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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

The Next War

Dr. Harold C. Urey, the atomic scientist, made this statement: "The next war will be fought with atom bombs. The one after that with spears." Had this man of science been reading Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39? The prophet Ezekiel wrote of battles yet to come in which the combatants shall be armored horsemen fighting with swords and spears (see 39:9).

"Flying Saucers" in Australia

There has been a flood of "flying saucer" reports in Australia. Hundreds of pilots and others have told of seeing the "saucers" over Australia, and a church leader has called on the Australian Government to tell whether it is conducting weapons experiments that might be responsible for the mysterious sights in the sky which are frightening so many people.

Capital Punishment Upheld

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada voted in favor of capital punishment for deliberate homicide. Some soft-hearted delegates spoke against the motion but it carried by a 180 to 20 majority. One of the speakers for the motion said: "It is a theological matter and the answer is found in the Word of God," quoting from Genesis 9:5, 6 the command that murderers be put to death.

The Book That Unites

Emperor Haile Selassie, of Ethiopia, addressed a joint session of Congress soon after his arrival in the U. S. A. to tour the country. He told Congress that the closest tie between his country and the United States is their common Christian faith. "We read the same Bible," he said; "we speak a common spiritual language."

Church Doors Closed

Members of the Methodist Church at Akron, Mich. had a taste of what it might mean if Communists took over the Government. When they arrived at church they found the doors closed. A note was tacked on the door saying, "Closed by order of the Akron Communist Commissar."

Where could they meet? They were directed to a nearby farm, where a toolshed was pressed into use as a church. The pulpit was a log affair. Members sang hymns without benefit of an organ. Their minister said, "Where you are, there God is willing to be."

He held up a Bible and said, "The Bible is the antidote for Communism!" He added, "Complacency has closed more church doors than Communism."

VBS Enrollment Growing

There has been a remarkable increase in the enrollment at Vacation Bible Schools throughout the United States and Canada. In 1947 there were 54,661 schools. This year, it is estimated, there will be 100,000. Last year the enrollment was 5,430,872. This year it is expected to be nearer the six million mark.

120,000 March in S. S. Parade

About 120,000 Protestant children and their teachers marched in the annual Sunday School parade at Brooklyn, N. Y. last month. Public schools throughout the borough closed to allow the youngsters from 450 Sunday Schools to participate. Theme of the parade was, "Christ our Saviour through the years." Hundreds of decorated floats accompanied the marchers who converged on Prospect Park for a mass demonstration.

Presbyterians Plan to Merge

The proposed plan to merge the three largest Presbyterian bodies in the United States has now been approved by the Northern, Southern, and United Presbyterians, in their respective general assemblies. The decision now awaits approval by the local presbyteries. The united body, to be known as the Presbyterian Church in the United States, would have 3½ million members.

Pope Appears on Television

The Pope, speaking in five languages, last month inaugurated Eurovision, a television hook-up of eight European countries. An estimated eight to twenty million people in Great Britain, Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and Italy watched the Pontiff as he spoke for fifteen minutes from his headquarters in Vatican City on Sunday night, June 6.

The program featured a 45-minute tour of St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Palaces. The tour ended in the Consistorial Hall where the Pope was seen surrounded by a detail of Swiss Guards and a group of high prelates.

The Day of Pentecost was chosen for the debut of the television network. It was recalled that on that day the apostles spoke "with divers tongues"; the Pope therefore switched from Italian to French, German, English, and Dutch.

The event was a far cry from the Day of Pentecost in A. D. 33, when Peter and 119 other believers were "filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4). Peter could not speak in five languages. He probably violated many grammatical rules even when speaking in his native tongue, for

he and his companions were considered "unlearned and ignorant men." He was void of the gold and purple finery surrounding the man who claims to be his successor. Instead of polished Swiss guards Peter was surrounded by a tumultuous crowd. But the Holy Spirit was present that day in mighty power, and when Peter had finished preaching there were three thousand repentant souls weeping and praying their way through to salvation. Quite a contrast between that moving scene in Jerusalem so long ago and the scene at Vatican City on the Day of Pentecost in A.D. 1954!

The President and "The Voice"

President Eisenhower has assured D. Elton Trueblood that he will support the "Voice of America" in its efforts to bring the spiritual message of America to the world. Dr. Trueblood is religious policy adviser to the U. S. Information Agency.

Dr. Trueblood, after a conference at the White House, quoted the President as saying that he thought the United States ought to show the world it is a nation with basic spiritual beliefs. He said the President "believes it important that America should counteract the impression that we are merely a nation of 'gadgets'."

Pledge of Allegiance Amended

The pledge of allegiance to the flag has been amended by the addition of the words, "under God." Both the Senate and the House voted in favor of the amendment, which was recommended by the National Association of Evangelicals three years ago. President Eisenhower signed the bill and the pledge now reads as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Said the President: "From this day forward the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural schoolhouse, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty."

The Age of Decision

Dr. Horatius Bonar once examined the records of 253 converts who had come into his church. He found that over half of them (138) had given their hearts to Christ under 20 years of age; 85 had been converted between 20 and 30; 22 between 30 and 40; 4 between 40 and 50; 3 between 50 and 60; and only one between 60 and 70. There were none who had been saved after reaching the age of 70.

Someone has said, "Life begins at forty," but only 8 out of 253 could say their spiritual life began after they became forty. Every day that a person delays the surrendering of his life to Christ lessens the likelihood that he ever will do it. No wonder the Bible says, "Now is the day of salvation."

THE SUPREME TASK OF THE CHURCH

Dwight H. McLaughlin

at the Northwest District Council

GOD HAS CALLED US TO THE STEWARDSHIP of souls. This is the most awful and solemn of all responsibilities ever placed upon the children of men. I sincerely trust that we shall take this responsibility assigned to us by our Lord with as much religious conviction as did the apostles who originally heard it.

For this responsibility we need the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the sweetness of David, the knowledge of Paul, the power of Peter, the tears of Jeremiah, the love of John, and, above all, the passion of the Master Himself.

The stewardship of souls is the highest and most important task of the Church. Everything else is only relative in importance. For a moment let us consider what the "Supreme Task of the Church" could not be:



D. H. McLaughlin

1. It is not a social task, though the work of the Church will solve the social problems of the world.

2. It is not a civic responsibility. Civic groups may do much good for communities, but the assigned task of the Church goes more deeply into the needs of

mankind than any of these organizations can reach.

3. It is not a task of reform. When I speak of reform I am thinking of all the good that is done by temperance organizations in trying to reduce the drinking habits of the people. For all the good they do, that work cannot be put down as the "Supreme Task of the Church."

4. It is not a recreational task. A local pastor may feel a responsibility toward his young people in the matter of recreation, but entertainment must never be his means of attracting the public to his church.

5. It is not a task of education. Institutions of learning are important, but they are only of relative value in spreading the gospel.

Then, what is the supreme task of the Church?

Our supreme task is the evangelization

of the world; we must witness for Christ everywhere. However valuable these other things may seem to be, they are only useful to the extent to which they help to accomplish the job of world-wide evangelization. Christ has commanded us to witness to His redeeming work around the world. To the Church the injunction is, "Go ye."

Here are words sacred to our trust. This is Jesus' last command. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Brethren, does that verse convict you? Do you feel its power?

The disciples regarded it as involving them personally. "And they went forth, and preached every where..." (v. 20). There you have it—our assigned responsibility. Are you taking it seriously?

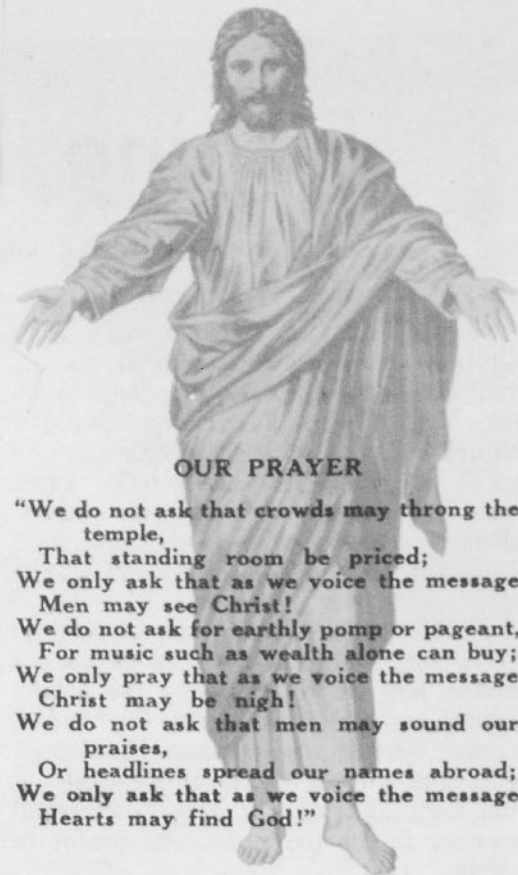
This task was begun by our Lord Jesus Himself. "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching... and preaching" (Matt. 4:23). God have mercy upon a silent preacher. I wouldn't give a dime a dozen for men who say they are called, but have no spirit to preach. Jesus testified, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach" (Luke 4:18). Can you say that today? The supreme task of every minister is to preach, but no one is worth much as a preacher if the Holy Ghost is not upon him to do it.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD GRANTED LEGAL RECOGNITION IN ITALY

The Assemblies of God in Italy have been granted legal recognition by the State Council, the highest court of appeals in Italy.

The court decision means that the Assemblies of God, which claim nearly 100,000 members in Italy, will be exempt from taxes, and their regular pastors will be able to hold church services without obtaining police permission for each meeting.

The victory is the climax of a six-year struggle. Let us thank God for answering the prayers of His people and pray that the gospel work in Italy may flourish as never before.



OUR PRAYER

"We do not ask that crowds may throng the temple,

That standing room be priced;
We only ask that as we voice the message
Men may see Christ!

We do not ask for earthly pomp or pageant,
For music such as wealth alone can buy;
We only pray that as we voice the message
Christ may be nigh!

We do not ask that men may sound our praises,

Or headlines spread our names abroad;
We only ask that as we voice the message
Hearts may find God!"

"He hath anointed me to preach." To preach what? To preach the gospel, the glad tidings, the good news. We do not have a message that brings dejection, heavy-heartedness, and sadness—we have a message of good news. We have something good to say to the people.

The mission of Jesus was to preach. God's business was to confirm the Word (Heb. 2:3, 4). The supreme task given to us also is to preach. So, to follow the apostolic pattern, we should anticipate that God will work with us "with signs and wonders, with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will."

The apostles had a wholesome attitude toward this assignment. They took it literally. They went out and did it.

When Peter stood before the household of Cornelius, the first Gentile to receive the message of Jesus, he said, "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) that word, I say, ye know" (Acts 10:36, 37). In substance, Peter was saying, "You already know what Jesus preached. But I came here to tell you how to apply His message so that you can get saved." Peter was well qualified to preach, for God was with him, and he was a witness of all that Jesus did.

"And he [Jesus] commanded us to preach," continued Peter. He commanded us to preach. It was not the bishop or the credentials committee that commanded Peter to preach. It was not the presiding elder that said, "John, I believe

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Fishing For Men

An inspiring article by Gipsy Smith

IF YOU WANT TO DO THE WORK THAT Christ established the Church to do, you will have to get outside your buildings. Our Lord did not say: "Build a church and wait until the people come to you." He said: "Go to the people." From where you live, right from where you sit, there is a high road to every unsaved man, and when you want to find it, you will.

I know what we do when we want to get a man's vote at election. It doesn't matter how far he lives from the polling booth, somebody finds the way to his cottage, house or mansion. Somebody goes and knocks gently and politely at the door and asks in a very respectful manner to see the proprietor, tenant or owner.

No matter though the man may be the poorest, if he has a vote, the visitor treats him as a perfect gentleman. If he has a bird in a cage, that bird is the most beautiful in the world, the sweetest singer ever heard! If he has a flower with faded leaves, the visitor never saw a flower like it! If there is a dog playing on the hearth, he tries to get friendly with the dog; and if there is a little child playing about the floor, he gives it a penny or more! Sometimes he takes the child on his knee, and even though its face may not be as clean as it might be, he will kiss the child—but he has his eye on the vote all the time!

The vote-getters spend time with that man and talk until they think they have him. If they are not sure, they come again and again. When election day comes, they are not content with letting him walk to the polling booth. They are so anxious to see that man landed that they send a car and bring him up in style to vote.

But when the election is over and you want the same man to come to church, you ring a bell or you give a tract or send somebody else to give it. Remember, Jesus Christ did not send His love to the world; He came and brought His love with Him. If you go at all for that man to get him to church, you go with a scent bottle in one hand and a tract in the other.

I submit that this is largely how Christian workers on four English-speaking continents have been trying to save the man in the street, and he sees through the fraud. He says: "When you wanted my vote, you could come for me; when you want me to come to church and you

meet me on the street and my face is dirty, you do not know me. When you want me to go to church as much as to the polling booth, you church people will take as much interest in getting me there."

It is time to cease cant and humbug and begin to live our religion as Christ would have us do.

If you want to catch men you cannot do it by fits and starts. It is a life work. It is easier to capture a city than to convert a soul. It is blood, and tears, and agony, and a weary body, and sleepless nights, and suffering, and sacrifice, and loss, and heart ache, and Good Friday, and Calvary—and heaven in it all! You cannot do it by spasmodic efforts. It needs three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, every moment of which shall be consecrated to God and humanity.

If you are going to fish for men, you must treat them with common sense and respect. I remember fishing in western England. I got a rod and line and hook and float and a worm, but it was the wrong worm, and I fished for two hours and did not get a bite. An old fisherman came along and said: "Well, Mr. Smith, what are you doing?"

"I have been sent down here to rest," I said, "and I have been fishing."

"Well, you won't catch any fish with that bait," he told me.

"It is the best I have," I replied.

Away went the old chap and came back with some special kind of fish cut up. "Try this," he said. In half an hour I got a bucket full of fish. I changed my bait; that was all.

Some Christian workers have been fishing with one bait for ten or twenty years! While you have been fishing with the same old rod, same old line, same old hook, same old bait, and dreaming and hoping something would happen, the people have been drifting away from you and your bait. Now you will have to launch out into the deep and go where the fish are.

I found out another way to catch fish when I was a gipsy boy. When I went to a trout stream and they did not take my bait, I partly stripped, took my boots off, and got in and began to feel for them. I hooked them on. There is such a thing as tickling trout. There are times when we have to get in and hook souls on.

Your magnificent discourse is no good, your wonderful organ is no use, and your beautiful high-toned music won't do.

Somebody down there has a broken heart, and it needs to be handled and healed by loving, tender, Christ-like hands; it needs the throb of a warm heart, the whispering of a soul that has gone through the same experience.

Do you know that some of the greatest souls have been converted through the agency of unknown people? Some of the biggest fish have been caught by men not known. We would never have heard of Andrew if he had not been Peter's brother. Andrew immortalized himself by giving to the day of Pentecost its first and mightiest preacher. Who knows the man's name that pointed C. H. Spurgeon to Christ? I lived close to the little church where he was converted. The world does not know the man's name, yet nearly every Christian knows Spurgeon's name.

There was a little man many years ago working on the roads in England with his pick and shovel. He was as happy as a saved man knows how to be, his face shining like a quarter of an acre of sunshine! Nearby was a gipsy camp, and a gipsy man without God, but longing for Him. He had never looked inside a Bible in his life, did not know A from B, and away back in his gipsy tent were five little motherless children. He saw the roadman singing about his work, and went up and told him about the burden he had on his heart.

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The little roadman laid down his shovel and said: "I know what you want. You want Jesus!" And he preached Christ to that rough gipsy man and led him to Christ. That gipsy man went back to that gipsy tent and led his five children to Jesus. That tent was lit up like an old cathedral, and some of the light that streamed out of that gipsy tent is shining here and now.

We do not know the old roadman's name, but he did something that day that has made heaven pulsate with *hal-lelujahs*. What you need to do is to let every fiber of your being, every thought of your mind, every pulsation of your heart, every moment of the day, be kissed by the power of the Cross into the transparent, beautiful thing that God Almighty means your life to be! He will lift you into partnership with Himself. The greatest honor that heaven confers on a human soul is to make him a co-partner with God, the Infinite, to save the world.

The Lord did not save you simply to take you to heaven. If He had meant only that, He would have taken you the day He saved you. "Ye are the light of the world." "Ye are the salt of the earth." If these statements mean anything, they mean that we are to help God make His world better. Oh, do not let these waves of joy and these songs of victory evaporate into sentiment which is only emotion? Go to work and do something.

I know a church that has never known a Sunday in twenty-one years without conversions. There is the Acts of the Apostles up to date. This church has grown from forty-five names to more than six thousand. It owes its growth to personal work. It has a band of twenty women who are engaged in mission work.

One little woman who had just begun the work said: "I will try to have a midnight meeting of my own." She went out and got a little church building in a suburb, and filled the place with drunken men and women of the streets. Among those who came forward at one invitation was a drunken woman, who was saved.

After her conversion, she came to this woman. "Sister, my husband is in jail. I helped to make him drunk. I quarreled with him, and we got fighting, and he thrashed me and was sent up. He is coming out on Thursday. Nine of his companions are going to meet him and make him drunk, but I wish you would meet him instead. If you could only get hold of him! I have given my heart to God, and I would like to have him get what I have."

Early Thursday morning the sister went to the prison, where she found the nine men also waiting. When she appealed to the governor or head of the prison, he advised her to go away for an hour and he would try to discourage the men. Re-



RECORD SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT SELAH, WASH.

The Selah Pentecostal Church was built and organized in 1925 at the time of the first Pentecostal revival in the community. At that time it was known as the Swedish Mission. Many pastors have served the church down through the years. The present pastor is Henry A. Larsen who came in June, 1953. The church has grown in every department since Brother Larsen came. The Sunday School has increased from 38 to a record attendance of 244, as shown in the above picture.

Pastor Larsen attributes the remarkable growth to personal work, house-to-house visitation, and the prayers of the people. Two buses have been purchased to bring in the many unchurched families of the community.

On March 8 the Selah Pentecostal Church became affiliated with the Northwest District of the Assemblies of God. Dwight McLaughlin, District Superintendent, was present at the business meeting.—Mrs. Eric Youngren, Church Secretary.

turning, however, she found them still there.

They said, "We have given up our work to meet this man."

"You declare he shall go home drunk," she answered, "but I declare he shall go home sober."

Then the thought came to her: "Why not try to save these men also?" So she said: "Men, if I try to get him out, will you all come and have breakfast with me?"

They looked at one another, and breakfast to nine men who had been sleeping as if they had a glue brush between their teeth was wonderful. So they agreed to come.

When at last she got the prisoner out and when they had eaten breakfast, she said: "Men, can I read to you?" And opening up her Bible she read that wonderful story of the prodigal son while they listened with bowed heads.

"Men, could we sing?" she asked.

"We can't sing," they protested; so she sang to them: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Afterward they had prayer. And in less than three weeks every man was brought to Jesus Christ by the act of that one frail little woman.

That is the way to fish. If you believe it, go and do it!

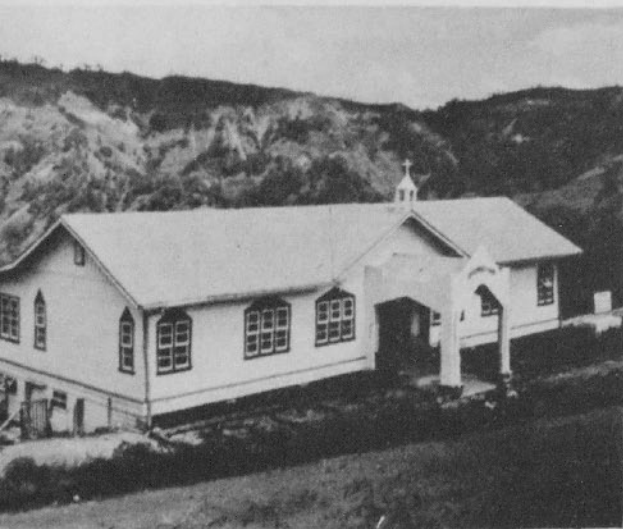
One of the surest evidences of the new birth is the desire to see somebody else saved. There are people you know that nobody else can get at as well as you. The Lord give you wisdom and love

and pathos and the passion which will lead you to their hearts.

I was not born a preacher. I was only a gipsy boy, but I was converted through and through. When God saved me, although I was only a child and could not read or spell my own name, I got a passion for souls that has never left me. It grows with the years. I would rather die than lose it.

The passion for souls means paying a tremendous price, but it is worth it. I had no special qualification for the work, but I said to myself: "I am going to help God get at somebody else." I sang and prayed and preached my way into the hearts of people until that old gipsy tent could not hold me. If a gipsy boy without schooling, with no special gift, with no position, unknown, could forge his way through the world until hundreds of thousands have been brought to Christ—if a gipsy boy could do that, what might you not accomplish?

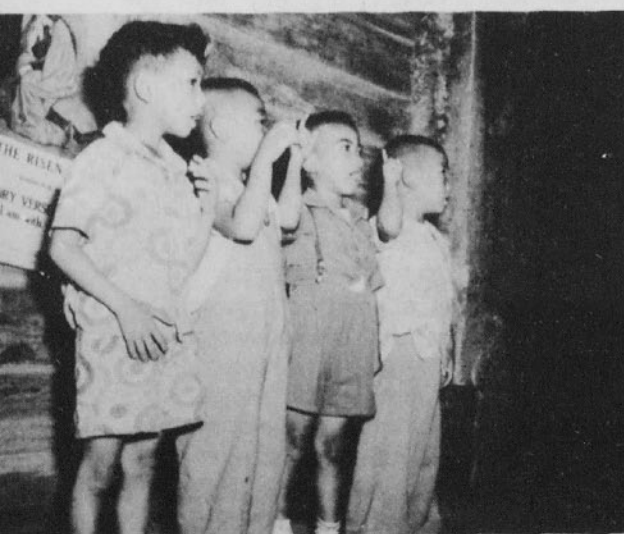
No founder of any other religion dreamed of dying for his followers. Buddha shunned death until he was eighty. Confucius and Zoroaster did not conceive of the idea of sacrificing themselves for the good of others. Mohammed established his religion by killing rather than by being killed. Heathen religions may contain some admirable precepts, but not one of them has a redeemer. Jesus Christ alone gave his life to save a lost world.—A. C. Dixon.



The Assemblies of God church building at Tuding, Luzon, Philippines, 7 miles from Baguio.



Pastor Soriano, Virgil Smith, and Mrs. Vanderbout stand with the Filipino orphans.



Four of Mrs. Vanderbout's Filipino orphans sing action choruses in the Sunday School.

A WORK OF MERCY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Virgil Smith

IN THE VILLAGE OF TUDING, Mt. Province, in the Philippines there stands a beautiful white building. Framed by the soft green of the surrounding hills, its sparkling whiteness shines out like the beacon of a lighthouse. And that is just what it is, a lighthouse guiding storm-tossed souls into the peaceful harbor of salvation.

This building is the church and orphanage of Mrs. Elva Vanderbout. Built by her many tears, faith, and labor, it stands as a memento to her love for lost Filipinos. I have passed through its chapel where many have heard the gospel of the living Christ. What a joy to know that many Filipinos have accepted Jesus and are now in the Kingdom of God because of this place. A number of children, who would certainly have died, are alive today because Mrs. Vanderbout took them in and nursed them back to health.

The very best testimony to the work done in Tuding, and throughout the Mt. Province, is the comparison with other *barrios* in areas that have not had the benefit of Mrs. Vanderbout's ministry. This dauntless missionary travels many miles a year, often hiking and climbing for a whole day to reach an outstation, or to start a new mission somewhere in the hills. She has ministered to people who had never seen an American before—people who were in utter darkness—and has won many of them to Christ. In spite of all this there is still a great deal of work to be done and Mrs. Vanderbout needs help to accomplish much more for God.

At present she has twenty-two little children in her orphanage. If there were room, she would have 222, but there is not room for any more. Mrs. Vanderbout has started the erection of another building by faith. This building will be similar to the one in the picture. She expects to complete it as soon as she has the funds. The land adjacent to the present building belongs to the orphanage, so all that she needs is the building material and skilled labor. I learned recently that Mrs. Vanderbout's orphanage work is at a standstill because of lack of funds. It is a tragedy that this building

should go unfinished when so many orphans are crying for help. Words are inadequate to convey to you the need; but somehow I feel that God will give you the burden for these emergency needs. If I could, I would like to come right into your home or church and tell you face to face of these needs. But I can only give you a couple of incidents in Mrs. Vanderbout's ministry and trust that you will see from these accounts just what is being done in Tuding.

Polio Victim Kept in a Cage

No, this did not happen in an orphanage but in the little girl's own home. The child was placed in a cage by her parents. Her name was Mary. When she was just a little child, she contracted polio and thus became a burden to her parents. The parents placed a small cage on the side of the hut where they lived, and this became Mary's living quarters. The scraps from the family table became her food (when she could get them from the dogs and cats of the house). Mary had no medical care, and it is a wonder that she is alive today.

When Mrs. Vanderbout found Mary she was nothing but skin and bones; only the healing touch of Jesus brought the child back to health again.

A Blanket for Two Babies

Two little boys were born away up in the hills; but since it is believed that twins are bad luck, the little tots were not cared for as they should have been. They were placed on the floor of the hut with only a handkerchief for a covering at nights. Two of Mrs. Vanderbout's native workers happened to find the twin boys and carried them out. When they arrived at Tuding the children were already blue. Mrs. Vanderbout and her helpers prayed for the babes and God undertook for them. That happened some eighteen months ago. Today these twin boys are as healthy as could be—a real testimony to the people around Tuding that twins are not bad luck.

The above are only two of the many testimonies that could be given concerning the work of Mrs. Vanderbout in Tuding. Many of the children she has cared for are now active in the Lord's work. The very first orphan who came to the home is now a Bible school graduate and a fine preacher. Many children are in the gospel fold and will march into heaven with the redeemed; many others are in perfect health who were helpless, sick and dying some time ago. Yes, there are results here in Tuding. God honors faith and work; and both of these are evident in the life of Mrs. Vanderbout, who is trusting God for the extension of her labor of love in the Philippines.

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THE SEED BEARS FRUIT

Winifred Currie, Belgian Congo

I WAS ON MY RETURN JOURNEY TO THE heart of Africa following my first furlough. Passing through the territory of one of our neighboring missions, I stopped at Oicha, one of their stations in the Ituri forest. I had heard rumors that the paramount chief from our area, Medjedje by name, was a patient at the mission hospital there. Furthermore, I heard that he had become a firm believer in the Lord Jesus Christ; and I decided to find out for myself whether this wonderful report was correct. Medjedje was a powerful chief, loved and revered by his people, but he was a firm believer in witchcraft, and the owner of many wives. If this man really had become a Christian I knew what a tremendous influence he would have for the gospel in our area.

That Sunday afternoon I had to make a trek into the steaming forest to preach at a pygmy village; therefore I could not see the chief until the evening. However, when I did enter the hospital room I knew then and there that something wonderful had taken place. I also knew that he was a very sick man, because he was surrounded by some of his favorite attendants who had been especially selected for the trip to the hospital. Included in the group around his bedside were his oldest daughter, one of his favorite sons, and his favorite wife with her young son.

When I had my first glimpse of Medjedje I knew that he would not have much longer to stay on this earth. Yet how wonderful it was to learn from his own lips that he had yielded at last to the Lord, and had publicly renounced his witchcraft.

About three weeks after my visit to the hospital I was busy getting initiated into my missionary work again when a big truck came from Oicha carrying the body of the deceased chief. Medjedje had died suddenly after being released from the hospital. The old chief had known

before the fatal heart attack, that he was going to be with the Lord that night. He had called for the African pastor to come and pray with him. Medjedje gave a remarkable testimony of the peace that reigned in his heart; he said that death held no terror for him. His only regret was that he would not be able to return to his village and personally destroy all his fetishes and idols.

Two weeks before his death Medjedje had had a special service of dedication for his favorite son—the young boy whom I had seen in the hospital in the arms of the chief's favorite wife. This boy was the only surviving child of this wife. (At one time Medjedje had over 200 wives!) Because this boy was the only child that had lived of the children born to him of his special wife, at his birth the chief had followed the custom of the pagans in dedicating the boy to the devil. This was done in order that the child might live. The pagans believe that this ceremony of dedication pleases the devil, and he will not kill any more of the children yet to be born.

After his conversion the old chief dedicated this boy to God. The child's hair was cut (it had been left uncut since his birth, to show his dedication to Satan) and his name was changed. The dedication ceremony was performed with much prayer and rejoicing on the part of the local Christians. Another victory had been gained over Satan. They gave the boy a new name, Samweli—Samuel in English.

Because of the many thousands of people in our area who knew and loved Medjedje, his conversion left a marked impression for God in this section of Congo. It has been a real encouragement to the African Christians and to the missionaries as well.

Previously when we had held services in Medjedje's village he would say, "Some day I shall become a Christian, but not yet." We rejoice that the day did come when he who had so long sat in darkness, bound by the fear of witchcraft, had let the glorious light of God's Word shine into his heart. The seed of Christ's gospel brought forth fruit in his life. Now he being dead yet speaketh, for many members of his large family have expressed their desire to follow the same Saviour that their beloved Medjedje had found.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Word comes from Louie W. Stokes of Buenos Aires, Argentina, concerning a great revival during the month of May. The Atlanta Football Stadium seating 45,000 was rented for the occasion and many nights the stadium was filled to capacity. It is estimated that at one service over 100,000 persons were present to hear the Word of God, standing in nearly thirty-two degree weather. Some of them had been there half the day.

Thousands of hands were raised signifying a decision to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Many were healed. During the prayer services, crutches and chairs were raised over the heads of the crowd, and one man was able to press his way through to the platform and testify after being unable to walk for twenty-seven years. Some 2,400 copies of the Scriptures were sold in a single meeting. Some 20,000 Bibles have been sold. The supply at the Bible House is nearly exhausted, but the people are still clamoring for them.

The revival has touched the rich and the poor, the high officials as well as the laboring man. Pray that God will provide the funds to build or purchase a church that will be able to house the many new converts at Buenos Aires.

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Mrs. Edna Devin and son returned to Indonesia for another term of service on June 12.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lee sailed from New York on June 14 for Nigeria.

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Kathryn B. Vogler sailed for India on June 11 for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Modder and family returned to India on June 12 for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Horst and daughter sailed for the Philippines on June 1. They will be assisting with the work of the Far East Broadcasting Company at Manila.



Kathryn Vogler
India



Mrs. Edna Devin
Indonesia



Mr. and Mrs. James Modder
India



Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lee
Nigeria



SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

BALAAAM AND BALAK

Lesson for July 18

Numbers 24:10-19

Balaam was a peculiar character. In the Old Testament he is called a prophet, giving the impression that he was accustomed to receiving messages from God. This is because of the marvelous predictions which he made concerning Israel. In the New Testament he is spoken of as a prophet (2 Peter 2:16), but not in very commendable terms. He was "the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia" (Deut. 23:4), a person who was believed by Balak to have power through incantation and sorcery to put curses on others. In these arts he was outstanding (Num. 22:7), and for this purpose he was called (v. 6).

When Balak called for Balaam, God stepped in, so that Balaam instead of cursing the people of God, gave remarkable testimony and prediction concerning Israel. It need not seem strange that God should use such a person though he was usually influenced by Satanic spirits as was often the case in heathen divination. God permitted Samuel to "come up" in connection with the effort at divination by the witch of Endor. And Caiphas, the corrupt high priest, because of his office, was divinely inspired to foretell that Christ "should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not" (John 11:48-52). So important is the account concerning Balaam, Balak, and Israel that three entire chapters (22 to 24) are devoted to it.

I. BALAK'S DISAPPOINTMENT

a. *The Prophecy of Balaam.* Eventually Balaam learned that there was no need for him to seek enchantments. The overruling presence of God made them unnecessary (v. 1). As Balaam looked at Israel in prophetic vision, "the Spirit of God came upon him"; that was an event which he probably did not anticipate when he sought to curse Israel (v. 2). Then Balaam began to prophesy. In parable form he extolled Israel, describing her as fertile valleys, as gardens by the riverside, as trees which the Lord had planted, and as cedars beside the waters. Then he predicted Israel's ultimate triumph over the other kingdoms. He closed by saying, "Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee" (vv. 5-9).

b. *The Anger of Balak.* Balak became very angry with the "prophet" and smote his hands together. He then protested to Balaam, "I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast alto-

gether blessed them these three times." Balak saw all his evil plans and hopes frustrated. He had made tempting offers to the prophet to get him to curse his enemies, but it resulted only in promises of increased blessing for the Israelites.

And Balaam, a mercenary man, had lost the material reward for which he had come. He had fallen into the hands of God instead, and, moved by the Spirit of God, had pronounced blessing rather than cursing. Moreover, he had incurred the wrath of Balak. Instead of being praised and rewarded, he was humiliated by the heathen king. Balak charged him to flee to his own land, empty of the honors which he had planned to bestow upon him.

2. BALAAAM'S DETERMINATION

a. *Balaam Answers Balak.* To Balak's storm of protest, Balaam replied that even if Balak would give him his house full of gold and silver, he could not go beyond the commandment of the Lord. Balaam may have been lifted momentarily above the desire for all worldly advantage, but it is doubtful that he felt thus strongly about faithfulness to the Word of the Lord. His boast of honesty implies a consciousness of weakness, or even failure in that quality. Someone has said, "Brave men do not vaunt their courage, nor honorable men their honesty, nor do the truly noble boast of high birth. All who understand the human heart perceive a secret sense of weakness in these loud boasts of immaculate purity." It is always better to let the Lord fight our battles for us than to seek to vindicate ourselves.

b. *Balaam Prepares to Leave.* He said to Balak, "And now, behold, I go unto my people." It looks as if he was willing to go empty-handed, feeling he had done God's will. We learn, however, that he left wicked influences behind him. Since he could not curse by incantation, he gave cursed advice. Three references in the New Testament show that he had no change of heart: (1) the "way of Balaam"—he loved the wages of unrighteousness—2 Peter 2:15; (2) the "error of Balaam"—he thought he could curse those whom God had not cursed—Jude 11; (3) the "doctrine of Balaam"—he corrupted the people whom he could not curse—Rev. 2:14. It is the "doctrine of Balaam" that endangers spiritual people. They may not commit literal fornication, or sacrifice to idols, but if their love grows cold they will make alliances with the

world, alliances which in the sight of God are spiritual fornication and idolatry. Balaam's advice to Balak led to the sin of Israel and to God's anger toward the nation (ch. 25:1-3).

3. BALAAAM'S PROPHECY

a. *Balaam's Last Prophecy.* Balaam's prophecies were given in the form of parables, but there seems to stand out at times more than parables. In his last prophecy, Balaam was undoubtedly speaking of the coming Messiah. Our Lord Jesus is the Star out of Jacob, the King whose scepter shall rise out of Israel.

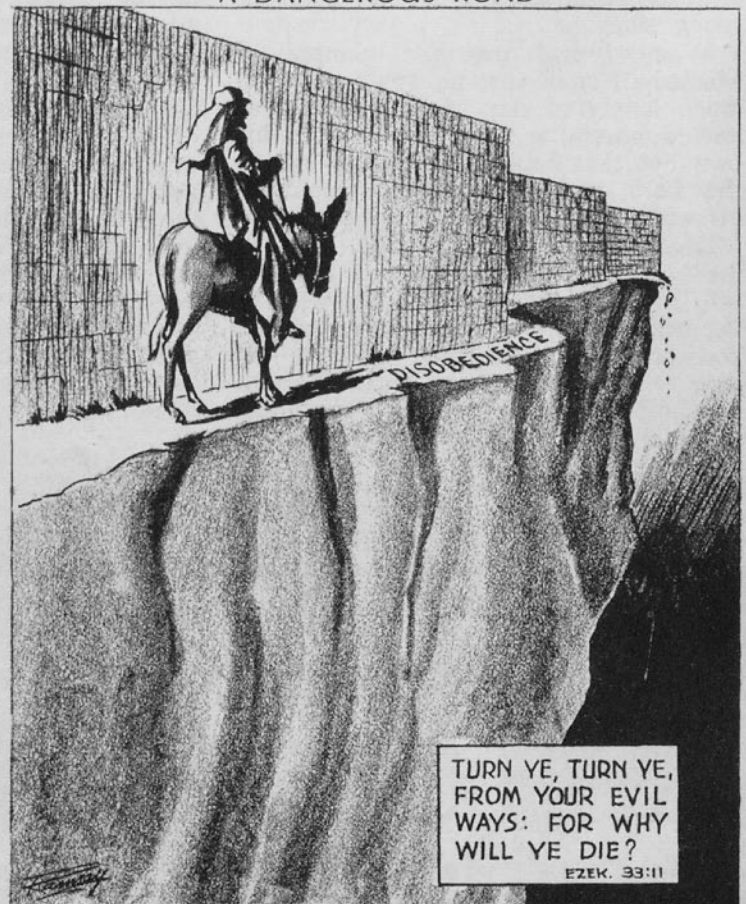
b. *Balaam's Sad Words.* In the words, "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh," there must have been a prediction of life after death. This prophecy may also mean that the Holy Spirit testified that Balaam would be forever separated from the one whose coming he predicted. Even the wicked will be compelled to look upon Christ when He returns as Judge; they will see Him, "but not nigh"—they will be commanded to depart from Him.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Experiences in the Wilderness (lesson for Sunday, July 11). Lesson text: Numbers 20:7-12; 21:4-9.

All those who journey, soon or late,
Must pass within the Garden's gate;
Must kneel alone in darkness there,
And battle with some fierce despair.
God pity those who cannot say:
"Not mine but Thine"; who only pray:
"Let this cup pass" and cannot see
The purpose in Gethsemane.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

A DANGEROUS ROAD



TURN YE, TURN YE,
FROM YOUR EVIL
WAYS: FOR WHY
WILL YE DIE?
EZEK. 33:11

MISSIONS AT HOME

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TWO OUT OF 22

What would the United States be like if only two out of every twenty-two cities or towns had grocery stores? Or if only two out of every twenty-two houses in your neighborhood had electricity and running water? Or if only two out of every twenty-two of your friends had shoes to wear on their feet?

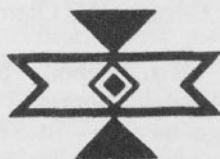
In New Mexico only two out of twenty-two Indian reservations have Assemblies of God missionaries. Another minister holds meetings on a reservation in addition to his local services in Belen, N. M. Men and women feel they must have conveniences for their physical life, yet only a few hundred out of the 43,500 Indians living in New Mexico hear the Word of God which is essential to spiritual life.

Within the past two months the Indian Tribal Councils of the Mescalero Apache Reservation and the Navajo Reservation at Shiprock granted land to our missionaries on which to build churches. F. Wm. Olson, missionary on the Mescalero Reservation, reports that the Tribal Council has already donated over \$400.00 in labor and material. A Council man, free of charge, operated the bulldozer clearing the land.

The Olson family began work on the Mescalero Reservation in April of 1953. Their Sunday School attendance now averages 75. The building which they have been using only seats that many, so they had quite a problem housing classes and seating large crowds for evangelistic services.

Brother Olson wrote the following, after his second visit to the reservation: "When we arrived for service last week we discovered that several Indians had been waiting nearly all day for our return. Some of them were sick and had been told that we prayed for the sick."

Charlie Lee and his wife, with their infant daughter, are living on the Shiprock Navajo Reservation where the Indian Tribal Council has granted them a permit to build a church. Brother Lee began working on this large reservation (it extends into Arizona) during January of 1953. He and his wife camped with the Navajos and used their station wagon as living quarters. Last summer the Tribal Council told them to build a little house on the site they had chosen for their church, but did not give them permission to go ahead with the church. The Lees built a two-room house in which they have been living and holding services. Since their attendance is now averaging 30, they will need to have their church building completed before winter.



1. An Apache papoose.
2. Navajo Indian medicine men painting snakes in the sand. Tiny patterns are placed on each figure and these must be very exact or the whole ceremony may fail to bring the desired healing, as they suppose.

3. Brother and Sister F. Wm. Olson, Assemblies of God missionaries on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in New Mexico

4. Charlie Lee, Assemblies of God missionary on the Shiprock Navajo Reservation in New Mexico.

H. Paul Holdridge, Superintendent of the New Mexico District, is overseeing the building of these two Assemblies of God churches. If you would like to help the New Mexico Indian missionaries, send your gifts to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri. Designate your gift for "New Mexico District Indian Missions."

The Supreme Task of the Church

(Continued from page three)

you ought to preach." It was not James or John looking on another disciple and saying, "You're a son of thunder like us; I think you ought to preach, too." It was the commandment of the Lord Himself. Brethren, you must hear His voice. You must know the reality of that voice in your soul. As Moses, Isaiah, Peter, James, John, and Paul heard it—so you must hear it, too. He commanded us to preach to the people. That is the supreme task of the Church.

There was something very impelling about this to the apostolic preachers. These men, because of their preaching of Jesus Christ and of the resurrection from the dead, were apprehended by those in authority and were placed behind prison bars. But when the angel of the Lord

opened the prison doors and brought them forth, he said to them, "Go, stand and speak . . . to the people all the words of this life" (Acts 5:20).

Go! I wish we had more spiritual "go." There are some preachers who need so much back-slapping and pushing by others that they never go anywhere for the Lord. We need more men who will say, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Stand! There are too many staggering, trembling, and shaking preachers. Brethren, if you could hear the Word in your soul the way Peter heard it, you would stand. You must have something inside of you in order to stand.

Speak! Get to talking for Jesus! Don't be scared because you have been in jail. Don't quit preaching because you have had some opposition—but go, stand, and preach! Speak "all the words of this life." Tell about His death on the cross of Calvary. Go and tell about His redeeming grace to all mankind. Go and tell about His bodily resurrection from the dead. Go and say that He has gone to heaven and is seated on the right hand of God. Don't let jail, persecution, opposition, or criticism stop you from doing what Christ told you to do.

After many years of preaching and carrying the message of Jesus to the Gentile world, Paul was apprehended and brought before King Agrippa. Paul's testimony still rang crystal clear as he neared

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the end of his career as a minister. We hear him repeat the words of his commission, as he testifies to Agrippa. He tells about the Voice which said, "Rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness."

"I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision," he told the king (v. 19). But, realizing the supreme task of the Church, he added, "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come." The reason folk give up is that they have not sought help from God. By God's help, the Church must witness to the laboring man, to the poor man, to the man obscure and unknown, as well as to the great.

Festus cried out! When he heard Paul talking like this, he knew that either he had something in his soul, or he was deranged—and Festus couldn't tell the difference. "Much learning doth make thee mad," he declared.

"I am not mad," affirmed Paul, "but speak forth the words of truth and soberness."

"You almost persuade me to be a Christian," the king admitted.

That's why we preach! We want to persuade people to be Christians.

Why should we accept this commission? Why should the Church be responsible to evangelize the world? It is because we owe the message of life to the world. We owe it to the unconverted of our cities. Even if they will not accept the message, it is our duty to tell them about Christ.

We owe the gospel to every creature on earth. Our faithfulness to this task will bring back the King. Peter declared that Jesus would return after God had taken from the Gentiles a people for His name. After the Church body has been completed, He will return. Our program of world-wide evangelization will hasten the return of the Lord in glory. May God give us a deep sense of this responsibility.

Millions are dying—souls for whom Christ died. Thousands of people are

taking their own lives. In this awful age of hydrogen and atomic bombs, men's hearts are failing them for fear. Only the Church has the ointment that can soothe the world's sorrow. May God help us to rise up in faith and discharge our responsibilities for Him. Then we will be ready to welcome Christ when He comes in the clouds of glory.

This Week's Cover

TO HAVE 368 IN SUNDAY SCHOOL IN A town of only 225 population is quite an achievement! That is the record of the First Pentecostal Church of Hamlin, Pennsylvania, where George W. Clement is pastor.

The church was started about forty years ago, when the late Thomas Twiss began holding cottage meetings in South Canaan. Later, a number of loyal attendants rented a hall for worship, and thus a work was established.

In 1926 a new church was built in Gravity, Pennsylvania, and it was called the Lake Ariel Pentecostal Church. The congregation grew under the faithful leadership of Brother and Sister Twiss, who served as pastors for approximately thirty-one years.

In 1945, when Brother Twiss resigned,

the congregation called George W. Clement to be pastor. Brother Clement realized that if the congregation was to continue to grow as formerly, a new and larger church must be built in a more central and desirable location. Property was bought adjoining the newly acquired parsonage in Hamlin. A fine church (36 by 60 feet) with a basement and a large vestibule was erected. Continued growth made it necessary to build a new addition and another vestibule last year. This provides an auditorium that will seat five hundred, in addition to a nursery, a pastor's study, and class rooms for Sunday School.

Under Brother Clement's leadership the average attendance at Sunday School has increased from 90 to 190. One Sunday recently there was a record attendance of 368. The goal for regular attendance is 300 (in a village that has only 225 residents). The church owns a Sunday School bus seating fifty pupils, which helps toward accomplishing the objective—to take the gospel out and bring the people in.

So many Christians have to be led by the Lord with a strong hand because they will not let God draw near enough to guide them with His eye.—A. B. Simpson.



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION HELD IN NEW C. B. A. CHAPEL

"Thanks to the help of the Lord and the support of its many friends, the Canyonville Bible Academy was able to complete the interior of its new Chapel in time to hold the graduation services in it. The picture shows the platform scene at Commencement, May 21 when 28 young people were graduated. E. E. Krogstad, Pastor at Eugene, Oregon, was the Commencement speaker. He can be seen sitting on the platform with A. M. Shaffer, founder of the school, and members of the faculty. The Canyonville Bible Academy located at Canyonville, Oregon, is an Assemblies of God High School offering a full four-year course. The students come from all parts of the nation. Last year they came from as far away as New York, Florida, Minnesota, and Iowa.

A Converted "Witness"

Eddie Midura, now a Youth For Christ evangelist, formerly was an ardent "Jehovah's Witness." Standing on street corners, pushing doorbells, selling books and literature was his constant fare in life.

Then one day he met Christ and was gloriously converted. The zeal with which he once promulgated error was transferred to the spreading of gospel truth.

The following is part of his message given at a recent World Vision Rally:

After my conversion to Christ I was asked to pastor a church in a large Midwest city. The Sunday School had an attendance of forty. The people were discouraged. They said their city was a hard place, and the district in which the church was located was perhaps the hardest spot of all. They felt that nothing could be done. It seemed entirely hopeless to try to win others there.

Never having known anything else than pushing doorbells and going from door to door, I suggested to my little congregation that we get going thus for our Sunday School and church. The first brother approached declined on account of his rheumatism. He was a deacon in the church. The second brother would not go because of his arthritis. A sister was expecting friends. And so on. They all with one consent began to make excuses. No one could go.

Then I suggested to the first brother that he take his rheumatism along with him. To the second brother I suggested that his arthritis would be no worse out on the street than at home. One by one I persuaded them to go, although they were thoroughly scared. Some did not know much about the Bible but they went anyway.

In that "hardest spot" in that "hard city" where "nothing could be done," our Sunday School attendance climbed from 40 to 369. It was done by our people taking up their cross and going from door to door.

The hardest thing in any American city is not the sinners but the hearts of the people of God!

While I was preaching at one place, God touched the heart of a "Jehovah's Witness." She came to me, tears streaming down her face, to say that her heart was unhappy and that she wanted to be "born again." Then she straightened up, looked squarely at me, and said, "On the other hand, if we are wrong and you are right, why are the church people not going from door to door telling the people about Jehovah?"

What could I say? What would you say?

No amount of advertising will bring some people to your church. They will never come until you go to them in their homes, and with overflowing heart win them to Christ.

We have talked about winning souls long enough. It is time to pray—and to add legs to our prayers.

—The Holiness Era.

"Revivaltime" Advancing Missionary Activity in British Guiana

LAST SUMMER, SISTER JOS. B. E. CHOW, Missionary to British Guiana, was in Springfield. She was so impressed with REVIVALTIME that she wanted it to be broadcast in British Guiana. Through her efforts, some money was raised toward that project, and REVIVALTIME was placed on the government radio station in Georgetown.

Today, Brother and Sister Chow and REVIVALTIME are the only Assemblies of God representatives in this British Colony.

The following letter from Brother Chow is a report on the way REVIVALTIME is furthering missionary activity in this needy field.

Georgetown, British Guiana

Dear Brother Ward:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

My wife and I are Assemblies of God missionaries to British Guiana, and we are responsible for the broadcast of REVIVALTIME over Radio Demarara. Although we have not had the pleasure or privilege of making your acquaintance before, yet from listening to your REVIVALTIME messages every Sunday evening we feel as if we had known you for ever so long.

We were indeed very glad to receive the packets of letters written to you by REVIVALTIME listeners in British Guiana, which you so kindly forwarded on to us, and we shall endeavor to contact each one personally as soon as we can.

It gives me great pleasure to say that we all in British Guiana feel that your appointment as REVIVALTIME Pastor has definitely been of the Lord, and to tell you how much your messages have meant to the people in this part of the globe.

They have moved and stirred them to such an extent that many unbelievers have been seeking the Lord for salvation, many reawakened with a desire for a deeper and closer walk with the Lord. Not only that, but everywhere in the Colony where our folks have been, the names "Assemblies of God" and "Revivaltime" have been a password for them to witness for the Lord, and many have asked when we shall be coming to minister to them and open a place of worship for them. Their hunger for God and to know more of Him is pathetic, so please do pray with us for God to open a way soon for us to evangelize among these people.

May God bless you richly and continue to use you ever so much in your efforts over the air for the souls of men and women all over the world.

Sincerely yours in His service,

JOS. B. E. CHOW



1954 GRADUATING CLASS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL IN WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

The above picture shows the members of the twelfth-grade class with their Principal, L. A. Garner. This Assemblies of God High School, fully accredited by the State Department of Education, is a department of Southwestern Bible Institute at Waxahachie, Texas. In addition to the High School, Southwestern offers a Junior College course, a three-year Bible Institute course, and Bible College courses of four and five years.

Judge Tait's Face

S. D. GORDON TOLD THE STORY OF A man who lived in a small Midwest community many years ago. He was a lawyer, a scholarly and refined gentleman, but a confirmed skeptic who lectured against Christianity with great ability.

One evening this lawyer appeared at a local church, where a board meeting was in progress, and asked for membership. The church officers were astonished but managed to conceal their surprise. They asked him the usual questions regarding his faith and experience. He made a full confession of faith in Christ, which left no doubt as to the genuineness of his conversion.

The Pastor said, "You must know how astonished we are. Would you kindly tell us what led to this change of heart?"

The lawyer quietly answered, "It was Judge Tait's face."

They all exclaimed in astonishment, "What do you mean?"

Then came the simple explanation. Judge Tait was widely known both as a lawyer and as an earnest Christian. The skeptic lawyer had occasion to consult him in a legal matter, and he said:

"I was struck with a something in the face of Judge Tait for which I could not account. It was a light, or a peace—an intangible but very real thing I could not explain—and it caught me tremendously.

"We never talked about religious things. I studied his face as I would any other bit of evidence, and the thing which so affected me was his faith in Christ. I sifted the thing through. Here was a fact. It was a new thing to me. I had never run across it in my study of Christian evidences. It convinced me of the truth of Christianity. I wanted to be honest and so I gladly accepted Christ."

The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ has shined into our hearts. And as we, with open or unveiled face, behold as in a glass this glory, we are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. Thus, Christ ought to shine in our faces, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. It did in Judge Tait's face.

A biographer of Henry Martin had this to say about that godly man's face: "His features were not regular, but the expression was so luminous, so intellectual, so affectionate, so beaming with divine charity, as to absorb the attention of every observer."

When Dr. McAll, the missionary to France, died there came one to the funeral

who wept bitterly. A bystander asked him if he were a relative or near friend. "No," the man replied. "Then why do you weep so?" "Because he saved me."

"What did he say?" asked the bystander. "Nothing," was the answer. "It was his face." The man had been an anarchist, but he saw the light of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord Jesus in Dr. McAll's face. That is how Christianity expresses itself:

*For me 'twas not the truth you taught,
To you so clear, to me so dim:
But when you came to me you brought
A sense of Him.*

*And from your eyes He beckons me,
And from your heart His love is shed,
Till I lose sight of you and see
The Christ instead.*

Weymouth's translation of 2 Corinthians 3:18 is illuminating—"And all of us with unveiled faces, reflecting like bright mirrors the glory of the Lord, are being transformed from one degree of holiness to another, even as derived from the Lord, the Spirit."

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal." Keep your eyes upon Jesus.

Saving His Life

EDWARD WATLAND was working under his car when it suddenly slipped off the jack and landed on his chest. He could not get out, and it was slowly crushing his life out.

Then Russell Nylander, who weighed only 140 pounds, came and picked up one end of the little English automobile single handed, and lifted it off the man's chest.

Watland managed to struggle from under the machine, gasping for breath. Nylander dropped the car, took a few steps, and collapsed in great agony. At the hospital an examination showed that he had suffered a fractured spine. He literally broke his back to save the other man. His condition was very serious, but he was expected to recover after several months in a cast.

In like manner, I had a very heavy load of sins which was more than I could bear. It was slowly crushing me. And if this great burden of sins had not been removed, they would have crushed out my life and sunk me into hell before this time.

But along came the Lord Jesus, and

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The opening of the branch store is one more effort on the part of the Gospel Publishing House to render the best possible service to all of its customers at all times.

AT RIGHT

Outside view of the new Assemblies of God book store at 332 West Colorado Street, Pasadena, California, which will serve as a regional outlet for the Gospel Publishing House.

BELOW (LEFT)

This picture was taken at the opening of the new book store. On the left is Floyd C. Woodworth, District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Southern California. In the center is Frank Oertel, manager of the book store. At the right is David J. Johnston, manager of the merchandising division of the Gospel Publishing House

BELOW (RIGHT)

Inside view of the book store, showing some of the displays where visitors will find a complete stock of Bibles, Christian books, Sunday School literature, and church supplies.



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and make you one of His own dear children, "children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 2:26). Trust His great sacrifice for you, receive Him as your Saviour and Lord, and your burden of sin will be lifted and put away for ever. And then you can "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

—C. D. Carter, in *Elim Evangel*.

SEVEN STUDENTS GRADUATED AT CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL

CHICAGO, ILL.—Chicago Christian Academy, the Assemblies of God grade school, recently graduated seven students, bringing to nineteen the total number of young people who have completed their work at this Full Gospel school.

The Academy had seventy-five students enrolled during the past year, the largest enrollment since it was opened three years ago. Although it is sponsored by the Assemblies of God, there have been a substantial number of boys and girls from other denominations attending the school. All have benefited by the Bible study based on the new book by our General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs, entitled, "We Believe," which was the textbook in the subject of Bible training.

Full information regarding the school can be obtained from the Director, 3465 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago 41, Illinois.—by DeVore H. Waltermann.

35 MINISTERS ORDAINED AT TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

WACO, TEX.—The Texas District Council convened here June 1 to 3 in the First Baptist Church. A total of 1560 registered for the annual convention, in which church business was mixed with seasons of prayer, praise, and inspirational preaching.

The young people had a C. A. Rally on Monday night, May 31. Ernie Reb brought the message of the evening.

C. M. Ward, REVIVALTIME speaker, brought the message on Wednesday night following a wonderful missionary service. There were 14 missionaries present, several of whom will be going to various foreign fields in the very near future.

Ernest S. Williams was the guest speaker for the convention. Don Mallough was present on behalf of the Men's Fellowship.

In the closing service on Thursday night 35 ministers were ordained. The Texas District Council has been invited to convene in the city of Longview in 1955.—E. B. Crump, District Secretary.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

MARION, OHIO—For two weeks Evangelist Leon J. Frank of Eaton, Ohio, was with us. Several were saved, and one young man received the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. We are looking forward to another meeting with Brother Frank in July.—John W. Blair, Pastor.

ANACONDA, MONT.—Our church has been much encouraged by the ministry of Evangelist Peggy Bolam of Edmond, Wash. She came for a two-week meeting, but our people requested her to stay the third week. Sixteen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and ten were saved. Her ministry and teaching in the morning services were greatly appreciated.—R. R. Nichols, Pastor.

KEWANEE, ILL.—We recently concluded a four-week meeting with Evangelist Alma Meyer of Springfield, Mo. Souls were saved, and the Christians were drawn closer to the Lord. There was an exceptional response among the young people. This was Sister Meyer's second meeting with us, and the people want her to come again.—Lorna L. Matter, Pastor, Kewanee Gospel Church.

BARNWELL, S. C.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Nelson E. White of Fort Myers, Fla. Brother White's ministry is directed to the sinner, and the power of conviction was so strong that hardly a person left the church unsaved. People for whom we had been praying for several months gave their hearts to God; then they brought others who also found Christ as Saviour. Sick bodies were healed, and families were added to the church.

Brother White's sermons not only reached the sinners, but also gave the Christians a desire to walk closer to God.—J. T. Denham, Pastor.

ROLFE, IOWA—Evangelist Milton Forbes of Eldon, Iowa, was with us for a meeting. Five were saved and the saints were drawn closer to the Lord. Some received outstanding healings.—Fred M. Patterson, Pastor.

HARRISONVILLE, MO.—A year ago we started a new work here, and the Lord has been blessing our efforts. Some souls have been saved and are going on with God. We now have an average of 45 in Sunday School. At present we are in a store building. We are trusting the Lord to guide us in purchasing lots on which to build.—Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Grimes, Pastors, 3620 East 60th St., Kansas City, Mo.

ALLEN, OKLA.—The church was greatly blessed and the members drawn closer to God during the meeting with Evangelists Paul and Leona Dougherty of Carthage, Mo. Sister Dougherty is the preacher, and Brother Dougherty works in the interest of the Sunday School and the revival. Nineteen were gloriously saved, and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School climbed to 95 in attendance.—W. O. Jackson, Pastor.

NEWCASTLE, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge of Santa Barbara, Calif. were with us last September, and seven received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

In January, my wife and I conducted a Workers' Training Course, and a revival broke out and continued for three weeks without an evangelist. Three were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a 34-year-old man was saved. Since then, three have been filled with the Spirit and one saved in the regular services. In April we had a meeting with the Musical Petersons, and two children were saved the first Sunday night.—Jack R. Cleeton, Pastor, Assembly of God.

WEBB CITY, OKLA.—In April we closed a revival with Evangelist Wayne Brashear of Tulsa, Okla. God met us in a gracious way. On the last Sunday we had a water baptizing with 23 candidates, including 11 men.

This was our third revival with Brother Brashear. He was with us in November 1952 and again in January 1954 when the Sunday School doubled in attendance. God saved souls and filled believers with the Holy Ghost.

This is our fifteenth year of pastoring this church and we thank God for His wonderful blessings. The Sunday School is still increasing.—Wolford Martin, Pastor.

OSBORNE, KANS.—After pastoring the church here for nearly ten years we have resigned to accept a call to the Assembly in Columbus, Nebr. During this time we have seen an increase in the Sunday School attendance every year, and the congregation has more than doubled. We have had the help of a group of faithful praying saints and many fine evangelists. Many precious souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and several remarkable healings have been wrought by the power of God. We give all the glory to Jesus.

Lots have been purchased and funds are being raised to build larger facilities. Brother and Sister Harold Hollis of Oberlin, Kans. have been chosen as pastors.

If you have friends living in or near Columbus, Nebr. and will give us their names and addresses, we will be glad to contact them.—Harold and Marie James, 3220 18th Street, Columbus, Nebr.

EL CERRITO, CALIF.—We had a wonderful salvation-healing revival with Evangelist B. D. Bennett and party of Rosemead, Calif. The Spirit of the Lord moved mightily in our midst to save, heal, and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Many testified to the healing power of God. A lady with a severe kidney ailment told how God had healed her. She was prayed for in the early part of the meeting and said that she had felt no pain after prayer.

A Sunday School superintendent from another denomination came to the meeting. His wife was praying for him in their home late one night and God began filling him with His Spirit as he lay in bed. In his testimony he said, "This is the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to me."

We are rejoicing and thanking God for what He has done for us in this meeting.—E. William Anderson, Pastor.

GREEN BAY, WIS.—In answer to believing prayer on the part of our people, God has wonderfully worked here during the last few weeks. Evangelist John McDuff of Texas City, Tex. was with us for 11 weeks. About 130 were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and there were gracious manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit. Sixty-four converts have been baptized in water, and God is continuing to save others.—E. A. Beck, Pastor, Assembly of God.

HOBBS, N. MEX.—I came here a few months ago to pastor the Glad Tidings Assembly of God. The Lord is blessing in our services, and we are having a consistent growth.

In April we had a successful revival with Evangelist Floyd A. Nelson of Trinidad, Colo. We surely enjoyed the anointed ministry of Brother Nelson. Souls were saved, and the church was blessed.—Roy F. George, Pastor.

HUMBOLDT, TENN.—Evangelist and Mrs. Delman L. Summers of Blackwell, Okla. were with us for three weeks. Thirty-four were saved, 30 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, several were refilled, and many miraculous healings were performed. One man was marvelously delivered from the smoking habit. Our church was greatly blessed, and we give the praise to our wonderful Lord.—Mrs. Elizabeth Walters, Pastor, Gregory's Chapel.

NORWOOD, ONT., CANADA—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas L. Hoke of Palestine, Tex. Approximately 17 made definite decisions for Christ, and many were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. A number received definite healings. We are grateful for the blessings of the Lord throughout the meeting. We also broke the Sunday School attendance record.—J. Rodger and M. Ellis, Pastors.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle had a successful campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. John McPherson of Richmond, Calif. Souls were saved and the church strengthened as a result. Brother McPherson, a Cherokee Indian, is a chalk artist. He and his wife conducted afternoon meetings for the children, which stimulated attendance at Sunday School. We broke our Sunday School attendance record the closing Sunday with 614 present.—Claude Weaver, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—We are happy to report a successful revival with Evangelist Bob L. Sheran of Los Angeles, Calif. The Spirit of the Lord moved in a mighty way in the salvation of souls and the baptizing of believers. The sick were healed as the Spirit of the Lord was manifested night after night. Brother Sheran's unique and challenging tract ministry captured the enthusiasm of the congregation. Many unusual contacts were made and testimonies given as a result of this activity.—J. Boyd Wolverton, Pastor, Central Assembly.

NORTH FORK, CALIF.—We are starting our fourth year at North Fork, which is located 42 miles east of Madera in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This town had never heard the full gospel before we came. We now have a church 28 by 50 feet, with full basement, and a parsonage.

Many Indians have been saved and filled with the Spirit. We have a class taught in their own language. Two of our teachers are Spirit-filled Indians.

The Sunday School average last year was 66. On Easter we had 107 present. A number of evangelists and missionaries have contributed to the growth of our church.—Edward E. Bodenhofer, Pastor.

HARWOOD, TEX., May 18—We came here seven months ago believing the Lord for a great work. At the beginning we had an average of 23 in Sunday School in an old church building. We built a new church (30 x 60) and dedicated it to the Lord March 15. Kermit Reneau, District Superintendent, preached the dedicatory service. God has blessed in a wonderful way since. Eight have been saved, four filled with the Holy Ghost, one called into the ministry, and a number healed. The Sunday School has increased to an average of 68. We won the Sectional Sunday School banner for the greatest increase in attendance. That's what people can do when they have a mind to work.—W. F. Harrell, Pastor.

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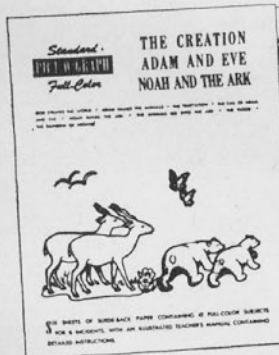
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—Evangelist B. D. Bennett and party of Rosemead, Calif. were with us at the Assembly of God Tabernacle. No previous revival meeting had ever brought such sustained crowds and such a high spiritual tide throughout. Every night many sought God for salvation in the inquiry room, and a number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Notable healings were performed by the power of God among people of various faiths, and many returned to give God the glory.—Guy M. Heath, Pastor.

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.

MEGARGEL, ALA.—Third annual tent meeting, July 10—; Evangelist Fred H. Brand. (A. L. Shell is Pastor.)

FRANKFORT, N. Y.—Union meeting, July 15—; Evangelist Michael Mastro. (Joseph A. Falcone is Chairman.)

AURORA, COLO.—Assembly of God, July 18—Aug. 1; Evangelist B. D. Bennett and party, Rosemead, Calif. (C. L. Walker is Pastor.)

FORT MORGAN, COLO.—Assembly of God, July 11—; Evangelist and Mrs. E. H. Sherratt, Oakland, Calif. (S. R. Stewart is Pastor.)

COLUMBUS, GA.—East Highland Assembly of God, 21st at 12th Avenue, July 4—18 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp, Russellville, Ark. (Jessie E. Smith is Pastor.)

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Victory Tabernacle, 15th and Central, July 11—25; Evangelist Ray D. Murphy, Boise, Idaho. (Hershel Barnett is Pastor.)

KINGMAN, ARIZ.—July 11—; Evangelist E. R. (Pete) Winter, Texarkana, Tex.—by Carl E. Reynolds Sr., Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Lindale Assembly of God, July 18—; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (James B. McKeehan is Pastor.)

FERRIDAY, LA.—Assembly of God, July 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. M. Cason, State C. A. President.—by Roy E. Gilliam, Pastor.

PEARSON, GA.—Goodwill Assembly of God, July 11—25; Evangelist B. O. Daniel, Atlanta, Ga.—by E. L. Gilliland, Pastor.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—First Assembly of God, July 11—25; Evangelist George Hayes, Houston, Tex.—by Bernard B. Ridings, Pastor.

CUERO, TEX.—Assembly of God, 313 W. Live Oak St., July 11—25 or longer; Evangelist W. A. Edwards, San Antonio, Tex.—by William S. Agnew, Pastor.

SANTA MARIA, CALIF.—July 4—18 or longer; Sister F. Boucher, evangelist.—by J. W. Dollins, Pastor.

PUEBLO, COLO.—First Assembly of God, July 13—25; Musical Biblers, Fresno, Calif. (Richard D. Emerson is Pastor.)

PORTERVILLE, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, July 4—; Evangelist Oran A. Duncan.—by W. M. Lamar, Pastor.

ADA, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, July 4—; Eskelin Family, Detroit, Mich.—by Billy Keen, Pastor.

VINTON, IOWA.—Assembly of God, July 4—18; Evangelist and Mrs. Francis Wilson.—by Dale Harmon, Pastor.

SAYRE, OKLA.—Assembly of God, June 30—; Evangelist and Mrs. R. D. Jones, Texarkana, Ark. (Nath Franks is Pastor.)

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—Central Assembly of God, 120 Blake St., July 11—25 or longer; Evangelist James O. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.—by Hugh A. Still, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO.—Krumroy Assembly of God, Massillon Rd., July 20—; for two weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Douglas L. Hoke, Palestine, Tex. (Robert Roop is Pastor.)

YORK, PA.—City-wide meeting in Armory Building, July 4—Aug. 1; Dr. Jonas Miller, Sarasota, Fla.—by Arthur E. Davies, Pastor, York Faith Temple.

SUMTER, S. C.—First Assembly of God, Carolina off Broad St., July 18—; Evangelists Joe and Betty Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (C. S. Stanton is Pastor.)

KALISPELL, MONT.—Tent meeting, Circus Grounds on Highway 93, Aug. 1—22 (not July 20—Aug. 8 as previously announced), Evangelist A. S. Teuber and party.—by O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

VANCOUVER, B. C., CANADA.—Broadway Tabernacle, 1363 W. Broadway, Aug. 1—8 (week of the British Empire Games); C. E. Butterfield, President of Northwest Bible College, Seattle, Wash., guest speaker.—by E. W. Robinson, Pastor.

TENNESSEE DISTRICT CAMP AND COUNCIL, July 9—16, Bethesda Camp Grounds, Louisville Hi-way 31W, 20 miles from Nashville, then follow gravel road 1 mile to grounds. District Council will be held in afternoons, July 13—16. Camp and Council speaker, Tom Johnstone.—by E. R. Driver, District Secretary-Treasurer.

C. A. CONVENTION AND RALLY—The Tyler and Paris Sections of the Texas District will meet at Jim Hogg State Park, Quitman, Tex., July 12. Services at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 8 p.m. Picnic lunch at noon; everyone bring lunch. Speakers to be announced.—by Frank E. Kennedy, Director of Tyler Section, and Roy W. Adams, Director of Paris Section.

LOST LAKE YOUTH CAMP, Okanogan Section of the Northwest District, located 30 miles northeast of Tonasket, Wash. Boys' and Girls' Camp, ages 8—12, Aug. 9—14; Teen-agers Camp, ages 13—19, Aug. 16—21. Camp speakers; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr. Camp Directors: A. E. Lofdahl, E. E. McGhee, and R. J. Gerla.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW CHURCH—We are pastoring a new church in Sacramento, Calif. known as the Glad Tidings Assembly of God. If you have friends in this area and would like us to contact them, please send their names and addresses.—Pastor and Mrs. Virgil J. Boutwell, 3016 Jonalan Dr., Sacramento, Calif.

NOTICE—John Woodhead, Pastor of an Elim Pentecostal Church in Manchester, England, plans to visit the U. S. A. for an extended tour of our Assemblies. He will be accompanied by his wife and daughter, who sing. They expect to arrive at New York Aug. 25, 1954. Pastors wishing to invite them for meetings should write to Brother Woodhead, c/o Joseph Payne, 16 Lockwood Terrace, West Hartford, Conn.

REVISED PROGRAM—Italian Branch Camp, Pine Grove Camp, Malaga, N. J., July 1—Sept. 6. The Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party, Charles Elliot, Robert Wallace, Milton T. Wells, Ralph Creider, and Richard Vinyard will be the English speakers. Italian speakers remain the same—by A. A. Marinacci, Secretary.

NEW CHURCH—We have started a new work in Monmouth, Ill. We are temporarily located at 747 E. 11th Ave., but later we will be in a tent on the Old Carnival grounds. Anyone having friends in or near Monmouth, please send us their names and addresses and we will be glad to contact them.—Pastor and Mrs. W. M. Jackson, General Delivery, Monmouth, Ill.

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NOTICE—P. S. Brewster of Cardiff, S. Wales, will be coming to the U. S. A. with the Scottish evangelist, Alexander Tee, in the fall, arriving at New York Sept. 10, 1954. Brother Brewster is a member of the Executive Council of the Elim Pentecostal Work in Britain and was President of the Elim Churches last year. Those desiring to contact him for meetings should write to Willard Cantelon, Box 28, Nascelle, Wash.

RADIO PROGRAMS

VALLEJO, CALIF.—“Revival Echoes,” station KVON, 1440 kc., Sundays 4 to 4:30 p.m.—Gerald Fischer, Pastor, North Vallejo Assembly of God.

TROY, ALA.—“Gospel Tidings Time,” station WTBF, 1490 kc., Sundays 8:30 to 9 a.m. Conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Bryant, Box 413, Brundidge, Ala.

BAYTOWN, TEX.—Station KREL, now broadcast by remote control from church each Sunday, 7:30 to 8 a.m.—S. D. Salyer, Pastor, Channelview Assembly of God, Channelview, Tex.

WITH CHRIST

MRS. DORA E. RAWLE, 66, Bridgeport, Tex. went to be with the Lord May 24, 1954. Sister Rawle was ordained in 1920. She was one of our superannuated ministers.

HUGH Y. MONTGOMERY, 66, Houston, Tex. went to be with the Lord May 10, 1954. Brother Montgomery suffered a heart attack and died two days later. He was ordained in 1926.