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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Slot Machines Outlawed

Governor Len Jordan has signed a bill to outlaw slot machines in Idaho, effective Jan. 1, 1954, leaving Nevada the only State in which slot machines are legalized.

Lounge Cars to Get Bibles

Copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be placed in lounge cars of all trains of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, it was announced at the company's headquarters in Dallas.

Graham to Use Portable Tabernacle

It is reported that Billy Graham will use a 12,000-seat portable tabernacle for his evangelistic campaign at Detroit, Mich. next fall. After the Detroit meetings the building will go to England for use in the three evangelistic campaigns the evangelist has scheduled there in 1954. The all-aluminum tabernacle was designed by industrialist R. G. LeTourneau of Peoria, Ill. and will be fabricated at one of LeTourneau's plants.

95,131 Pentecostals in Canada

The latest census of population in Canada shows a population of 14,009,429 and only 59,679 of these (one out of 233) said they have "no religion." The 15 largest religious groups, in order, are:

Roman Catholic 6,069,496; United Church of Canada 2,867,271; Church of England in Canada 2,060,720; Presbyterian 781,747; Baptist 519,585; Lutheran 444,923; Jewish 204,836; Greek Catholic 191,051; Greek Orthodox 172,271; Mennonite 125,938; Pentecostal 95,131; Salvation Army 70,275; Evangelical Church 50,900; Jehovah's Witnesses 34,596; Mormon 32,888.

Searching for Moses' Ark

A Swedish archeologist is looking for the Ark of the Covenant, continuing a search begun by his grandfather and continued by his father. Edmund Steffanson arrived at Tel Aviv recently to seek the Ark, in which were placed the tablets of the Ten Commandments given to Moses, the pot of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded.

The Ark was a memorial of God's miracles and a symbol of His presence among His people. But it disappeared when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the Temple, long before Christ was born. There was no need of the symbol when God Himself was dwelling in their midst in a human body!

The prophet spoke of a day when the Lord Himself would reign at Jerusalem (Jeremiah 3:16). "In those days," he said, "they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind." Why waste time looking for the Ark of Moses' day, when a King greater than Moses is about to return?

Costly "Police Action"

The Korean "Police Action" to date has caused 130,093 casualties, cost 20 billion dollars, and consumed 438,000 tons of bombs. The U.N. still persists in calling it a "police action" rather than a war, yet 3,600,000 men have been mobilized because of the Korean fighting, which is within 400,000 of the total mobilized during World War I.

Less Liquor Consumed

There was a slight decrease in the amount of distilled spirits consumed by the American people in 1952, as compared with the previous year. In the 1952 calendar year, 183,686,737 wine gallons of distilled spirits were consumed, as compared with 193,766,629 gallons in 1951. Consumption in Washington, D. C. was down 5.7 per cent as compared with a national decrease of 5.2 per cent.

Abstinence Is the Answer

Judge Carlton A. Fisher of the Erie County court in the State of New York says that preachers ought to get back to those old-fashioned sermons about drinking because about 50 per cent of crimes are due to drink. The Judge's estimate is confirmed by statistics from Virginia where it was reported that 51 per cent of all commitments to county and city jails in the State for the year ending June 30, 1952, were caused by alcohol.

President Stresses Need of Prayer

At a "get-acquainted" luncheon President Eisenhower spoke to members of Congress about the relation of prayer to freedom. He told how he happened to include a prayer in his inaugural address. The idea first occurred to him that morning, he said, while listening to a "very fine prayer" by Pastor E. L. Elson at pre-inauguration services at the National Presbyterian Church.

"A lot of good people, including Doctor Elson, were praying for me and it occurred to me that I ought to do some praying for myself," said the President. "The only reason we are a free nation is because the Almighty Creator, to whom all mankind is responsible, is keeping us free, and our prayers will help us to hold on to that freedom."

There is a further report to the effect that the President opens all his Cabinet meetings with prayer. When the heads of the government departments have assembled in the Cabinet Room of the White House, the President rises and asks them to bow their heads in a moment of silent prayer. Only after the prayer does the business of state begin. White House aides said Mr. Eisenhower himself suggested the practice at his first Cabinet meeting and it has now become regular procedure.

President's Position on Liquor

President Eisenhower has advised religious leaders in Washington, D. C. that he does not approve of the consumption of liquor at the White House. The President has expressed himself strongly on the subject, Religious News Service reports.

An order has been issued banning drinking by members of the White House executive staff during business hours or at any time while at their offices.

Cocktails were served to foreign envoys at a recent diplomatic reception, but it seems that the President was not responsible. He viewed the matter critically and his position has been fortified by letters of protest that have come to the White House.

Clergymen who have talked with Mr. Eisenhower say they are well satisfied that his position is sincere and that there will be very little drinking at the White House during his administration.

To Ban Sunday Liquor in California

We have been asked to urge all Californians to write cards and letters to Governor Warren and their senators and representatives in the California State Legislature urging the adoption of a bill to ban the sale of liquor on Sundays.

A mission worker says: "We know that only the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, can cleanse men from sin. However, a ban on temptation would help many of these unstable souls. If each Sunday night our entire audience was sober, many souls could be won to Christ at the Rescue Mission."

A bill has been introduced in the California Legislature to ban the sale of liquor from 2 a.m. Sunday until 6 a.m. Monday. Legislation of this kind is not likely to pass unless Christian people raise their voice in favor of it.

Obscene Material Burned Publicly

There was a public burning of obscene films, photographs and books at the municipal dock in Newark, N. J. Public Safety Director John B. Keenan said the destroyed material included more than 80,000 feet of film, 40,000 lewd photographs, 720 colored still negatives for screen projection, 157 pornographic illustrated books and 59 decks of cards with lascivious pictures on the back.

Mr. Keenan said the material had been seized by Newark police during the last two years, had been ruled obscene by the courts, and the distributors had been convicted. He ordered the public burning in order that representatives of the citizenry could see the large quantities of obscene material confiscated and could alert churches and other groups to the danger it represented to youth and public morals.

The burning reminds us of the spiritual awakening that came to Ephesus through Paul's preaching of the gospel, and of the huge bonfire when bad books worth fifty thousand pieces of silver were publicly burned by the converts (Acts 19:19). It is time there were hundreds of Ephesian bonfires all over America.

Are we delaying the revival for which we pray by failing to remove the tombstones?

Making Way for the Miracle

A. G. Ward



JESUS said, "Take ye away the stone" (John 11:39).

This text is found in one of the most remarkable chapters in the New Testament, and in the greatest of all the miracles in the ministry of Jesus. Nowhere shall we find such convincing proof of our Lord's divine power: as God, He makes the grave itself yield up its tenant. Nowhere shall we find such striking illustration of our Lord's ability to sympathize with His people: as man, He can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities. Jesus was perfectly human and absolutely divine. Never was there such a being, before or since.

What a scene is pictured in the raising of Lazarus. Mary, the lovely, spiritually-minded mystic, stands on one side of the tomb. Martha, the plain, practical-minded saint stands on the other side. The friends and neighbors are grouped around the Great Teacher—all waiting almost breathlessly, wondering what the Lord is about to do. Then comes His word of command: "Take ye away the stone."

Whose words are these? They are the words of the One of whom it is written, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

Why should He ask that the stone be removed? He had authority to think it out of the way, or to say the word that would result in its removal. But He who could easily have removed it waited for man to take it away!

Today there are so many sealed tombs that need to be opened—so many "dead" who need to be made alive—and once again, as in the long ago, God waits for us to take the stone away.

Few of us enjoy the simple, plain, everyday ministry of "removing stones." We would prefer to raise the dead; to do something strangely spectacular; something that would bring us into the limelight; or that would make us feel important. When will we learn to attend to our end of things and permit God to look after His?

In my day, I have seen thousands of good people at our altars and in our prayer rooms struggling so hard. Many of them were trying, perhaps unconsciously, to get God to reverse the divine order—praying Him to remove the stones, or in other words, to do the things they alone were responsible for doing.

I

Take, for instance, THE STONE OF UNBELIEF. I know it is hard to practice faith in the days of darkness, in the days when neither sun, moon nor stars appear, but we would do well to remember that we are so constituted that we may believe God, if we will. And why not believe Him? Has He ever failed us? Has He ever turned a deaf ear to our prayers? Have we ever put His Word to the test and found it unreliable?

What a dreadful thing unbelief is! How it has deprived us of so much that we might be enjoying! Have we ever stopped to consider what it has cost us, or what would happen if we would believe God as it is our privilege to do? Tombs would be unsealed, the spiritually dead raised, the sick healed, the Spirit outpoured, hell defeated, the devil driven back, and the cause of God advanced throughout the entire world, if only we would believe God as it is our privilege to do—but we must first remove the stone of unbelief.

II

Then there is THE STONE OF DISOBEDIENCE. The Word says: "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land, but if ye refuse and rebel ye shall be

devoured with the sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

The command is plain—so very plain that even the least educated can understand: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Have we done this? No. Even at this late hour, millions upon millions of our fellow creatures have never had opportunity of hearing the good news, the gospel of Christ.

The command has gone forth—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house; and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it." Have we obeyed this word? Only the loose change has come in so far—we seem to have millions for pleasure, for comfort, for the carnal things of the world, while God's cause goes a-begging and the benighted heathen die, as ignorant of the great plan of Redemption as when they were born.

Let us rise up, roll away the stone of disobedience, and undertake the most aggressive missionary move since apostolic days. Let us discontinue so many things which look like 'playing church,' and let us seriously and wholeheartedly obey God.

III

One might continue this theme indefinitely, but space will not permit. We would conclude therefore by mentioning one more stone which needs to be removed from our midst—THE STONE OF INCONSISTENCY.

As a great religious movement, one born in the heat of revival and nourished in the atmosphere of prayer, we have suffered far more from the inconsistent living of our people than from the attacks of our opponents. Folk outside our ranks have so often spoken out of the abundance of ignorance, and many of the things they have said about our meetings and our

ministers have been untruthful as well as unkind. Nevertheless, had we always lived consistently, and continued under the rich anointing of the Holy Spirit which came upon us in the early days of our Pentecostal experience, nothing could have withstood us, or prevented our onward march to world conquest for God.

I would not overestimate the Spirit-filled experience, nor would I underrate what it means to be pardoned, cleansed, and filled with God, but my personal conviction after careful study of the Scriptures is that if we will but take away the "stones" referred to above, and set ourselves to seek the Lord according to the Divine pattern, we shall soon be rewarded with the greatest visitation of God's holy presence and power ever experienced by the church since apostolic days.

We are in the midst of a great revival of demon power, a revival similar in some respects to the one preceding the Flood, and the one preceding the first advent of our Lord. Nothing less than a mighty, heaven-sent, Holy Ghost visitation can or will meet the present need. Sealed tombs must be opened. The spiritually dead must be raised to life. We must have a revival of reality and energy to cope with the situation in which we find ourselves.

Beloved, can you not hear the Lord of life and glory calling to us from the balconies of heaven—"Take ye away the stones"! This is our task, not His. What shall our answer be?

Preparing for Revival

In the days of His flesh, our Lord "appointed other seventy, and sent them two by two into every city and place whither he himself would come" (Luke 10:1, 2). They prepared the way of the Lord in those centers. The need is the same now. If we are to have the Lord visit our church and community, we must have "twos" at least who will do what is needed to be ready for the Lord's presence. Offer yourself to the Lord for revival promotion. Work for revival. Pray for revival. Peter and John went up to the temple to pray and thus came the revival at the temple gate called the Beautiful Gate. Get a prayer partner, and then pray and promote revival under the direction of the Word and the Spirit. God never disappoints those who wait upon Him.—E. M. Wadsworth.

Let God Alone Be Exalted

By an Unknown Layman

THERE WAS a holy hush throughout the auditorium as the liquid notes of the soloist, inspired by Holy Spirit power, poured into the hearts of the congregation. She sang with praise in her heart and in her voice to Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords. Eyes were wet and hearts tender as her song brought us into the very presence of God.

She sat down, and in the silence which followed we continued to worship. Then the leader of the meeting took his place in the pulpit. With one icy blast of praise to man he blighted the warmth, the fervor, the blessedness of that moment as he praised the singer in glowing terms, comparing her at length with a well-known soloist of worldly fame and assuring us that we had been greatly honored by her presence.

I shall never forget the look of shocked amazement on that singer's face before her head dropped and she covered her eyes with her hands—to hide the tears in her eyes, I am sure, for I found tears in mine.

She had been singing about Jesus. She had been thinking of Him. She had been worshiping God in song. Somehow this wrenching of hearts and minds from Him to her was sacrilege.

Others were also affected. Quite suddenly, under the touch of that leader, the congregation which had gathered to worship God became merely an audience of spectators.

The tragedy is that the instance just described is no rare occurrence. More and more often, the meetings of the saints of God, including some of the great mass meetings involving great outlay of time, energy and money, culminate in the gathering of an audience rather than a congregation of worshippers.

How often in such meetings I have sat with heavy heart while leaders talked with forced gaiety, forced enthusiasm, with almost a theatrical manner, as if Jesus Himself were not able to bless or to reach hearts without the salesmanship of their jovial remarks.

How often I have wondered, as they introduced singers, musicians and speakers

with lengthy laudations, what would happen if all the people of God gathered there would suddenly lift their eyes from man to the Creator and worship Him, praising Jesus Christ and giving place to the leading of the blessed Holy Spirit. With God receiving the glory, with Jesus the object of every worshiper's love, with the Holy Spirit leading, surely blessing, conviction and power to the salvation of souls would flow from the heart and lips of every person present.

It is not altogether the fault of the leader that Jesus has but little place in many of our meetings. As Hosea tells us, "And there shall be, like people, like priests: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings. For they shall eat, and not have enough . . ."

Sometimes we go away empty because we have come to the assembly of God's people without having prayed that He will bless the gathering and manifest His authority. Perhaps we come *thinking* in terms of the persons who are to speak or *appear on the program, rather than in terms of meeting with God.*

Frequently we must admit that we are slow to respond to the wondrous truths of the Word with glowing faces and nodding hearts. But how quick we often are to react to levity! Such response on the part of a congregation cannot help but affect the speaker because response is an important part of his work.

If we, the saints, come to be entertained, that is all we can expect. But let us remember: "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing."

If this very thing has been the burden of your heart (and it is the burden of many hearts today, for as a layman I hear of it everywhere I go), then pray. Even two or three, by earnest, effectual, fervent prayer, can change a merry-go-round meeting, spotlighting people, to a Holy Spirit-directed meeting with God.

In 1 Chronicles 15:22, 23 we read, "And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was for song: he instructed about the song, because he was skillful. And Berechiah and Elkanah were doorkeepers for the ark."

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Chenaniah was talented, he was skillful in song, and we thank God for that. What would our meetings be without song? But Berechiah, which means "Jehovah hath blessed," and Elkanah, which means "God has possessed," were doorkeepers for the ark. Who shall say which is greater in God's sight—to be blessed by God and possessed by God as doorkeepers, or to be instructor in song because of skill?

Not long ago I heard this plea: "Come to this conference and mingle with God's elite—the greatest singers, musicians and speakers in the nation."

That same afternoon I visited a saint of God who was ill, and there I met others who had gathered to pray and to help in whatever way they could. Not one of those present was financially able to spend a week at a conference, but as they interceded, and as they prayed for that very

conference to be blessed of God, I thought, "Surely here, too, are God's elite." For not only the talented but the faithful are God's elite, His select group His chosen ones. And I was glad to mingle with the Berechiah and the Elkanahs who were joyfully doing the will of God.

Oh, saints of God, leaders, singers, musicians, speakers, pastors, teachers, doorkeepers, congregation—let us give honor where honor is due. Let us love one another with pure hearts, fervently. Let us esteem very highly for their works' sake the leaders of God's people; but let us say with David, "I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His NAME together."—Reprinted from "Moody Monthly." Used by permission.

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potential soul-winners. Our government has sent these lads overseas—with others to follow—to get a close look at a world that needs Christ. In the intimate associations of barrack or ship life their eyes are opened to the spiritual needs of their fellow Americans. It is this generation that is beginning to see the issue with crystal clarity. They know better than anyone else that our homes and possessions may soon count for nothing unless the gospel of Christ prevails. Theirs is the call of high adventure for God. The Servicemen's Division is preserving these uniformed C.A.'s for the full gospel message and the Pentecostal way of life.

This is God's program. Who can doubt it? The tremendous power of the printed page is being used to reach young people. The Christ's Ambassadors *Herald* and the Christ's Ambassadors Guide are vehicles for promulgating the gospel. Each publication, in its distinctive way, imparts God's truth to young people.

This is God's program. Who can doubt it? On scores of college and university campuses are small bands of Christ's Ambassadors who have suddenly been shifted from the friendly environment of home and church and their stabilizing influence. Now their spiritual life is chilled in the cold atmosphere of materialistic, secular philosophies. A lifeline that keeps feeding them the warm truths of those things "most surely believed among us" is furnished through the bimonthly bulletin, *Campus Ambassador*.

Lay upon your C. A.'s the prayer burden by observing National C. A. Day. Impress upon them their responsibility for the financial support of the National C. A. Office. Urge them to be sensitive to the mind of the Lord in promoting the program that is best in their local church. This cannot help but produce sacrifice, surrender, and the confirmation of the Holy Spirit in open demonstration in the Assembly—signifying His pleasure toward this program of witness. I cherish this generation. Whoever captures it may well capture the world!

It is my firm conviction that our Christ will not settle for less than total world evangelization. He said, "This gospel SHALL be preached in all the world for a witness." The move of the Spirit is upon us. The generation that brings His return must be like the generation which began the church dispensation—it must be a PENTECOSTAL GENERATION. That's why our C.A.'s and their great program of evangelism are so important. The call of the Spirit to our pastors today is to arouse our young people to action—to alert them to a fullness of expectancy in the light of world events and Bible prophecy. In the words of Mordecai to young Esther, we should say to our C.A.'s, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"

This Is GOD'S Program

C. M. Ward *

IT APPEARS that all the issues of nearly six thousand years of human history may reach a climax in this generation. A glance into the prophecies of the Word of God might well bring from our lips the expression, "This is it!"

One issue that must be settled is that expressed in Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." This still is Christ's great commission to His Church. He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Again He said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

This plan comes from the heart of God. It will be consummated. It is not hinged to human limitations but to the enabling power of the Holy Ghost. Therefore it cannot fail.

The Christians of the first generation of this church age, propelled by the power of the Holy Ghost and challenged by persecution and animosity, went everywhere preaching this gospel. Some generation will be the last generation of this Church Age. It might well be our present grow-

ing army of C.A.'s. There is a renewed Pentecostal emphasis at work in the Church today. The Spirit of God is searching out those who are willing to give ear to "what the Spirit saith unto the churches." This generation finds itself growing up in the midst of fulfilled prophecy—the rebuilding of Israel, the drift toward world federation among the nations and among the churches. Is it not fitting, then, that our Assemblies of God pastors should give the "go-ahead sign" to our C.A.'s on such occasions as our National C. A. Day and should support the national headquarters of this great army of youth?

It is not by accident that God has laid upon our National C. A. Department the burden of evangelization. The Heavenly Administrator wants to get the job done and this generation finds itself with the means for its speedy accomplishment. We are surrounded by scientific marvels—the jet, radar, television, radio, highways, printing presses and atomic energy. The avenues of communication have been opened. Under the hand of God an appointed generation is marching into a prepared way. Our C.A.'s are publishing gospel literature, opening evangelistic centers in the capitals of the free world, and purchasing vehicles for missionaries. Here they find a Spirit-designed outlet for their enterprise and energy. Let every pastor among us foster this militant gospel advance.

This is God's program. Who can doubt it? Eleven thousand servicemen are being contacted regularly by the Servicemen's Division of the National C. A. Department. These Christian servicemen are



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Campus Ambassadors



IN RECENT years, more and more of our Assemblies of God young people have left home and church to attend institutions of higher learning outside our fellowship, and it became clear that something must be done to help them spiritually. Our C.A.'s needed to be kept in touch with Pentecostal life; they needed to be encouraged; they needed to be assisted in giving "a reason for the hope that is in them."

Campus life is fraught with spiritual perils. Satan has a fourfold program of attack against the college C. A.:

1. *The anti-Christian philosophical basis of modern education.* Generally speaking, professors try to explain life and the universe through chemical and material characteristics. The supernatural is challenged or held up to derision. To keep their faith, C.A.'s have to battle against this formidable counter-current of thought and educated opinion.

2. *The secularizing influence of college ideals and objectives.* The whole emphasis of modern education seems to be upon the purely physical and material aspects of life—making a living, getting along in the world. Colleges are organized to prepare men for this world, not the next one. They exist not to equip students to convert the heathen, but to become lawyers, dentists, business executives. In this atmosphere, it is easy for spiritual sensibilities to become dulled.

3. *Worldly social life.* Campus social life centers around hosts of activities hostile to the spiritual—sorority and fraternity life with its approval of dancing, drinking, smoking, and pursuits and recreation with inherent dangers, such as drama.

4. *The fast pace of educational and social activities.* The daily schedule of the typical lover of learning is a feverish whirl of classes, heavy study, and social activities. In this busy round there often tends

to be a crowding out of prayer and Bible reading.

CAMPUS AMBASSADORS has been our answer to this need of our college C.A.'s. It was started in 1948 as a phase of the ministry of the National C. A. Office. It was known as the College Fellowship. In 1951 the name was changed to CAMPUS AMBASSADORS. Today the enrollment of CAMPUS AMBASSADORS stands at 228 students in 110 colleges and universities.

The main feature of this college ministry is the bimonthly publication *Campus Ambassador*. It started out as a *Dittoed* publication but now is lithographed in attractive style on one of the Gospel Publishing House presses. The publication strives to meet our C.A.'s in their spiritual crises with practical, Christ-centered counsel and help. Its pages usually carry articles written by able Christian writers on subjects and problems of special interest to college students, giving them a positive, evangelical, Pentecostal answer to the problems they face. Other good literature is often mailed with the *Campus Ambassador*.

Students on the mailing list are urged to write back, and many of them do. The warm ties of fellowship thus established are an added means of keeping the college C.A.'s aroused to the perils of wrong philosophy, of secularization, and of social activity that soils the soul and crowds out the things of God.

A very beneficial by-product of the ministry of CAMPUS AMBASSADORS is that it helps Assemblies of God students on various college campuses to get to know each other. On many campuses C.A.'s have banded together, sometimes with other evangelical Christians, for regular worship and Bible study. These campus organizations usually are indigenous; that is, most of them have come into being spontaneously through the initiative of the local students. But CAMPUS AMBASSADORS encourages such local groups wherever it is feasible.

The following letter, recently sent in to the editor of the *PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL*, tells of God's unique blessing on one such campus group:

Dear Brother Cunningham:

I am a second-year student here at East Central State Teacher's College in Ada, Oklahoma, and would like you to hear of the work for Christ going on in this college.

I grew up in a home where holiness was taught, and attended an Assemblies of God

Sunday School in Wewoka, Oklahoma. During my high school years I broke away from the teaching of my parents and started attending another Sunday School. Later I joined the church, was baptized, became very active in the young people's department, and also became Sunday School president.

When I came to college in the fall of 1951, I had every intention of staying with this group. I attended their attractive Student Union along with many friends. I attended every social that the Student Union offered. But I was not saved; I did not have peace in my soul. I added every activity the school offered, and most of what the city offered in the line of temporal satisfaction, in my hunt for peace.

But while returning to college one weekend, I happened to pick up an *EVANGEL* at the bus station. I happened to occupy a seat with another boy and settled down for a nice ride to Ada.

As soon as the boy seated next to me saw the *EVANGEL* in my hands, he asked me of what faith I was. I told him. He said that he was an Assemblies of God Christian. I tried to keep off the track of religion on the trip, but somehow the conversation seemed to drift toward it. Finally, at the end of the trip, the fellow invited me to attend the Holiness Fellowship Forum, a club which some students of various Holiness and Pentecostal faiths had organized on the campus.

The first flight of steps to the meeting-place was the hardest. I almost turned back several times. There wasn't a big crowd as at the Student Union. I was cordially welcomed. After a few songs, a short devotion, and prayer, I received several more personal invitations to return to the Forum. These personal invitations attracted me much more than the mass invitations of the Student Union. The students were few but were truly worshiping God in spirit and in truth. There was none of the sort of thing where a fellow would give a devotion against cursing and then later be found cursing. I admired these boys and girls who could practice what they preached, and I knew I needed what they had.

After I started attending the Holiness Fellowship Forum, I saw my need for peace even more clearly. These people had peace and I knew it.

They treated me as one of them even though I held onto my church name. I knew, and they did too, that I needed salvation. I went caroling, attended church with them for several months, and learned to love them. Several denominations could be found in the Forum at times. They knew where the truth was. The little light burned bright.

One night I came under such deep conviction that I had accepted an invitation to attend a revival. I went to the altar. Grace divine flooded my soul and I knew my sins were covered by Jesus' precious blood. Nearly five weeks later I received the glorious infilling of the Holy Ghost and power in an Assembly of God church. I still believe I received a double portion.

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Servicemen Find Christ in Alaska

Our missionaries in Alaska minister to other people besides Eskimos and natives. Some are located near defense bases and are having a fruitful ministry among our American servicemen as well.

Here is the testimony of one of the more than three hundred servicemen who have found Christ at the little log Assembly of God Church at Fairbanks, Alaska:

"I was fifteen when I discovered my need for a pattern of stability which would anchor me in the ever-changing tide of circumstances. In seeking for something to satisfy I turned to various cults and religions. However, they soon proved to be as empty as the world.

"Then through a Youth for Christ campaign in my home town of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, I opened my heart to God. He proved Himself to be the One for whom my soul had been longing. My only regret is that I had not been instructed in the way of Pentecost. When the Lord baptized me with His precious Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts 2:4, I was afraid to accept it although the work had been done. I believed the lies of Satan and told myself it was emotion. With this conflict raging within and the many failures in the battle over sin, I soon became discouraged and turned my back upon God.

"Eventually I joined a carnival, and there I became convinced that sin was insanity. The things men will do for worldly acclaim shocked me. I beheld sights that are normally hidden from the eyes of the world because of their lowness and filthiness. I saw men torturing their bodies with narcotics and heavy drinking, not wanting to face the realities of

life. I felt like a stranger in a foreign land because I could not become accustomed to such a life. My soul was constantly crying out to God to give me peace again. I wanted so much just to live a normal life like everyone else—but God had given me the light on full surrender and I could not be happy otherwise.

"I enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and there sought to find stability on the weak crutches of psychology; but this, like all the other worldly remedies, was only temporary and I soon exhausted the peace it offered.

"Alaska became my next place of misery and misfortune. In the cold winter months there I gave myself over to liquor. Some of my buddies seeing my pitiful condition suggested that I visit a psychiatrist and this I did. After trying hypnosis and psychoanalysis to diagnose my case, the doctor informed me that it was quite difficult. He said it might take years to uncover the cause of my oppression, but suggested I come back for treatment. I knew that the treatment I needed must come from the One who had given me peace when I was first saved.

"I refused to work. I locked myself in the boiler room at night and drank until my mind was deteriorated to the extent that I was not conscious of the 50-below-zero weather that was just waiting to claim a drunkard's life through frost-bite.

"It was at this time I met the fellow who is now my Central Bible Institute roommate, Sgt. Charles Stallings. It seemed that God had been dealing with this boy. Charles had never been saved, but his condition was identical with mine. I began to tell him about the happiness I had in my youth when I found



Assembly of God Church in Fairbanks, Alaska, where more than 300 servicemen have found Christ in the past few years.

Christ as my personal Saviour. Charles became convicted, and through the leadership of a Pentecostal boy who had been saved recently in the Fairbanks Assembly of God church he heard the Pentecostal message. However, he did not yield to God at that time. Instead we both drank more heavily than ever before.

"It seemed that everything was going wrong. We could not sleep for many nights, and our appetites had left us, so finally one night we decided that we would return to the church in Fairbanks and give our hearts to the Lord. We stayed up all that night in the mess-hall singing hymns and reading from the little Testament that the Chaplain issues to each serviceman. In the morning we both requested permission for a day off and hurriedly made our way to the little log cabin Assembly of God church. It seemed that Pastor Herbert Bruhn and his wife had been expecting us, for to our astonishment we found that Sgt. Jack Retherford, a member of our squadron at Ladd Field, Alaska, had been requesting prayer for us constantly. With little hesitancy Charles and I knelt before the Lord with the Bruhns and there found Him in all His fullness and glory, with Pentecost included.

"Charles and I both obtained a discharge from the service and are now attending CBI, for we feel we have a definite calling from the Lord. Pray for us that we might ever be in the center of His will.

"If you were to hear the testimonies of all the servicemen, civilians, Eskimos, etc., that were saved up there in the Northland you would find that the thing that so gripped and impressed their hearts was the personal interest which our Assemblies of God missionaries showed in dealing with our souls (not to speak of the many fine dinners prepared by the faithful ministers' wives and the church ladies for the servicemen)."—Richard I. Kuhns



Richard Kuhns (left) and Charles Stallings point with gratitude to the spot on the map which marks Fairbanks, Alaska, where they both found Christ while serving in the U. S. Air Force.

Our New School in Pakistan

Elsie Bridgman

PAKISTAN, literally "the Land of the Holy," came into being after the partitioning of India. In August of 1947 India achieved her independence from Great Britain and within two days the country was divided. Pakistan itself consists of two different sections—East and West Pakistan. They are separated from each other by 1,000 miles of Indian territory (see map).

All the work of the Assemblies of God in Pakistan is concentrated in the eastern wing, which contains more than half of Pakistan's population. It is composed mainly of the province of East Bengal. The majority of the people speak Bengali. The country, once an undeveloped backwater, has made considerable progress recently. A six-year development program by the government is under way.

As our mission work in this field grew it became evident that a Bible school was a necessity. The lay workers and pastors all needed training and no adequate provision had been made for them. None of our Bible schools in India used the Bengali language as a medium of instruction. Hence on October 4, 1950, the Immanuel Pentecostal Bible School was opened in Jessore, East Pakistan.

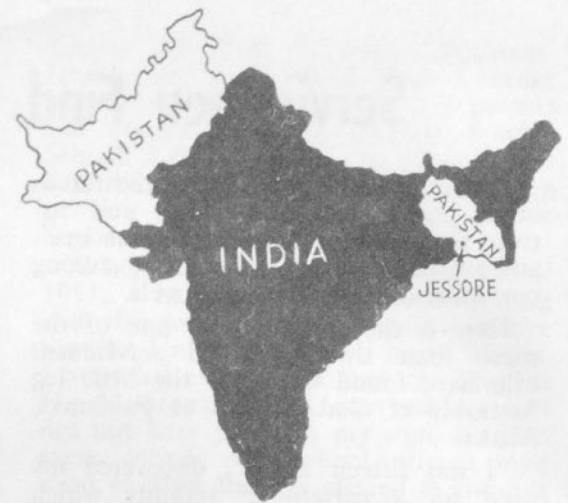
The first difficulty we encountered was the lack of text books in the Bengali

language. This necessitated translation work along with our studies. Each day Brother Munshi and Brother Biswas, who knew both Bengali and English, translated portions of Myer Pearlman's course, "Through the Bible Book by Book." In turn we dictated these notes to the students who painstakingly wrote them down. As you can well imagine, much valuable time was lost by this method.

Thank God for the Boys and Girls' Missionary Crusade! They came to our rescue with a generous gift of \$200. With these funds we purchased a Bengali typewriter. The machine has been of inestimable value in our Bible School work. It not only expedites the preparation of our lesson material but also aids in the production of tracts. During the second year we made more rapid progress. The first and second year notes are now ready for final revision before mimeographing. We hope to have them printed some day and bound into books.

The first year 12 students entered the school. The second year the enrollment dropped to seven. This term there are 15. In May 1953 we expect our first class to graduate.

In spite of meager financial backing the Lord has helped the students in their determined effort to train for the



service of the Lord. In addition to their studies the students have plenty of training in practical work. They visit the villages regularly and bring the gospel message to those who have never heard it. Already the Bible School has paid large dividends. Christmas of 1951 was a day of great rejoicing. On that day three Hindus and one Mohammedan gave their hearts to the Lord. Their conversion came through the witness of our Bible School students.

Last year a young couple who were studying in our school went to live in Dakatia, a village five miles from Jessore. In addition to shepherding the little flock there, the young man, Nibha, now walks five miles to and from school each day. His wife Prafulla studies at home. They are visiting in the homes of the people, holding special meetings and assisting in the Sunday School. The people in this area are mostly illiterate. The



ABOVE: Faculty and students at Immanuel Pentecostal Bible School, Jessore, East Pakistan.

TOP, RIGHT: A Bengali girl in East Pakistan. The Bengali girl in the foreground is a leader in our Sunday School in Surogram.

BOTTOM, RIGHT: This pond not only provides the people with a place to fish but it serves many other purposes as well. It is used as the family bathtub and dishpan, and it furnishes the water used for cooking and drinking. All the laundry of the village is done here. The cows and bullocks of the household bathe occasionally in its murky waters. Baptismal services are held in this pool also.

young folk's task is not an easy one but God has rewarded their efforts and there have been several converts. Two others have been reclaimed.

In another of our outstations, Rakalgachi, one of our former students and his wife are now living. They are bearing a faithful witness and as a result of their testimony three souls have been saved. The baptismal service was held the day after Christmas. With a small nucleus of Christians they are now gathering material for a church building. The ground has already been given by the people. Thank God for the initiative they have shown.

We covet your prayers that God may move mightily in our school and that each student may become a flaming witness wherever he is called to serve. Our students are very poor and many need assistance from us. It costs only \$10 a month to support a young man or woman; it is a most rewarding investment.

Any funds for the support of our students may be sent to Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo. Please designate your offering for "Pakistan Bible School."

An Ibo Trader Pioneers

Rex Jackson, Nigeria

RECENTLY a group of people have been saved in a new tribe where we had never previously worked. This all came about as the result of one man's vision for the lost.

The young man was an active Christ's Ambassador from the local church in Iboland. He left home to live in another town as a trader. The language was new and everything was strange to him. Worst of all, there were no churches in this area. As fast as the young man learned the language he began to testify to those whom he met. It was not long until he started to hold services. From the very beginning the people showed a real interest and soon he had an attendance of about 200. Many of these people earnestly sought God for salvation. The young man requested us to pray that these might receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

After a time a C. A. Rally was held in Iboland, and an invitation was sent to the believers in this new field to come and join in the rally. During the meetings a man of this new tribe received a glorious Baptism of the Spirit. A very remarkable thing about his Baptism was that he spoke in the language of the Ibo people—a language entirely unknown to him. All were greatly blessed by his experience, and the Ibo people became more burdened than ever for the evangelization of this other tribe.

When our Bible School opened in April, among the students who came was the young Ibo trader and three converts from this new tribe. The school is conducted in English, so study is difficult

for these men, but they are slowly learning and they are being richly blessed.

However, a great persecution has broken out in their tribe. The heathen chiefs have imprisoned 60 of the Christians for no cause whatsoever except that they were attending church services.

Word has also reached us that the heathen have placed a powerful "juju" in the church. According to the law of the tribe, a heavy punishment is imposed on any unauthorized person who removes or even touches a "juju."

We earnestly covet the prayers of God's people that these Christians may stand true in spite of all that the enemy may do to try to defeat them.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Felton of Lima, Peru, send this interesting account of their work:

"Our Sunday School is growing and we now have an attendance of 400. We have entered the sixteenth year of our Bible School with 43 fine students enrolled. The Lord has done great things in the lives of these students. They are working in and around Lima selling Bibles, New Testaments, and evangelical literature. They also participate in street meetings and plantation gospel services.

"We are launching forth in faith! Because our classroom space is inadequate we have begun to build. However, we need money to complete the task. We also need support for some of our students. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated. Kindly designate them for the 'Peruvian Bible Institute Building Fund' or for 'Peruvian Bible Institute Students.'"

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The Merlin Lunds of South Africa send the following news item: "This has been the greatest year for the Emmanuel Press and we are happy to report that hundreds of thousands of tracts, booklets, and gospel papers have been sent to needy souls in many tribes. Present developments in Africa prove to us more than ever before the great need for increasing the quantity of gospel literature in all the languages of this great continent. Many encouraging reports of blessing have been received and we praise God for all that has been accomplished."

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Alfred A. Cawston of the Southern Asia Bible Institute in South India requests good books for his Bible School library. Doctrinal books, commentaries, devotional books, biographies, missionary books and books on prophetic themes will be greatly appreciated. Do not send fiction. Kindly mail to A. A. Cawston, 14 Davis Road, Bangalore (5), South India. Each parcel should be clearly marked "Book Post." Money is needed for special books. Contributions for these may be sent to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri,

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department

February, 1953

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Arizona	775.88	New Jersey	3,033.04
Arkansas	3,142.86	New Mexico	1,891.09
California	50,984.75	New York	11,585.04
Colorado	4,576.32	North Carolina	1,966.90
Connecticut	494.15	North Dakota	1,957.52
Delaware	658.68	Ohio	7,988.94
D. of C.	712.36	Oklahoma	8,480.97
Florida	5,593.37	Oregon	10,565.64
Georgia	1,748.78	Pennsylvania	8,014.34
German Br.	322.13	Polish Br.	25.00
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Hungarian Br.	238.00	Russian Br.	25.00
Idaho	1,245.55	South Carolina	357.04
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Indiana	4,050.78	Tennessee	1,246.73
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Louisiana	1,180.39	Washington	18,675.10
Maine	120.25	West Virginia	522.69
Maryland	1,853.25	Wisconsin	3,096.18
Massachusetts	759.92	Wyoming	524.78
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Minnesota	6,579.42	Canada	1,456.10
Mississippi	821.99	Foreign	776.77
Missouri	9,855.08	Spanish Liter.	2,283.50
Montana	1,957.42	Legacies	1,201.80
Nebraska	2,797.92	Miscellaneous	4,878.96
Nevada	83.61		
Total Amount Reported			\$252,204.64
District Fund	\$10,485.27		
National Home Missions	2,057.30		
Office Expense Fund	7,922.85		
Literature Expense Fund	69.12		
Given Direct to Missionaries	54,716.12		\$ 75,250.66

Received for Council Foreign Missions \$176,953.98
 Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions 2,753.73
 Offerings not Allocated to any State 80,512.64

Total Receipts for Foreign Missions \$260,220.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Basutoland	\$ 2,402.50	Bolivia	1,898.83
Belgian Congo	3,980.72	Brazil	5,039.38
Gold Coast	12,640.49	Chile	4,297.83
Liberia	9,694.50	Colombia	435.00
Nigeria	9,300.78	British Guiana	60.00
Nyasaland	2,520.54	Paraguay	335.00
Sierra Leone	1,030.72	Peru	\$3,338.74
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Indonesia	4,353.57	Ship. Exp.	1,159.61
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Malaya	1,417.02	Exp.	1,469.51
Philippines	34,163.08	Fld. Secretaries	2,860.57
Samoa, Amer.	1,464.27	Literature	2,578.31
Burma	628.69	Mission Cars	68.52
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India	31,016.87	Pub. Relations	860.00
Egypt	4,513.96	Refunds and	
Europe	12,788.46	Transfers to	
Iran	165.00	other Depts.	1,256.25
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Syria	157.00	Speed-the-	
Sen. Amer.	8,863.75	Light, C. A.	
Latin Amer.		Dept.	3,362.44
Work in U.S.	437.73	Miscellaneous	156.33
Mexico	2,391.17	Retired Mis-	
Argentina	2,193.51	sionaries	2,252.00

Total Distr. to Council Foreign Missions \$268,448.55
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Total Receipts 260,220.35

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

THE FIRST PERSECUTION

Lesson for April 19

Acts 4:7-21

The healing of the lame man caused many to turn to the Lord. "All the people saw him walking and praising God" (Acts 3:9). The miracle drew the crowd; then Peter told the people that the healing came, not through the apostles' personal power, but through faith in the Lord Jesus, the Prince of Life, whom the Jews had killed (v. 15). Do we not have here a pattern similar to that of Pentecost? At Pentecost the phenomena among the disciples, including the worship of God in ecstatic languages, brought the people together; then the exposition of the Scriptures led them to the Lord.

Miracles draw the crowd; then preaching points the crowd to Christ. At Pentecost three thousand accepted the message. Through the healing of the lame man five thousand became believers. But notice that spiritual manifestations are not to take the place of God's Word, but to confirm it—"God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will" (Heb. 2:4).

1. FEARLESS TESTIMONY

a. *Religious Prejudice.* It seems strange that any could become incensed at such a marvelous work of God as the healing of the lame man, but human prejudice can become very deep and very cruel. Nothing can exceed the cruelty of religion when it has lost its life and love. As the apostles spoke to the people, the priests and captain of the temple, who were Sadducees (formalists who denied the existence of angels, spirits, and the life to come) came upon them. It is said they were "grieved" that the apostles taught through Jesus the resurrection from the dead (ch. 4:1, 2). Some things "grieve" men which do not grieve the Holy Spirit. We should beware of prejudices which cause us to reject that which comes from God.

b. *Prejudice Leads to Persecution.* The Sadducean priests and the captain of the temple laid hands on the apostles and shut them up in prison, keeping them there overnight, but they acted too late. Thousands had already believed the message and turned to the Lord (v. 4). The next morning the apostles were brought forward and asked concerning the name or the power

by which they had performed the miracle. Peter had a ready reply.

c. *Persecution Leads to Power.* We read, "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them" (v. 8). The Greek of "filled" in this case is the aorist passive participle, denoting a new filling as of that moment. Some may ask, "If Peter was already filled with the Spirit in Acts 2, how can he have a new filling in Acts 4?" If he is filled, he cannot be more filled but his capacity can be enlarged by the Spirit to permit a greater manifestation of divine energy. As a man may rise under certain circumstances to meet those circumstances, so the Spirit rises in His quickening power to meet an emergency. The Holy Spirit was in Peter all the time, but now He asserted His presence in a fresh manifestation of power and utterance. Peter became unusually bold and spoke, as moved by the Holy Spirit, with authority and fearlessness that was more than merely human.

Vitalized by the Spirit, Peter exalted Christ and laid the cause of His crucifixion at the door of his accusers in no unmistakable words. The priests had brought the disciples out that they might charge them, but the Spirit turned the tables and the finger of accusation was pointed at the priests instead. Peter said that Christ was the stone which they had rejected, made of God the head of the corner, the only means of salvation (v. 11). There was no mincing of words. Everyone knew what Peter was talking about.

2. A STERN COMMAND

a. *Surprised Accusers.* Peter's message took the proverbial wind out of the accuser's sails. Little did they expect unlearned and ignorant fishermen to answer in any such fashion. They probably thought that a night in jail would dampen their zeal and cause them to quiet down concerning Jesus, but they were mistaken. The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, and being filled they were not like ordinary men. What a change God makes in a man when He gets full possession of him! It makes him feel that he can run through a troop and leap over a wall.

b. *Subdued Accusers.* It was the accusers who quieted down, not the apostles. When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and beheld the lame man who had been healed beside them, they decided they had better be cautious. They commanded the apostles "to go aside out of the council" while they conferred among themselves (v. 15). In their private conference they

had to admit that a notable miracle had been done, and that all Jerusalem knew about it. They decided that the best thing to do was to threaten the apostles, hoping thereby to frighten them. Little did they know what they were working against.

3. DEFIANT COURAGE

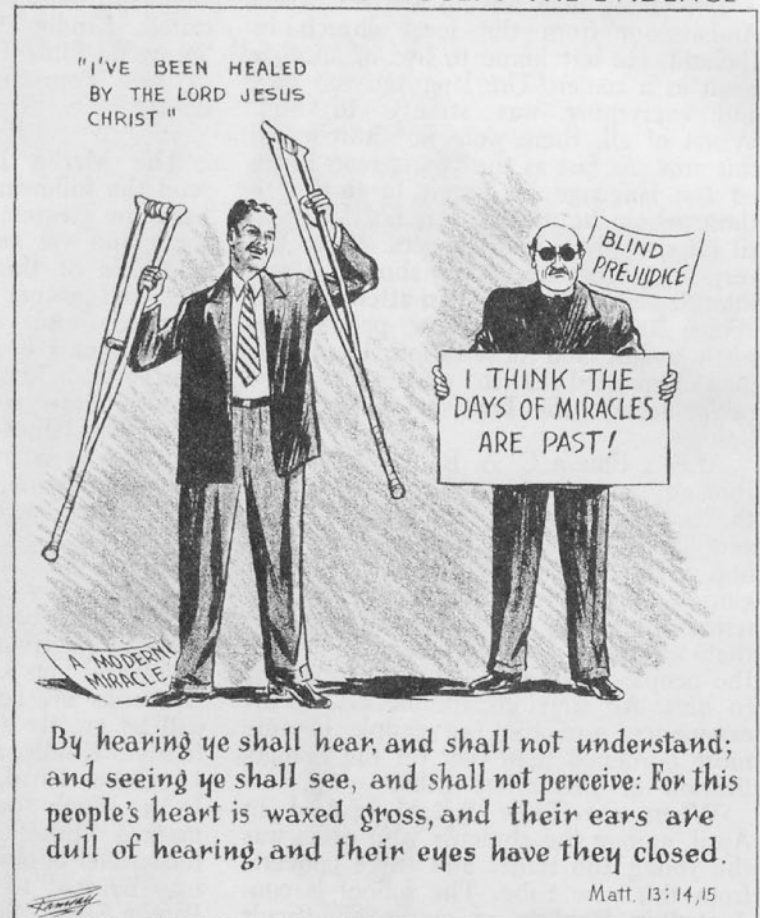
When the priests commanded the apostles not to speak at all nor to teach in the name of Jesus, Peter rebuked them again. He said the message which the apostles had was the message of God and they could not refrain from declaring it. Then came a further threatening, but no doubt it was weaker than the previous one. No longer did the priests think of prosecution. They could find no grounds for punishing the apostles, "because of the people" (v. 21). "For all men glorified God" for the miracle which was done. The apostles therefore were released.

God give us holy courage. At the same time may He save us from foolish presumption. Rash actions, though taken in the name of the Lord, may bring only reproach with no resulting good. If we seek God and do His will, the Spirit will guide us into the right course of action. Then the outcome will glorify Him. Do not think that, because the Bible records certain actions as having been taken in bygone times, you may take similar action now. All ends in failure and disappointment when man seeks to imitate God. All ends in glorious victory and spiritual exuberation when our actions are prompted by the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The First Apostolic Miracle (lesson for Sunday, Apr 12). Lesson text: Acts 3:1-11.

SOME STILL REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE EVIDENCE



HEALED

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

PARALYSIS AND HEMORRHAGE

One evening as I stooped to pick something up from the floor I was stricken with severe pains in my back. I could not straighten my body. With great effort I managed to get in bed, and with the aid of a heating pad I fell asleep.

At three in the morning I awoke in excruciating pain. I had a high fever, a severe headache, and nausea. I could not move my body from the waist down. My husband prayed for me and I went back to sleep.

Again at seven o'clock I awoke to find myself still paralyzed and unable to take a step. My husband picked me up to carry me to the bathroom, but the pain was so intense that I fainted in his arms. He said there seemed to be no sign of life in me. He supposed I was dead. He said his only thought was to pray. About twenty minutes later I regained consciousness and heard him praying for me, but I could not speak or move. My entire body was moist with cold, clammy sweat.

I felt myself passing out again and I thought I was dying. Then I remembered our only child, a daughter, in the next bedroom, and wished I could see her before I left this life. At that instant the Spirit began to pray through me in uncontrollable utterances. I felt something like an electric current run back and forth over my spine. Immediately I realized that I could move my legs and could turn my body, and I surely praised the Lord for this deliverance from paralysis.

However, the soreness and pain did not leave immediately. For three or four days I could not walk without help, but I kept looking to Jesus and not to symptoms. Each time Satan suggested that I was not healed I resisted him by quoting some portion of God's Word, and he had to flee.

After four days my bowels were functioning normally again. But I was extremely nervous for several weeks. If too many friends called it upset me and caused violent attacks of vomiting. The soreness and pain was not yet completely gone from my back.

Near the end of the sixth week the Lord gave me a message that I felt I must give to the church. I preached this message on Sunday evening, and the power of the Lord surged through my entire body. I felt that every cell and tissue was renewed. It was then that full deliverance came to me. At the same

time the congregation was deeply moved. People rushed to the altar that night and God visited us in an unusual way.

But Satan still seemed determined to take my life. Two weeks after I was healed of paralysis I suffered a uterine hemorrhage. After twenty-one days I was so weak I could hardly get around. I felt that I just could not stand it any longer; but I as I prayed I became perfectly willing to be in such a condition if God could get more glory out of my life by so doing. When I became fully surrendered the Lord reminded me of one woman who suffered with an issue of blood for twelve years; and here I was feeling my case was hopeless after only twenty-one days! Then the Holy Spirit began to sing through me:

*"There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul."*

On the twenty-third day the hemorrhage ceased completely. After this I grew stronger and gained weight. Now I do my housework and keep active in the church. I have had no recurrence of these afflictions since the Lord healed me more than two years ago—Mrs. Vida J. Killion, 601 Jefferson St., Sulphur Springs, Tex.

(Endorsed by her husband, Pastor O. T. Killion, Sulphur Springs, Tex. At the time of this healing Brother and Sister Killion were pastoring the Assembly in Northridge, Calif.)

FIBROID TUMOR

In the summer of 1947 I became afflicted with a fibroid tumor which bled for two months at a time and weakened me severely.

In 1949 my physician advised me to go to the hospital for an operation. Arrangements were made and I entered the University Hospital in Omaha, Nebr. in January, 1950. I remained there for two weeks going through the clinic and undergoing various tests. However, they decided not to operate as I was 70 years old and had very high blood pressure.

In June, 1951, the tumor began to hemorrhage again. I was anointed and prayed for during a prayer service at the Riverton Assembly of God, and the hemorrhaging stopped at once. Eighteen months have passed since the Lord healed me and it has not hemorrhaged. I have also decreased at least five inches around the waist.—Mrs. Mary Schriener, Box 314, Riverton, Nebr.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. L. Haight, Riverton, Nebr.)

INTESTINAL TROUBLE

When I was born my intestines were two inches too long. This brought about complications and caused much suffering. As I grew older the suffering increased. When I was two years old my mother took me to a doctor and he put me on a banana diet. He told my mother that I would not live.

I am now 33 years old. The doctors gave me shots and medicines which helped me some, but I was never able to



By Flora E. Breck

Some of the subjects included in this book are the selection of the best type of hymns and anthems for a given service, showing how the choir leader may cooperate with the minister, so that the theme of the two will blend harmoniously; how to stimulate the congregation to participate wholeheartedly in the hymn singing; and suggestions for widening the usefulness of choral groups by planning outside activities.

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cat more than soups, and I was in pain all my life.

I was prayed for many times, but did not receive complete healing. Then one night in August, 1952, I went to a tent meeting and the evangelist prayed for me. God gloriously healed me, and now I eat everything I want. I have not taken any medicine or shots since I was healed. I am steadily gaining weight. It is truly marvelous to serve a God who can heal us of all our diseases and afflictions.—Mrs. LeRoy Watson, 2038 N. Robberson, Springfield, Mo.

(Mrs. Watson is an employee of the Gospel Publishing House and a member of Glad Tidings Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo.)

TUMOR AND OTHER AILMENTS

I suffered about 14 years with a nervous condition. In August, 1951, Evangelist Warren Litzman conducted a meeting in Minden, La. I attended this meeting and Brother Litzman prayed for me.

Three days later I was examined by a doctor and was told that I had tumor of the uterus. The doctor said the tumor should be removed as soon as possible, and arrangements were made for an operation the next morning at seven o'clock.

I went to the revival that night and Brother Litzman prayed for me again. I felt that I was instantly healed.

The next morning I went to the hospi-

tal and was taken to the operating room. The doctor was very much surprised to find that the tumor was not there and that everything was normal. This was less than 18 hours after the doctor had made the first examination.

I was also healed of neuritis and inactivity of the bowels. My nerves are calm and I have been feeling fine ever since. I praise the Lord for His healing power.—Mrs. M. L. Cundiff Sr., 415 Chandler St., Minden, La.

(Endorsed by Pastor Alvin L. Pearson, First Assembly of God, Minden, La.)

This Week's Cover

The fine new building of the First Christian Assembly of God in Cincinnati, Ohio, is shown on this week's cover page. It was dedicated last month at special services with Ernest S. Williams, former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, and James Van Meter, Ohio District Superintendent, as guest speakers.

News of the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit was brought to Cincinnati from Los Angeles in 1907 by two school teachers, Miss Steritt and Miss Pierson. They brought the news to a small church that had been founded by Elder W. H. Cassum, who was associated with the Dowie movement of Zion, Illinois. On hearing the Pentecostal message Elder Cassum and his entire congregation accepted it and were filled with the Holy Spirit.



C. C. Burnett

During the following years there were several changes of pastors. When the late O. E. Nash became pastor in 1926 it was a small struggling mission having services in a store-front building on Walnut Street. Under Brother Nash's leadership it became one of the strongest assemblies in all Ohio.

Brother Nash became overseer of the Assemblies of God missionary activities in the Kentucky Mountains and the First Christian Assembly stood with him in this work, supporting it with their prayer and finances.

Due largely to ill health, Brother Nash resigned the pastorate in 1946 and was succeeded by A. B. Crabb. During Brother Crabb's ministry it became apparent that a larger building was needed, so property was obtained on one of the main east-west thoroughfares of Cincinnati, almost in the geographical center of the city. Erection of the new building began in October, 1950.

Brother Crabb resigned as pastor in January, 1952, and the church was without a pastor until the end of March when C. C. Burnett was called. By November the congregation was able to move into its new building, though it was not complete. The church has 285 members and the average attendance at Sunday School at the present time is 325.

CAMPUS AMBASSADORS

(Continued from page six)

I have been healed many times since my conversion and I cannot count the refillings.

Now I am filling the vice-president's post in our Forum! God has richly blessed us this year.

At the beginning of our school year there were only eight or ten students

coming to our Forum. Now we never get under twelve to come, even on the weather-beaten days. Many times I have seen 20 students in our Forum.

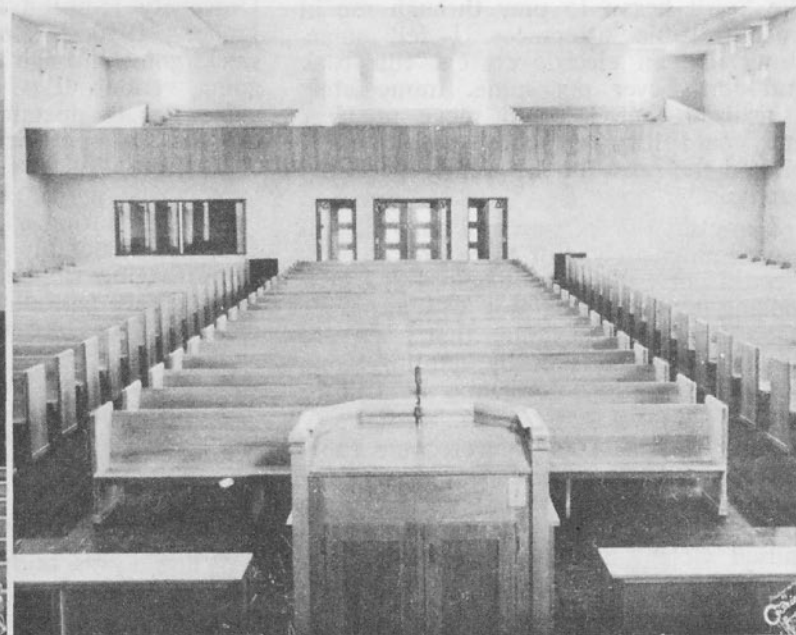
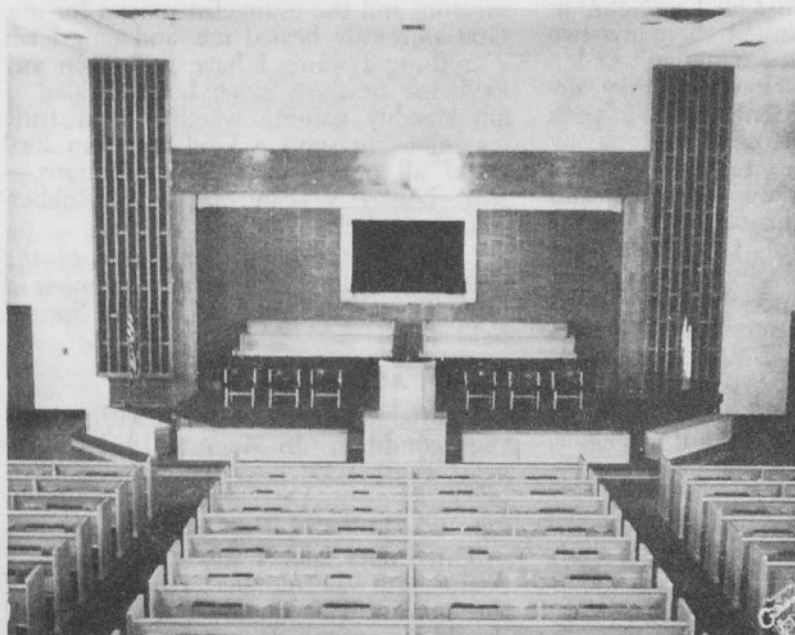
At the mid-term of this semester, the Assembly of God here in Ada held a four-week revival. We had Evangelist Paul Glover, of Tulsa, to speak. At the revival I saw three Forum members receive salvation and the Baptism, and six others were refilled. We thought we would have to change the name to Pentecostal Forum! There are only three members who have not received the experience.

Since the Forum has been functioning this year, over a hundred visits to the sick have been made, thirty-two services held, and four church services attended together. We have had two Christian socials and have wonderful fellowship. The school recognizes us as a part of it and we are praising God for the opportunities He presents for our witnessing. Pray for us.

Yours in Christ,
DON RAMSEY

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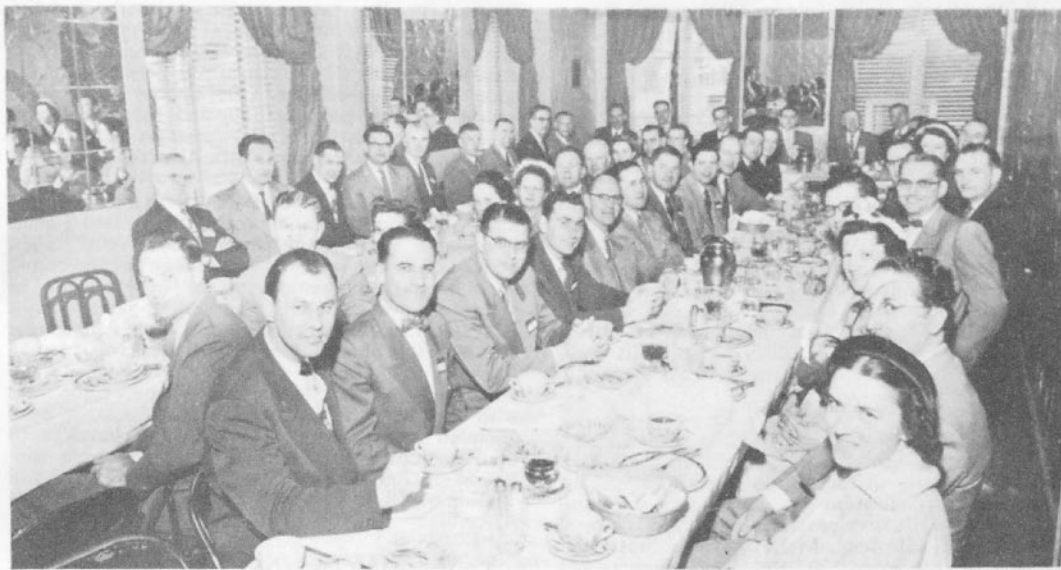
Here are two views of the sanctuary of the First Christian Assembly of God in Cincinnati, Ohio. One shows the platform with baptistry in background. The other is from the platform looking toward the entrance and balcony. The normal seating capacity is 740 with the balcony, or 600 without.

Behind the platform and baptistry are two offices and a prayer room. Above the prayer room is a large Sunday School Department. There are four more Sunday School Departments in the basement, besides a chapel 40 feet by 35 feet which has been named in honor of the former pastor,

O. E. Nash. The entire building contains 24,000 square feet of floor space.

Because of its position on the side of a hill, the building has four floors in the back, and none of these floors is underground. The sub-basement contains a large fellowship hall, Missionary Council room, a three-room apartment for the caretaker, and another apartment for visiting evangelists.

The church is 123½ feet deep, 60 feet wide at the front and 75 feet at the rear. It is built on a lot 200 feet wide leaving space for a parking lot on either side. The foyer contains cloak room, telephone booth and nursery. Estimated value of the church is \$325,000.



Officials and Sectional Sunday School Representatives of several northwestern districts met with the convention team for a breakfast seminar at Portland, Oregon.

NEWS

ADULT WORK EMPHASIZED AT NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONVENTION

PORTLAND, OREGON—The value of regional Sunday School conventions was again demonstrated here last month. The large majority of people who attended the Northwest Regional Convention had never been to a national Sunday School convention and they were eager to participate in the sessions.

Conferences and work shops were attended by hundreds of enthusiastic note-taking pastors. Sunday School officers, teachers, and workers. Scores of them said they wished every member of their Sunday Schools and churches could have been present.

"Portland certainly gave us a hearty welcome," said Paul Copeland, convention director. "The newspapers, radio stations and other public agencies went out of their way to be kind to us."

As many as 3500 people attended the night meetings. Registration reached a total of 2364.

Night speakers were Paul Copeland, J. O. Savell, and William E. Kirschke.

An unusual feature of the Northwest Convention was that, in place of having a question-and-answer session on Wednesday morning, there was an address by Harold Jeffries, pastor of the Four-square Church in Portland. It followed a talk by Billie Davis on "How to Get the Most Out of Your Sunday School Materials."

"Someone said, 'The homes of a nation are the bulwark of personal and national safety,'" quoted Brother Jeffries. "This is true provided the homes are founded upon the basic principles of the Christian faith. As our homes go, so goes the nation. The truth of this is reflected in the breakdown of public morals. This social change has weakened family ties; and as a consequence, responsibility for the training of children has been shifted from the home to the school." The speaker urged parents to teach their children the Christian way of life and to indoctrinate them with Bible truths in their homes.

On Thursday morning there was a united "workshop" session on Adult Sunday School classes, with Victor Trimmer in charge. Well over 2,000 persons were present that morning. The leaders in the northwest had especially requested such a session as this because they felt that Adult work should be strengthened in their Sunday Schools.

Winner of the church delegation trophy which was offered to the church bringing the most delegates in relation to the miles travelled was

the Assembly of God Tabernacle in Eugene, Oregon (E. E. Krogstad, pastor).

The next Regional Sunday School Convention will begin Tuesday night, April 28, at the Fort Whiting Auditorium in Mobile, Alabama.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

LAKE CITY, ARK.—Our church was blessed and stirred in a meeting with Evangelist T. Mooney. About 33 were saved and 10 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Some testified to bodily healing.—J. H. Holder, Pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist Woodrow Oxner of Mobile, Ala. Twenty were saved and 23 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Several testified to definite healing.—Roy Johnson, Pastor, Golden Acres Assembly of God.

LAS ANIMAS, COLO.—Evangelist and Mrs. C. A. Beebe of Nampa, Idaho were with us for two weeks. Brother Beebe's dynamic ministry stirred the hearts of saint and sinner. Some were filled with the Holy Ghost and some received definite healings.—Bennie R. Harris, Pastor.

HENDERSON, KY.—Evangelist and Mrs. C. O. Hobson were with us in a meeting and the Lord wonderfully blessed. Souls were saved and the entire church was stirred by the anointed messages of Brother Hobson. The Sunday School attendance record was broken. We praise God for all that was accomplished.—Wayne H. Hemphill, Pastor.

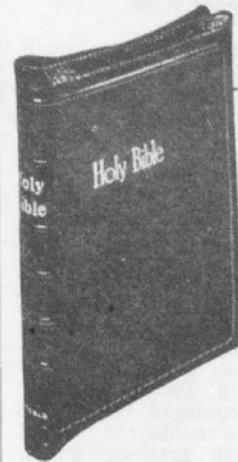
WICHITA FALLS, TEX.—God worked in a wonderful way in a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul McGechie of Cortez, Colo. Brother McGechie's anointed messages to the church helped many to make new consecrations. Around 25 were saved and 20 were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Raymond Parvin, Church Secretary, South Side Assembly of God. (J. W. Newby is pastor.)

CONCORDIA, KANS.—Bethel Tabernacle closed a four week meeting with Evangelist Mildred Kimball of Sioux City, Iowa. Souls were saved and reclaimed. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit, others were refilled, and several were definitely healed. New people are attending the church as a result of this meeting.—William J. Lambertson, Pastor.

CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—For three weeks Evangelist and Mrs. O. W. Newman of Imperial, Texas were with us, and the Lord gave us a good meeting. At least 15 were saved or came to the Lord. Five followed the Lord in water baptism and five others were united with the church. The meeting climaxed a spiritual and numerical growth which we have been enjoying since our pastor, H. M. Reeves, came to the church in May, 1952. God is continuing to pour out His Spirit.—James K. Otts, Church Secretary.

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FORT MADISON, IOWA—On January 12 Hilton Griswold, District S. S. Director, came to be with us for one week. Brother Griswold's messages were blessed of God, and his singing and playing moved the people's hearts. Night after night the crowds continued to increase and people came to the altar weeping.

Then on March 2, C. B. Roberts of St. Joseph, Mo. came for two weeks. The first night souls were saved and this continued throughout the entire meeting. The last last night of the meetings the church was packed. We had a record attendance of 306 on March 15.—Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

KOKOMO, IND.—About four years ago my wife and I came here to pastor the First Assembly of God. God has helped us to build a new church and we have watched the membership grow.

We recently had a gracious meeting with Evangelist J. Haskell Wooldridge of Jacksonville, Fla. About 50 were saved or reclaimed, and 26 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Entire families were moved to God. The Sunday before the meeting began, we broke the Sunday School record with 210 present. Every Sunday during the meeting we broke the record and the last Sunday there were 324 present. Thank God for this mighty awakening. We are looking forward to greater things from Him.—Pastor and Mrs. Cecil J. Enochs.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, Missionary Convention, Apr. 16-19. Mr. and Mrs. J. Nicholson, Cuba; Lawrence Olson, Brazil; and others, speaking.—by Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

OWENSBORO, KY.—Union meeting in Sport Center, Moreland Park (7,000 seats), Apr. 14—; Evangelist W. V. Grant. For information write Pastor Waymon Rodgers, 320 E. 4th St., Owensboro, Ky.

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Tent meeting, corner Boulder City Highway and Charleston Ave., Apr. 19—May 10; Evangelist Star Thomas and party. Daily broadcast over station KLAS, 1200 kc., 4:15 to 4:30 p.m.—by Thomas Sutton, Pastor.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—City Auditorium, Plainview, Tex., Apr. 27-30; Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, guest speaker; Glenn Horst, missionary speaker. Council opens Monday night with C. A. Rally.—by S. E. Eldridge, District Secretary-Treasurer.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT WMC CONVENTION—District Camp Ground Tabernacle, Apr. 13-14. Speakers: J. Philip Hogan, Promotional Representative, Foreign Missions Dept., and Martha McLean, Assistant to National WMC Secretary. First service 7:30 p.m. Monday. Three services Tuesday.—by Mrs. R. L. Steger, District WMC Director.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Pierre, S. Dak., Apr. 20-23; Gayle F. Lewis, General Superintendent, and Lawrence Olson, missionary to Brazil, guest speakers. For information write Charles S. Slater, 306 Capital St. E., Pierre, S. Dak., or Silas S. Rexroat, District Superintendent, 410 E. 6th St., Mitchell, S. Dak.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, corner Carpenter and Klein Sts., Springfield, Ill., May 5-7; Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, guest speaker. State-wide C. A. Rally, Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. J. W. Ellsworth C. A. President, in charge. Rooms provided as far as possible. G. E. Mandel, 524 N. Klein, host pastor.—by W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT COUNCIL—Riverside Tabernacle, East and 1st Sts., Flint, Mich. Apr. 20-23; J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary, guest speaker. Devotional and business sessions Tues., Wed., and Thurs., 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Gospel services each evening at 7:30 beginning Monday. For room reservations write M. A. Jolly, 429 East St., Flint, Mich. For information write Charles W. H. Scott, District Superintendent, 7041 Schaefer Rd., Dearborn 1, Mich.

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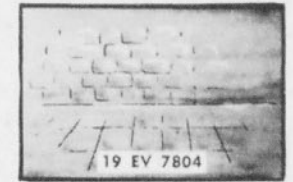
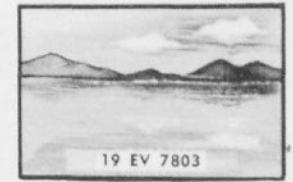
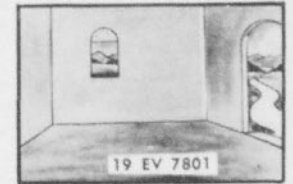
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CHICAGO, ILL.—Bethel Temple, Apr. 19—May 3 or longer; Evangelist Carl Cline, Milwaukee, Wis.—by W. L. Williams, Pastor.

ADAMS, WIS.—Apr. 21—May 3; Ivor H. Hugh, Welsh Evangelist.—by A. A. Portinga, Pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Bethel Assembly of God, Apr. 12-26; Evangelist Mildred S. Kimel, Alexandria, Va.—by Ralph M. Jeffrey, Pastor.

EDNA, KANS.—Apr. 12-26; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald McDaniel, Baxter Springs, Kans.—by Charles Boshell, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Westport Assembly of God, Apr. 12-26 or longer; Evangelist Alma B. Bryant, Tampa, Fla.—by Estel I. Moore, Pastor.

KANSAS SPRING C. A. RALLIES—Apr. 14-30; Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Leader, speakers.—by Paul Witten, Kansas District C. A. President.

ALLENTOWN, PA.—Odd Fellows Hall, 118 N. 9th St., Apr. 19—; Evangelist L. C. Robie.—by R. C. Garner, Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle.

CINCINNATI, OHIO—Annual Convention, National Association of Evangelicals, Apr. 14-17. Day sessions at Hotel Sheraton-Gibson. Night meetings at Taft Auditorium nearby.

JOLIET, ILL.—Joliet Full Gospel Church, Workers' Training Course, Apr. 13-19; Paul Miller, Springfield, Mo. Neighboring churches welcome.—by Allan G. Snider, Pastor.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—City of Lakes Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 21—May 10; Evangelist Evelyn M. Olsen, New York, N. Y. (Wilson Katter is Pastor.)

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL—Riverside Church, 688 Tonawanda St., Buffalo, N. Y., May 4-7. J. R. Flower, General Secretary, guest speaker. Theme: Double Portion for Double Duty.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, District Secretary.

ROCK FALLS, ILL.—Assembly of God, Apr. 14—May 3; Evangelist H. W. Totten of Texas.—by Harry W. Lutz, Pastor.

TORONTO, CANADA—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Apr. 7—May 15; Evangelist Aubrey Sara, Orlando Fla.—by H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

AMARILLO, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 5—; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp, Russellville, Ark. (E. R. Foster is Pastor.)

DALLAS, TEX.—Lakewood Memorial Assembly, Apr. 12-26 or longer; Evangelist E. J. Robison.—by B. V. Robison, Pastor.

PONTIAC, MICH.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 5-19; Evangelist Ella Parmenter, London, England.—by Wesley Wibley, Pastor.

STERLING, KANS.—Assembly of God, Apr. 5-19; Evangelist Wesley Goodwin, Wellston, Okla.—by Claud L. Myers, Pastor.

LATHROP, MO.—Assembly of God, Apr. 12-26; Evangelist and Mrs. James Black, Jal, N. Mex.—by Sam I. Sowell, Pastor.

FREEMPORT, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle, Easter revival and ground breaking, Apr. 5-19; Fortier Family, Elkhart, Ind.—by Charles Shaffer, Pastor.

LAWRENCE, KANS.—Assembly of God, Apr. 15—; Evangelist Bennie R. Harris, Fort Collins, Colo. Prayer for the sick each night. (J. J. Krimmer is Pastor.)



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RANGELY, COLO.—Apr. 5—; Evangelist Jimmy Hahn of Oklahoma.—by E. F. Chopper, Pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 12—May 3; Evangelist R. C. (Keetah) Jones, Atlanta, Ga.—by Paul J. McKeel, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANS.—Faith Assembly, Apr. 14-16; Evangelist Erla LaDow, Cleveland, Ohio.—by Oliver Hollis, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—Norwood Assembly of God, Apr. 5—; Evangelist Fred H. Brand, St. Louis, Mo. (D. H. Browne is Pastor.)

POTEAU, OKLA.—Apr. 19—May 3 or longer; Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Homer Boyd is Pastor.)

WHISTLER, ALA.—Apr. 15-26; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass, Fallen Timber, Pa.—by Jack C. Smith, Pastor.

FORT DODGE, IOWA—Apr. 8-26 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Lawrence N. Huffman.—by Gordon H. Millard, Pastor.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, Apr. 7-12; Evangelist Richard Ruff and Harold Herman.—by Claude Weaver, Pastor.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Colonial Theater, 310 Central Ave., April 7-19 or longer; Evangelist Raymond T. Richey, Houston, Tex.—by Morris S. Williams, Pastor.

WHITNEY, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Apr. 14-28 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas Ramsey, Ainsworth, Nebr.—by V. C. Henry, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 12—; Evangelist Clifton O. Erickson and Party, Springfield, Mo. Evening services held in tent.—by Ralph E. Price, Pastor.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Apr. 12-26 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. T. E. Gilbreath, Prichard, Ala.—by W. W. Martin, Pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Assemblies of God Church, Buxton (Cape Hatteras), N. C., Apr. 21-23; Fred Vogler, National Home Missions Director, guest speaker. Accommodations provided at Buxton and nearby communities.—by Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

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