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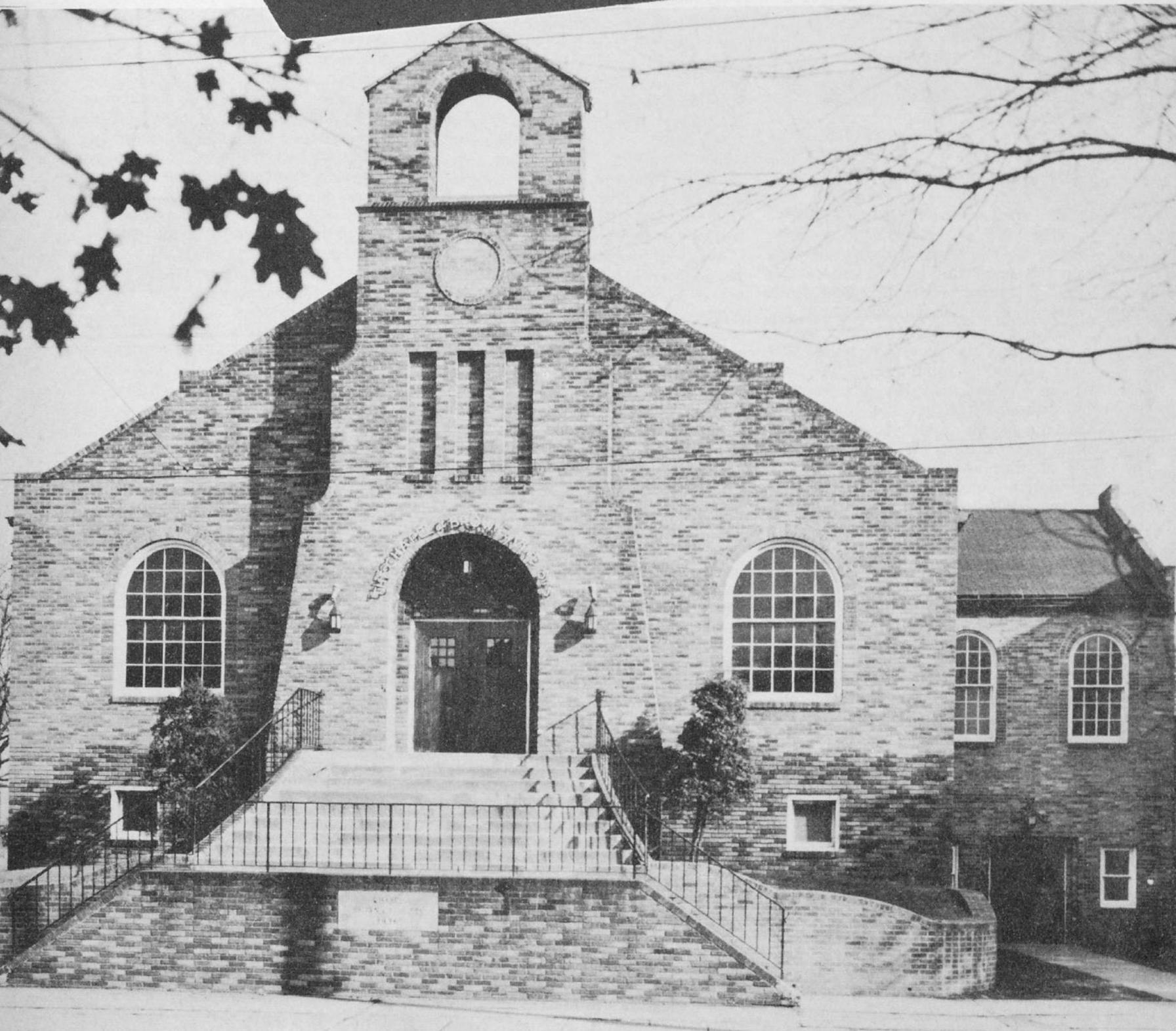
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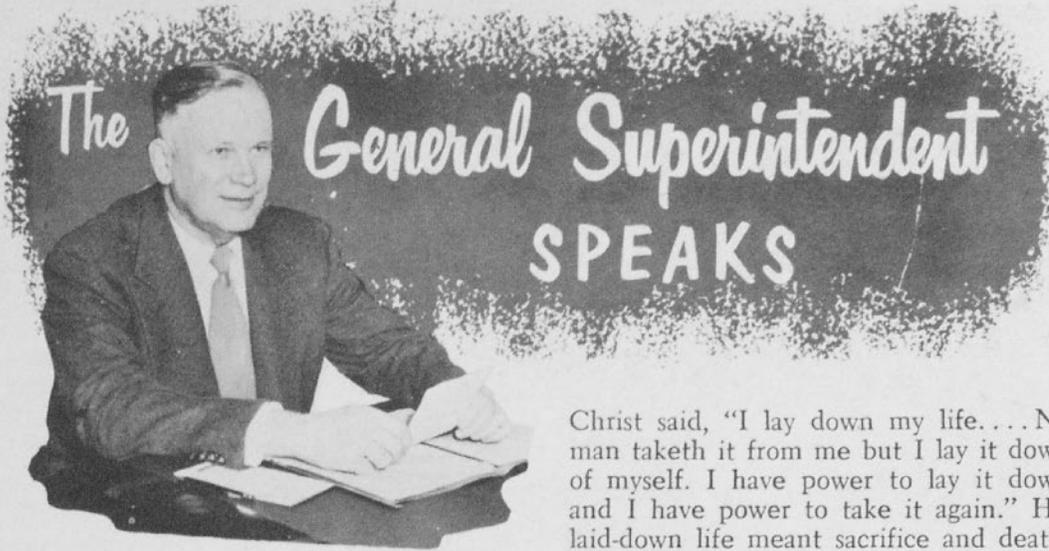
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WEEKLY VOICE OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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



New Home of Bethel Assembly in Akron, Ohio



The General Superintendent SPEAKS

Power for the Hour

"THE HOUR IS COME!" CHRIST'S "HOUR" was the end of His earthly ministry. "What shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour." His hour meant death for Him but life for a dying world.

This old world itself has an "hour." It seems that that hour has come. The world hurtles on to its ruin at an ever-increasing speed that has now reached the pace and the point of no return. Before it lies the cataclysm of the great tribulation. Already the spray and the roar of that awful chasm fill the air and deafen our ears. And we are passengers on the boat that is rushing to its terrible doom. Is there no escape for the world and for us?

The United Nations is a feeble instrument. Like Egypt of old, it is a broken reed. Conceived in good intentions and born of lofty aspirations, it is nevertheless well-nigh powerless in the face of the present world situation. The statesmen of the world are confused and confounded. Who can cope with the strong tides of nationalism, world ambition, international suspicions and jealousies, false ideologies, and lying promises that surge about us today? And when Satan himself, armed with the most powerful weapons known to man, strides out to battle, who will dare to resist him?

Feeble Christianity cannot resist him. "Thou hast a name that thou liveth, and are dead." It takes more than Christian veneer to rise to the challenge of this hour. More committees, Christian organizations, or pious resolutions to do better will not suffice. This situation must rock us to the very foundations. There are three absolute "musts" for the Christian in this hour.

First, there must be a dedicated life. By this we mean a life that is utterly, thoroughly, and recklessly laid down.

Christ said, "I lay down my life. . . . No man taketh it from me but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again." His laid-down life meant sacrifice and death. He did not shrink back but went the full length to meet the challenge of His "hour." Nothing less than full surrender to God, complete abandonment to His will, an unreserved pouring out of one's time, money, strength and life itself will suffice for this hour.

Don't say it can't be done. The devil has induced his devotees to do it. There are millions of Communists in Russia, China, Italy, France and around the world who are just that dedicated. They retain enough of their salary for a meager existence and pour all the rest into their "cause." They welcome death itself to advance the cause of Communism. "They loved not their lives unto the death"—that's the early Christian pattern. Satan has copied it and has millions of followers who will exemplify it. The hour calls for millions of Christians who will bravely and gladly follow the example of the Founder and martyrs of the Church. Who will walk in their footsteps? Dedicated lives can match the challenge of the enemy and stop the onrush of the devil's forces.

In addition to dedication, we must have a Holy Ghost anointing. Even Christ carried until the Holy Ghost descended upon Him. He preached no sermon, did no miracle, until His baptism in the Spirit by the Jordan. How much more should we tarry until we be endued with power from on high before we go forth to preach, witness and work for God in these critical days? Why be so foolish as to rush into battle unarmed? The times demand that we put on the whole armor of God. Without it we will not be able to stand in this evil day.

Single-handedly the Anointed One held at bay the powers of hell, from the Mount of Temptation to Gethsemane. Only for the higher victory of the redemption of the world did His Father allow Satan's billows to sweep over Him at Calvary. He is saying to us: "In My name, in My stead, in My authority and power, go ye forth into all the world. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age (where we now are)." Anointed ministry is invincible. Like David of old, a pure, unselfish, dedicated life that is anointed with the power of the Holy Ghost can be the instrument in God's hands to fell the modern Goliath.

Finally, we must know the power of faith and intercessory prayer. With a fine mixture of humility, knowledge of God and holy boldness in His presence, Abraham interceded and pressed his petition. The God who holds the fate of cities and nations and the whole world in His hand deferred to the wishes and request of this one man. What power! Moses stood before an angry God and pleaded with Him to turn from His anger. And God listened and responded.

Moses' dedication was revealed in his declining to accept God's offer to make him a mighty nation. His anointing was recorded in a subsequent chapter when God took of the Spirit that was upon him and placed it upon the seventy elders. And here his power in prayer was displayed. What a demonstration of supreme power, the highest in the universe! Here is the power for this hour.

Clean, humble, unselfish, consecrated, baptized-in-the-Spirit people who will dare to stand in the presence of God, claim His promises and intercede for mercy CAN stay His hand of judgment in this critical hour. His power is greater than all the multiplying, humanity-destroying bombs which the devil is readying to release to the annihilating of the world. God's power is supreme over all the powers of communism and Satan himself. The man who can move God is the mightiest man on earth. His power is indeed the power for this hour.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

HIS SHOULDER (Isaiah 9:6)
SERMON SUBJECT FOR MARCH 6

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



Taking South Africa for God

The Story of the Great Revival in South Africa

As Related by Nicholas Bhengu

AFRICA IS A GREAT CONTINENT, BUT IT is also a dark continent. Africa had the light of the gospel before Europe, but today you can see hardly a trace of any light having been there.

The Queen of Sheba went to see King Solomon, and when she went back to Ethiopia she brought back the religion of the Jews. History proves it, and the people will tell you that. Also, on the Day of Pentecost there were people from Ethiopia, and from Africa, from the Libyan desert, and many other parts of Africa.

And you'll remember in the New Testament about the Ethiopian eunuch who went to Jerusalem to worship, and he was reading from the Book of Isaiah. Then Philip was sent by the Holy Spirit to go preach Christ to him, and the eunuch was saved and baptized. He went back to Ethiopia, and I don't think he kept quiet. So there must have been a great light in the country.

Many of the unwritten tribal laws of my own people, the Zulus, are identical with the laws of the Old Testament. They didn't worship any idol, but they knew there was a God in heaven. They didn't worship Him or anything else, but still their laws were similar to those found in the Old Testament.

White civilization first came to South Africa in the seventeenth century. The first gospel light came into that dark country in 1652 when Jan van Riebeeck landed in the Cape with his company. They didn't come for the missionary enterprise as the missionaries do today, but they were godly people who prayed and read the Bible.

The first convert in Africa was a little slave girl who was converted as she listened through a keyhole to her master reading the Bible and praying. And she became the first preacher of the gospel in the suburbs of Capetown. So the coming of the Hollanders to the country was the lighting up of the first candle in the land. The Moravians were the first missionaries who came to the land. Pentecost was making headway by 1915.

I am working in the place where white men have been greatly hated in the past.

Most of the natives have been trained from childhood to hate a white man. There have been race riots in our part of the country. In a recent uprising the native people overturned the car of a Catholic nun, a medical missionary. They set the car afire and left her in it to burn to death. Then they ate her roasted flesh. It was not that they were cannibals, for some of them are third-generation civilized. They are educated—some of them have been to the universities—but education cannot transform a people. It is only the gospel of Jesus Christ which can save them.

The reason for such animosity is that people have been brought into the churches and not into Christ Himself. But when they are saved and washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, they love the white man. They forget that there is a white skin and a black skin, and they see Jesus inside. That is one of the outcomes of these revivals God has been giving us.

My ministry began at Johannesburg in 1938. I held a campaign there for six weeks, but then I had to leave, and the revival died down. I went on preaching in other places. If I had a hundred converts in a campaign I thought it was a mighty revival.

But in 1945 the Spirit of God really began to move. I went to Port Elizabeth, where there had never been a Pentecostal church. I found that as I stayed in one place a longer time, greater power came and the revival began to grow. We preached there for six months and had two thousand converts. And now our Sunday School attendance is greater than that of all the other Sunday Schools put together.

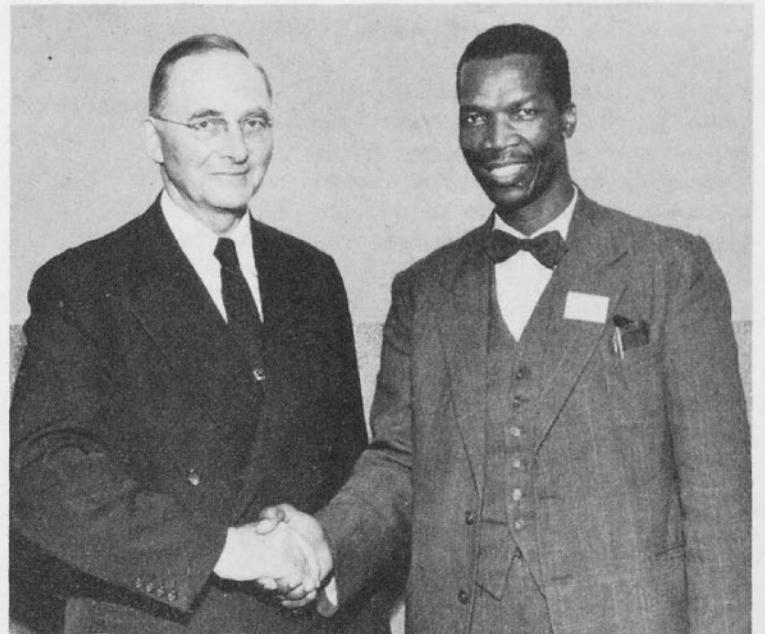
Our revivals are non-sectarian, so that they grip both evangelicals and modernists. God has led me to use the mass evangelism methods of American evan-

gelists. We go into a city where there are no Christians, and we just pitch up a tent or rent a hall and publicize our meetings. People begin to be healed, and the revival has started. We have never had to call a newspaperman to come and take notes. I've never been to a reporter's desk. They are eager to get news of these meetings, and they come to the meetings to seek us out.

In 1949 I came to America, intending to get more education. But God didn't want me to do that. I went to Taylor University (a Christian college), but my wife and children took seriously ill, so I had to go back home.

When I arrived I had only twenty-six cents in my pocket. I organized prayer bands, and we declared Monday to be our fasting day. Even today our people never make fire on Mondays. It's a day when we pray and fast for revival. I wanted to hold a revival in East London, but we had no money for advertising. But in answer to prayer \$1,000 came from Canada, so we planned for a campaign.

The African likes colors, so we printed handbills in many colors. Then schoolboys took them to the houses, giving the people a different color each day of the



Noel Perkin, Executive Director of Foreign Missions for the Assemblies of God, shakes hands with Nicholas Bhengu, South African evangelist.

This article is a digest of an address given at the annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.

week. We had others ride on the buses and trains to announce the meetings. We also used public address systems.

On the last three days before the campaign we used mass movement principles (such as I learned when I was a Communist) to impress the people. The Christians from the outlying villages gathered in four great groups and converged on the city square—one group coming from the east, one from the west, one from the north, and one from the south—all of them singing, "There is Power in the Blood." We have four cars with public address systems, and we used them to broadcast our slogans and announcements. Nearly everyone came for the meeting, and we could not accommodate the crowd in the big theater. We had also put seven tents together, but the second day the tents were full, too. So we decided to go outside.

The first day a Methodist white lady who had been crippled for seven years was healed instantaneously. She quit using her crutches. The reporters got her picture and put the story in the newspapers. Her husband read the paper, and he came from his business four hundred miles away, to scold his wife for this. As he came into the auditorium he saw her walking up and down on the stage, demonstrating how she was healed. He just broke down and wept. This couple were well known, and so no more advertisement was needed. We had to hold our meetings outside.

That's how God worked in our country to start this wonderful revival. We never made appeals for people to come forward to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. During the service the Spirit of God came upon them and they were wonderfully saved. From every part of the audience there came the sound of people weeping their way through to God.

It was the same with healing. Many of the people who were healed were just listening to the Word as it was being preached. I have never preached a sermon on divine healing or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Nor have I laid my hands on anyone to receive the Holy Ghost. We just have waves of glory coming.

We organize our service until the Spirit disorganizes it. We do not sing many choruses. We watch and see which chorus God is blessing, and then we stick to it.

I remember when the first visitation came. We had close to 3,000 people. We were there in the open air until four o'clock in the morning. It was raining, but people didn't feel it. We had no preaching, nothing but one great prayer meeting—wave after wave of blessing.

In our meetings we sometimes have to phone the government to send us five or six big buses to come and carry people

home because they are under God's power. In our town all the bus drivers (over fifty) were converted, and now they are shouting to people as they drive the buses, "Jesus saves!"

When I was young I saw one thousand people baptized in one day at Royal Albert Hall. I always wished I could do that. The highest I had ever baptized at one service until this revival was 185 in Port Elizabeth. But this time God gave us 1400 in one day. The next year it was 540. And this last Easter it was 504. God is blessing us.

One morning we started to dedicate children. By noon we were not finished,

so we came back at three o'clock. We didn't get through by five, so we met again at 7:30. Finally, at 10, we had finished dedicating the 1184 babies.

Now, if the Christian people could be taken for even fifteen minutes to the gates of hell to hear the cries and the shrieks of the people in hell, don't think we would have any difficulty in getting missionaries to go to the foreign lands. And if every Christian could hear the cries and shrieks and the curses with which they curse the Christians for not telling them about their danger and about the Saviour, we wouldn't have

(Continued on page eleven)

The tragic case of . . .

EUODIAS AND SYNTYCHE

ARNE VICK

"I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord" (Phil. 4:2).

IT IS ASTONISHING TO FIND HOW MUCH the Bible has to say about the feelings of Christians toward one another. Far from dealing with the subject as something to be dismissed with a shrug of the shoulder, the New Testament actually makes it a matter of life or death, spiritually. Jesus was sincere and fully aware of the

true implication of His words when He said, "Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment" (Matt. 5:22). The apostle John is even bolder as he solemnly warns the saints, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer"; and, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar" (1 John 3:15; 4:20).

Euodias and Syntyche were obviously Christian sisters in the church at Philippi. But some unnamed trouble had caused a breach in their fellowship, and their differences were evidently threatening to bring schism to the whole church. Church feuds between two individuals invariably spread to the whole body! That is why Christians are admonished to "follow peace with all men, . . . lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled" (Heb. 12:14, 15). As an epidemic of deadly disease can begin with one person and sweep through an entire community, crippling and killing thousands—so strife between two people often increases to epidemic proportions, leaving in its wake churches that are prostrate and powerless.

Since people usually take sides in any controversy, it is probable that in the Philippian church there were developing both a "pro-Euodias" group and a "pro-Syntyche" group. Paul refused to join either group, apparently holding that both women were equally at fault. Impartially he besought them to be "of the same mind in the Lord." This phrase sets forth the Bible basis for all true Christian unity. As surely as an orchestra can achieve musical harmony by tuning

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all its instruments to the piano, the master instrument, so Christians can enjoy spiritual harmony by being in tune with the Master.

Viewed in the light of Scripture, strife between Christians is an evil of staggering enormity. First, it is *defiance of God!* Again and again the subject is dealt with by Jesus and the divinely inspired writers of the New Testament. "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any" (Mark 11:25). "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another" (Eph. 4:31, 32). "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34). The feuding Christian defiantly closes his eyes and ears to these and other clarion calls which forbid the slightest indulgence in carnal strife.

Again, strife is a *transgression of the law of love*, by which the Christian is to be ruled. For "love worketh no ill to his neighbour" (Rom. 13:10). Paul constantly urged Christians to apply the law of love in settling church disputes. In the delicate and explosive controversy about meat, the apostle without taking sides sternly reminded the "meat-eaters" that if their liberty caused a weaker brother to stumble they were not walking charitably.

Furthermore, strife between Christians is a *barrier to blessing*, not only to the parties involved, but also to the whole church. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! . . . for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore" (Psa. 133:1, 3). If unity produces God's blessing, then strife must prevent it. Thus two mutually hostile people in a church can penalize the entire body and deprive the congregation of blessing as surely as the sin of Achan deprived the camp of Israel of God's favor and brought defeat and dismay to the armies of God. "He will not walk with the proud or the scornful"; neither will He walk with the bitter and the unforgiving!

To indulge in carnal strife is to *send sinners to hell!* In His great high-priestly prayer of John 17, Jesus prayed more for the unity of His disciples than for any other thing. The phrase, "that they may be one," appears four times in that one prayer. Jesus specifically connected Christian unity with the salvation of sinners, praying "that they all may be one . . . that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (v. 21). Unity among Christians gives power to the gospel they preach; disunity nullifies their testimony. When the church is divided, the world is not impressed with our message. There-

fore, the Christian who promotes schism is sending sinners to hell by nullifying the effectiveness of the message of salvation.

Finally, schism *destroys the soul!* To all who practice dissension the Word gives stern warning that its inevitable result is spiritual destruction. "But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another" (Gal. 5:15). Or, as Weymouth translated it, "Beware lest you are destroyed by one another." To paraphrase a familiar axiom, "You can't have your brother and

Frozen Feet and Frozen Souls

AFTER LIVING FOURTEEN WINTERS IN the below-zero country of central British Columbia, Canada, and experiencing fifty-eight below, I can tell of many people who suffered with frozen feet. Permit me to mention three such cases.

One man I met had frozen his feet badly while battling against a northern blizzard. His passion for gold had kept him in the wilderness until winter engulfed him. He did not pay the full price as some outdoor men have done—he did not forfeit his life. He battled against the biting blizzard and gained shelter, but froze both his feet. One foot was later amputated.

That man had been seeking gold; but he failed in his objective and froze his feet. "If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence . . . this also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above" (Job 31:24-28).

The next man had frozen his feet while walking in light socks and shoes to a dance. He never danced that night but was later given medical attention. Whether he lost his feet or pulled through, I do not know; but I saw the blackness of his flesh—the after-effects of frostbite. I know that he did not dance for some time to come—if ever again. "Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter" (James 5:5). Contrast this verse with the following: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:24-25).

eat him!" For under the icy blasts of hate, hostility, and ill will, the tender fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, and peace—perish and vanish from the life. What, then, shall it profit a man if he live in malice and unforgiveness, and indulge in bitter criticism and fault-finding—and lose his favor with God, his peace of mind, and his fellowship with the saints! Let us rather give earnest heed to the admonition of 1 Peter 4:8, "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."



I met another victim of winter's wrath who had been drowning life's responsibilities and sorrows with the contents of a bottle. Half stupefied with drink, he retired for the night but failed to properly latch his cabin door. The wind blew it open. Feeling the cold, he pulled the blankets up over his head, without realizing in his half-stupor that his feet were exposed. They turned black and were almost as hard as granite. I banged my knuckles against his frozen flesh, and it was like banging one's fist against stone. Both feet were later amputated. Solomon said: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).

One man froze his feet while seeking gold, another man while seeking pleasures; and yet another while ensnared by the bottle. Frozen feet are bad enough; but along with frozen feet were "frozen" souls, and a "frozen" soul is far worse. To lose one's feet is indeed a tragedy; but to lose the soul is eternal destruction. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world [gold, pleasures, drink] and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).

—Arthur H. Townsend

AFRICAN YOUTH FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

K. L. Godby, Nigeria



Six of the young people who were baptized in the Spirit

LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO NOT ONE person in this new area of Ogoja, Nigeria, knew what it meant to be filled with the Holy Spirit—but that is not true today. It has been wonderful to see the results of the Word of God as it has been preached to men and women who for many years have been steeped in sin and darkness. We have heard words such as these in recent months, “We have never seen anything like this,” and, “We have never witnessed such workings of God.” Truly this Gospel which we preach is the power of God unto salvation to them that believe.

Many have been saved and baptized in water and many have received the Pentecostal experience in this new area. Old people and young people alike have been liberated from the power of Satan and are now experiencing the power of God.

The following is the testimony of one of our young people who recently received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

“My name is Mary and I live in the village of Bebyakayang-Bisu of the Obanliku people in Obudud District. A missionary came to our village and we heard for the first time in our lives the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Through his preaching many old and young people have been saved; some of them now also are preaching the gospel.

“After being saved for some weeks and rejoicing in the love of Jesus my Saviour, I saw my need of being filled with the Holy Spirit. On this particular day I was busy molding clay pots which were to be sold on the coming market day. My heart was running over with praise and worship to my Saviour and I was singing with all my heart. As I sat there I was given a vision. The Lord Jesus Himself stood by me, took me by my right hand, and told me to follow Him. I walked with Him to a great field which appeared

as bright as the sun and shone like gold. I accompanied Him to a house where He showed me a room in which I was to stay. I asked Jesus to show me the Heavenly Father. No sooner had I spoken the words than the glory of God shone round about and a voice said to Jesus, ‘Who is this girl?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is one of those who have believed on Me.’

“Then Jesus showed me His cross. My heart was full and overflowing, and together we began to sing, when suddenly I realized that I was singing in another language, one I had never learned. My pastor, who was present, told me that I was singing in the Hausa language about which I knew nothing. It is one of the many languages spoken here in Africa.”

At the time Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit, five other young people were also filled and since that time nine others from the same church have received this experience. God is working also in the other thirty-three churches in this new area. Testimonies of God’s dealings with various individuals in many wonderful ways could be related but space does not permit. Many are being saved, others are receiving their healing and being raised from deathbeds.



A typical African fetish altar

AFRICAN CHIEF DIES A CHRISTIAN

David W. Peck

HARDLY A MONTH HAD PASSED SINCE we had held a fine conference in the paramount Mariminza chief’s village of Matatavi, with Tchoga, the elderly chief, enjoying the services with us. Sixteen souls had been won to the Lord, and many were rejoicing in the precious refreshing of the Spirit. Little did I realize that I would be called back to the village so soon. Word came in that Choga was ill with what appeared to be a heavy chest cold.

The chief’s son, Masiopo, and I were on our way to his village when we learned the news that the chief had slipped away to be with the Lord.

Tchoga had confessed his faith in Jesus right to the end. When asked if he wanted to be baptized a Catholic before he died, he refused, saying that he knew Jesus had saved his soul and he would die trusting in Christ. There were a few Christians praying around him as he passed away peacefully—unable to speak, but with the peace of God in his heart.

The shadows of the day were lengthening and the sun was sinking below the tops of the palm trees when we arrived that evening. The villagers were already lining the winding trail to pay their last respects, and mourn the death of their beloved chief. It is usually quiet and

peaceful in Matatavi, but with the wailing, mournful cries of the people, accompanied by the sound of the drums, the normal evening silence was shattered.

The women were divided into two groups. While one group would dance around the drums, the other group would run screaming to the graves of their ancestors, wailing and moaning as if trying to contact the departed spirits. Then they would go to the house where the chief's body lay; falling flat, turning somersaults, and practicing other heathenish gyrations without thought of bodily injury or moral decency. Finally they would rejoin the dance and continue their wailing while another group of women would go through the same procedure.

The men fired their muzzle-loading shotguns at the surrounding shrubs and trees to frighten away evil spirits. Others beat the drums and rasped on hollow logs. Another group of the men were occupied in preparing a casket and digging a deep grave.

When the grave was finished, the wooden box in which the body of Tchoa lay was brought out of the hut by an order of the government official. Immediately the din of heathenish antics



Tchoga, sitting in front of chapel

and intermittent gunfire intensified in volume.

Then the Lord worked a miracle. As we began to sing the Christian hymns that Tchoga had loved, the multitude became as still as the Sea of Galilee when the Lord rebuked the wind and the waves.

Nganga, our national pastor, told of Tchoga's faith in Christ and the peace that was manifest in his soul. Then a short message was given from the Bible as the multitude stood in quietness, in respect for the Word of God. The Lord honored this humble service with His presence and influenced the people of the Mariminza tribe with the Gospel.

Thank God for the faithful Christian witness of this chief in the village of Matatavi. He has left a testimony for God to those who have not yet found hope in Jesus Christ.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weidman
Gold Coast, Africa

MISSIONARY News Notes

H. May Kelty wishes to inform her friends that since the middle of February her address is: 2413 Harper Street, Tampa 5, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rill and family arrived from South Africa in January. Their present address is: 2048 Pontoon Road, Granite City, Illinois.

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Marion Neff returned from India on furlough February 2. She can be reached at Keltner, Missouri.

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Mr. and Mrs. Verne Warner and family returned from Santo Domingo recently. Their present address is: Box 501, Eagle Lake, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weidman and daughter returned to the Gold Coast, Africa, for another term of service on February 1.

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Word has been received from our missionaries in Korea to the effect that after March 31 they will be required to pay duty on parcels received from the United States. We would suggest therefore that all parcels of clothing be sent direct to the Oriental Relief Agency, 907 S. Hudson, Tacoma 6, Washington.

AN AFRICAN PRAYER

"God in Heaven, you have helped my life to grow like a tree. Now something has happened. Satan, like a bird, has carried in one twig of his own choosing after another. Before I knew it he had built a dwelling place and was living in it. Tonight, my Father, I am throwing out both the bird and the nest. Amen."

Nearly four million dollars were spent by the Assemblies of God for missions in 1954.

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Arkansas	6,836.06	Oregon	15,772.05
Eastern	12,432.48	Polish Branch	285.50
Georgia	1,688.31	Potomac	8,043.75
German Br.	1,739.37	Rocky Mtn.	7,827.33
Greek Br.	185.00	Russian Br.	165.79
Hungarian Br. ..	163.48	S. Calif.	29,589.66
Illinois	10,443.40	South Carolina ..	310.60
Indiana	4,229.05	South Dakota	1,789.98
Italian Br.	165.00	South Florida	4,374.57
Kansas	9,066.96	South Idaho	2,561.51
Kentucky	973.98	S. Missouri	12,070.17
Lat. Amer. Br. ..	833.10	South Texas	12,868.88
Louisiana	2,157.34	Tennessee	1,733.17
Michigan	14,815.78	Texas	11,444.84
Minnesota	13,668.31	Ukrainian Br.	5.00
Mississippi	1,625.45	West Central	5,115.51
Montana	3,860.66	West Florida	1,980.55
Nebraska	3,708.18	West Texas	7,003.28
New England	4,975.44	Wisc.-N. Mich.	6,162.31
New Jersey	8,687.21	Wyoming	443.20
New Mexico	1,323.15	Alaska	158.47
New York	9,978.24	Canada	2,882.99
N. Calif.-Nev. ..	16,823.71	Foreign	125.53
North Carolina ..	2,553.67	Miscellaneous	7.50
North Dakota	6,051.56	Legacies	5,034.56

Total Amount Reported	\$357,639.05
District Funds	\$18,705.37
National Home Missions	4,132.24
Office Expense	4,646.94
Literature	65.14
Given Direct to Foreign Missions ..	51,295.09
	78,844.78

Received for Council Foreign Missions ..	\$278,794.27
Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions ..	2,416.70
Missionary offerings not Allocated to any State	36,725.79

Total Receipts for Foreign Missions	\$317,936.76
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DISBURSEMENTS

Basutoland	\$ 170.00	Brit. Guiana	211.00
Belgian Congo	4,269.03	Paraguay	347.00
Gold Coast	9,755.86	Peru	4,068.35
Liberia	7,524.70	Uruguay	1,489.93
Nigeria	6,452.56	Venezuela	3,266.74
Nyasaland	5,333.53	Egypt	7,520.90
Sierra Leone	614.25	Greece	585.60
Tanganyika	674.20	Hash. Jordan Kingdom	771.00
Togo Dahomey	11,708.40	Iran	205.00
U. of S. Africa	5,021.61	Israel	848.46
Upper Volta	5,247.61	Lebanon	130.00
Europe	7,365.44	Syria	40.00
China	5,106.74	Burma	489.00
Fiji	593.68	Ceylon	4,067.94
Formosa	2,120.31	India	40,516.10
Hawaii	3,628.98	West Indies	10,329.15
Indonesia	5,603.51	Children's Educ. in U.S.	2,243.00
Japan	7,070.28	Deputational Expenses	2,726.24
Korea	1,417.47	Fld. Secretaries	420.00
Malaya	3,495.15	Literature	499.55
Philippines	13,673.20	N. Y. Office, Shipping	1,200.00
Samoa, Amer.	751.40	N. Y. Office, Public Relations	860.00
Lat. Amer. Work in U.S.	308.49	Refunds & Trans. to Other Depts.	5,763.90
Ken. Amer.	11,366.83		
Mexico	4,285.12		
Argentina	8,482.54		
Bolivia	2,186.79		
Brazil	3,593.94		
Chile	2,155.11		
Colombia	853.57		

Total Disbursements to Council Foreign Missions	\$229,609.26
Non-Council Missionaries	4,323.50

Total Disbursements	\$233,932.76
Hold Accounts	84,004.90

Total Receipts	\$317,936.76
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BLESSING OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM—Isaiah 35:1-10

"The redeemed shall walk there" (v. 9).

The redeemed shall walk in the presence of the glory and excellency of our God; by springs of water in a fruitful land; where singing and joy abound; along the way of holiness where nothing defiling can mar the beauty of the way.

There is nothing to terrify or make afraid. The wilderness with all its barrenness and drought, the desert and its solitude, the parched ground and the thirsty land have all been transformed. The ravenous and the unclean are barred.

The weakness, feebleness, and fear are gone. The infirmities of blindness, deafness, dumbness, and lameness are only memories of the past. The redeemed walk in this new way, this clean way, this holy way.

No longer are they tested and tried, tempted and afflicted; no longer do they grieve and weep or struggle against physical handicaps; no more are they beset by doubts and fears. The conflict is over, and the soul has found its home. They are tasting the fruits of righteousness, sharing the rewards for faithfulness, enjoying the ultimate benefits of redemption. With what joy and gladness they now blend their voices in singing the song that only the redeemed can sing!

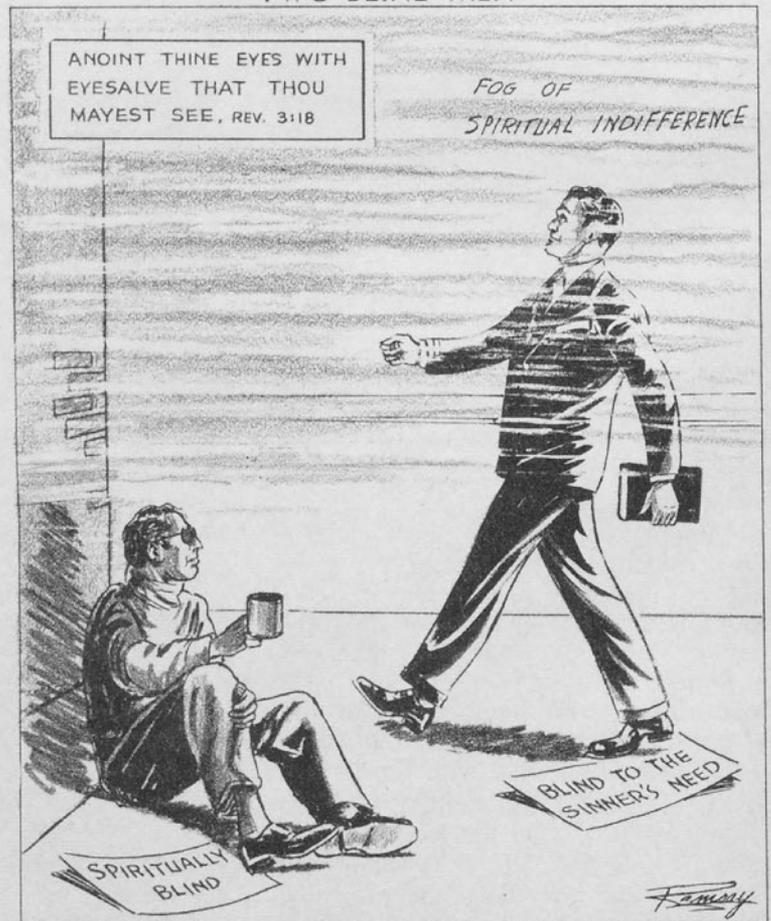
—RUTH E. GARLOCK

THURSDAY, March 10

THE MESSIANIC COMMISSION—Isaiah 42:1-12

The Messianic content of these verses is very clear. Even if it were not for the confirmation of this truth in Matthew 12:17-20 we would still have to conclude that the offices here described and the commission here received fits no other prophet of ancient times but only Christ.

TWO BLIND MEN



Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, March 7

JESUS HEALS THE BLIND BEGGAR—Luke 18:35-43

"And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou son of David, have mercy on me" (v. 39).

Those who reach God are those who refuse to be stilled, those who have a singleness of purpose, those who make everything else in life incidental to the attaining of this one major goal! To accomplish this goal they are willing to make a spectacle of themselves by climbing a tree, as did dwarfed Zacchaeus. They are willing to be let down through the roof; to fill the banquet hall with the odor of pungent ointment; to spend nights in an agony of prayer, as did Praying Hyde of India.

But does not God hear us the first time? Is not His ear tuned to the slightest cry of His little one? Yes indeed, He does hear us the first time. But He wants to satisfy Himself that our request is not a passing fancy. He must know that we are not "making the rounds"—that our expectation is from Him, entirely, eternally. All other help is vain. Let us cry to God, and Him alone, for comfort and help. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12).

—MAYNARD L. KETCHAM

TUESDAY, March 8

TRUST IN GOD REWARDED—Psalm 146

"The Lord looseth the prisoners: . . . the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down" (vv. 7, 8).

Glorious freedom through our risen Redeemer! Isaiah foretold—"liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Jesus confirmed this word in the synagogue that Sabbath day, boldly declaring that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him for the deliverance of bondage-stricken souls. See Him walking the Judean roads, the streets of Nazareth, the shores of Lake Galilee. All in need find in Him hope and deliverance. Hallelujah!

And what of today? No mere words these:

"Oh, praise his name, He's just the same—
The very same Jesus."

Reach out your hand today. He is your Deliverer, the same Jesus who spoke to the two blind men long ago, "What will ye that I shall do unto you?" Be definite with Him in your answer. Whatever your need, God is able: and He delights to honor your simple faith in His Word. Are you saying, "Is God able for my need?" Change the position of that verb "is." Through the power of the Holy Spirit say boldly—"God is able, God is able." Full victory is yours through our risen Lord.

—ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

No commission can outrank the commissioner. In this case the Messiah's bequeathment came from "God the Lord," whose qualifications are as follows: "he that created the heavens . . . he that spread forth the earth . . . he that giveth breath unto the people." All of these attributes are prefixed to the covenant and the commission under which the Messiah serves in the cause of redemption.

Note the clauses of this covenant (vv. 6, 7): "for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison." Darkness and blindness are the twin symptoms of spiritual ignorance, and imprisonment and bondage are the result of blindness and darkness. There never was a hospital until the gospel of Christ was first preached. Women in heathen lands are treated only a little better than animals. All the real improvements that humanity has made—in education, government, or living standards—are the by-products of the "true Light" shining. When men reject this Light they retreat into darkness.

Whether or not our Christian living is successful depends upon our attitude toward this Light. "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. But if we walk in the light, as he is the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:5, 7).

—J. PHILIP HOGAN

FRIDAY, March 11

PROOFS OF JESUS' MESSIAHSHIP—Matthew 11:1-6

"John . . . sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Verses 2, 3.

Bible scholars differ in their explanation of John's inquiry. Some say that it was the disciples of John who doubted, and that John sent two of them to Jesus in order to dispel the incredulous state of his disciples. Others point to the pressure of the prison as casting a shadow over the faith of John.

It matters not who did the doubting. It does matter that the light and ministry of Christ was sufficient to meet the test. He met every specification required of the promised Messiah. His word was the answer for doubt and fear even in the last hours of earthly life. Christianity always is open to examination, and those who examine it with open heart will find Him indeed to be Lord and Christ.

Jesus is all the prophets of old declared Him to be. We need not look for another. Gone is the empty searching. He satisfies the deepest longings and

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Your church needs musicians, writers, speakers, scholars—gifted people young and old—to invest their special faculties in God's service. But our announcement is not concerned with these "talents." We hark back to the meaning of the word as used in the parable by our Lord. If you recall, several servants were each given a sum of money by their master. Two invested wisely and were rewarded. The third hid his talent in fear and was rebuked by his master because the money had not been put to use.

Our announcement concerns Christian men and women to whom the Lord has entrusted \$100 or more. As a conscientious believer you certainly do not want such funds to lie idle. Your church can put your "talent" to work—for God and for you—through the Assemblies of God Annuity Program. If you depend upon the income from your money to meet current needs, or if you are building toward future retirement, you cannot afford to overlook the possibilities of the Annuity Program.

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—PAUL COPELAND

SATURDAY, March 12

BLIND GUIDES—Matthew 23:16-26

If the sanctimonious attitude and actions of the Pharisees had not been so thoroughly disgusting, one would be tempted to pity them. They were so blind, so mixed-up, so warped in their viewpoint. No one could doubt their sincerity, for the most part, but how far self-deception can go!

Their mistakes was largely one of emphasis. It was not that the things they did were so wrong in themselves, except as they did them with the wrong motive and in the wrong spirit. But they had become sticklers for the minor points,

the minute details of the law, until they had omitted those things that really counted.

It was not wrong to tithe. Jesus pointed out, "These ought ye to have done." But "the weightier matters of the law"—that's where they had failed.

There are certain definite commitments God expects from us, certain exact laws He states in His Word. But on the other hand, the judgment, mercy, and faith He required of the Pharisees He asks from us today. Sometimes it can be as wrong to do the right thing in the wrong way as to do the wrong thing. Thank God, we do not have to choose between those alternatives. By His help we can learn to do the right thing in the right way.

—RALPH W. HARRIS

360 Pioneer Churches Opened Last Year



Assemblies of God district home missions leaders reported a total of 360 churches pioneered during 1954.

Listed below are the districts and the number of new churches opened in each of them. The name of the city is printed in italics, and the name of the pastor appears in most cases. Let us rejoice in these 360 Assemblies of God churches which opened their doors to the public during 1954. Pray that God's continued blessing will be upon them and upon all church extension efforts during 1955.

ALABAMA: (6) *Grand Bay*, N. Busby; *Greenville* (Kolb City Assembly), L. E. Tadlock; *Monroeville* (First Assembly), M. J. Johnson; *Reform* (Highway Tabernacle), R. L. Courtney; *Saraland*, W. E. Smith; *Phenix* (Smith Station), Brother Howard.

APPALACHIAN: (2) *Blacksburg*, J. R. Redding; *Oak Hill*, West Virginia (Bethel Assembly), Helen Miller.

ARIZONA: (4) *Mohawk Valley*, Richard Goodenough; *Camp Verde*, W. Manross; *Tempe*, S. R. O'Donnell; *Tuga City*, T. L. Johnson.

ARKANSAS: (3) *Camark*, H. J. Murry; *Clarksville* (Mt. Vernon Assembly), E. J. Holt; *Ridge Station*, L. L. Foreman.

EASTERN: (8) *Monessen*; *Wilksburg*, G. Miller; *Galeton*, Paul Bradley; *Homestead*; *Lancaster* (Glad Tidings Tabernacle), H. L. Jones; *Landisburg*, A. Sorbo; *Linglestown* (Manada Gap Full Gospel Mission), J. H. Landis; *Muncy* (Green Valley Assembly), Naomi Sholtis.

GEORGIA: (18) *Columbus* (Aldridge Road Assembly), F. H. Willis; *Albany* (Southwest Assembly), T. J. Danford; *Atlanta* (East Lake Assembly), K. I. Wright; *Broklet*, H. Kessler; *Atlanta* (Carey Park Assembly), Grace Tucker; *Oak Grove* (Butler Assembly), H. Chapman; *Cartersville*, J. Ray; *Cordele* (Vienna Assembly), John T. Williams; *Shellman* (Cordrays Community Assembly), R. J. Elliot; *Dalton*, L. Murphy; *Douglasville*, R. Jacobs; *Eatonton*, D. Flanagan; *Waycross* (Folkston Assembly), J. E. Hancock; *Macon* (Glad Tidings Tabernacle), J. Bell; *Murrayville* (Newman Assembly), L. G. Gilstrap; *Savannah* (Eastside Assembly), O. Barnes; *Statesboro*, R. C. Sumrall; *Decatur* (Stone Mountain Assembly), A. Carroll.

ILLINOIS: (10) *Black Oak* (Community Church), G. Henning; *Bridgeport*, G. Rutledge; *Brighton*, H. Norman; *Effingham* (1st Assembly), G. R. Jenkins; *Farmersville*, A. Reynolds; *Glen Ellyn*, Gene Huff; *Maplewood*, J. Hogan; *Monmouth*; *Rockford* (South Side Assembly), J. E. Ellis; *Woodstock*, D. L. Peterson.

INDIANA: (22) *Knox*, H. Clanton; *Mt. Vernon*, E. Pate; *Munice* (Northside Assembly), E. Fussell; *Rockport*, S. Fisher; *Terre Haute* (Bethel Assembly), E. Charlos; *Terre Haute* (Hulman

Street Assembly), N. D. Lee; *Wabash*, R. Dillingham; *Boonville*, W. Meyers; *Elwood*, R. Bocken; *Greencastle*, S. Morgan & R. Yake; *Greenfield*, C. Syler; *Madison* (Chelsea Assembly), A. Mullins; *Cayuga*, C. E. Pearman; *Jonesboro*, M. Planck; *San Pierre*, (Shiloh Assembly), Elsa Schmidt; *Fair Oaks*, S. Summers; *Lebanon* (South Lebanon Tabernacle), G. Gidman; *Vevay*, A. Wainscott; *Winamac*, A. Raska; *Gary* (Griffith Assembly), L. McClanahan; *Tipton*, J. Smith; *Winchester*, A. Wyatt.

KANSAS: (3) *Girard*, R. Sugg & C. Pavia; *Hutchinson* (Faith Assembly), C. Myers; *Topeka* (Westside Assembly), G. B. Manning.

KENTUCKY: (5) *Hopkinsville*, R. H. Davis; *Livermore*, J. Knight; *Louisville* (Eastside Assembly), W. F. Bunch; *Louisville* (Glad Tidings Assembly), Bro. Britten; *Paducah*, H. C. Campbell.

LOUISIANA: (14) *Cotton Valley*, S. R. Nichols; *Rayville* (Crowville), W. C. Mixon; *Vidalia*, W. L. Swaggert; *Luling*, J. Scroggins; *Bogalusa*, R. D. Jones; *Algiers*, R. Johnson; *Lydeville*; *New Orleans* (Redeemer Assembly), A. L. Duracher; *Shreveport* (Calvary), L. Jordan; *Venice*, Ira Burns; *Rose Pine*, R. G. Gill; *Denham Springs*, W. W. Stott; *Edgerly*, Mrs. B. Duhon; *Galvez*, Vera Higgins.

MICHIGAN: (9) *Carleton*, W. Tyler; *Chelsea*, H. J. Meppelink; *Clinton*, Lois Lemm; *Detroit* (Bethany Assembly), H. Edmundson; *Fraser*, A. Dimbat; *Fremont*, V. Miller; *Tuscola*, E. Fairbanks; *Belding*, E. Anthony; *Frankfort*, R. Taylor.

MINNESOTA: (9) *Babbitt*, S. Hadden; *Hibbing*, K. Andrus; *Elk River*, Meadowville, W. G. Benson; *New York Mills*, H. W. Kamppi; *St. Louis Park*, G. A. Weslander; *Ada*, N. G. Rich; *Minneapolis* (Cedar Ave. A. G. Mission), R. Waler & F. Andvik; *Mahnomen*, R. H. Dean; *Roseau*, W. A. Morken.

MONTANA: (6) *Malta* (Lodge Pole), J. J. Newby; *Roscoe*, W. Jensen; *Three Mile*, D. Everson; *Worden*, T. A. McDougall; *Bridger*, E. Barger; *Billings* (Second Assembly), E. Kaiser.

NEBRASKA: (3) *Kearney*, L. E. Wilkins; *Freemont* (Glad Tidings), A. Wine; *Lincoln* (Glad Tidings), J. Smith.

NEW ENGLAND: (9) *St. Johnsbury*, Vt., J. Travis; *Norton*, Mass., R. Mugford; *Northfield*, N. H., R. J. Dickinson; *Portsmouth*, N. H., T. A. Compton; *Barre*, Vt., K. Terry; *Manchester*, Conn., K. L. Gustafson; *Waterbury*, Vt., K. Wireman; *Columbia*, N. H., F. W. Weimar; *East Yarmouth*, Maine, G. Raduano.

NEW JERSEY: (13) *Bordentown*, J. Rice; *Canton* (Bethel Mission), B. Crane; *Dumont*, G. Kliphous; *Flemington*, A. Testa; *Kenilworth*, R. Bower; *Keyport* (Keyport Emmanuel), E. Ellison; *Morristown* (Morristown Trinity), G. Hermann; *Mt. Holley*, C. Scrimale; *Point Pleasant*, I. Meier; *Summit*, D. A. Mucci; *Toms River*, P. Tomastik; *Williamstown*, W. Kirby; *Woodbury*, G. Brace.

NEW MEXICO: (7) *Newkirk*, H. Hardesty & A. Adcock; *Tularosa*, E. L. Massingale; *Santa Fe*, R. M. Coon; *Vallecitos*, R. G. Hutsell; *Albuquerque*, R. C. Dobbys; *Gallup*, C. Smith; *Porter*, G. C. Irving.

NEW YORK: (13) *Malone*, M. Almey; *Oswego* (Revival Center), D. L. Kleinsteuber; *Angola*, E. A. Lavin; *Fulton*, D. T. Raught; *Lancaster* (Transit Assembly), R. D. Goodwin, Jr.; *Pearl River* (Faith Assembly), J. Campana; *Riverhead*, L. I. (Full Gospel), W. M. Bliss; *Rouses Point*, C. B. Halvorsen; *Sidney* (Full Gospel), F. D. Myrick, Jr.; *Whitney Point*, A. N. Morton; *Cayuta* (Pentecostal Assembly), W. C. Frary; *Potsdam*, W. Burkett; *Walton*, P. C. Crandall.

NORTH CAROLINA: (9) *Mooreville*, H. Jones; *Raleigh*, G. A. Smith; *Aulander* (Williamston), R. Hoggard; *Albemarle*, C. Brown; *Burlington*, W. J. Swain; *Ahoskie*, F. Jones; *Durham*, J. W. Cockrell; *Franklin*, F. Sorrells; *High Point*, D. Robison.

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(Continued next week)

Christianity IN ACTION A Lawyer's search for Reality -

CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION, by William L. Harvey, is an excellent book, which inspired me when I first reviewed it, to be what the author aims to stimulate, that is, a "door of the Word."

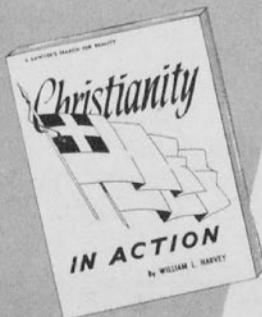
Mr. Harvey is a lawyer of no mean ability and experience and is accustomed to examine evidence intricately. In Part I he has presented the philosophy of the plan of salvation clearly in the language of the average layman and has explained God's method of imparting divine knowledge as revealed in the Bible.

In Part II by contrast he has described the intellectual process of acquiring knowledge through the five senses and reason. While this part an excellent simplified explanation of the functions of the soul is highly informative, the author makes clear the superiority of God's method by the Holy Spirit.

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Taking South Africa

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much difficulty in collecting for missions. If we could go there we would hear the curses of business people we transacted business with, college mates we went to school with, and other associates who didn't hear a word from the Christians about the saving power of Jesus Christ.

The evangelicals and modernists got together and opened a big meeting for thirty days in Durban, and asked me to be the sole speaker. God saved thousands in that meeting. And the report is that they don't have anybody going to their churches. I have received hundreds of letters from people there who want me to come and help them establish a Pentecostal church.

The Dean of the Anglican Church was so impressed by our revivals that he wrote to me, asking for permission to send his six native ministers "to rub shoulders with Bhengu and catch the spirit of this revival." Imagine the Dean thinking that they could rub shoulders with me and that I had something to give them! No, it wasn't I. It was the Spirit of God moving in the people.

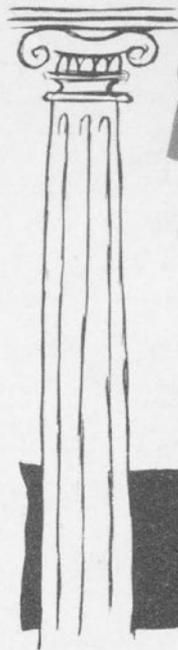
When some of the other preachers would criticize us and make fun of our revivals, half the crowd would walk out on them, because God showed them that we were genuine and that we were having a real revival from heaven.

When we were holding revival meetings in a theater, God so moved and the people so swarmed the theater that they would not come to the regular theater performances. Word got around that Bhengu was closing all the theaters, so now I can't get a theater anywhere any more.

As soon as our people become converted and filled with the Spirit, they win others to Christ. Each one becomes a Spirit-filled witness. Many churches have been started—not little ones, but large ones with hundreds of members. In one year I traveled 55,000 miles to visit the churches which were established by my converts. And I haven't visited them all yet.

Our churches are at the very beginning taught to be self-supporting. They are founded on the indigenous principles, like the early apostolic church. Not a penny from outside sources comes to support any of our churches. Within six months, every Assembly becomes self-supporting.

There is a great pressure on me to preach the gospel. The pressure is not for money; not for a place to live; not for a salary—it is a great compassion in



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my heart for the lost of my own people.

I know that God can never save a soul apart from human instrumentality. He could not save Cornelius until Peter had come to tell him about Christ. He struck down Paul on the way to Damascus, but He had to get human instrumentality before the persecutor could be saved. And my great burning desire is that I might be the kind of instrument in the hands of God which He can use to bring about the salvation of many lost souls.

Northcentral WMC's To Meet at Omaha

Among the many good things for WMC's to enjoy at the Regional Convention at Omaha, Nebraska, will be this opportunity of a lifetime—seeing and hearing Lillian Trasher, faithful missionary and beloved "Nile Mother." Sister Trasher will be speaking at a vesper service and at other times.

The WMC schedule for this convention is as follows:

TUESDAY, March 15, 9 a.m., WMC leadership conference for all district and sectional officers, at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 19th and Cass Streets.

WEDNESDAY, March 16, 7:45 a.m., fellowship breakfast and missionary speaker at the Fontenelle Hotel. Write for reservation (till March 15) to Hazel Klingner, 2023 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska, enclosing \$1.50. Pick up tickets at WMC booth (No. 2) in convention display hall.

THURSDAY, March 17, 2 p.m., WMC Conference at the Municipal Auditorium. Lillian Trasher featured speaker. Also panel discussion.

This Week's Cover

Bethel Assembly of God in Akron, Ohio, has a new home. The congregation has moved to "the Chapel at Brown and Vine Streets," just a block from the University of Akron and geographically in the center of the nation's rubber metropolis.

This fine church building was erected in 1936 by an independent Baptist group and in 1945 a wing was added. The church is of brown brick construction and has a seating capacity of 600. In the basement there are excellent Sunday School facilities including a large auditorium and individual classrooms.

The structure was recently appraised at \$196,000, but through the goodness of the Lord the Bethel Assembly was able to acquire it for \$65,000—fully equipped with beautiful pews and Sunday School furnishings throughout. Well over half of the purchase price has already been paid.

The history of Bethel Assembly dates back to 1930 when a small group of consecrated Pentecostal people opened a mission hall in East Akron. The church was set in order in 1934 and Alvin L. Branch became the first pastor. Soon thereafter a church building at Fourth and Chittenden was secured from a German Baptist group. In the following years the flock was blessed with a number of faithful shepherds—Douglas Scott, Claude Weaver, C. W. Hahn, Fred Neubauer, and Earl Hart.

In October of 1952 Ray S. Armstrong accepted a call to Bethel and it became evident that if the church was going to keep growing it would need more room. The congregation was in the process of purchasing a site for the erection of a new building when the Chapel at

Brown and Vine streets was offered for sale. The church definitely felt this was the hand of the Lord and each step that has been taken since, from the sale of the old building to the raising of funds with which to purchase the new one, has seemed to have the sanction of God's blessing.

Now that their facilities have been

tripled, the members of Bethel Assembly are praying for a triple portion of God's Spirit to rest upon them as they meet the challenge of their enlarged field of ministry. "Our desire as we enter this new era," says Pastor Armstrong, "is to reach the souls for whom no man cares and to provide a fold for the sheep who are scattered abroad."



North Central Bible Institute, 910 Elliot Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

NEWS FROM NORTH CENTRAL

A quarter-century of history will soon lie behind North Central Bible Institute. Two matters of major importance and interest lie before the school in this, its Silver Anniversary year:

(1) *Living Endowment Campaign.* Last fall Arvid Kingsriter, Director of Public Relations, and a committee of fellow Alumni launched a Living Endowment Drive to raise \$25,000 to retire capital indebtedness at the school. Alumni and friends have responded in a generous way, and already the goal is in sight.

(2) *Commencement Exercises.* The annual Commencement Exercises on Friday, May 20, will be entirely in the hands of Alumni and students. Pastor Thomas Hollingsworth ('39) of Youngstown, Ohio, will be featured as the Commencement speaker; and Evangelist Paul Hild ('36) is to bring the Baccalaureate message. There will be a place on the Commencement platform for the graduates of '35 also, so that these graduates of twenty years ago may receive special honors along with this year's graduates. President Lindquist will present the diplomas to the graduating class as he has done for the past twenty-five years.

TELEVISIONING THE GOSPEL

North Central Bible Institute has

turned to a new medium to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

On January 13, 1955, the school released the first of twenty-six experimental telecasts over a new local station, KEYD. Thirteen of the programs are scheduled for production during the current spring semester; the remaining half of the quota will be presented after the school re-opens next fall. The cost of the television time is underwritten by a commercial sponsor. Other expenses connected with the weekly thirty-minute program will be borne by the school and interested listeners.

The program is called "Every Walk of Life." Gospel singing by the students fills a large share of the program. A panel composed of five faculty members presents the gospel by jointly discussing some question pertaining to our salvation. T. J. Jones, Dean, is a key figure on the panel. G. R. Carlson, Minnesota District Superintendent, is Master of Ceremonies. L. B. Larsen is program director.

Mail response following the first telecast indicated a demand for a gospel program with a message from saved youth for unsaved youth of the Upper Mississippi River Valley.

—M. C. Nelson, Registrar

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

HIALEAH, FLA.—Evangelist Marvin L. Smith was with us, and God gave us a successful meeting. The Lord was present to save, heal, and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The spirit of revival continues.—L. M. Kelley, Pastor, Hialeah Full Gospel Church.

FERRIDAY, LA.—During the Enlargement Campaign in October, our people began to take more interest in Sunday School, and we have had a substantial growth. In November a revival broke out in our prayer services. People were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. God is doing great things for us, whereof we are glad.—R. E. Gilliam, Pastor.

KILGORE, TEX.—Last May we started building a new house of worship, and on September 19 we had our dedicatory service with E. B. Crump as speaker. The approximate cost of the building is \$50,000, but our indebtedness is less than \$20,000. During the construction we were able to raise enough cash each week to meet the payroll expenses. Never before had the church witnessed such a spirit of co-operation.

We now have an average Sunday School attendance of 200, and the new building has a seating capacity of 400. I am concluding my tenth year as pastor of the church.—N. K. Bigham, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

COVINA, CALIF.—After five months of construction we dedicated our new \$60,000 educational unit on December 19, 1954. Because of donated labor, the cost of erection was less than half the estimated value.

This new unit provides room for 23 additional classes, a Sunday School office, a prayer room, and a Christ Ambassador's chapel. The C. A. chapel has a capacity of 200 when the overflow room is used.

Our Sunday School is now running more than 400 in attendance. With the new building, we now have facilities for 800. The 500 seats in the main auditorium are usually filled for the regular services. God moved upon our people, and they gave \$8,000 to missions in 1954. There is a spirit of revival in our midst, and sinners are finding God at nearly every service.—Oliver Swain, Assistant Pastor. (J. B. Lindsey is Pastor.)

REEDLEY, CALIF.—We are indeed grateful to God for what He has enabled us to do here in Reedley. Our new building was formerly an elementary school, purchased for \$15,100. The congregation spent another \$25,000 to remodel and redecorate it inside and out. Now we have a fine plant valued by insurance companies at \$250,000. We have 18,500 square feet of floor space, including 20 Sunday School rooms, C. A. chapel, and other halls besides the main auditorium which seats 550. We feel that the Lord has been very good to us.

We now have about 300 in Sunday School. The spiritual tide is high and the church is growing. We have a weekly half-hour broadcast.

Evangelist Maurice Lamb, G. O. Baker, and Ralph Wilkerson have contributed much in recent months to the revival fires that are now burning in our church.—G. P. Brown, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle.

GLENDIVE, MONT.—We have been rejoicing over the blessing and goodness of the Lord in our midst. Since we came here we have witnessed souls coming to the Lord right along.

In November, we had special meetings with the Musical Hilds. Evangelist Paul Hild certainly preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many young people were saved or reclaimed. A number of Roman Catholics found the Lord. A young Catholic couple was saved, and the next Sunday they brought all four of their children to be dedicated to the Lord. The Lord also healed one of their children who was to have had an operation for a certain disorder.

During the meeting we broke our Sunday School record with 140 present. On December 26 we had 139 present. People are being converted in our regular services. We have started a radio broadcast each Sunday on the local station. We humbly thank God for His hand of blessing upon us.

We would be glad to receive the names and addresses of people who have moved to this area from other parts of the country. We will try to call on all whose names we receive.—Dean Rohner, Pastor.

CROSBY, N. DAK.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist William Borrows of Rugby, N. Dak. We were inspired by the Spirit-anointed preaching of the Word, and we were thrilled to see the fire of the Holy Ghost fall in the old-fashioned way. Many have testified to definite bodily healing. A healthy spiritual atmosphere prevails in our Assembly, and the revival spirit continues.—John Andresen, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it.

FORT ERIE, ONT., CANADA—Bethel Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 8—; Evangelist Johnnie Barnes, Fort Worth, Tex. (M. P. Horban is Pastor.)

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 20—Apr. 3 or longer; Evangelist Paul W. Harrington, Albuquerque, N. Mex.—by F. D. Davis, Pastor.

HOUTZDALE, PA.—Parsonville Assembly of God, Mar. 4—13; Evangelist and Mrs. A. Alan Alaimo, Brooklyn, N. Y.—by David L. Hardt, Pastor.

MOOSIC, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Mar. 16—20; Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Vinyard, Overland Park, Kans.—by Helen and Chester Jenkins, Pastors.

TILLSONBURG, ONT., CANADA—Bethel Pentecostal Assembly, Mar. 15—; Sherratt-Mayfield Evangelistic Party, Oakland, Calif. (J. H. Hazlett is Pastor.)

CHEYENNE, WYO.—Full Gospel Assembly, Feb. 27—Mar. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. Wendell Reed, Denver, Colo.—by George D. Alber, Pastor.

PLYMOUTH, MICH.—Assembly of God, Mar. 6—20; Evangelists Lyman and Helen Jollay, Flint, Mich. (John Walaskay is Pastor.)

HOLLISTER, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 8—20; adult and children's revival with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (James Merwin is Pastor.)

VALLEJO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 15—; Evangelist Charles C. Robison.—by Keetah Jones, Pastor.

LUDINGTON, MICH.—Assembly of God, 302 N. Rowe St., Mar. 1—13; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry D. Rose, Harrison, Mich.—by M. C. Hilton, Pastor.

CANTON, OHIO—Waco Full Gospel Assembly of God, Mar. 6—20; Missionary and Youth Revival with Evangelist Elsie Bolton.—by C. E. Dewlen, Pastor.

NORTHCENTRAL REGIONAL Sunday School Convention, Municipal Auditorium, Omaha, Nebraska, beginning Tuesday night, March 15, and ending Thursday night, March 17.

N.A.E. CONVENTION—Annual Convention, National Association of Evangelicals, at Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Ill., April 19-22. For information write George L. Ford, N.A.E. Headquarters, 108 N. Main St., Wheaton, Ill.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—United Evangelism Rally, March 8—13, at First Assembly of God, 3100 East 31st St., Evangelists Gayle Jackson, Warren Litzman, and Raymond Richey. Various Assemblies co-operating. (A. A. Wilson, host pastor, in charge.)

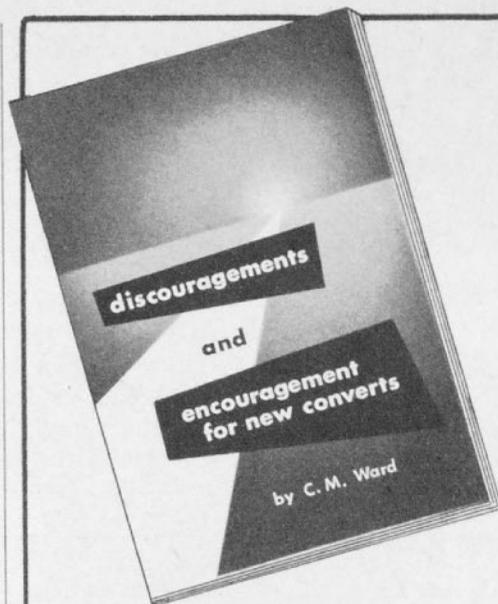
WALTON, N. Y.—Assembly of God, Mar. 6—27; Evangelist Levi L. Storms. (Philip Crandall is Pastor.)

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Bethel Temple, 1000 S. Presa, Mar. 6—20; Evangelists Stephen and Mrs. Vandermerwe and Betty of South Africa.—by Leonard L. Norville, Pastor.

CLEWISTON, FLA.—First Assembly of God, Feb. 20—; Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight. Children's revival in the new children's church. (Richard Beavers is Pastor.)

DALY CITY, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Evergreen and Hanover, Feb. 27—Mar. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. Kenneth Roper, Richmond, Calif.—by W. P. Rutledge, Pastor.

LEWISTON, IDAHO—First Assembly of God, Mar. 13—20; Evangelist Velmer J. Gardner, Springfield, Mo. Prayer for the sick.—by Norman L. Gardner, Pastor.



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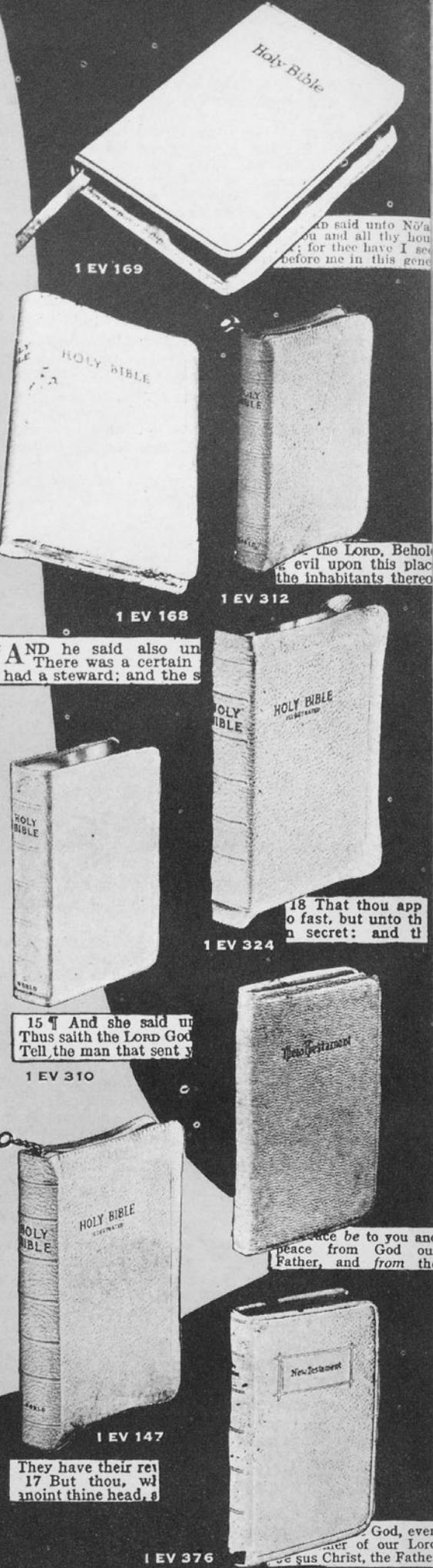
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DE QUEEN, ARK.—Assembly of God, Mar. 1—; Evangelists Joe and Betty Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo.—by O. L. Bost, Pastor.

ATLANTA, GA.—Faith Memorial Church, 163 Ponce de Leon Ave N. E., Mar. 13—27; Evangelist R. S. Peterson, Miami, Fla. (Ralph Byrd is Pastor.)

VERTON, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 6—; Evangelist Elvin Samford, Houston, Tex.—by O. E. Tidewell, Pastor.

COLTON, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 6—20; Evangelist and Mrs. C. J. Brown, Riverside, Calif. (George C. Klassen is Pastor.)

GREGGTON, TEX.—Feb. 23—; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (N. W. Brooks is Pastor.)

LITTLEFIELD, TEX.—Assembly of God, Mar. 15—Apr. 1; Evangelist Erling Saxelid, Ceres, Calif. (J. W. Newton is Pastor.)

WESTERVILLE, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Feb. 27—Mar. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (Wayne Allen is Pastor.)

NEWPORT, OREG.—Assembly of God, Mar. 8—; Evangelist and Mrs. Oran Duncan, Delta, Colo.—by Russell R. Emerson, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Trinity Tabernacle, Mar. 8—27; Evangelist Al Silvera, Fresno, Calif. (Fred Lohmann is Pastor.)

FILLMORE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 6—20 or longer; Evangelist Floyd McWhinney, San Diego, Calif.—by Neville E. Carlson, Pastor.

HERLONG, CALIF.—Mar. 15—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (B. H. Givens is Pastor.)

BELLEVEUE, OHIO—Assembly of God, Mar. 6—; Grafner-White Party, Bowling Green, Ohio.—by Paul C. Taylor, Pastor.

PORT ALBERNI, B. C., CANADA—Elim Chapel, Mar. 6—11; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (J. J. Beitel is Pastor.)

LAUREL, MD.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 225 Ninth St., Mar. 6—20; Evangelist James A. West, La Porte, Ind.—by William C. Jones, Pastor.

CAMERON, MO.—Mar. 8—; Evangelist A. L. Todd, Joplin, Mo. (S. A. Sanders is Pastor.)

DALLAS, TEX.—Grace Assembly of God, 2421 Exeter St., Mar. 6—20; Evangelist and Mrs. W. L. Stephens, Sutherlin, Oreg.—by Fred Davis, Pastor.

McGREGOR, TEX.—Mar. 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. Loyd H. Evans, San Antonio, Tex. (Robert L. Whitworth is Pastor.)

FARMERSVILLE, TEX.—Assembly of God, Mar. 13—; Evangelist Quentin D. Edwards, Garland, Tex. (James Pruitt is Pastor.)

HARVARD, ILL.—Assembly of God, Mar. 2—13; Evangelist Joel and Esther Palmer. (C. R. Liddle is Pastor.)

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—57th St. Assembly of God, Mar. 13—; Evangelist Bartley Lasater, Whittier, Calif.—by E. R. Bucher, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Calvary Tabernacle, 2715 W. North Ave., Mar. 22—Apr. 10; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle.—by Loren D. Doss, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Fremont Tabernacle, 753 N. 35th St., homecoming services, Mar. 3—6. Henry H. Ness, formerly Chairman of Washington State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, begins meeting Mar. 6.—by Milton Barfoot, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—We have started a new church in Pleasanton, Tex. known as the First Assembly of God. If you have friends in this area, please send us their names and addresses.—Clarence G. Collins, Pastor, Pleasanton, Tex.

NOTICE—We have purchased a former Plymouth Brethren Church in Lombard, Ill., and we began services there Feb. 13. If you have friends in Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Lombard, Villa Park, Elmhurst, or West Chicago, please send us their names and addresses and we will contact them.—Eugene R. Huff, Box 183, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

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Bells All Given Away

The Pennsylvania Railroad has exhausted its supply of steam locomotive bells. In the past three years the railroad has given away several hundreds of the big bells as it decommissioned old locomotives at its Altoona, Pa. roundhouse. Many of the bells went to churches.

The North Pole Route

Israel now has a direct air link with the United States over the North Pole. On November 15 the Scandinavian S. A. S. Airlines initiated polar flights from Copenhagen to Los Angeles. There is already a direct air link between Israel and Copenhagen. The S. A. S. planes leave twice a week in either direction. The flying time from Israel to Los Angeles is 41 hours.

"In God We Trust"

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives to require that the motto, "In God We Trust," be imprinted on all U. S. currency. The motto has appeared on most American coins since 1864, and last year it was placed on three-cent and eight-cent postage stamps, but it has never appeared on the nation's paper money. We wish the motto were true of all Americans. Some, we fear, would have to confess, "In Gold We Trust."

NBC to Feature Evangelicals

The National Broadcasting Company will feature the National Association of Evangelicals in its "Faith in Action" series, according to an announcement by Thomas F. Zimmerman, Chairman of the N. A. E. Radio Commission. The speaker will be Dr. Theodore Elsner of Philadelphia. Dr. Elsner has selected the following topics:

- March 6—Strength for Supplication
- March 13—Strength for Suffering
- March 20—Strength for Sorrow
- March 27—Strength for Storms

The program is released on the NBC Network on Sundays from 9:30 to 9:45 p.m., Eastern Standard time. (Consult local papers for any departure from this schedule.)

Liquor for Servicemen

It appears that the U. S. Army is in the liquor business. Army headquarters in Europe have released the report that \$5,600,000 in profits from the selling of liquor to American servicemen in Europe have been deposited in the armed forces welfare fund.

The release from European headquarters also stated that "the U. S. serviceman in Europe buys an average of one bottle of hard liquor in a month."

Liquor is sold to the American troops in Europe through the U.S.A. Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers' Club. The Army defends its action in selling liquor to the troops by claiming that it is necessary to prevent American GI's from using "bootleg liquor."

Department of Peace Requested

America has a department for war—why not a department for peace? So reasons Representative Harley O. Staggers, West Virginia Democrat, who has reintroduced his bill to create a Department of Peace.

Under his plan, the Department would be headed by a Secretary of Peace who would seek to promote a better understanding of other peoples of the world, and would assist colleges, churches, and other organizations to formulate educational programs dealing with international co-operation and the problems of peace.

"Pray for Peace"

The House of Representatives is considering a bill which would authorize the Post Office to include the words, "Pray for Peace," in the cancellation mark on all U. S. mail.

Cold Churches in East Germany

Churches in Halle, Germany, have been cold this winter. The Government told them they would get only 30 tons of soft cold to heat rooms for the religious instruction of children, compared with 175 tons a year ago. As in 1953-54, there was to be no coal at all to heat churches for the Sunday services.

Holiday on Good Friday?

A bill to declare Good Friday a national legal holiday has been introduced in the House of Representatives by William A. Barrett, Pennsylvania Democrat. The objective presumably is to encourage the people to attend church that day, but if Good Friday is made a national holiday it will only provide another long week-end for most Americans.

Young People to Study Acts

The youth department of the Assemblies of God will launch a nation-wide reading of the Book of Acts on April 24, National C. A. Day. Through co-operation of the American Bible Society, a special edition of the Book of Acts has been prepared and some 50,000 copies will be given out to the C.A.'s.

Dick Fulmer, National C. A. Secretary, says that the Bible study project is a continuation of the One-Eight Crusade, a witnessing program started a year ago. More than four million One-Eight gospel tracts have been distributed by the young people during the Crusade, which gets its name from Acts 1:8—"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me..."

Nation's "Windiest Preacher"

A minister at Richland, Wash. preached 48 hours without stopping last month in a publicity stunt that probably earned for him the uncomplimentary title of the nation's "Windiest Preacher." He must have had a hard time staying on one subject!

Light failures and a dust storm dogged the man but he kept on talking. A friend stood by the pulpit and gave him an electric shave midway through the "sermon." Some people came to listen. Eight people were on hand when he concluded his long oration.

The preaching marathon was aimed at "getting folk interested in religion." It is questionable whether 48-hour sermons would succeed in interesting very many.

Upsurge in Major Crimes

The number of serious crimes committed in the United States in 1954 was greater than in any previous year, according to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI. "The upsurge in major crimes began in 1945 and has increased annually through 1954," he reported.

Some of the newspaper accounts of sordid crimes are not pleasant to read, and decent people wish the newspapers would publish something more edifying; but a carefully measured dose of the crime news might serve to shock us out of our complacency and drive us first to our knees and then to the lost who need to be rescued from the clutches of the devil.