben," the monthly paper, published by the German Branch! We

have tracts from you, also Sunday school lessons, and from head to foot we are clad of your clothes packages. Many packages have brought us food when we have had a hard time to get anything to feed our bodies.

We have much and great reasons to return thanks to our God and to you. Brother Wannemacher has had a very definite picture of our condition and state, and can better tell you than I can write.

We are going toward the end and we are determined to do our best to work and use every means to further the Kingdom of God, and to proclaim the good news that the Lord is coming.

Take our warmest thanks for everything you have done. It is much comfort and encourage-

ment that you are thinking of us. Please pray for us.

Franz Kramaritch

Editor's Note: Joseph P. Wannemacher, superintendent of our Hungarian Branch of the Assemblies of God, went to Europe in May on the *Ambassador* to attend the Pentecostal World Conference. He remained in Europe for some time, and while there ministered to some of the Austrian churches.

Finkenbinders Back in El Salvador

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finkenbinder, El Salvador

● WE ARE HAPPY to greet you again from El Salvador.

Our equipment came through in June. Not only did we get everything in duty-free, but the customs officials were too busy with a railroad strike to bother with examining our things, so we were saved the dreaded task of unpacking and repacking just a few blocks from our destination. The crates were plainly marked "THIS SIDE UP" in English and Spanish, but many of them were brought in upside down; nevertheless, everything was in good condition.

We are now stationed at San Salvador, the capital of the Republic, and among other duties claiming our attention just now, we are pastoring the local assembly. The national pastor left the church a short time ago. Eight have accepted the Lord since we took over. Last Monday in the prayer service three young persons were seen kneeling at their benches. When invited they were quick to give their hearts to God. We are looking to God to do great things for us.



PLOWING IN EL SALVADOR. The yoke over the neck is fastened securely to the horns of the oxen. A portion of a tree is used for the plow with a small metal plate attached to the tip. The man carries a sharp-pointed, long, thin, pole to encourage the oxen. Many days are required to plow small fields, but time seems to mean little to the people. There is always a tomorrow in their minds. This method of plowing is well over four hundred years old in El Salvador, yet it is in full use.

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

THE JEWS AND COMMUNISM

When President Truman was trying to make up his mind about recognizing Israel, he secretly sent Dr. T. Hubbard, famed psychiatrist, to the Holy Land to ascertain whether the Jews live in communistic fashion. Dr. Hubbard reported that they do no such thing, states I. Midrash, in the *Yiddish Journal*.

BINGO AND RELIGION

Despite the protest of the Protestant Ministers Association, the Illinois House Executive Committee recently endorsed a bill to legalize bingo for "religious, charitable, and educational purposes." The Ministers Association commented: "Ethical confusion . . . if gambling is wrong at all, it is wrong for all, in all places and at all times."

MANY TONGUES IN ISRAEL

When the Spirit was given at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, there were Jews present from other lands who spoke many different languages. The record in Acts 2 mentions about 15 foreign tongues. Today, according to Doctor Saarisalo, among the Jews of Palestine there are 70 languages spoken. They have gathered from many lands—not to visit, but to stay, for they are confident that the time of dispersion is ended.

THREE CONDITIONS

It seems to me that there are three conditions for Christ's return: the going back of the Jews to Palestine in unbelief; world-wide evangelization; and a world-wide outpouring of the Spirit. The first two are being completed before our eyes, and there are a few signs of the last. May we be "all in it" in being instruments of the Spirit in these His last great preparations for the return of the King.—Norman Grubb.

STILL THE BEST SELLER

The Bible is still the Best Seller in the publication field. Almost two and a half times as many copies were sold in the U.S.A. in 1947 as in 1939. Publishers who reported a total sale of 3,800,000 copies of the Bible in 1939, reported a sale of 9,248,000 copies in 1947. At this rate there are enough Bibles being published to supply every individual in the country with a new copy every 15 years; but though so many people have Bibles, how many read them regularly?

CATHOLICISM IN JAPAN

We quote from *Biblical Missions*: "In Japan this year the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Francis Xavier in Japan is being ostentatiously celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church. Rome will make all she can of it, in Japan particularly, and also throughout the world. Four centuries ago, in the final persecution of the Catholics, 26 of them were crucified at one time. Rome hopes that the quadricentennial celebration will usher in 'a nationwide tide of Christian revival,' meaning, of course, Roman Catholic revival. Let us pray that those seeking light may not stop at any half-way house."

PRESERVED AGAINST A-BOMBS

The American Bible Society has taken steps to preserve its many Bible translations in case of an atomic war. Copies of all important editions have been carefully sealed and deposited in three different places widely separated. If an atomic attack pulverizes one locality, no doubt one of the others at least will escape, for God has always caused His Word to be preserved.

TO RAISE DP QUOTA

The House of Representatives has adopted a measure to raise to 339,000 the number of Displaced Persons who may enter the U. S. from Europe, over a three-year period. All that they ask is that someone give assurance for each DP that a home and a job will be available. So far 46,175 DPs have been admitted. Of this number, 22,552 were Catholics, 13,000 were Jews, and the remainder Protestants.

WHISKEY ON THE NETWORKS

According to the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, the distillers expect to launch a campaign of whiskey advertising over the radio chains. By way of resisting this invasion of our homes, the W. C. T. U. suggests: "Whenever, wherever such a liquor labeled broadcast begins, turn off the radio chain that sponsors it and mail an immediate protest to the president of that company."

CHRIST, OUR LIGHT

The one full moon, which dims all the stars, draws the tide after it. These lesser lights (like Paul) gem the darkness, and dart down white shafts of brilliance in quivering reflections on the waves, but they have no power to move their mass. It is Christ and Christ only who draws us across the gulf to be with Him, and reduces death to a mere shifting of our encampment.—MacLaren.



J. Roswell Flower, re-elected
General Secretary

ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT SEAT

It is an irony of history that Saron, a former German colony at Tel Aviv, now serves as Israel's government seat. During the anti-Jewish uprisings of 1936-39 the Arabs had their headquarters there. Today every villa of this community of oak trees and gingerbread houses contains a government ministry. The office of President Chaim Weizmann is located in the former residence of a Lutheran pastor from Bavaria.

The Jews leased the buildings from the enemy property custodian and gave it the name of Hakyria. When they moved in they found Hitler pictures on many walls; it is not reported what they did with the pictures, but they probably lost no time in replacing them with more congenial portraits.

MARTYRS IN CHINA

World Dominion (for May-June, 1949) reports that Christian believers and pastors in Communist-held parts of China are in grave danger. It states that Christian pastors met advance agents of the Communists and were so deceived by glowing accounts of the Communists' purposes that they stayed with the Communists, only to find that when the Communists had obtained all the information the pastors were willing to give, they began to use coercion and torture. When the pastors protested that this was not what had been promised, one of them "disappeared" and was never seen again, two had their hands cut off and then were allowed to go, "to be a warning to all who dared to resist." How long, O Lord, how long?

1950—A "HOLY YEAR"

The Pope has declared 1950 to be a "Holy Year" for the Roman Catholics. There will be special observances in Rome, and millions of pilgrims are expected to be traveling to Italy for the occasion. Many of these pilgrims will continue on to Palestine, and Jerusalem is making preparations for this. The pilgrims will want to visit the holy places in the old section of Jerusalem. At present, however, the old city is in the hands of the Arabs, who are guarding it with fixed bayonets!

A member of the UN Commission working for peace between the Arabs and Israel said he was convinced that there would be a renewal of fighting by the end of 1949 if the conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, failed. He said that there will be 20 times more arms available in Palestine and vicinity by the end of the year than there were when the war broke out in May, 1948. Both the Arabs and the Israelis were arming.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting UN mediator, asserted flatly that "there is no longer any prospect of future war in Palestine." However, the Bible says that armies from the north will come against the people of Israel "in the latter days"—see Ezekiel 38 and 39—and this prophecy has never yet been fulfilled. (Should it come to pass this year, it is not hard to guess which side the disgruntled Arabs would take.) There will be fierce fighting; the Jews will be overwhelmed until God intervenes in a supernatural way. Then there will be a terrible slaughter of the enemy; thus the Lord will be sanctified in the Jews in the sight of their enemies, and it will be at that time, Ezekiel says, that Israel shall know and recognize the Lord their God.

Made Whole by Faith

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

● OUR PURPOSE in being with you is that we might bring cheer and encouragement. I hope you have enjoyed the singing of the young people and trust that you may be encouraged by what I might say. I may be speaking to some who are on beds of affliction. If so, I have good news for you. Others may be perplexed or cast down through sorrow. Be of good cheer, Christ has the message that you need. Let me now quote the Scripture, "Have faith in God."

The account from which our text is taken concerns a leper. A leper was a pitiable figure. He was a great physical sufferer and was also an outcast from society. How well he illustrates the lonely heart with its longings, yet conscious of its bondage. As Jesus entered into a certain village, there met Him ten men that were lepers, "which stood afar off." Can you not see them separated from the crowd, yet longing that they might be able to mingle with the others?

As Jesus came by "they lifted up their voices and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." Did Jesus turn them away? Was He more interested in the many who had no such need? Not at all. He stopped, turned His attention to them. For the moment He forgot the multitude. He heard a cry for mercy, and it was mercy He had come to bring. Jesus was always touched with the feelings of the infirmities of humanity, whether they were bodily or spiritual. He is just as merciful now and is waiting for you to call upon Him, telling Him of your need. If you will do this you will find Him ready to hear your prayer and to minister to you. Do not forget this. You can stop listening to me right now if, instead, you will begin to talk to Jesus; for, were you to meet Him in His grace and love, that would do you more good than to listen to me. I can only tell you about Christ and His goodness. He can manifest His love to your heart.

When Jesus healed the lepers, one of them turned around and fell at the feet of Jesus, giving thanks. Oh, the appreciation of his heart! To think that he was completely cleansed! What a moment! What a change! Then Jesus said to him, "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." How simple it was. "Go thy way." He was now free from his affliction. "Thy faith hath made thee whole." All the leprosy was gone.

Are you afflicted? Your affliction

may be physical. Can you not look to Jesus, trusting Him as the leper did? Many are being healed by Divine power as they trust in Christ. Presently we are going to pray together. As we do I want you to take healing from Jesus. Others who hear may be afflicted otherwise. Some have great burdens, your heart aches. Jesus came to bind up the broken-hearted. As we go to prayer, ask Him to heal your torn heart. Others are bound by the power of sin and appetite. We have good news for you. Christ has come to set at liberty those that are bruised.

Remember the words of Jesus to the leper, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Jesus has the power to meet your need, but requires faith from you. "Have faith in God," is the great requirement. If He cleansed the leper, He will cleanse you if you seek Him and believe. Trust Him now, won't you?

(Letters and offerings toward the support of "Sermons in Song" should be addressed to the Radio Department, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.)

Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment.

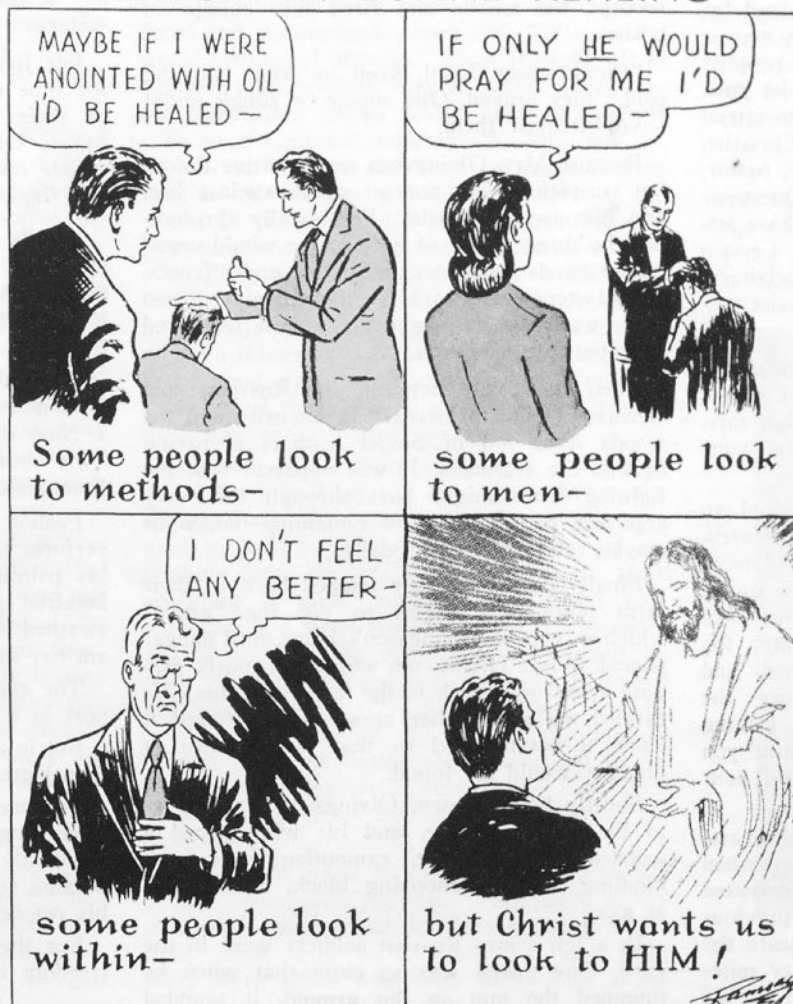
Trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you.

Trust in your reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it.

Trust in money, and you may have it taken from you.

Trust in GOD, and you will never be confounded, in time or eternity.

LESSON IN DIVINE HEALING



Buried Alive

A True Story by Hazel Thomson

After living for months like a hunted animal, this missionary escaped from Russian-occupied Estonia and fled to Australia, where he now ministers to displaced Estonians in the "land down under." He and his wife and son visited America last winter, en route from Sweden to Australia, holding meetings at various points in the midwest and on the Pacific coast.

● SULLEN CLOUDS brooded overhead on that fateful day in 1940 when O. V. Ovingsson, Swedish missionary in Estonia, set about his usual business of preaching the gospel. True enough, he had little with which to work. The Russians already had confiscated his stock of tracts and Christian literature, and had forced him to discontinue the religious magazine he had edited for thirteen years. But he had saved his Bible and hymn-book by hiding them, and he still had a church in which his people could worship. He was thankful.

Suddenly, there was a knock on the door. Opening it, he faced the Red Commissar of his city. The Russian quickly came to the point. "Kindly sign this."

"What for?" queried Ovingsson.

"It is merely an acknowledgement that you have received notice that the State has taken possession of your property."

Ovingsson knew what it meant, but he had no choice and he was calm as he signed the dotted line. Even so, he had no concept of the horrors that were to be his lot in the months ahead.

In fact, so fantastic does the story of his suffering sound that it is hard to believe. For months he was to live like a hunted animal; for six weeks he was to be buried in a shallow grave until his toes and fingers began to rot. Yet this Swedish missionary to the Estonians and his wife and son lived to tell the story, to escape to Sweden, to visit America, and finally to go to Australia to minister to Estonian refugees.

Ovingsson minimizes his own trials. "We had so much to be thankful for," he gratefully acknowledges. "We did not suffer much, for there were others who went through deeper waters than we did."

A native of Sweden, Ovingsson had been working in Estonia for seventeen years when it was annexed by Russia in 1940. During that period he had married an Estonian woman, and had built a home upon a small farm that she had inherited from her parents. Ovingsson also owned and operated a Christian bookstore. His only other possession was an automobile.

Now, with his signature on the paper held by the Russians, he knew he had surrendered every-

thing. All of his possessions now belonged to the State and he was considered only a supervisor of his business—at no remuneration! Part of the products of his farm he might keep, the rest were to be turned over to the State. Even his church building now belonged to the State and members were required to pay a high rental for the property they had formerly owned.

Signing the Russian "acknowledgment" also meant that as a preacher and missionary, Olvingsson could no longer receive a salary, nor accept gifts, offerings or fees collected at his church.

The situation looked hopeless. How was he to live? He had nothing and could receive nothing. But he was to learn how ingenious his parishioners could be. They discovered ways and means of frustrating the purposes of the State, even though secret police were sent to observe all services.

One member put a paper bill into his handkerchief. Then as he went up to the platform after the service to thank the pastor for the message, he was seized with a sudden siege of coughing.

How could he help it that a bill dropped to the floor before his pastor when he took out his handkerchief? Others did the same in a variety of methods. No one had given his pastor anything (that was an offense, too!) and the pastor had accepted nothing. Money simply fell at his feet!

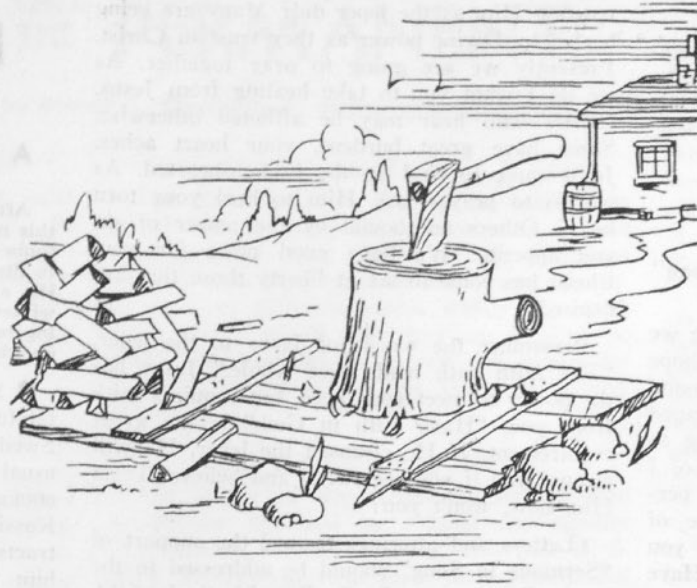
This not only occurred time and again in Olvingsson's church, but in other churches. One old church contained an ancient Russian Orthodox baptismal font in which the members would casually drop money as they passed by.

The crack-down became increasingly severe. Sunday schools were closed. Young people's meetings were discontinued under Soviet rule. Those under sixteen were not allowed to attend church services. Anyone exerting any Christian influence on children, whether a teacher, pastor, or even a parent, was prosecuted. Questions would be asked of innocent children, whose answers would condemn their parents. Certain portions of scripture could not be proclaimed. All this transpired under the guise of Soviet "religious liberty."

Olvingsson was often threatened with arrest. Once he was accused of espionage. "You are a Swede receiving money from a foreign missionary society," they accused. "We have your checks to prove it."

On another occasion he was sentenced to ten years of hard labor with exile to Siberia on a charge of belittling the Soviet Union. Olvingsson pleaded for clemency. Now he smiles as he recalls the judge's answer: "You have been deceiving the people in this country too long." Then, pointing to his own head, and not realizing the humor of the gesture, the judge went on: "There is something lacking up here. You are not normal. Because you are such an ignoramus, we will suspend your sentence."

The Olvingssons were living in a small apartment annexed to the church in Tallin when they were informed that the rent was increased to ten percent more than his entire previous salary. Their only recourse was to vacate the apartment and move to their farm sixty miles away. With his automobile confiscated by the



Russians, Olvingsson's only way of getting to the church was by his bicycle. In ill health, and often bucking a strong wind, he found the trip an almost intolerable grind, sometimes requiring as much as twenty hours.

When war broke out between Germany and Russia in 1941, the Olvingssons were ordered to report to the Russians for assignment to any duty designated, such as digging of trenches for the soldiers. Not feeling that they could morally assist in such work, they refused to report and fled for their lives.

For three weeks they hid in a nearby forest, camouflaged with sticks and weeds in swampy ground near a pond, while soldiers constantly scoured the woods and fired into clumps of bushes.

"Please, dear Lord, keep us from catching cold," they prayed. One sneeze or cough might have betrayed them.

Because Mrs. Olvingsson was a native Estonian, suspicion was not so great against her, and disguise was easier. Periodically throughout the three weeks of hiding, she would crawl on her hands and knees, in ditches, under fences, behind stone walls to a friendly farmhouse two miles away where she could obtain food and hear the latest reports.

Then the battle between the Russians and Germans began to increase in intensity and the woods were full of Soviet soldiers preparing against the Germans. It was apparent that the fighting front might pass through this very area and their chances of remaining hidden or staying alive decreased daily.

Finally one night they slipped back to their farm house and began to dig the "grave" which was to be Olvingsson's home until danger passed. While Olvingsson worked furiously digging a narrow trench in the farm yard, his wife carried the soil in her apron and scattered it along a potato field so that no evidence of digging would be found.

Shortly before dawn, Olvingsson crawled into the narrow grave, and his wife placed a wooden door over it, camouflaging it with kindling wood, a chopping block, a saw, and an axe.

In a few hours Russian soldiers were in the yard. One guard was so close that when he thumped the gun on the ground, it sounded

very close to Olvingsson's ear.

In the meantime, his wife and son hid in a neighbor's hayloft. Soldiers ascended the ladder to search, but did not find them.

For days Olvingsson lay in the narrow trench, unable to turn around, with only a bag of bread crusts and a bottle of water at his head, which he knew he must use sparingly.

Then, he reports, the devil added to his torture by preaching a sermon. "That's the thanks you get for serving the Lord for eighteen years. You will be discovered sooner or later and that will be the end of you. Others have tasted it. You will too!"

He knew what capture would mean. He had seen emaciated, starved refugees from Russia who had lived on almost nothing but grass for weeks. Some had walked 400 miles in deep snow. For some, grass diets were supplemented with horse flesh from animals which had been killed in battle. Olvingsson could only cry to God for physical and spiritual strength.

After a week in the grave, pressure was temporarily lightened because the Russians withdrew to reorganize for battle against the oncoming Germans. This gave a little breathing spell, and Olvingsson used the opportunity to dig a larger grave. With the help of his wife, he built a roof of cement and stone so that the grave could be walked upon undetected. A small hole was left open and the grave was deep enough so that he could sit and read his Bible. Although this was a tremendous help, the peep-hole was not a complete success. One day it rained so much that Olvingsson lay in water.

For five weeks he stayed in the grave. And for nine weeks he and his wife never got out of their clothing. During the weeks in the grave, Olvingsson was attacked by a disease which caused the flesh to rot from his toes and fingers.

Finally the fighting front moved past their area and although the Germans were now in control, it seemed safe to get out. But by this time Olvingsson was in intense pain and for the next five months suffered severely.

When the occupying Germans discovered that Olvingsson spoke German, he was ordered by a Nazi captain to serve as commissary agent. This meant taking farm products from the Estonians to feed the German army.

Feeling that he could not as a Christian perform the duty, he began to be grateful for his painful affliction. Weighing less than one hundred pounds and with his hands and feet swathed in bandages, he begged off. "Captain, I am too sick to do this work."

The captain looked at him and replied, "Report in a month."

But in a month, Olvingsson was worse rather than better and he was released from the order.

Five months later, Olvingsson was well, and, interestingly enough, this same German captain eventually became his friend. When the Gestapo became suspicious of him, the captain came to his rescue.

For the next two years Olvingsson had full freedom in preaching the gospel and he made

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LET US ARISE AND BUILD

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This is important. It was through the sheep gate that sheep for sacrifice were brought. The ministry must guard the atonement. Our chief mission is to preach Christ. Then to endeavor to exemplify the Christian walk by taking the lead in furthering the work of God. We must take the lead. Jesus saw that the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees were good, but He saw also that their works were evil. Then He said, "The scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat, all therefore that they bid thee do, that do and observe, but do not after their works." God make us, not teachers only, but doers.

Next after the sheep gate was the fish gate. When Christ is lifted up, and the church is blessed in Him, there will come revivals. We will catch men. How is it in your church? How long since souls were won to Christ? Is the Pentecostal blessing on your ministry? I know we have dry times, but some have accepted dryness for all the time. God give us a fresh message of Christ, then send the Spirit to grant us refreshing revivals.

And now look. Some repaired the Old Gate. This is a good one. We are going more and more modern. If some of the founders of Pentecost came back they would hardly know us. We need to stand in the way and ask for the old paths, then to walk therein. We gave up all for Pentecostal power. We counted all things but loss for the excellency of this way. Now we are in danger of courting the favors of men. We enjoy it when men speak well of us. Certainly we are not willfully going to insult people to retain our spiritual life. But we need to watch. It was through his subtlety that the serpent beguiled our first parents. He is subtle still. Let us preach, let us pray, let us build the Old Gate and get people through it into the old-fashioned experience. Brethren, this is important.

The apothecaries built, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall. I must confess I cannot enthuse over some of the modern healing campaigns. It is well to examine the results a few months after the campaigns are over. But we believe in healing. We have seen marvelous deliverances from the Lord. May we not let down. Let us labor and pray, "Lord, send afresh the gifts of healing. God, stretch forth Thy hand to heal." May there be a revival of healing in all our churches. As we ought not to wait for an evangelist to bring revival we ought not to wait for specialists that the people might be healed. We need, we greatly need, repairing this wall.

And now look. Shallom and his daughters built. The women have a part in this. Let the women-haters scowl. We thank God for the burdens borne and for the works of the faithful women. Were we left without them, our churches would be dull indeed. It is they who seem to pray the most; it is they who take many a burden on their hearts for the work at home and in distant lands. God bless the women. We welcome their help in building the walls.

Some repaired the valley gate. What a lot of gates our city has! What a variety of ministries are needed to raise the walls! Those who repair the Valley Gate are those who bring encouragement when things look dark. How easy, when things look dark, to cast



**Noel Perkin, re-elected
Foreign Missions Secretary**

darker shadows by complaints and a spirit of defeat. Many there are who then predict disaster. It is like a breath from the glory world in times like that when we find those who shout the victory, who see no defeat, who come to the pastor with a praise saying, "I am building the valley gate." When this is so, soon the darkness will pass and the true light will shine. Who will volunteer to labor on the Valley Gate?

I am sorry to speak of the next gate, but I must. A part of the people, under wise leadership, repaired the dung gate. What does that mean to us? It means that there are times when "messes" have to be dealt with. When such unfortunate times come, many become confused and discouraged. Jesus said, "Woe to the world because of offenses." Then He said, "It is needful that offenses should come." He saw that unpleasant things would have to be dealt with in the church militant. We are not yet in heaven. We are still here on earth and as long as we are here we will have to meet the works of the devil. But we must not be discouraged. We must look out wise counsels who are willing in the spirit of Christ to deal with such matters. We thank God for the dung gate. It is important. The church must dispose of some things as well as to receive others. So be of good cheer. God help us when "messes" come to get them cleared away without leaving their foul contamination with us.

Others built the Foundation Gate. I am glad this follows building the dung gate. When the things that offend are out of the way we need to look for fresh revival, seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. How sparkling is clear fountain water, and how sparkling is a fresh visitation from the presence of the Lord. The prophet saw it when he said, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." He was drinking from the fountain. Let us not linger longer at the dung gate than is necessary. When things are cleaned up let us leave them, going on to perfection. The water of life springs from the fountain, not from the dung gate.

Now I am going to close, but not with too great a compliment for some. I am sorry to say that in the midst of all this busy working multitude, those who were ready for any task, there were those who were lazy. And I am

sorry to say that they were among the nobles. We have seen people who thought their position lifted them above the necessity of uniting with the ordinary workers. Lazy nobles, whoever they are, whether officers, ministers or aristocrats among the members, we can get along without. The church would be better off without them.

God bless us. God help us to rebuild the walls. Above all else at this General Council, God help us to choose the right man to become our Governor.

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the most possible use of his opportunity.

Then, in 1943, the Russians started moving back and it became evident that they would push the Germans out of the country and again occupy it. Now Olvingsson was to learn how valuable a friend he had in the German captain. Seeing what was happening, and recognizing Olvingsson's peril, the captain placed a German military plane at the missionary's disposal. In two hours the family was safe in Sweden.

For five years the Olvingssons worked with displaced Estonians in Sweden. During that period they saw an increasing number of their people flee to Australia. Now, after a short tour in the United States under the auspices of the Russian and Eastern European Mission, the Olvingssons are on their way to minister to the spiritual needs of their people in Australia.

Although some might feel that Olvingsson has suffered enough for the gospel and should hardly be expected to go to a strange land and open a new work, he believes that God saved his life through a series of miracles that he might serve Him further. Virtually brought back from the dead himself, Olvingsson has good reason to proclaim the message of the Savior who died that we might live.—Reprinted from "Christian Life" Magazine, Copyright July, 1949, Sunday Magazine, Inc., 434 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago 5, Ill.

FLESH

The word "flesh" has been defined as being "that touchy thing in you." Another has said, "If you drop the *h* and spell it backwards, you will know what the Word of God calls 'flesh.'"



**Wilfred A. Brown, re-elected
General Treasurer**



The biggest forthcoming event on the C. A. calendar is Speed-the-Light Dollar Day, Sunday, October 16. Goal: \$75,000—one dollar for every Christ's Ambassador member in the nation.

Dollar Day is not vague, purposeless money-raising. The money which is sent in will be used, as other Speed-the-Light money has been, to provide means of extending the reach of our missionaries as they go with the gospel. Specifically, Dollar Day, 1949, will launch the biggest project yet undertaken—the purchase of a four-engined transport plane, a DC-4 like those in use by American Airlines, Pan American Airways, and others. Such an undertaking involves considerable cost; hence this special appeal.

Why a four-engined plane? More safety, more passengers, more speed: those are the answers. It is simply a logical step forward to obtain more advanced equipment when it is possible to do so.

The success of the basic principle of missionary air transport has been adequately proved

by the famous *Ambassador*, pioneer in the field of special transoceanic service for missionaries. When thirty-five missionaries can be carried in four days a distance that would otherwise require at least four *weeks* to cover, the saving of "missionary power" is tremendous—an actual total of almost two *years* in man-hours saved! Two years' missionary work can reach a great number of souls. If we conscientiously believe in the urgency of proclaiming Christ's message of salvation to the world we cannot help being enthusiastic about such a saving of precious time. And this saving would be enlarged by bigger, faster equipment.

Furthermore, those in contact with the project are convinced after careful study that the long-run cost will be less than either travel by commercial air or steamship lines (on both of which passage is often scarce) or by the present ship, the *Ambassador*. If we can undertake a move which will save both God's time and God's money, this is no time to tarry. Full speed ahead!

We know from the jubilant response that our Christ's Ambassadors have already made that they do not need to be re-sold on the values of Speed-the-Light. October 16 gives them a running start on this great new drive for a great new phase of an old and worthy cause. It is not an ending, but a new beginning. It is not a finish, but a fresh starting line.

But Speed-the-Light Dollar Day is not for C. A.'s only. Your pastor is being provided with special material and plans to make it a great event for *everyone* who has the vision of hurrying the gospel out into the darkness. On this special day, be sure to go to church and give a dollar. It is something you can do that will echo through eternity.

Among the Assemblies

PORT ST. JOE, FLA.—We had no revival meeting planned, but one Sunday evening there were 4 souls saved. The next night was scheduled for a business meeting, during which we adopted a Constitution and By-laws for our church. After 2½ hours of business, the Spirit of the Lord moved upon us to give an altar call, and 4 precious young people of C. A. age were saved. We felt led to announce services for the rest of the week, and during that week 25 or more came for salvation, and 2 were filled with the Spirit. Conviction was so heavy that sinners had a difficult time resisting the urge to be saved. Many were saved who had not been in our services before. Some of our young people were so under the power of God that they prayed and praised the Lord almost day and night. Parents of these young people were saved, and the entire community was stirred. Our C. A. number was more than doubled. Two suffering from gallstone trouble and facing operations were healed, and there were many other wonderful healings. At the close of the week the anointing began to lift, so we closed the meeting. We had a water baptismal service in the Gulf of Mexico, and 15 were baptized. There was no evangelist for the meeting, but Philip Bauldree of CBI preached the first Sunday night of the revival week, and J. B. Davis, Assistant Superintendent of the West Florida District, was with us for the business meeting.

We are now preparing to build three new Sunday school rooms. Our Sunday school attendance has doubled in the month and a half we have been here, and God is blessing us in all ways. We believe the signs down here all point to the coming of our blessed Lord!—Bill Britton, Pastor, Box 117, Highland View, Fla.

CLEBURNE, Texas—We have had a glorious Holy Ghost Revival at the First Assembly of God here. Ed Putnam was the evangelist—a real man of God who preached the Bible in all its fulness. Many received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Sunday school and church attendance almost doubled. We need to further expand our church building and Sunday school rooms. Twenty-four have joined the church since the meeting. We praise the Lord for these that are coming in to help us. We are seeing souls saved and filled with the Spirit in our regular services.—C. D. Evartt, Pastor; Mrs. F. L. Erickson, Church Secretary.

ANSON, TEXAS—Last fall we took over the church here. There were just a few members. The church had not had a revival in over two years. Since our taking over, the crowd has increased and the church has been built up. The Sunday school has grown to a goodly number. We have from 44 to 64 in Sunday school, where at first we had only 8 to 15.

We just closed a good revival meeting with Sister Caraway of Rhome doing the preaching. Several backsliders prayed through, 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 9 were saved, 9 baptized in water, and 9 added to the church. The revival is still with us. We have good crowds each night.—N. A. McMillan, Pastor.

HAYDEN LAKE, IDAHO—We have just concluded a series of special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Norman L. Gardner. Over a dozen were won to the Lord, and the entire church was stirred. We had some blessed altar services. Near the end of the three weeks of meetings, the Gardners presented a musical service, with no regular sermon, at which time every available seat was taken, including those in our auxiliary auditorium, and some were left standing. Much was accomplished toward making the entire community God-conscious because of the Gardners' anointed ministry.—Hayden Lake Community Church, W. E. Bjur, Pastor.

BEGGS, OKLA.—We have just closed a 3-week revival meeting with Evangelist Nellie Barr of Tulsa. Five found Christ as their Savior, and there were some definite healings. A backslider came back to God and consecrated his life to preach the gospel again.—J. R. Harris, Pastor.

HODGE, LA.—We have just closed a glorious 3-week revival meeting at our church, conducted by Talmadge F. McNabb of Unicoi, Tenn., and Ralph M. Elmore of Ferriday, La. From the beginning, the power of the Lord began to fall in unique ways, and the church building was filled every night. Some nights, even when extra seats were brought out, there were some yet standing, while others were outside the building enjoying the services as they listened through open doors and windows. The power of God was bountifully present in every service to heal the sick. A number of times there was no preaching as the Spirit of God took over and brought hungry seekers to the altar. Some, under a burden for souls, would rush to the prayer rooms and take others who needed help with them, while the regular service was going on in the auditorium. Visitors from many different denominations, and new people whom we had not seen in our services before stated how much they enjoyed this revival. We thank God for these two young men who came to us and were so used of God with their special music, singing, and preaching.—Edgar Gunter, Pastor.

JOHNSON, CITY, TENN.—In April, 1948, the Lord led us in a very definite way to accept the invitation to pastor this small but faithful little flock here in Johnson City, a town of about 30,000, situated in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains. We took formal charge of the church the first Sunday in May, 1948. We were all aware that God was with us from the beginning. Immediately the Sunday school attendance began to increase and our hearts were encouraged.

In August, Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. Craighead of Jackson, Miss., came to us for a 12-night meeting. Their ministry was a great blessing to all. A number were saved. This revival was continued by the anointed ministry of Evangelist Maybell Elsberry of Dallas, Texas. Some were saved, and two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In March, 1949, Evangelist Floyd E. Heady of St. Louis, Mo., came to us for a 3-week meeting. The Lord graciously saved many souls, and there were many outstanding healings.

One great asset to this church and to these meetings was the "Sermons in Song" program which we had secured about three months after taking over this church. This radio broadcast has served greatly to introduce our work and the ministry of the Assemblies of God in this city.

God has blessed us with a united effort, and with the co-operation of the dear saints here we have had a slow but continued rise. The blessing of God has been upon all the departments of the church.—A. E. Baker, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

LE ROY, KANSAS—Assembly of God, Sept. 25—; B. H. Caudle, Evangelist. Ray Hollis is Pastor.

TRENTON, MO.—Assembly of God, Oct. 9—; Hildreth Etheridge, Evangelist.—Earl Kelly, Pastor.

LYONS, N. Y.—Full Gospel Church, Sept. 18—Oct. 2; Mae Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.—John Brown, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 3235 Perry St., Sept. 18—Oct. 9; W. M. Stevens, Evangelist.—R. C. Schachterle, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—Maplewood Assembly of God, 15th and Drexel; meetings in progress; Harvey McAlister, guest speaker. Ray R. Soper is Pastor.

WESTWOOD, CALIF.—Sept. 21—; Hans F. Bretschneider of San Jose, Evangelist. W. C. Ross is Pastor.

DANVILLE, -ARK.—Assembly of God; meeting in progress; N. R. Dickerson, Evangelist. J. A. Villani, Pastor.

RICE LAKE, WIS.—Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 2-23; Evangelists Mel and Marian Hargis of St. Louis, Mo.—O. W. Apple, Pastor.

HOPE, ARK.—Oct. 9, for 3 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barham, Evangelists.—H. Paul Holdridge, Pastor.

ENID, OKLA.—Enid Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 10-; Bracy I. Greer of Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—Edgar Newby, Pastor.

GRAND ISLAND, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Oct. 9-23; Evangelist and Mrs. William Skondeen, Olympia, Wash.—H. D. Champlin, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fifth and Peoria, Oct. 9-; Christian Jewish Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick.—Glenn E. Millard, Pastor.

FLORALA, ALA.—Assembly of God, Oct. 6-; Wm. F. A. Gierke of Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist. M. O. Bruce, W. 5th Ave., is Pastor.

REYDON, OKLA.—Reydon Assembly of God; Oct. 9-23, or longer; E. C. Lagmay, Evangelist.—Dewey L. Heath, Pastor.

PASADENA, TEXAS—Sept. 21—Oct. 9; Evangelist and Mrs. Velmer Gardner, Seattle, Wash. J. B. Brumbelow is Pastor.

BEGGS, OKLA.—Assembly of God, 301 E. Main St., Oct. 2-23; D. J. McKinney, Artist-Evangelist, of Gulfport, Miss., Evangelist.—J. R. Harris, Pastor.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—First Assembly of God, 1084 E. McLemore at Somerville, Oct. 2-23; Martin Luther Davidson, Houston, Texas, Evangelist.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO—El Bethel Assembly of God, 401 N. Belmont, Sept. 27—Oct. 16; Gay Benson of Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelist.—Arthur H. Parsons, Pastor.

TULARE, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle; Oct. 2, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist L. H. Sheets and Party, Portland, Ore. County-wide campaign.—Paul B. Franklin, Pastor.

ELMER MO.—Fourteenth Annual Fellowship Meeting, Oct. 4-6. Opening service, 2:30 p.m., Tuesday. Free rooms. Meals on free-will offering plan. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, guest speaker.—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Davidson, Pastors.

VALLEY GROVE, W. VA.—Assembly of God, on U. S. Route 40. Old-fashioned Community Revival Meeting; Sept. 25, for 2 weeks or longer; Geraldine Bentz of East Liverpool, Ohio, Evangelist.—L. L. Trotta, Pastor.

SOUTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

Annual South Florida Sectional Camp Meeting, Pleasant Grove, 10 miles south of Plant City, Oct. 6-16; R. A. Sherrill of Farmington, Mo., Camp Evangelist; also other consecrated speakers. For reservations pertaining to cottages and rooms in the dormitory, write Miss Thelma Curry, Durant, Fla.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 27th Annual Conference of the New England District Council will convene October 17-20 at the Augusta Gospel Tabernacle, 11 N. Pearl St., Augusta, Maine. Harold Horton of England will minister in the devotional services and nightly at 7:30 p.m. Roy Smuland, District Superintendent, presiding. The Presbytery will convene October 17 at 9 a.m.—Lyle W. Butler, District Secretary.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma District Council will be held at the Camp Ground Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, beginning night of Oct. 3, with C. A. Rally; L. B. Keener, C. A. President, speaker. Business session opens at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, and will continue through Thursday night, Oct. 6. Those desiring ordination, who have met the District requirements, will send for application blank to the District Secretary, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City. For further information write Robert E. Goggin, District Secretary, or District Superintendent V. H. Ray, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla. Camp Ground Auditorium is located 4½ miles north of Capitol Building, on Highway 66. Bus service to and from town. Meals served in dining hall at reasonable rates. There will be plenty of places to stay.—V. H. Ray, District Superintendent.

FOSTORIA, OHIO—Children's Revival and Special Meetings, Sept. 25—Oct. 9; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Evangelists.—T. G. Sutton, Pastor.

CASPER, WYO.—First Wyoming District C. A. Convention, Assembly of God, Second and Kenwood, Oct. 5-7. First service, evening, Oct. 5. E. D. Beard, host pastor. H. J. Jackson of the Rocky Mountain District, special speaker. Brother Jackson will be speaking at each evening service. Glen Burris, District C. A. President, in charge of the services. For further information write Glen Burris, 501 S. Fourth St., Douglas, Wyo.

KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Kansas Sunday School Conferences, Oct. 10-21. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God, Conference speaker. Theme: "Our Sunday Schools Meeting Today's Challenge—with Leadership, Light and Life." Services 10:30 a.m., 2:00, 6:45 and 7:45 p.m. Conference centers: Parsons, Oct. 10; Lawrence, Oct. 12; Salina, Oct. 14; Oberlin, Oct. 17; Dodge City, Oct. 19; Pratt, Oct. 21.—Paul Witten, District Representative.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Alabama District Council will convene at the District Camp Grounds, Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 4-6. Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker. District Presbyters and Resolutions Committee will meet Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. For reservations write Carl E. Perry, Host Pastor, 24 Polk St., Montgomery, Ala. For further information write T. H. Spence, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 2171, Montgomery, Ala., or Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary, P. O. Box 276, Slocumb, Ala.

ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP RALLY PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP OF NORTH AMERICA

Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Okla., October 18-20, 1949. Prominent speakers from the larger Pentecostal bodies for all services, beginning Tuesday night, October 18. For information send postage stamps to R. O. Corvin, Route 3, Box 692, Oklahoma City, Okla., or V. H. Ray, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

SOUTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

The first South Carolina Camp meeting will convene Sept. 26—Oct. 6 on the grounds of HI-WAY Tabernacle, on Highway 6, 3 miles west of Lexington, S. C. Jonas Miller, Lakeland, Fla., camp speaker. Visiting ministers will speak in afternoon. Cots furnished for 25 cents a night; bring pillows and sheets. Meals on grounds. For further information write L. L. Whittaker, Route 2, Columbia, S. C., or H. T. Walker, District Superintendent, 1414 Richland St., Columbia, S. C.—J. C. Hunnicutt, Secretary.

DULUTH, MINN.—Regional Bible and Sunday School Convention of Pentecostal Assemblies of God. Duluth Gospel Tabernacle, 1515 W. Superior St., Oct. 20-26. Opening service 7:30 p.m. Meetings daily, 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Speakers: Lewi Pethrus, Pastor of Philadelphia Church of Stockholm, Sweden, and William Kirschke, Executive Secretary of National Sunday School Association of N.A.E. Soloist: Einar Ekberg. Other pastors and workers also participating. Address all communications to: Pastor E. C. Erickson, 4220 London Road, Duluth, Minn., or Pastor Allan G. Snider, 3925 London Road, Duluth, Minn.

TEXAS DISTRICT FALL BIBLE CONFERENCES

Texas District Sectional Fall Bible Conferences: Yoakum Section, Oct. 4-5, Port Lavaca Assembly. San Antonio Section, Oct. 6-7, Glad Tidings Assembly, San Antonio. San Angelo Section, Oct. 11-12, First Assembly, Abilene. Wichita Falls Section, Oct. 13-14, Jacksboro Assembly. Fort Worth Section, Oct. 18-19, First Assembly, Fort Worth. Dallas Section, Oct. 20-21, Lisbon Assembly, Dallas. Greenville Section, Oct. 25-26, Royce City Assembly. Paris Section, Oct. 27-28, Mt. Pleasant Assembly. Tyler Section, Nov. 1-2, First Assembly, Longview. Lufkin Section, Nov. 3-4, Crockett Assembly. Beaumont Section, Nov. 8-9, First Assembly, Port Arthur. Houston Section, Nov. 10-11, First Assembly, Houston. Waco Section, Nov. 29-30, Morrow Avenue, Waco. Corpus Christi Section, Dec. 6-7, First Assembly, Corpus Christi. Valley Section, Dec. 8-9, Assembly of God, Brownsville.

Services: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. first day, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., second day.—E. B. Crump, District Secretary-Treasurer.

TEXAS WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The Texas W.M.C. Convention was held June 9 in San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with the Texas District Council Meeting. A large number registered. Projects for this year were discussed, as follows:

1. Foreign project—send offerings for the building of a nursery for Junnar Orphanage in India.

2. Home project—continue to furnish Boys' Dormitory, also to include Girls' Dormitory and other needs in the Administration Building.

Officers for 1949-50 are: Mrs. J. O. Savell, re-elected State President; Mrs. Martin B. Netzell, re-elected Vice-President; and Mrs. E. B. Crump, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Annual Report of Texas W.M.C.
From May 15, 1948, to May 15, 1949

Evangelists and other religious papers distributed, 68,114. Testaments given, 1,084. Gospels given, 10,253. Story books given, 475. Sick calls made, 42,598. Hospital calls, 19,729. Prison services, 171. Jail services, 628. Prayer meetings, 9,086. Meals given, 8,473. Garments given, 45,611. Pairs of shoes given, 3,007. House-to-house calls, 35,018. Quilts quilted, 591. Quilt tops made, 251. Quilts given, 206. Sandwiches given, 2,203. Garments given to needy, 23,427. Home Missionary boxes given, 2,566. Bouquets given, 8,352. Garments to pastors' families, 1,422. Suits to ministers, 45. Tracts given, 308,562. Boxes to Foreign Missionaries, 317. Garments to missionaries, 789.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Foreign Missionary offerings, \$11,602.31. Home Missionary offerings, \$6,427.47. Estimate of groceries given, \$30,718.28. Cash on local churches, \$15,169.01. Cash on local parsonages, \$5,370.81. Cash on flowers, \$3,807.32. Cash to Bible Schools, \$900.12. Cash to Boys' Dormitory \$690.17. For Mollie Baird's project, \$481.52. For Ozella Reid, \$130.16. For Veterans' Village, \$119.00. For W.M.C. District office, \$398.64. Articles for SBI, \$99.01. Miscellaneous, \$10,889.96.

12 crocheted rugs for Boys' Dormitory. Furnished reception room for Boys' Dormitory. 12 Councils organized during the year.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TEXAS DISTRICT W.M.C. OFFICE

May 30, 1948—June 3, 1949

Amount carried forward from last year \$ 451.27

RECEIVED DURING YEAR

For Furnishings for Boys' Dormitory	\$1,506.10	
For District Work	399.18	
For Ozella Reid, Missionary ..		
Nurse to Africa	374.67	
For Molly Baird's Car	316.23	
For Gravel for Road to Veterans Huts	127.68	
For Drinking Fountains	7.00	
For Sewing Machine for Veterans' Village	1.00	
Personal Offerings for State President during year	313.00	
Personal Offerings for State Sec-Treas. during year	131.00	
For Christmas Treats and Dinners for Veterans' Families	194.06	3,369.92
Total Income	3,821.19	

EXPENDED DURING YEAR

Furnishing for Boys' Dormitory (including gravel for road) \$1,357.62	
For Molly Baird's Car	316.23
For Minutes and mailing them out	85.00
Office Supplies, stamps, report blanks, cuts, stationery ...	111.09
Balance on Drinking Fountains	7.00
For Ozella Reid, fare and equipment	347.67
Personal Offerings for State President	313.00
Personal Offerings for State Sec-Treas.	131.00
Christmas Treats and Dinners for Veterans' Families	194.06
2,889.67	
Carried over to Next Year	\$ 931.52

FUNDS ON HAND June 3, 1949

For Boys' Dormitory	\$ 148.48
Sewing Machine for Veterans' Village	1.00
For District Work	782.04
\$ 931.52	

Respectfully submitted by
Mrs. E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer,
126 Cynisca,
Waxahachie, Texas

Space for address or church announcement

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—Annual Missionary Convention, Assembly of God, 8th and Quincy Sts., Sept. 30—Oct. 2. Kenneth Short, speaker.—Bernard B. Ridings, Pastor.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Pastoral

Woodrow Fountain, Box 261, Sebring, Fla. Phone 4044.—“I have recently come into Pentecost. Have

resigned as pastor of my church—a Baptist church—and will be leaving them in a few weeks. Am now an ordained minister in the Assemblies of God and affiliated with the South Florida District Council as well as the General Council. Open for calls as pastor to any Assembly of God to which the Lord might lead me.”

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW BROADCAST SCHEDULE—“The Call to Prayer,” Station KFTM, 1260 kc., Ft. Morgan, Colo., Monday through Friday, 2:00-2:15 p.m. Sundays, 2:00-2:30 p.m.—Peter Pilot, Director.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 121, Van Nuys, Calif. “After many years in the evangelistic field, we have accepted the call to the Assembly of God, Victory Blvd. and Tyrone. Council brethren passing this way will receive a cordial welcome.”—Robert Perryman.

NEW ADDRESS—79 Milford St., Springfield 7, Mass. “We have accepted a pastorate here.”—A. D. Skymer.

BROADCAST—Station KGO, 860 kc., 50,000 watts, San Francisco, Calif. “Glad Tidings of the Air,” Sundays, 10:30—11:00 p.m. Music under direction of Gaylord Atwell.—L. R. Keys, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—1216 S. W. 27th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. Phone 62-7900. “After 7¼ years as pastor of the Lighthouse Assembly of God in Ardmore, Okla., we have resigned and have accepted the pastorate of South Side Faith Tabernacle, 2124 S. W. 29th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. Council brethren passing this way will find a hearty welcome.”—Paul E. Riggs.

BROADCAST—“Gospel Gleams,” Station WZIP, Covington, Ky., 1050 kc., Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. Sponsored jointly by Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 224 Foote Ave., Bellevue, Ky., Mrs. Irene Doepke, Pastor, and the Assembly of God, 15th and Banklick, Covington, Ky., Nolan Sluder, Pastor.

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