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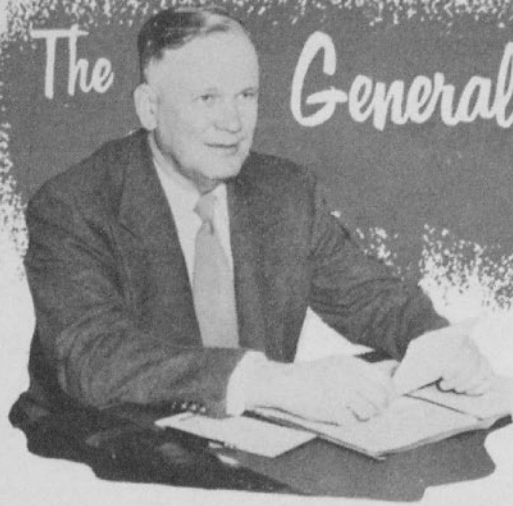
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



Student at Assemblies of God Bible School, Hardoi, North India, reading scriptures in Hindi language.

Photo by Kenneth Weigel



The General Superintendent SPEAKS

ROMAN MYTHOLOGY CARRIES THE STORY of Scylla and Charybdis. These characters were supposed to be monsters of the sea, which mariners were to avoid on peril of their lives. They personified the dangers or rocks and eddies, deriving their names from actual points of danger in the narrow strait that lies between Italy and Sicily. Scylla is a rocky promontory which was considered by the ancients to be very dangerous to mariners, and Charybdis is a whirlpool still regarded as extremely dangerous even to modern navigation.

Thus we have the expression, "Between Scylla and Charybdis." It means, "Between two dangers, either of which is difficult to avoid without encountering the other."

We as a Movement are facing just such a situation today. Let me give you two scriptures which serve as our "Scylla and Charybdis." Both are from the lips of Jesus Himself.

In the Sermon on the Mount, He said: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? and in Thy name have cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22, 23).

In the message to the church at Ephesus, Jesus said: "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Revelation 2:4, 5).

The warning of our Lord in His Sermon on the Mount should come with special force for us who believe and practice prophesying in His name, casting out devils, and doing many wonderful works. We are faithfully advised that it is possible to do these things and yet to have such a low moral standard in our personal lives and conduct that we

will have to be rejected by Him at that day as those "that work iniquity." This is a solemn warning to all of us Pentecostal people to be clean, pure and unselfish, free from blame or reproach in any of our relationships. We must live holily, godly, and blamelessly in this present evil world. We must have the humility of our Master. We must be kind and courteous, loving and ethical, both with our fellow workers and with all men.

If we begin to smite our fellow servants and to indulge our own selves, "making merchandise" of others, "through covetousness with feigned words," we will have drifted into the place where we will receive His condemnation. Our business dealings and financial policies should always be such as will "provide for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men." We must beware of covetousness, which is idolatry. The love of money is indeed the root of all evil. Love of money is a temptation and a snare which often drowns men in destruction and perdition. We as a Movement, as individual ministers, or as Pentecostal laymen just cannot afford to drift into a position where our personal lives before God and before men will classify us among those "that work iniquity," who will hear Christ say, "Depart from Me." Beware of the rock of Scylla.

On the other hand, in our Lord's last message to the churches He described those who could not bear them which were evil. These believers had even tried those which said they were apostles, and were not, and had found them to be liars. They were exceedingly zealous for holiness and purity and genuineness in Christian profession and practice. They had steered far, far from the rock of Scylla. But lo, in so doing they had been caught in the whirlpool of Charybdis. They had left their first love, and the Lord was holding it against them. He warned them that if they did not repent and return to their first works, He would come suddenly and remove their candlestick out of its place.

Jesus said, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." The essential sin of the Pharisees was that they were so exceedingly punctillious in their righteousness that spiritual pride grew up within their

hearts, and they looked with lordly disdain upon all others. This provoked the wrath of the Lord as much as the sins of the publicans. We must always take a kind, tender and loving approach to those who have erred and are overtaken in a fault. "Ye which are spiritual restore such an one in a spirit of meekness." While hating sin we must love the sinner. Our motive in approaching him will not be to condemn him or to pass judgment upon him but rather to save him, to "snatch him from the burning," to pull him out of the fire. Oh, that we may deliver out of the snare of the devil those who are taken captive by him at his will. God is the Judge. He is the sole Avenger on those who err and sin. Sometimes church officials may be forced to put away from among themselves a wicked person, but as individuals they must always remember that they themselves are still in the flesh, still subject to temptation, and so they must not be highminded but fear. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." In our attitude toward other Christians, whether they be of our church or some other church, we must be gentle, and show meekness toward all. In our personal lives, particularly in our relation toward the world, we must be "blameless and

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First-Century Pentecostals

Alexander Tee, Motherwell, Scotland

IN NEW TESTAMENT DAYS EVERY church was a *Pentecostal* church! Furthermore, we are clearly told by Jude that we are to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." In other words, we are to contend earnestly for the Pentecostal testimony. Today we see many sincere Christian people who want to go on with God, but they are reluctant to seek God wholeheartedly for all the experiences that the Christians of New Testament days enjoyed and defended.

It is utterly inconsistent with the nature of God for us to say that He would be so partial as to give a full-orbed inheritance to the early Church and then allow us in the twentieth century to enjoy only a portion of it. Why should God seek to impoverish His Church today by withholding from it much of the glorious experience He allowed His children in days gone by? Theologians who try to explain away God's blessings are wrong in cutting up this day of grace with their cold knife of dispensational apology. Every experience which first-century believers enjoyed can be our inheritance today!

Ours must not be a faith disrobed of any of its glory or splendor, nor a faith stripped of any of its New Testament fullness. It is the faith once ("once for all," A.S.V.) delivered by holy men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit and who delivered to the saints that mighty, dynamic faith which turned the world upside down. Every blood-bought child of God is fully qualified to be called a saint; therefore the faith we are encouraged to contend for is the full Pentecostal faith enjoyed by the first-century Pentecostals. Their Saviour is our Saviour, their instructions are our instructions, their doctrines are ours, and their experience should be ours.

And what kind of Christianity did they enjoy? Are we holding to the same faith which they so tenaciously defended, even to death? A few glimpses into their methods, their men, and their ministry should but whet our appetite for more manifestations of the Spirit in our churches.

A Christian in those days was so different from non-Christians that others

noticed they had a "Way" of life. Paul received permission to go to Damascus to bring bound to Jerusalem any he might find of "this Way." This term is used a number of times in the Book of Acts. The whole setup of a Christian's life should be so different from that of the worldling that people will take note of our standard of holiness, consecration, and love.

An abandoned consecration to the service of God was the foundation of the success of the early Church. "As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:3, 4). What a signal for missionary work! It was not easy for these dear people to pick up their children and belongings and run, but they took their burning zeal for God with them and set fires blazing for Him wherever they went. I wonder if we are like that as Pentecostals today.

It was the normal procedure in New Testament days for the converts to burn their bridges behind them; and to evidence their determination to live wholly for God they were baptized in water. The leaders of the Church encouraged the converts to be filled with the Holy Spirit immediately. They were very strong on this. The first question Paul asked the twelve men in Ephesus was, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Why was this the first question Paul asked? Simply because he knew full well that this was the most vital thing a Christian must have. It was the secret of the early Church.

Let me be emphatic in saying that a genuine filling of the Holy Spirit is the most vital experience Christians can have this side of heaven. When men are mantled, filled, charged, and energized by the Holy Spirit, they can subjugate every opposition and drive paganism into a corner. In the days of the Early Church, even the opposition "marvelled and took knowledge of them" (Acts 4:13)—there was no wondering whether these believers had a dynamic! These men of God did not have to claim that they had received the Baptism in the year A.D. 34. They



The Scottish evangelist, Alexander Tee, who is coming to the U.S. A. next month for an extended visit in company with P. S. Brewster of Cardiff, S. Wales. He will wear his Scotch kilt in some of his American meetings.

proved it by something much more convincing than a date in their diary!

Rising out of the abandoned consecration of these individual believers we can see a most glorious Church moving in the realm of the miraculous. Almost every one of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12) is seen in operation in the Book of Acts.

Peter with the gift of the working of miracles caused all Jerusalem to be stirred as a result of his going with John to a prayer meeting; for on the way to the "powerhouse" he had the power to say, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

The gift of the word of knowledge exposed the evil heart of Ananias and Sapphira. Paul used the gift of the word of wisdom when he advised the captain of the ship to remain in the harbor. In the end, the supernatural wisdom of this preacher proved more accurate than the superb experience of the pilot.

By the "discerning of spirits" Paul knew that the damsel in Acts 16 was demon-possessed. The gift of faith not only brought Peter out of prison, but on the very eve of his obvious execution caused him to sleep peacefully until the angel of the Lord arrived to deliver him.

The chief of Malta was healed when Paul laid his hand on him and exercised a gift of healing (Acts 28:8). At least four sisters did not keep silent in the church as some today would tell us they should—they were exercising the gift of prophecy (Acts 21:9). Their father was a pioneer Pentecostal evangelist who rocked Samaria in a glorious revival.

And the gifts of tongues and of the interpretation of tongues were common in the Early Church. In fact, Paul encouraged "all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:2) to this spiritual exercise; he said, "I would that ye all spake with tongues" (ch. 14:5).

It would have been useless for Paul to

write to every Christian thus, if these mighty gifts of the Spirit were to apply to only a small section of the great Church back in the first century. It is clear that he was most anxious that these vital gifts should be used in the right way in every generation, in every land, in all sections of the Church. It was the correct use of these mighty gifts of the Spirit which piloted and propelled the early Pentecostals to a place in the world which has molded the course of the last two thousands years.

Let me earnestly contend for a revival of all the gifts of the Spirit in our churches—each gift in its proper place, fulfilling its correct function, and used in the spirit of 1 Corinthians 13. Lips which

are fountains of real prophecy pour into our parched souls a refreshing stream which is heavenly. Healings and miracles arouse heedless sinners and pack our churches with people who are ripe for the evangelist's sickle. The word of knowledge stops a flood of vengeer and sham in no uncertain way, while the word of wisdom can guide us through a thorny problem into glorious victory. Demons flee before men who wield the fullness of Holy Ghost power.

Many of us are content just to read about our inheritance in God's Book, without doing anything about it. We need to see the Pentecostal fullness not only in the Scriptures, but also in our hearts, in our homes, and in our churches.

THE STORY OF A MIRACLE

Cripple Healed of Sclerosis Through Faith in God

EMERY A. CASE WAS A STRONG, ABLE-bodied man until December, 1951; and it was without warning or accident that he became a hopeless cripple.

Mr. Case was working at his job as night clerk and auditor at a hotel in Tampa, Fla. when he started to feel numb in his legs from his knees up. This condition became gradually worse until he had to use a cane to get around. But he persisted in working until December 19, when he found after work that he could not make it to his parked car alone. He had been to see the doctor, who had advised him to go to the hospital for observation and test. Now it had become imperative.

The next morning the name of Emery A. Case appeared on the register of patients at the hospital. This new case completely baffled the doctors; they examined the patient, X-rayed him, and made other tests—but they could not find exactly what the trouble was nor determine what to do for him.

After two days in the hospital Mr. Case lost the use of his legs and could not even stand on them. Seven doctors and one osteopath said he would never walk again.

After two weeks Emery was moved home on a stretcher in an ambulance. The doctors didn't know what to do—so why not lie in bed at home? One of the doctors called the next day and told Mrs. Case that there wasn't any use for him to make house calls and run up a big bill, for there wasn't anything that he could do for her husband. By this time the doctors had pronounced the sickness

arteriosclerosis and sclerosis of the nerves, and Mr. Case's miserable existence wasn't expected to last more than five or six weeks longer. He had grown quite weak and had dropped in weight from 207 to 150 pounds.

But this sickness was for the glory of God. Our Heavenly Father, whom Emery served continually, had other plans for his life. After he arrived home his wife and daughter secured a wheel chair, dressed him, lifted him into it, and took him to Bethel Temple (½ block away) to be prayed for. Pastor Curtis W. Ringness and the saints fasted and prayed for their fellow-member, and prayer was requested for him in many other churches, including the Cases' old home church, First Assembly of God at Lancaster, Pa.

A minister friend, Pastor Albert L. Kirkland of the Assembly of God in Kissim-

mee, Fla. happened to be in Tampa when Emery was in the hospital. He went to the hospital and prayed with his friend. Then he promised Emery that he would return and spend a couple of days with him. Later, when Emery was at home, Brother Kirkland kept his promise. He came down to see him; and after agonizing before the Lord in the bedroom that day, he got up with a shout and a beaming countenance. "Brother Emery," he ejaculated, "I don't care if the doctors did say you will never walk again. I have prayed through, and have the assurance that you are going to walk. It may not be right away, but you are going to walk! When you are able, will you and your wife come up to Kissimmee to spend a couple of weeks with us? And I want you to teach the Adult Sunday School class when you come."

"If the Lord will put me back on my feet so that I can walk again, I'll not only teach a class—I'll even preach a sermon for you," the invalid said.

Immediately Emery began to gain strength and weight. He was eating very well and was enjoying his food, but he was still in bed and had to be lifted from bed to wheel chair.

On Easter Sunday, 1952, Brother Kirkland called on the phone. He wanted to know how Emery felt before he preached his Easter sermon, for he thought the people of his church would want to know.

"I am still chained to the bed and wheel chair," he replied, "but I am feeling

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Emery A. Case

“Atomic power” is ours as we are broken before God and the energy of our witness is released in the direction of some needy, sin-sick soul.

“ATOMIC-POWER” CHRISTIANS

Gordon F. Preiser



AN EXPLOSION WHICH SPREADS ITS destructive effects over an eighty-mile radius and whose force is equal to ten million tons of TNT would have been thought a wild stretch of the imagination a few decades ago. But today we are living under the pall of the stark reality of atomic and hydrogen bombs.

Our nuclear scientists tell us that the deadly cobalt bomb is so lethal that it dare not even be tested. Theoretically, four hundred such bombs could snuff out all life on earth. The May issue of *U. S. News and World Report* showed diagrams of how ten H-bombs could destroy three-fourths of the U.S. steel industry. With the death cries of 70,000 at Hiroshima and 37,000 at Nagasaki still ringing in our ears, we look upon the horizon of world events today and see humanity silhouetted against awesome weapons which are capable of unleashing the greatest powers of devastation ever known to mankind.

What will be the Christian's answer to the Atomic Age? Every Spirit-filled child of God must recognize that Christ has given us "power" greater than all the power of A-bombs, H-bombs, or any greater means of destruction yet to be devised. This power has been given for the express purpose of witnessing, and this dynamic energy is the mighty "atomic" power of God.

By obtaining a clear picture of the basic principles of atomic energy, we can draw some conclusions about the kind of "atomic-powered" Christians our Lord wants us to be. If I crumble a cube of sugar, I can break it down into smaller units of grains. Those grains can then be seen to be composed of smaller units if we place them under a powerful microscope. When man has divided any substance into its smallest unit, that unit is an atom. Each atom is made up of a heavy nucleus composed of protons and neutrons, with electrons revolving around the nucleus. There is an unknown bind-

ing energy, which scientists do not understand, that holds these protons and neutrons together. This binding energy is nuclear or atomic energy. It is released when a neutron is fired into a nucleus of fissionable material, loosing the binding energy and dividing the atom. This release of energy creates the atomic explosion, and as neutrons from the divided nucleus strike other nuclei, a chain reaction is set up which multiplies the explosive force.

These facts are significant illustrations of the Christian's power in witnessing. First of all, we have noted that the atom is the smallest of substance. How many Christians need to learn that "God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are" (1 Cor. 1:27-28). As a pastor, my heart has often been grieved at the attitude of some who remark, "Oh, I can't do anything. My little bit doesn't matter anyway!" Do you not realize, child of the Almighty God, that your little bit can be like the tiny release of energy which brings about a mighty atomic explosion? True, you may not have what you yourself consider much, but you have something to offer to the Lord.

"Shamgar had an ox-goad,
David had a sling,
Samson had a jaw-bone,
Rahab had a string.

Dorcas had a needle,
Moses had a rod,
Mary had some ointment,
All were used for God!
What have I?"

Atomic energy is a perfect example of the fact that big results are often brought about by many little efforts put together. At the present time one of our Bible Schools is liquidating a building debt with the slogan, "Your Nickel or Dime

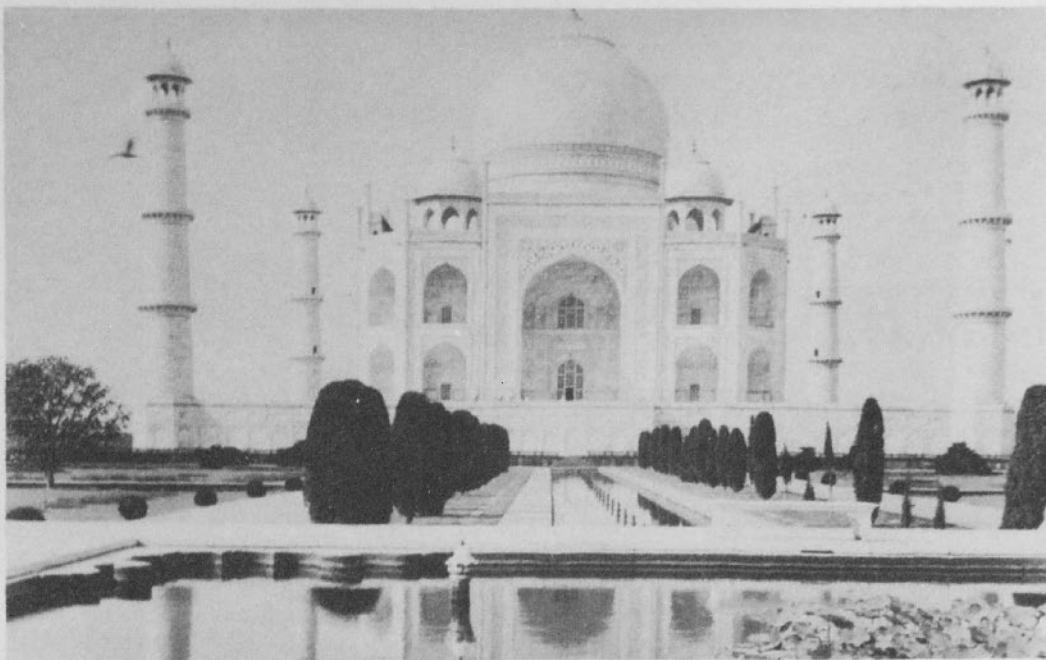
Pays Our Building On Time." Churches, Bible schools, and mission projects have been built not with thousand-dollar checks but with pennies, nickels, and dimes! And your little "word in season," your little "cup of cold water," your little weak plea for Christ" may be the means of winning multitudes to the saving knowledge of our Lord.

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the beauteous land."

Little did that Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball, realize as he placed his hand on the young man's shoulder in the back part of the Boston shoe store and made what he considered a "very weak plea for Christ" that one day that "weak plea" would be multiplied into thousands of conversions under the powerful preaching of the shoe store clerk named D. L. Moody! Little did that Pacific Garden Rescue Mission worker, Mrs. Clark, realize that her words of witness would result in perhaps a quarter of a million persons being led down the sawdust trail to the foot of the Cross through the inimitable preaching of Billy Sunday, the young baseball player she led to Christ in her mission! Little did that construction worker realize that the man who stopped to speak with him while he mended the road and to whom he witnessed would be the means of leading his son to Christ and to a mighty soul-saving ministry as the one and only Gypsy Smith! Friend, that little bit of yours, anointed with God's Holy Spirit, is as a mighty atomic explosion which may be multiplied in the salvation of thousands!

Another significant fact is that no power is displayed until the binding energy of the atom nucleus is released. There is a need among God's people of doing a little more "releasing." Perhaps it would be well to suggest that some release the faith and power they already possess, as well as praying for more. So long as there is no release of
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The famous Taj Mahal of India is a landmark of great beauty. (Photo by Paul Pipkin)

HARVEST TIME IN INDIA

James Van Meter

Pastor, Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo.

Christ said, "Say not ye, there are yet four months and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

This Scripture is so dramatically portrayed in this great land of India where 400 million people are in need of the gospel message of deliverance. Our Lord has entrusted these souls to those who have received this mighty Pentecostal experience. Now the time of reaping is upon us. Forces and conditions beyond our control have brought us to this important era in history. How essential that we rise to the occasion and "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Traveling over the vast land of India and viewing its ancient culture and civilization, its wealth and its poverty, one stands in awe at the potentials in such a vast country. Our missionaries are doing a noble work, yet they are longing to see God manifest His power and pour out His Spirit upon India.

For one whole week, we ministered in the extreme southern part of the country in a place called Kodaikanal. It is a mountain area where the Assemblies of God compound is located, about 7,000 feet elevation. From the very first service, God's presence was manifested. Several seemed to sense that this was the time for God to meet the missionaries in a definite way. With each succeeding service, the spiritual tide rose higher until we were held for hours by the captivating

spirit of worship, mingled with intercessions and deep heart-searching. New consecrations were made. Only eternity itself will reveal all that was accomplished in those meetings.

The children and young people received a visitation from God; and some adults remarked that it was incomparable to anything that had happened in India before. Our hearts were enraptured as we saw children from twelve to seventeen spending hours in the presence of the Lord, re-dedicating their lives that they might be a witness in India. One can't help but be convinced that this is God's time to work in that country.

In India I met some of the finest Christian workers. It made me realize the value of foreign missions. If you could see the faces of some of the workers as they declare their determination to serve God, your prayers and your faith would increase because you would sense, as I did, that a great outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord is imminent in India. This is no hour for defeatism. We cannot and MUST NOT slacken our efforts either in praying, in giving, or in going! This is the time to put in the sickle and reap while the harvest is ready! The harvest is ripe but the laborers are few!

I have never been more encouraged with a work than I was with the South India Hill Station, Kodaikanal. If we can form a great prayer chain at home and develop the necessary supply lines for the physical needs of the workers, we can be assured that God will be faithful to give a great increase at this moment of crisis in India. The one request that we would send above all others is pray! PRAY! PRAY! This is India's hour.

Revival Meetings in British Honduras

A. E. Spence

In our recent revival campaign with Evangelist Woodrow Oxner, over 1400 souls made their way forward for salvation. God really blessed our brother's ministry in British Honduras.

The town of Stann Creek on the Caribbean seashore was the first to witness God's Spirit poured out in a remarkable way. There was not a building large enough to accommodate the crowds. We endeavored to hold a service in the largest dance hall in town but the crowds were so great that the building literally shook with the weight of the people, and almost collapsed. The manager refused to let us have the building for a second meeting.

We then put a crude platform outdoors, secured lanterns, and continued the services, with the earth for a floor and the sky for a ceiling. We saw approximately 500 souls make their way forward for salvation.

At the commencement of the services the annual heathen dance of the Caribs was in progress—tension against us was very high. Word had arrived ahead of time that the revivalists were coming, and the devil began preparing for us. Evangelist Oxner and I had traveled over a jungle road all that day in order to reach Stann Creek for the evening service. As we drove into town we could "feel" the presence of the enemy. Some Christians met us and told us to drive our car to the police station immediately for fear of an attack from the Caribs. However, we put our trust in God and He protected us.

Wonderful miracles took place in these services. Blind eyes were opened, deaf ears were healed and a number of lame people walked. While we were driving slowly out of town, the natives gathered around the car, not attacking us, but begging us with tears to stay longer and preach the gospel to them.

In the city of Belize we rented the largest dance hall in British Honduras. The people had been forewarned of the coming of the revivalists, but we went ahead with our plans anyway. Night after night God met with the people. As Brother Oxner preached, the audience realized that God was present. We turned an open bar in the dance hall into a great altar; and the place that was once used for the devil was soon stained with

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the tears of hundreds who were finding Christ. This building also was insufficient for the crowds. There were over 100 seeking God the last night.

In the towns of Lucky Strike and Nineteen Miles seventy-five souls came to God. God's power penetrated the thatched roofs of these jungle missions just as it does in the great tents, halls and churches in the United States.

Following the meetings the rented chapel in the capital of Belize was packed to the street, with many people standing outside anxious to get in. But there is not enough room in the church since the revival meetings. Our Sunday School is increasing so that the present space is already too small for the classes. Roman Catholicism is attempting to eat like a cancer into our work; and it looks as if it will eventually succeed unless we can acquire sufficient quarters to admit these hungry souls. Please don't let us lose these precious converts!

There is an urgent need here for \$1,100 immediately! We must purchase a lot first of all. Then in order to hold the new Christians God has given us from the revival, we are desperately in need of \$8,000 to erect a church and day school building. Friends, this is urgent! It is now or never! Send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, designated for "Belize Building Fund."

MISSIONARY News Notes



Little Deborah Ann made her appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Spence of British Honduras on June 27. Congratulations!

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Valdez and family have recently returned from Cuba. Their present address is: 2722 Union Street, Tampa 7, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bascue and family of Upper Volta, West Africa, arrived in the U.S.A. on July 4.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke and their daughter Lydia sailed on the African Planet, July 10, for South Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Peterson and family sailed for Cuba on July 14.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke, South Africa



Mr. and Mrs. Einar Peterson, Cuba

I READ A MISSIONARY'S EYES

Fred J. Greve

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I saw a missionary land at New York. I stood there in the pouring rain and watched the tugs shove the big West African freighter up to the dock. I waited those endless minutes while the customs officials checked the baggage. At last, the missionary and his family were home. What caused the most intense emotion as they arrived home? It wasn't New York, nor the traffic, nor the new model cars—not even the Statue of Liberty. It was a piece of white bakery bread. The missionary's wife wept when she took the first bite of white bread in over five years.

I saw another missionary in his very first service in Africa. I was in Dahomey, French West Africa, on the first Sunday that one of our new missionaries, Wayne Turner, was present. I watched his face. I read his eyes. When he saw the sweating natives crowd into that little African church, and heard the native pastors give their testimonies, I read his eyes. His eyes told me about a consecration. They told of a decision; of years of waiting; of struggles to obtain an outfit; of the frustration of language study in a strange land. But those eyes almost shouted too.

Someday Wayne Turner will need to have a furlough too, if the Lord tarries, just like the missionaries I saw in New York. Ahead of him is intense work. Ahead of him are the thrills of seeing natives accept Christ, abandon fetishes, and be transformed by the indwelling Spirit. He will erect buildings in Africa's heat. He will fight the clinging mud of the roads in Africa's rainy seasons. He will have frustrations and heartaches. Like other missionaries, he will feel the breath of government administrators on his neck. But he will go on year after year, until his body and mind can scarcely hold out.

It will be time to come home. He won't actually want to leave the field, but he will know that he must. Will it happen for him as I saw it happen for some missionaries recently—will he receive an air letter from Springfield telling him that because some people in America have

relaxed their giving he will have to remain out there a longer time? He is willing to do that, but he knows there is no economy in it. He knows that if he could go home to rest and present the need of the field, and then return to Africa, he would be a better missionary.

I was a pastor, visiting Africa. I thought: "O Lord! let us not fail these men of God in this hour." I knew that our movement has not failed in the past, but I also knew there was a financial crisis. I knew that we must act—and act now!

I wished that our people could read Wayne Turner's eyes as I did. Perhaps they would increase their giving, instead of withholding. Do they not think our missionaries deserve a furlough?

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

DEFEAT AT AI

Lesson for August 15

Joshua 7:5, 7-12, 24-26

Before Jericho fell to the Israelites, Joshua instructed them not to take any loot from the doomed city for themselves. The city and all its inhabitants (except Rahab) were to be considered "accursed" (ch. 6:17). All that was to be saved from destruction was the "silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron"—these were to be consecrated to the Lord for His treasury (ch. 6:19). The sin of Achan was that he appropriated to himself something which was to be devoted to God.

Israel had enjoyed a great victory at Jericho because God was pleased with them. But at Ai they suffered severe defeat because one man among them had done wrong. Achan had taken "a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold" (v 21). He hid these treasures in the tent, out of the sight of men; but his sin was known to God, and finally punished.

1. SIN BRINGS DEFEAT

a. *The Defeat of Israel.* After the victory at Jericho, Joshua sent men to Ai to "go up and view the country." They came back with the report that there were only a few people and that a detachment of three thousand soldiers would be enough to take the city. Confidently, this small army went against Ai, only to be deeply humiliated and driven back. Since they had not expected any resistance, they were greatly surprised by the defeat.

We wonder how this military failure made Achan feel. Joshua was so grieved that he prostrated himself on the ground and mourned until night. The elders of Israel also did everything possible to show their contrition before the Lord.

b. *The Cause of Defeat.* Israel could not understand why the defeat had come, but God knew. Achan might hide his sin from his brethren, but not from God. Besides, he was tormented by a guilty conscience. Conscience, that great judge of the soul, gave him no rest. He had the treasures, but what a price he paid for them! They were hidden in his tent, but the guilt could not be shaken off.

All of Israel had suffered because of Achan's sin: thirty-six of his brethren were slain in battle because of his disobedience. The humiliated warriors might recall the victories of the past, but that meant little in the present crisis. The

important thing now was to determine why defeat had come. It is well that we can look to the past and thank God for deliverances; but we must also have grace for present victories.

2. SIN IS EXPOSED

a. *Joshua's Complaint.* In agony of soul Joshua lay on his face before the Lord. He seemed almost to blame the Lord for their defeat and talked very much like the discontented people in the wilderness. Joshua had no idea that there was sin in the camp. He seems to have lost all his courage. Like Peter, he had turned his eyes upon the waters and was frightened.

b. *Jehovah's Answer.* Suddenly God spoke to the sorrowful leader, "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, . . . for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen. . . ." It was not that God had been forgetful of His promise—sin was the cause of the trouble. God asked Joshua to search for the culprit and destroy him.

c. *Achan's Sin.* Men do not grieve over sin so long as they think of everyone else as a sinner. But when God singles us out and makes us give an individual accounting to Him, we feel the weight of guilt. First the tribe was to be singled out, then the family, next the household, and finally the man. By this process it was found that Achan had violated the commandment against taking anything from Jericho.

It is hard to understand why all Israel should need to suffer because of one man, yet this is the tragic consequence of sin. Even today men suffer from one another's sins. God dealt with "the congregation of Israel" as a people, rather than as a collection of individuals. In the New Testament, believers are "one body," and if "one member suffer, all the members suffer with it" (1 Cor. 12:12, 26). God held all Israel guilty until they put away from among them that wicked person. And He will hold guilt against the church if she refuses to deal with the sin of her individual members.

3. SIN IS REMOVED

a. *A Frank Confession.* Finally, when it was determined that Achan was the cause of Israel's defeat, Joshua dealt gently with the young offender: "My son," he said, "give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make

confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me." Thus Joshua was calling upon Achan to free God from any blame by confessing his own sin.

Achan frankly confessed his crime. The essence of his sin was covetousness. He had taken a Babylonish garment and some precious metal from the doomed city of Jericho.

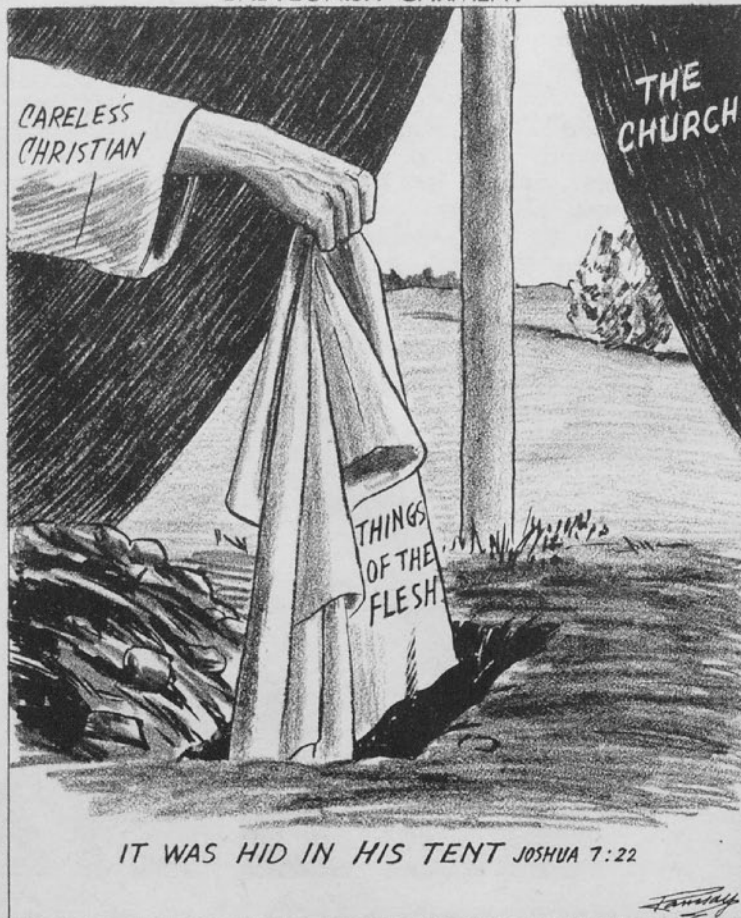
b. *A Terrible Punishment.* It is difficult to say whether Achan was repentant, or confessed only in the hope that his sentence would be lighter. Those who admit their wrong before the great Judge on the last day will not receive any consideration for that; they could not do otherwise in the presence of the Creator. The time to confess our sin to God is now while the Spirit still deals with the hearts of men. When His hand of judgment falls upon us and declares us guilty it will be too late to obtain mercy.

Whatever the case with Achan, the awful judgment was pronounced, and his doom was sealed. He was stoned by the Israelites, and his body was burned with fire. A heap of stones was left over him to remind other would-be transgressors of the terrible fate of those who reject God. Whether Achan was lost eternally, or received only physical destruction, we may not know. Whatever his fate, let him be a warning to us that a horrible judgment awaits those who have once known the way of the Lord but have departed from His commandment.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Fall of Jericho (lesson for Sunday, August 8). Lesson text: Joshua 6:1-5, 11, 14, 16, 20, 21.

BABYLONISH GARMENT



PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Liquor to Indians

An amendment to New Mexico's State constitution permits the sale of alcoholic liquor to Indians, according to *The Watchman-Examiner*. Liquor is still illegal on reservations and in pueblos, unless Indian councils rule otherwise. A member of one of the largest tribal councils declared: "Even if we are the only people in the United States to do so, we intend to keep the door closed to liquor on our reservations."

Laymen and "The Voice"

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, religious policy adviser to the U. S. Information Agency, says the great new fact of our time is the beginning of a "new reformation . . . marked by a tremendous new commitment on the part of laymen and women."

He says the Voice of America soon will begin a new series of programs, beamed throughout the world, telling what Christian laymen and women are doing for God in the U.S.A. These programs, he adds, will describe the work of the Gideons, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Christophers, and the Washington breakfast clubs, among others.

Thos. F. Zimmerman Chosen Head Of National Religious Broadcasters

Thos. F. Zimmerman, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was elected president of the National Religious Broadcasters at their annual business meeting in Cleveland, Ohio.

The National Religious Broadcasters is an affiliate of the National Association of Evangelicals. Some of the best-known members are "The Lutheran Hour," the Nazarene program called "Showers of Blessing," the Free Methodist "Light and Life Hour," Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision," and the Assemblies of God "Revivaltime" broadcast.

The purpose of the organization is to foster happy relations between radio officials and the various gospel broadcasts, and to improve standards of program excellence.

Religious Classes To Be Barred In Vermont Schools

Paul Blanshard of Thetford, Vt., is a crusader for religious liberty. He believes that the policies of the Roman Catholic hierarchy are a threat to American freedom and he has written some widely read books on the subject. But he believes the principle of separation between Church and State should apply to Protestants, as well as to Catholics. He is now campaigning against any and all religious classes in the public schools—even interdenominational Bible classes.

Bible classes have been held in five public schools in Mr. Blanshard's home town for several years. The New England Fellowship of Evangelicals has had two full-time representatives who went into various Vermont schools with the permission of the local school boards and parents and conducted Bible classes. The organization claims that its program is "non-sectarian, non-compulsory." However, Mr. Blanshard thinks it is unconstitutional and he has complained to the State Commissioner of Education.

As a result, the State Commissioner, A. John Holden Jr., says he will issue a ruling this summer advising all school boards in Vermont to discontinue any religious classes which have been held in public schools during school hours.

Social Security for Ministers

At the General Council in Milwaukee last September, the Assemblies of God voted in favor of the inclusion of ministers of the gospel in Social Security provided it could be on an individual voluntary basis. Evidently other church groups take a similar position, for they are registering opposition to the Administration-backed measure passed by the House of Representatives.

The House version would require the election of coverage by at least two-thirds of the ministers of any particular denomination or religious group. But once elected, coverage thereafter would be compulsory for all new clergymen "employed" by the group.

The matter is now under consideration in the Senate. Religious leaders testifying before the Senate Finance Committee asked that coverage be extended to clergymen on a strictly voluntary basis. They predicted that the vast majority of ministers, priests, and rabbis would elect to come under Social Security; but they argued that those opposed on grounds of conscience should not be forced to accept it.

Bearing Fruit in Old Age

Fred Pfeifer, an elderly minister of the Assemblies of God, is enjoying a fulfillment of the promise in Psalm 92:14—"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age." Although 82 years of age, Brother Pfeifer is doing an extensive work of tract distribution.

Since January 1949 he has been instrumental in sending out more than two million four-page gospel tracts in Swedish and several hundred thousand others in Russian, Polish, Norwegian, German, Finnish, French, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, and English to these various lands.

He makes his headquarters in Halsingborg, Sweden, where he translates a great deal of gospel literature into Swedish.

He says that there are now upwards of 6,900,000 people in Sweden and scarcely 300,000 have their names on the church membership books. Since the multitudes do not come to church to hear the gospel, he is burdened to put gospel tracts in their hands in order to point them to the Saviour.

He has been working on a bilingual New Testament (Swedish and English) for the benefit of Swedish young people who are studying the English language. The Pentecostal Publishing House at Orebro, Sweden (*Evangelipress*) will print it and they hope that many young people will find Jesus thereby.

He has not permitted the New Testament project to interfere with his tract work, however. During a week-long trip to Bible conference recently he obtained orders for over 108,000 tracts to be sent to workers in Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Denmark, and Holland.

Not long ago he ordered a thousand back-dated copies of *THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL*, besides gospel tracts and picture papers, for the American soldiers in Iceland and their families, who he said appreciated them very much. Pray for Brother Pfeifer and all others who are engaged in the vitally important ministry of tract distribution.

Mystery of the Flying Saucers

If the so-called "flying saucers" are the results of military experiments, the experiments certainly are a well-kept secret, for after several years of mystery no one seems to have a plausible explanation—not even top defense officials of the U. S. and Great Britain.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force, says that the Air Force still has its best brains working on "the flying saucer problem." Twining says that about 90% of the reports of flying saucers are sheer imagination, but the Air Force can't explain the rest. "We just don't know about that 10%," he says. "If they are from Mars and there is a people and world that far ahead of us, I don't think we have even to worry about it."

Over in England, the man who commanded the home fighter plane forces in the Battle of Britain during World War II, says he believes in flying saucers. Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding, 72-year-old retired airman, says, "I believe there are people on other planets who are operating—through flying saucers—to help our world in its present crisis."

The Bible does not mention the possibility of there being men and women on other planets. It does teach us, however, that there are forces in the spiritual world that exercise a large measure of control over events on this earth. The forces of God seek to help us, and the forces of Satan seek to hinder, as shown in Daniel 10:13. In times of trouble, the people of God need only to set themselves to pray and seek the Lord as earnestly as Daniel did. The answer to their petitions may be delayed but it will not be denied.

They Share the Harvest

The story of the Assemblies of God work in metropolitan Bakersfield, Calif., where fourteen pastors and congregations work together to reach souls in every part of the city.

BAKERSFIELD PROPER IS A CITY OF LESS than 45,000 people, but its metropolitan area has a population closer to 120,000. It is a real Full Gospel center today and the Assemblies of God share a major part of that strength.

The Pentecostal message came to Bakersfield thirty years ago when the Garr-Erickson Revival Party opened a tent campaign. No one in the area, so far as we can gather, had yet received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost; but God blessed the meetings with revival power and a church began in a very humble way. Today there are eleven Assemblies of God churches in the greater Bakersfield area.

The Full Gospel Tabernacle was established first, followed quickly by the Oildale Assembly, Gospel Gleaners Assembly and the South Side Assembly. There has always been a co-operative spirit and an encouragement for other workers to come in and share in reaping the harvest.

The Full Gospel Tabernacle has always encouraged Home Missionary work. The

church is now directed by Pastor Tom Miller, formerly of Miami, Fla. For nine years C. M. Ward, now REVIVAL-TIME speaker, pastored this church. As an outgrowth of branch Sunday Schools, such Assemblies as the *Glad Tidings Assembly* and the *Calvary Full Gospel Church* have started. The Tabernacle sponsors its branch works by making the initial investments of money and supporting the ministry of workers until such time as these branches can become independent. At that time the entire property is deeded over to the new Assembly. The Tabernacle has never ceased to prosper by such action. This has been the spirit of all the Assemblies in Bakersfield.

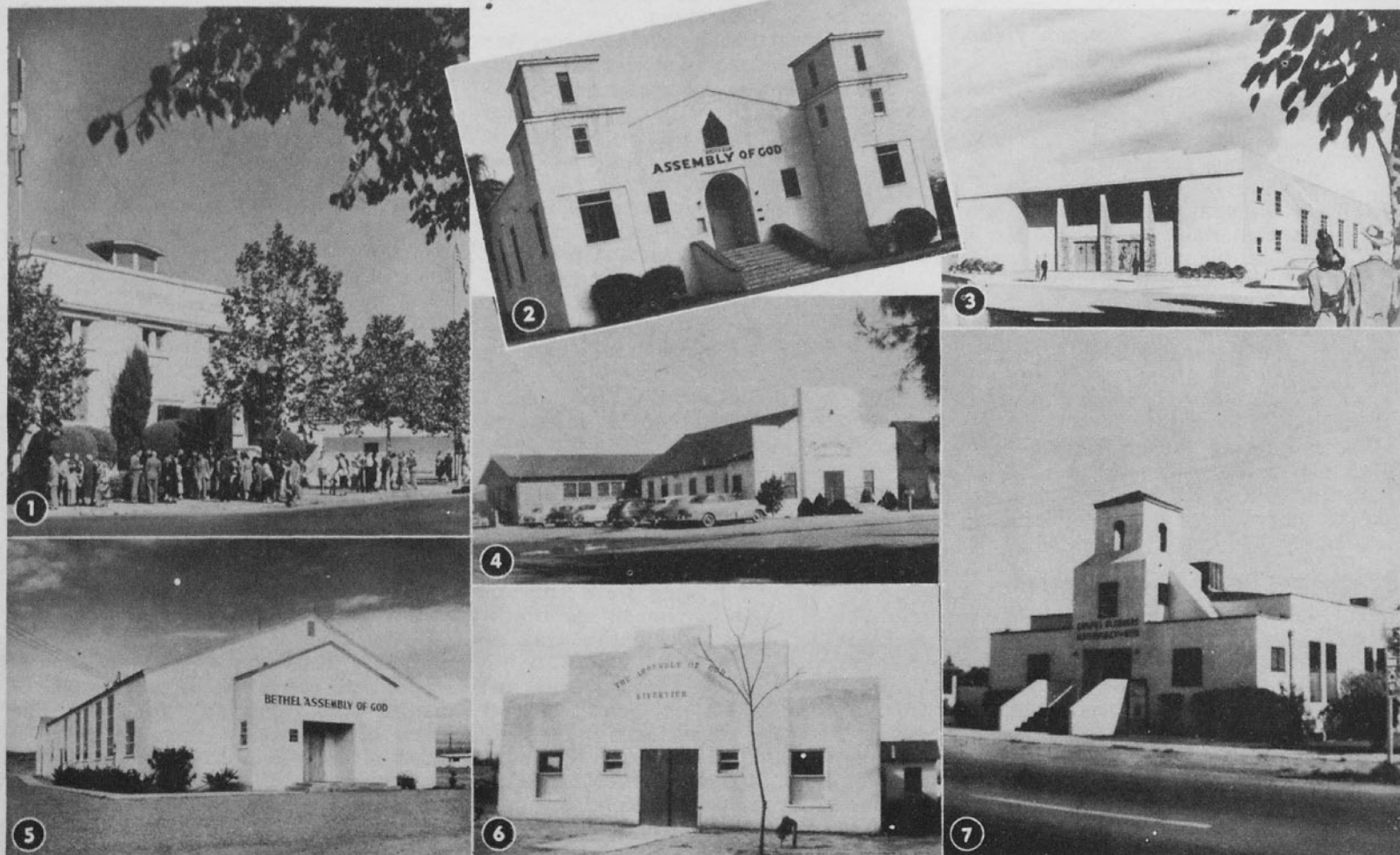
The OILDALE ASSEMBLY has completed a magnificent new building this year on the north side of the city. Its pastor, Dwight Brown, is also the presbyter of the section. The new auditorium now seats 600, with thirty class rooms for Sunday School. The entire plant comprises a space of 17,000 square feet. The Sunday School average is now 300.

The BETHEL ASSEMBLY also has a new building, completed in 1952 under the ministry of H. A. Wallace. It represents a \$55,000 investment with only a small indebtedness of \$8,000 remaining. This church is on the east side of the city where there are large new housing developments. Brother and Sister Wallace pioneered this work in 1938 in another location. They left in 1941 and returned nine years later to build this splendid addition to the Assemblies of God work in Bakersfield.

The GOSPEL GLEANERS ASSEMBLY began in 1932 in a house, with sixteen in Sunday School the first Sunday. The present building on one of the city's busy thoroughfares was erected in 1940. The average Sunday School attendance is 245. Brother C. D. Spencer and his wife pioneered this work and pastored it for 21 years. Lawrence Krause is the present pastor.

FAITH TABERNACLE is in the northeast section of the city. It was pioneered by an elderly sister—Jannie B. Smith—who started a Sunday School in her garage. Soon this proved to be too small so the group purchased lots and began a building BY FAITH in 1940. Building keeps pace with the constant growth of this congregation. Ralph Lotridge is now the pastor.

The RIVERVIEW ASSEMBLY is one of the most recent efforts in the city. Within three years the Sunday School



Seven of the Assemblies in metropolitan Bakersfield are pictured above: 1—Full Gospel Tabernacle; 2—South Side Assembly of God;

3—Oildale Assembly; 4—Glad Tidings Assembly; 5—Bethel Assembly; 6—Riverview Assembly; 7—Gospel Gleaners Assembly.

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average has climbed from 15 to 135. L. M. Vaughn is the pastor. He and his congregation are meeting the need of a section of the city where there are a great many children.

CALVARY FULL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY is in the Greenfield section of the city on the extreme south side of Bakersfield. This work began in 1940 with a modest frame structure and dirt floor. Several years ago their new building caught fire on a Sunday morning and burned to the ground. The congregation rallied and restored the property and the Assembly is in a flourishing condition today. The church today under the ministry of Harlin Hines is building a new parsonage so that the present one can be used for Sunday School rooms. A missionary spirit is sweeping this church and the work is on the move for God.

The **GLAD TIDINGS ASSEMBLY** is located in the southeast part of the city amid large real estate developments. This work was started by a consecrated lay couple, Brother and Sister Friday, who caught the vision for winning the children of this community to Christ. In 1947 the present pastors, Brother and Sister E. L. Kopper, were appointed to this work under the direction of C. M. Ward and the Board of the Bakersfield Full Gospel Tabernacle. This church has had a rapid growth. The Sunday School now averages 175. The auditorium was completed in 1950 and this year the Sunday School and C. A. addition (with church offices) has been completed.

SOUTH SIDE ASSEMBLY is one of Bakersfield's two downtown Assemblies of God churches. It has a fine auditorium seating some 500 people. It is pastored by Bob Bloom who is also the energetic C. A. leader for the section.

The **WAYSIDE ASSEMBLY** is another fairly new church with an enthusiastic Sunday School program. The present pastor is Archie Miller and the Sunday School average now stands at 135.

The **COTTONWOOD ASSEMBLY**, where Gordon Palmer is pastor, stands in one of the most needy and neglected parts of the city.

The other three Assemblies of God churches in Bakersfield are: **FAIRFAX TABERNACLE** (Charles Barrett, pastor); **NORTH LAMONT ASSEMBLY** (Oney E. Dunn, pastor); and **PANAMA LANE ASSEMBLY** (Loy Saffle, pastor).

The **FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE** is in the heart of the city and has become a great missionary-evangelistic church. Its property replacement value exceeds \$250,000. The Sunday School attendance now averages 700. Its desire is to meet the need of the city together with its sister churches, and to uphold the Full Gospel message. Its big auditorium houses larger Sunday night con-

gregations than any other church of any denomination in the entire county.

This has been the story in brief of the growth of the Assemblies of God work in one of California's modest-size cities. Here are eleven thriving Assemblies averaging a combined attendance of over 2,200 in Sunday School every Lord's Day. And here are fourteen Assemblies working together in fellowship and harmony, and finding lots to do.—C.M.W.

"Atomic-Power" Christians

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energy, the chain reaction of atomic energy which causes the mighty explosion, is never realized. The power is there, but it is never released! May God help us as Spirit-empowered witnesses to release our powers for Him! What a shame that some Christians say, "Hummmph! Going from door to door, or standing on the street corner, is not for me. Let someone else do that!" Or, "Don't count on me, brother, I'm too busy. When I get home from a day's work, I'm just all in!" Well, the best way to get rid of that "all in" feeling is to go "all out" for Jesus and "release" some of that "binding" energy in service for Him!

The release of this atomic energy is brought about by the breaking of atoms. Oh, how God wants us to be broken! He is "nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit" (Psa. 34:18). A good witness must be humble. How much more easily could this energy to witness be released if we would say, "Lord, regardless of what friends, neighbors, or relatives think; no matter what they say in school, shop, office, or factory I'll pass out tracts, I'll knock on doors, I WILL let my light shine for Thee!" Only such a humility which causes us to be pliable in the hands of the Master Potter will result in our being moulded into a vessel of honor, meet for the Master's use. We must pray with deep sincerity, "BREAK me, melt me, mould me, fill me, and let me be outpoured for Thy glory!"

We think of the occasion when our Lord gave such a timely lesson to His disciples on His miraculous "atomic" power. He "broke" the loaves and fishes and told his disciples "Give ye them to eat." How we need to feed the hungry multitudes with the bread of life! And this miracle may suggest to us the very same pattern which we have seen in the breaking and multiplying of the atom. May we not suggest that these many hundreds of years before man discovered the secrets of the atom, Jesus gave us the pattern of atomic power in this miracle? As He broke those loaves there

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This world has been rocked by the war-time and peace-time explosions of atomic and hydrogen weapons. There may be more such explosions, but one thing is certain: the greatest atomic exhibition is not to be of man's making. That exhibition is soon to be given, and it behooves us as "witnesses," to work while it is yet day. As we have already stated, the smallest substance is the atom. The Greeks gave us the word, *atomos* and it appears in the Bible. Does that

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The Story of a Miracle

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well. Brother Ringness stopped yesterday and took me for a ride over to St. Petersburg to the Pinellas Park Home."

"If you can stand a ride like that in a car, then you can come up to Kissimmee," said the minister. "I will send one of the men from my church down to get you on Saturday." And he did.

On Sunday morning Emery was dressed and taken to Sunday School and church at Kissimmee. Again in the evening he was taken to church. Brother Kirkland announced that Brother Case would have the Wednesday evening meeting.

"Well," thought the man in the wheel chair, "I promised that I would preach a sermon if I was back on my feet; but here I am, still an invalid." However, he prayed about it, and on Wednesday evening he went to church. Sitting in the wheel chair, he preached a little sermon on "Faith!" He was taken back to the parsonage after the service and put to bed.

When Emery awoke the next morning (April 24, 1952), the Lord gave him the assurance that this was the day he was going to walk. After being served breakfast in bed, he called Sister Kirkland (a graduate nurse) into his bedroom and told her about this assurance, but asked her not to say anything about it to her husband or to Mrs. Case. Sister Kirkland went back to the enclosed porch and prayed to the Lord.

Who could doubt that this was the day, when God had spoken? Then why not act on it? Emery decided to do just that. He picked up his cane and swung himself to the edge of the bed, slipped into a pair of slippers, and STOOD UP

AND WALKED—IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

Imagine the excitement when this confirmed invalid opened the bedroom door and entered the kitchen on his own two feet! Brother Kirkland came running and shouting. Then the two women came, too.

When Emery had washed himself there was a wheel chair waiting for him in case he needed it, but he said, "Put it away, I don't want it anymore!" There was a real shouting time and a regular old-fashioned prayer meeting in the Kirkland home that morning! Emery dressed himself and they all continued praising the Lord for the work He had done.

Soon there were few people in that town who did not know about this wonderful healing. Emery himself told many of them. The following Sunday he walked into church after services had started, and there was great rejoicing. There were not many dry eyes in the place.

Emery has been walking ever since, working at his new job as a traveling salesman, and testifying to the power of the Great Physician. His present address is 1915 South First Street, Louisville, Ky. In his travels through Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee, New York, and Pennsylvania he has many opportunities to give his testimony in Assemblies of God churches as well as in non-Pentecostal churches. He testifies: "I am giving God the glory for what He has done in my life, and the health I enjoy today. I can go out and walk five miles, and have often driven over 500 miles in a single day."

(Endorsed by Albert L. Kirkland, Pastor, Calvary Chapel, Kissimmee, Fla.)

The General Superintendent Speaks

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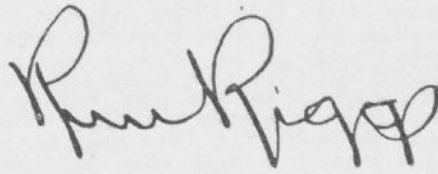
harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom [we] shine as lights in the world." Beware of the whirlpool of Charybdis!

But in our tenderness let us not become indifferent toward sin. Let our meekness not degenerate into weakness. Let us hate even the appearance of sin. Let us not only "flee youthful lusts" but let us also avoid all varieties and forms of sin, evil, and carnality. Let us follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and meekness. Let us remember the goal of our Lord, to present unto the Father a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but a bride that is holy and without blemish. In fleeing from the whirl-

pool of Charybdis, let us not run aground upon the rock of Scylla.

We must steer dead center between these two extremes. Our Lord has charted the course in His Word. Let us stay close to Him, so that we may hear His faintest whisper, and be guided by His eye. We will find that, although the current of popularity may oftentimes be against us, there is a blessed wind blowing from heaven and we will be borne along in the will of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of Holiness and will not veer toward evil. At the same time, He is the very Spirit of God, the Spirit of mercy and kindness, and will not veer toward pharisaical hardness. We must be careful to give diligent heed

to the Word, and to prayer, lest we stray from that charted course and be lost either in the whirlpool at one side or on the rock at the other. There is a sure harbor toward which we sail. By the infinite grace of our loving holy Lord we will eventually cast anchor in that harbor. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." He has delivered us in the past, and we have faith that He who has delivered, and does deliver, will yet deliver.



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The following are excerpts from letters received by your Radio Department. They are accounts of the way God is blessing the combined efforts of the local church and REVIVALTIME.

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(From a Christian nurse who attended an evangelical church, became hungry for a deeper experience with the Lord, and wrote to Brother Ward for advice. She wrote the following letter three weeks after receiving his reply.)

Dear Brother Ward:

Your letter was an answer to prayer. I did as you suggested and contacted the Assembly of God pastor. Oh, what a blessing this was. The Lord had everything worked out for me. After speaking with the pastor, I began to seek the Lord. For two weeks I did this. God graciously revealed to me the true nature of my character, and gave me the grace to overcome these evils. On the third Sunday, I went to the altar at the call as I had before. Within a few minutes there came the oddest, most wonderful sensation over my whole body. I could feel His living presence. I cannot explain the glory, but He baptized me according

to His promise. Now I know—I know—that God hears and answers prayer.

In Jesus' Name,
Margaret Hunter

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(From another REVIVALTIME listener.)

Dear Brother Ward:

I just heard your wonderful sermon. I have been listening to you for some time, and I have found the Lord as my own personal guide. It was this evening after listening to you I heard Him call my name, and I answered with a "Yes, Lord, I am here and waiting for you."

It really makes me feel good to know He is watching over me, and to know I am going to take the right way and not the wrong.

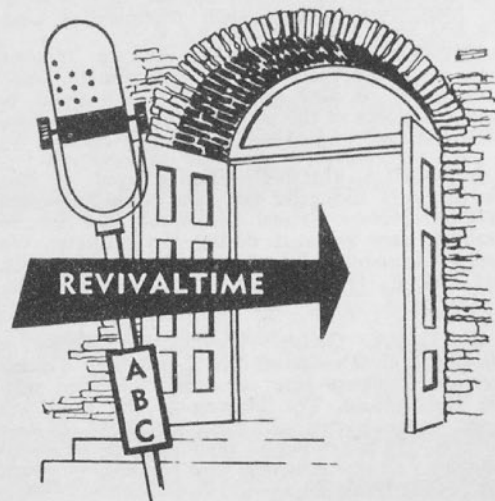
Virginia Lavering

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(From the same listener, one week later.)

Dear Brother Ward:

I am listening to REVIVALTIME right



this very minute. And I am enjoying myself very much. I am glad that I am now a Christian and that if the Lord calls I am ready to go.

I received a wonderful letter from the Pastor of this city's Assembly, and thank God for it, for I am going to start going to church there as soon as possible. I want to thank you for writing him a letter, and God knows just how much it means to me to be asked to belong to such a wonderful church.

Virginia Lavering

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GALL STONES

About five months before the birth of my daughter I began to have attacks of severe pain and the doctor said these were due to gall stones. These attacks came more and more often until I was having one almost every day. Sometimes they caused me to black out for several minutes at a time. The doctor said there was very little he could do without risking the baby's life. He said that if I kept on having the attacks after the baby was born, an operation would be the only answer.

Several weeks after my baby girl was born (June, 1949), the attacks began again. Although I told my unsaved husband that I wanted to trust the Lord for my healing, still he would either call in the doctor or take me to the doctor's office each time I had an attack.

One night when the pain was too severe for me to protest, they took me off to the hospital. But God knew that I wanted to trust in Him. The nurse had been instructed to give me a certain pill several hours before I was to have an X ray. But the nurse either neglected or forgot to give it to me. Therefore, the X ray had to be postponed. Since this was on Saturday they allowed me to go home

for the week-end. The nurse was supposed to give me this pill take early Monday morning before I returned to the hospital. I'm sure it was the hand of the Lord that caused her to forget again to give it to me.

I never went back to the hospital. Instead, I sent a prayer request to the church I was then attending in Korbel, Calif., and one to the church in Oklahoma City, where I was saved, and one to the church I now attend in Gentry, Ark. I sent word to the doctor not to expect me back, for I was sure that God would heal me. And God did answer those prayers!

The doctor was a Christian man and said he knew God healed the sick, but he said that in case of gall stones they had to be removed or they would cause trouble. He sent me a diet to go by, however, and said if I would stay on a diet I might be able to avoid the attacks. He strictly warned me against ever having another child. In my condition it might prove fatal, he said.

When I knew that there was to be another child, there was still some fear in my heart, although I knew God had healed me. I went to a dear friend and asked her to help me pray. She suggested that we thank God for healing me and pray only that the fear would leave.

In February, 1954, my little son was born. Not one attack of gallstones preceded or followed his birth. I thank God both for my healing and for this recent proof that it holds good to this day.—Mrs. Vernon Creek, Rt. 1, Gentry Ark.

(Endorsed by Ira Bellenger, Pastor, Assembly of God, Gentry, Ark.)

ULCER

How thankful I am that the Lord healed my body in November, 1953. I had been suffering with an ulcer for about 14 years. Much of the time I was on a diet and under the doctor's care. During my five years of Army life I was in the hospital most of the time; once I nearly died and an operation was necessary. I had very serious hemorrhages. In spite of all my doctors could do, I received only temporary relief. I did not realize that there was a Great Physician who cared for me.

Last November I went to the First Assembly of God in Kansas City, Mo. and asked to be prayed for. That night I accepted Christ as my Saviour and was instantly healed. No doctor could have done so much for me. I thank the Lord with all my heart for healing me, and I want to serve Him the rest of my life.—Lawrence J. Shelton, 114th St. & Norby Rd., Hickman Mills, Mo.

(Endorsed by George A. Young, Assistant Pastor, First Assembly of God, Kansas City, Mo.)

NEWS

WOMEN OF TEXAS DISTRICT HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

AUSTIN, TEX.—The Women's Missionary Councils of the Texas District had their annual convention June 1-4 in conjunction with the District Council.

The W.M.C.'s had special services each morning in the chapel in the educational building. The Home Missions Committee presented a wonderful program the first morning. Work shops were open 1:15 to 2 p.m. each day, in which demonstrations on canning were shown. There was a "Cheer Bringers" table which showed the work of the boys and girls organizations, ages 12 to 16. There were other demonstrations and displays of various work that can be done.

The regular W.M.C. program was presented on Thursday afternoon. At this time an offering was received for the District President and the Secretary. At the close of the service a Bible was placed on the altar, and an offering of \$204.79 was received for Home Missionary work.

During the fiscal year ending April 30, 1954, the W.M.C.'s distributed 92,270 EVANGELS and other religious papers, 719 New Testaments, 469 Bibles, 87,016 tracts, 1,510 Gospels, and 1,449 Bible story books.

They gave 16,015 meals, 1,336 sandwiches, 30,301 bouquets, 55,529 garments, 4,193 pairs of shoes, 540 quilts, 29,221 garments to foreign missionaries, 3,860 garments for children's homes, and various other gifts to shut-ins at Christmas and Thanksgiving.

They made 18,591 hospital calls, 39,396 sick calls, 34,950 house-to-house calls, sent 17,338 get-well cards, and conducted 361 prison services and 8,480 prayer meetings.

During the year they made the following financial contributions. Foreign Missions, \$8,693.07; Home Missions, \$11,586.05; churches, \$13,145.07; parsonages, \$4,509.20; flowers, \$3,400.34; groceries, 14,301.29; children's homes, \$1,049.02; District Secretary's home, \$1,028.13; boys' dormitory furnishings, \$225.00; Bible Schools, \$1,382.97; Christmas Missionary offerings, \$780.57; and other miscellaneous items, \$6,850.50.—Mrs. E. B. Crump, District W.M.C. Secretary.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BUFFALO, OKLA.—We enjoyed a successful meeting with Evangelist Bob Hill of Oklahoma City, Okla. Five were saved, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and many were healed.—E. W. Moore, Pastor.

BAYTOWN, TEX.—We just closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist William A. Colvin of Beaumont, Tex. This was our third meeting with Brother Colvin. The church was helped, and the Lord blessed in a marvelous way.—Thomas H. Neal, Pastor, West Main Assembly of God.

INYOKERN, CALIF.—We had a meeting with Evangelist Viola Duncan of Firebaugh, Calif. The power of God was present each night to meet the needs of the people. Three were baptized with the Holy Spirit.—Lloyd Cook, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—We enjoyed a fine meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Neale Sheneman of Oxford, Nebr. Several were saved, and definite healings were reported during the meeting. We had a successful children's revival with Evangelist and Mrs. R. D. Campbell of Wilmington, Calif.—Eugene A. Born, Pastor.

CATOOSA, OKLA.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelists Iva Harris and Thelma Denney. Eighteen were saved and 15 filled with the Holy Ghost. The blessing of the Lord was upon every service as they preached old-time holiness. We also enjoyed their songs and musical numbers. I am resigning the church to enter the evangelistic field.—L. E. Gordon, Pastor, Timber Ridge Assembly of God.

MARIETTA, OHIO.—We had a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Leon Frank of Eaton, Ohio. Our church was helped by the anointed ministry of Brother Frank. Two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit were in operation.—C. R. Mills, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—We just closed a three-week meeting with Evangelists Lyman and Helen Jolley of Flint, Mich. Several were saved and many new people attended the meeting. We enjoyed the ministry of Brother Jolley as he preached the simple old-fashioned gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.—Holland Edmundson, Pastor, Bethel Assembly of God.

OROVILLE, CALIF.—On June 27, we concluded a meeting with the Willard Cantelon Evangelistic Party. The Lord honored the inspired preaching of Brother Cantelon, and the church was packed each night of the campaign. Numbers were saved and contacts were made with scores of new people.—W. T. Scott and Gene Scott, Pastor.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—The Faith Pentecostal Church recently closed a salvation-healing meeting with Evangelist Morris Cerullo of Newburgh, N. Y. The attendance was very good, and after six weeks we moved to the Y.W.C.A. to accommodate the crowds. A number were saved, filled with the Spirit, and healed. Fourteen were baptized in water.—Harry R. Jackson, Pastor.

SALEM, ARK.—We recently had a glorious meeting with Evangelist Gene Jackson of Crossett, Ark. He was with us for three weeks. Six were saved, including two mothers. Six were reclaimed, and three were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many others re-dedicated their lives to God. Since the close of the meeting, two more have prayed through, and one has received the Baptism.—Mrs. Glenna Byard, Pastor.

NEWTON, ALA.—The Lord gave us a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Rogers of Talladega, Ala. The attendance was good and a large number of souls were saved. Our hearts were stirred as we saw husband and wife coming down the aisle together to accept Christ as their Saviour.

The church received benefit from the meeting, and we enjoyed the singing of Brother and Sister Rogers. A number were filled with the Holy Spirit and healed by the mighty power of God.—Robert Raburn, Pastor.

STAUNTON, ILL.—Evangelist Otis Runyon and family of Loveland, Colo. were with us in a successful meeting. Eleven were saved, and 21 received the Pentecostal upper-room experience, including three former Methodists and two from the Christian Church. The church was greatly edified. The last night of the meeting two were saved, one was filled with the Spirit, and 27 were baptized in water. This was the first revival in our new church, and we feel that it is just the forerunner of greater things to be accomplished in the future.—N. G. Mathenia, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

MIDLAND CITY, ALA.—We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Rogers of Talladega, Ala. Brother Rogers was with us only seven nights. A lady raised her hand one night for prayer. Two nights later she testified that Jesus saved her at home that morning after being backslidden for 30 years. A 50-year-old man, who had never known the Lord, knelt at the altar and was saved. The last night eight came to the altar for salvation. Our church was blessed by the anointed preaching and singing of Brother and Sister Rogers.—W. P. Hughes, Pastor, Mount Zion Assembly of God.

GLASSPORT, PA.—We just closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Wallace of Old Orchard Beach, Me. God graciously met with us. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Ghost, and many testified to bodily healing. Each night the church was packed to witness the way God moved in our midst. We especially enjoyed hearing Sister Wallace tell how God healed her of cancer. The church has purchased a new 1½ story brick home to be used as the parsonage. We thank the Lord for His goodness to us.—Robert W. Schambach, Pastor.

"Then will I teach transgressors thy ways..." PSALM 51:13

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KINGMAN, ARIZ.—We had a Children's Crusade and revival with Evangelist Jennie Powell of Phoenix, Ariz. The entire church was blessed. Two adults were saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We have invited Sister Powell to return for another meeting.—Carl E. Reynolds Sr., Pastor.

CROWLEY, LA.—We recently enjoyed a two-week meeting with Evangelist Eddie Hundley of Memphis, Tex. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The church was stirred mightily under the able ministry of Brother Hundley. The power of God was present from night to night and sick bodies were healed. We had a good increase in Sunday School. The church still feels the results of the meeting.—D. W. Jolley, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

JOLIET, ILL.—We just closed a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vanderploeg of Toledo, Ohio. The Lord met with us in a real way. Many were saved. One Sunday morning service was marked by a special moving of the Spirit as a number of adults came forward for salvation. We thank God for the anointed ministry of these servants of Christ.—Allan G. Snider, Pastor, Joliet Full Gospel Church.

FESTUS, MO.—We have concluded our second revival of this year. Our first meeting was with Evangelist A. L. Todd of Joplin, Mo. God used Brother Todd in a marvelous way. One was saved and the church as a whole was blessed. In May we concluded a meeting with Evangelist Harry Hampel of Denver, Colo. Two testified to being saved, and a number to being healed. The church has grown spiritually and numerically as a result of the ministry of these two men of God.—D. M. Dabney, 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.

MALONE, N.Y.—Aug. 5—15; Evangelist Levi L. Storms. (Maurice Almey is Pastor.)

TEXARKANA, ARK.—Central Assembly of God, Aug. 15—; Evangelist Erling Saxelid. (A. C. McGaugh is Pastor.)

PARKIN, ARK.—Aug. 1—15; Evangelist Eugene Jackson, Crossett, Ark.—by W. H. Richardson, Pastor.

MONTICELLO, MINN.—Aug. 17—29; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh, Jacksonville, Fla. (N. L. Hall is Pastor.)

WEST BEND, WIS.—Assembly of God, Aug. 10—22; Evangelist Irvin E. Ade, Grafton, Ohio.—by J. M. Jones, Pastor.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Faith Pentecostal Church, 105 Market St., Aug. 29—Sept. 19; Evangelists John and Olive Kellner, Waterloo, N. Y.—by Harry R. Jackson, Pastor.

BEECH CREEK, TEX.—Workers' Training Course, Aug. 1—14; Brother and Sister Davis L. Johnson, Gonzales, Tex. instructors.—by Mrs. Evelyn Whisenant, Church Reporter. (J. C. Carter is Pastor.)

WINNIPEG, CANADA—Biennial General Conference of Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada will convene in Calvary Temple, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sept. 15—22. Walter E. McAlister, Gen. Supt., will preside.

MISSOULA, MONT.—County Fair Grounds, U. S. Highway 93, Aug. 25—Sept. 15; Andrew Teuber Evangelistic Party. Full Gospel churches co-operating.—by Eugene A. Born, Pastor, Assembly of God, 337 Stephens Ave., Missoula, Mont.

WILCOX, ARIZ.—July 24—; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert J. Salter, Hillsboro, Tex. (B. G. Syverson is Pastor.)

NEWCASTLE, TEX.—Aug. 3—; Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie C. Eldridge, Santa Barbara, Calif. (Jack Cleeton is Pastor.)

CHEHALIS, WASH.—Bethel Assembly of God, Aug. 8—15; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (A. Knudson is Pastor.)

HOPE, ARK.—Hope Gospel Tabernacle, Aug. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (C. S. Walker is Pastor.)

NEWARK, DEL.—Tent meeting, S. Chapel and Delaware, Aug. 13—Sept. 5; Evangelist Homer Peterson.—by Arthur E. Hardt, Pastor.

VIROQUA, WIS.—Tent meeting, Aug. 10—; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (Olaf Peterson is Pastor.)

WALSENBURG, COLO.—Tent meeting, Aug. 15—29 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Tommy Griffin, Las Animas, Colo. (W. G. Koontz is Pastor.)

ANACORTES, WASH.—Aug. 17—29; Children's revival, Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (M. Ralph Hutchinson is Pastor.)

LANCASTER, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Aug. 15—Sept. 5; Evangelist Arne Vick.—by Derrick Hillary, Pastor.

TOLEDO, OHIO—Tent meeting, Oak and Navarre, Aug. 8—; Eskelin Family of Detroit, Mich. (E. P. Anderson is Pastor.)

MADERA, CALIF.—East Yosemite Avenue Assembly of God, Aug. 10—, for three weeks; Evangelist C. J. Brown, Riverside, Calif.—by W. A. Frazier, Pastor.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—First Assembly of God, 3053 Oswego St., Aug. 11—; one week or longer; Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson. (Lloyd R. Logan is Pastor.)

BENTLEYVILLE-CHARLEROI, PA.—Area-wide tent meeting on Route 71, Aug. 6—; Evangelist Stanley Karol, Philadelphia, Pa.—by R. L. Umstead, Pastor, Bentleyville, Pa.

KINGSTON, PA.—Evangelistic Temple, 155 E. Bennett St., Aug. 3—15; Evangelist and Mrs. Dave Wilkerson, Turtle Creek, Pa.—by L. L. Trotta, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO—Assembly of God, Aug. 3—15; Evangelist and Mrs. Ted Silva and son of Portland, Oreg.—by Elmer C. Shively, Pastor.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Summit Avenue Assembly of God, Summit and Victory Sts., Aug. 5—15 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vanderploeg, Toledo, Ohio.—by Wilbur E. Weides, Pastor.

HORNELL, N. Y.—Tent meeting, Seneca and Park Sts., July 25—; Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party. Neighboring churches co-operating.—by Ira Elliott, Pastor, Glad Tidings Assembly.

LOS ALAMOS, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, 32nd and Trinity, Aug. 22—Sept. 5 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Clinton Vanzant, Portales, N. Mex.—by J. G. Crittenden, Pastor.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Annual Camp Meeting, Aug. 22—27; T. J. Jones, morning speaker; George Hayes, evening speaker. North Side Assembly of God, Cor. Clinton and West Exchange.—by Jacob Filbert, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW CHURCH—We are pastoring a new church in Beaumont, Tex., known as the Beaumont Revival Center, Avenue A and Wall St. If you have friends here whom you would like us to visit, please send us their names and addresses.—Pastor and Mrs. Ralph E. Price, 1408 Wall St., Beaumont, Tex.