

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

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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Steeple to Be Rebuilt

The campaign for \$150,000 to restore the steeple of Boston's historic Old North Church, toppled over last August by Hurricane Carol, has been completed. Dedication services will be held April 19, anniversary of the midnight ride of Paul Revere who reportedly used the church steeple to warn of the enemy's approach.

Gideon Bible Effort Opposed

John A. O'Donnell has filed a petition in Carroll County Circuit Court at Westminster, Maryland, asking that the county school board be restrained from permitting the distribution of Gideon New Testaments to students. He charges that the Gideon Testaments are sectarian books, and that the U. S. Constitution is violated when they are distributed in public schools.

Mr. O'Donnell is a Roman Catholic lawyer. He and his wife reside at Louisville, Maryland. They have no children.

Growth of the Churches

The National Council of Churches has just released some interesting statistics on general church growth in the United States. The report says that "from 1929 to 1952, inclusive, eighteen large Protestant bodies reported a gain in total membership of 42.7 per cent." Some bodies, of course, gained much more than that. The Southern Baptists during this twenty-four year period more than doubled, registering a gain of 102.5 per cent. The Assemblies of God, a smaller group, more than tripled, registering a membership gain of 246 per cent in the twenty-two year period ending in 1951.

Amish Urged to Obey Laws

A Mennonite Bishop has called upon members of Amish communities throughout the United States to obey compulsory school laws and to comply with draft regulations.

"We are sorry to hear of so many Amish people in the news lately, especially when such news is about conflict with the law," said Bishop Jacob J. Hersberger. "Why should anyone refuse to buy license plates for a buggy in those states where it is required? What law of conscience or religion is here violated? We buy hunting, fishing, and marriage licenses, do we not?"

"Why should we not co-operate with draft laws, especially where provision is made for the conscientious objector to war?"

"Why should there be so many arrests for refusing to send our children to school, especially when the laws of our nation grant us the right to have our own schools, hire our own teachers, even teach that which is of our own choosing?"

"We should thank God for a nation that still respects the conscience of a minority," the Bishop declared.

He urged the Amish to change their attitude and co-operate with law officers. "Christian people should be known as law-abiding people," he pointed out.

Evangelist Arrested in Argentina

Evangelist Tommy Hicks has been released after two weeks of confinement at a hotel in Buenos Aires. The evangelist opened a campaign in January at the Atlanta Stadium in Buenos Aires, the same place where he had his record-breaking revival meeting last May. After about a week of meetings the crowds were numbering from five to eight thousand. Then one of the Ministers of Government ordered the meetings closed down. The evangelist was held in hotel arrest by the Argentine police for two weeks. He was released on February 4 and forbidden to hold further meetings.

No official reason for the action has been given. It is supposed that the current friction between the Argentine Government and the Roman Catholic Church is responsible for the decision to forbid all mass meetings until election time.

Confessed Thief Makes Restitution

Someone who stole from a certain store in Jackson, Mississippi, a number of years ago made restitution recently by sending \$990.00 to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association with a pencilled note asking the group to relay the money to its rightful owners. Evidently the gospel has reached the heart of the thief and he has repented of his sin. He has "brought forth fruit meet for repentance." We hope he has sought God for forgiveness and has accepted Christ as his personal Saviour.

Restitution is a good thing. It settles the thief's debt toward the one from whom he stole. However, it does not settle his debt toward God. Each time a man sins against a fellow-man he also sins against God; and only divine grace, appropriated by the sinner on the basis of the redemption purchased by Christ on the Cross, will cancel his debt toward God and save him from sin's inescapable penalty.

Tragic Death of a Hero

One of the six men in the famous picture of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima was Marine Pfc. Ira Hayes, an American Indian. He and the two others in the picture who survived the battle were treated as heroes, and the scene has become immortal, but Hayes did not fare very well after the war.

An uneducated Pima Indian from southern Arizona, he became an alcoholic. In spite of the efforts of friends and welfare groups to help him, he was arrested fifty-one times for drunkenness.

A few weeks ago, at the age of 32, Hayes died of drunkenness and exposure. What the bullets of the battle did not accomplish, the bottle did. A sad ending for a national hero—and another stark warning to any who may be tempted to drink.

A Plea for Child Discipline

Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, addressing a convention of Presbyterian laymen at Sacramento, Calif. last month, pleaded for proper discipline and training of children in the home.

"Discipline is being turned over to the school teacher, the policeman, and group leaders when, actually, the primary responsibility for discipline belongs in the home," he said. "It is easier to let children have their way," he added, "but physical punishment is sometimes a wholesome thing."

The Judge went on to point out that every child needs "friendship, adventure and wholesome training." He said that "parents must provide these things because every child has the potential to travel down the wrong road."

Fired for "Teaching Atheism"

A science teacher in a Junior High School in Springfield, Mo. was charged with "teaching atheism" last month and was dismissed.

The charge arose from an incident in an eighth-grade class. The question of religion came up and one of the pupils asked the teacher whether he believed in God. The teacher reportedly answered, "Frankly, I don't."

The teacher later told his students that if they were interested in discussing the subject he would do so after school. Authorities said that about 25 youngsters turned up for the discussion after school, and the teacher openly restated his disbelief, allegedly saying that he didn't believe in "God, heaven, or hell."

The pupils told their parents, and thereupon the Superintendent of Schools was bombarded with letters and telephone calls in complaint. After consulting with the local Board of Education he promptly dismissed the atheistic teacher.

"There isn't any place for atheists or agnostics in the public school system," the Superintendent declared.

Life Begins at 47!

Dr. J. A. Lovell of Fort Worth, Texas
Tells How a New Life Began For Him When He Was
Baptized With the Holy Spirit

IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO BE IN the ministry nearly thirty years, serving the Lord as faithfully as I knew how. During this time, having held several pastorates in Texas, California, and Florida, having traveled over one million and a half miles, and now editing one monthly and two weekly publications, being engaged in broadcasting and many other phases of Christian work, and pastoring the First Covenant Church in Dallas, I can truly testify that the Lord has been good to me. He has led me along the way, protecting and blessing me wonderfully.



J. A. Lovell

Yet, I can honestly say that the thing I am about to relate—that is, the experience I had last year—has brought more peace, happiness, power and blessings than any other experience I have had in my spiritual life.

During my entire ministry, despite the blessings I have had and the wonderful way in which God has blessed my work, I have often felt that there was something which some others had which I did not have. I always passed off the feeling by simply thinking that perhaps I was mistaken, that everything was all right, that I had all that God had to offer. It wasn't until recently that I became deeply concerned about a lack in my life and ministry—a lack of power, an emptiness that should certainly be filled before I could be the minister I wanted to be in shepherding the sheep the Lord has placed under my care.

It took some heartbreaking experiences, loss of appetite, inability to sleep, and many other trials to cause me to finally stop and begin seriously to inquire what was wrong in my life and ministry, and to remedy the situation, if possible. In fact, the condition finally became so acute that I lost nearly ten pounds over a three-week period. I became depressed, discouraged, and weary, not knowing exactly what I was seeking after, not knowing exactly what was wrong, but knowing, at least, that something was sorely needed in my life and ministry.

I finally, in utter desperation, asked the Lord for some signs, some evidences, some concrete happenings which would show me what was wrong, what I needed, and what steps I should take. One night after I had retired, a Baptist lady, who was a member of my congregation in Abilene, Texas, many years ago, called me on the phone. She awakened me out of a sound sleep to tell me that I had been put on her heart and she was praying that I would receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I believe she was a messenger of God. I began to consider that perhaps this was the thing that I should seek after in trying to solve my problem.

In the office two or three days later I asked the Lord to give me a verse of Scripture, and as I opened the Bible my eyes fell on this verse: "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." That was the second sign I received. They were both definite leads that the Lord wanted me to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit, a gift which He had freely offered, not only to me, but to all others who would qualify, who would humble themselves, cast aside their prejudices and pride, and yield themselves fully to God.

Another sign came—a letter from one of my good friends and contributors, telling me that she was sorry she had written me a letter saying that she didn't believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit. She told of her pastor, a Baptist minister, receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. She said that she too had received this precious gift, and she now believed that it was a blessing every child of God should seek and receive.

Later I received word that several of my other friends (including Baptists, Presbyterians, and Methodists, some of whom were ministers, others teachers) had begun to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a solution to their spiritual problems.

I decided these were all the "signs" I needed. I knew it was the baptism of the Holy Spirit I should seek after. I felt the need of humbling myself, putting aside any misunderstanding, surrendering myself completely to the Lord, and giving up anything and everything that might keep me from receiving this precious gift of the Holy Spirit. This I did,



preparing my heart and mind for nearly two weeks, sleeping and eating very little, praying and meditating much.

Finally, one night I visited the Hemphill Heights Assembly of God in Fort Worth, Texas (E. R. Anderson, Pastor). I went for the purpose of going to the altar and seeking the blessing of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Upon entering the building, I noticed a smell of fresh paint, which was quite strong. Having been allergic to it, such smell making me sick quickly, I thought I would enjoy the song service and then leave. A friend began to pray that I would be blessed, and that I would not be affected by the paint. I can honestly say the paint did not bother me that night, and it didn't bother me afterwards. (My own church has been painted also, and for three Sundays I have had to endure the strong smell of paint, yet it still hasn't bothered me—a miracle from God!)

Evangelist Paul McGeachie delivered an earnest, Spirit-filled message from the Word of God, and then invited people to come to the altar who wanted to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I immediately went to the front, and there I knelt, humbly, at the old-fashioned altar. I began to ask the Lord to keep His promise. Having already made the preparation necessary, I asked Him to fill me with His Holy Spirit, to give me the gift that He has offered so freely to anyone who would qualify. Tender, understanding, sympathetic altar workers suggested that I lift my hands toward Heaven, and simply begin to praise the Lord for the gift He was going to give me that night. That I did, and after a few moments the blessing came. Having yielded myself completely to the Holy Spirit, and having put out of my life everything that would hinder, I received

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How to Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Arthur H. Graves

THE BIBLE HAS A GOOD DEAL TO SAY about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, but it says very little as to how we may receive the experience.

The reason, I believe, is twofold. First, the Bible presents the Baptism primarily from the standpoint of the Giver, rather than from the standpoint of the receiver. Second, the Baptism is received by the same process as all the other blessings God has promised.

However, while we are told very little of what the disciples were instructed to do to receive the Baptism, we do read something about what they did before they received and when they received. So let us watch them as we follow the record.

BY TARRYING

Jesus told the disciples to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high, and He told them to wait for the Promise of the Father. This is the only time this word "wait" is used in the New Testament, but there is a good deal said about "tarrying."

The word "tarry" literally means to "sit down"—not simply to remain there for a time, but to remain there for a purpose. The same word is used about fishermen who drew their nets to land and "sat down" to sort out the fish. It is the word the eunuch used when he asked Philip to come up and sit with him in the chariot—not for the ride but to explain the prophecy he had been reading.

We are told that Paul "sat down" or, as it is translated, continued in Corinth a year and six months, teaching the Word of God. The same word is used in Hebrews when we are told we have an High Priest who is set on the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens. It is used of the time when Christ shall sit upon the throne of His glory to act as Judge. And our last illustration concerns the Antichrist as he shall sit in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

So we see, from the use of the word, that when Jesus told the disciples to tarry He did not mean they were simply to wait in idleness. They were to sit

down to do something. They were to remain in Jerusalem for a purpose.

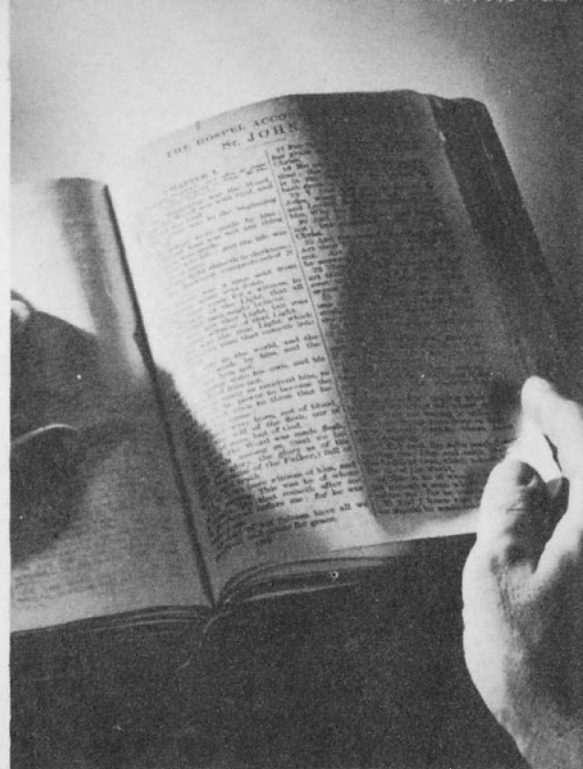
BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION

We read that the disciples "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." This combination of prayer and supplication is worth studying. Supplication is prayer growing out of a desperate need—it is literally begging. It is the kind of prayer that is earnest enough to go with fasting.

Supplication is the prayer of one whose only hope depends on the answer. So Paul wrote Timothy about a widow who was desolate, who trusted in God and continued in supplications and prayers day and night. She had to, for God was the only one to whom she could look for support. The elderly Anna, who came into the temple to see the baby Jesus, is described like this. She was a widow who departed not from the temple but served God with fastings and this kind of prayer night and day.

The kind of praying the disciples did while they tarried was earnest enough to be described by the same word that is used of Jesus who, "in the days of His flesh, offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears." The disciples prayed as earnestly as the demon did when he pleaded with Jesus not to send him to the pit, but cried, "I beseech Thee, torment me not!" This was the kind of prayer James said "avail^{eth} much." This was the kind of pleading Sim^{on} did when he begged Peter and John to pray for him that the curse might not come upon him.

What did the disciples do to receive the Baptism? They prayed and continued in the most earnest kind of prayer the Bible speaks of. They remembered that Jesus had told them the Baptism would be given in answer to prayer—"How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" This is interesting, for they had been assured by Jesus Himself that they would receive, and that it would happen within a few days. But they knew that God's promises are not self-executing. That is, God's promises are not fulfilled except for those who are ready to receive the answer. They "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication."



BY LOOKING TO GOD

The work of baptizing believers in the Spirit is God's work. Therefore the seeker should get in the spiritual condition which makes him ready to receive the Baptism. The Word does not emphasize how we should receive—but how God will give. "He will pour out. . . He will baptize. . . He will send. . . He will give."

There is a very good reason why the Bible presents the Baptism from the standpoint of the Giver instead of from the standpoint of the receiver. It is to keep our earnestness from becoming centered in ourselves and to keep it directed toward the God who promised. Earnestness will not help unless it is properly directed. The father of the afflicted boy "besought" the disciples for the healing of his child and did not get it. Then he turned and besought (same word) Jesus, and the boy was healed. This word "besought" is the same word translated "supplicate." Some people get very discouraged because they do not receive the Baptism, and the reason they do not receive is that they are centered on themselves. God wants us to take our eyes off ourselves and fix them upon Him. That is why the Bible emphasizes God's side of the Baptism instead of ours. We must look to the Giver. The prophets of Baal were certainly as desperately in earnest as Elijah—but Elijah's earnestness was focused upon God, and the fire came.

BY REPENTING

When Peter gave instructions to the converts on the Day of Pentecost, he said, "Repent . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." On several occasions in the Book of Acts, all the believers present were baptized in the Spirit at the same time. This was not

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so at Samaria when Simon did not receive through the prayers of Peter and John. The reason, God revealed to Peter, was that Simon's heart was not right. When Peter was preaching to Cornelius' household the Holy Spirit interrupted him, but timed the interruption so that Peter got to the truth of repentance and remission of sins through Christ before the Spirit was poured out.

BY BELIEVING

Just as the Baptism in the Spirit comes as an answer to prayer, on the foundation of repentance and consecration, so also faith must be exercised in receiving.

When Jesus spoke of the Spirit as rivers of living water, John said they would be received by those "that believe on Him." Paul reminded the Galatians that they received the Spirit "by the hearing of faith." And speaking of the blessing of Abraham coming on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, Paul said it came that "we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Faith is a necessary part of receiving anything from God. James writes about the double-minded man who is not to think that he shall receive anything from the Lord, and he uses the same word "receive" that is used of receiving the Spirit. The condition of double-mindedness would make it impossible for him to receive the Baptism or anything else.

BY TAKING

In the last chapter of Revelation where "the Spirit and the bride say, Come," we read—"and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." This word "take" is the same word that is translated "receive" in the references to receiving the Spirit. It speaks to us of reaching out and taking a gift that is extended. God gives the Spirit but we must take the Gift from the Giver. This is the way we receive anything from God. John used the word in speaking of Christ and saying that "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Peter used the word when he said that whosoever believeth in Christ shall receive remission of sins. Paul used the same word when he said, "We joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

If you know how to receive Christ—if you know how to receive remission of sins—if you know how to receive the atonement—if you know how to take the water of life—then you know how to receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

The Baptism comes in answer to prayer—not only the seeker's prayer but also the prayer of other believers. Thus the church at Jerusalem sent Peter and John to Samaria, who, when they were come to that place, prayed for the people that they might receive the Holy Ghost. Then

laid they their hands on them and they received the Holy Ghost.

The word "receive" which is used of our receiving the Baptism is an active word as well as a passive one. Jesus used

it when He said, "He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me." May God help every believer to "take" the Holy Spirit in all His fullness."

WHAT MEANETH THIS?

T. J. Jones

PENTECOST IS A DISTURBING FACTOR. It causes perplexity among those who are unfamiliar with the workings of the Holy Spirit. The people in Jerusalem could not understand that first outpouring of the Spirit, either. These devout men were faced with a strange, new movement which had begun among the despised Galileans; bewildered, they asked, "What meaneth this?" Strange scenes and sounds confronted them. Here were one hundred twenty people speaking in languages they had never learned, praising God in tongues strange to themselves, staggering under the mighty unction of God. "What meaneth this?"

The same question is being asked today. Bible students and devout people are perplexed at this. They see the effects of the outpoured Spirit—extraordinary occurrences and mighty happenings—but they can only speculate as to their significance.

Thank God, we know what this is, for Peter tells us. He gave the people a scriptural answer (v. 16) by quoting the prophetic promise concerning this. Unlearned and unschooled though he may be, yet he can give them the answer. First, he tells them what this is not. This is not drunkenness, nor babblings of fanaticism, nor the power of Beelzebub. It is not even linguistic ability, for they didn't preach in tongues. Peter did the preaching in his own vernacular. The others spoke the praises of God in other languages in short, weighty sentences.

After telling what this is not, Peter tells what it is. This is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as predicted by the prophet Joel. It is the promise of the Father, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is "an operation of the Holy Spirit distinct from, and subsequent and additional to, His regenerating work"—to use Torrey's definition; and we would add—"signalized by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance."

Who is this blessing for? It is for "all flesh," which is the Bible way of saying "everybody." Servants, handmaidens, sons, and daughters may receive the Holy Spirit.

When is this to happen? The promised

blessing is for the last days, the days immediately preceding the great and terrible day of the Lord. Before the sun turns black and the moon turns to blood, we must have this unparalleled visitation of God's Spirit. Visions, dreams, prophecy, miracles, and inspired utterances are the results of the Spirit's descent.

Who is the sender of this, and from whence did this come? The risen, exalted Jesus has sent the Holy Spirit. Enthroned at God's right hand, "he hath shed forth this" (v. 33). The man who prophesied of this outpouring is dead, but Jesus is alive. The Holy Spirit came from the risen Saviour. Jesus is responsible for the "Tongues Movement."

It is wonderful to be Pentecostal. It is something one can see, hear, and feel. Some are mockers; many are doubters; others are hesitators; spectators and speculators are common—but it is better to be a participator. If this of today is that of yesterday, then we want this.

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The Firstfruits of the Spirit in Obuda Area, West Africa

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A SHORT TIME AGO ONE OF THE OLD women of the village of Ohong, where John Ashang is pastor, came to the native church to pray. She is the wife of the chief of the village.

This woman had heard the gospel and had believed on Jesus. Now her heart was hungry for God, and as she prayed the mighty power of God began to move upon her. With fear she jumped to her feet and ran from the church to her farm. What was this strange, yet wonderful thing that had happened to her?

A few days later she again came to the church to pray, and once more the power of God began to move upon her. She realized that this was God, and gave herself over to anointed prayer and praise and great laughter in the Holy Spirit. Suddenly she broke forth speaking in the English language. She had not learned this language and she had not been to school. How could such a thing be?

Many from the village came rushing to see what was happening; some were filled with fear, while others said she was crazy. Her husband endeavored to restrain her, but to no avail. A number of the villagers who had rushed in to see what was happening understood English and witnessed to the fact that she was speaking in the English language, a tongue strange to her.

One Saturday evening, during the prayer meeting at Alege, where Elias Ugbong is pastor, God again manifested Himself. After the preaching was ended the people were called to prayer. This prayer meeting was to be different from all the others. People prayed in earnest; there was new power in their prayers and the anointing of the Spirit could be felt hovering over the church like a cloud. Suddenly the Holy Ghost fell in mighty power. Four of the young men were filled with the Holy Ghost and began speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Among the many who spoke in other tongues was a lad about fourteen years of age. He, not knowing one word of the missionary's language, began praising and magnifying God in English.

Several of those who were filled with the Holy Spirit jumped to their feet and went out and began to preach to those who were surrounding the church. With

the glory and light of God upon their faces they preached repentance, the great conviction gripped the hearts of the people. Others, hearing of what had taken place, later bewailed the fact that they had not been present. One man who had been in his house drinking palm wine was regretting deeply that he had been doing so and said to the pastor, "You see now what I have missed and what wine drinking has cost me."

We believe that these two local outpourings are but pledges of greater blessings in the near future. These national pastors and people are the first to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit in this new area.

FROM MARIJUANA TO CHRIST

R. D. Morelock Describes
a Mexican's Conversion

ABOUT THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS AGO IN A small village in the state of Veracruz, Mexico, Jose Padron was born. As he grew into childhood and young manhood he got in with the wrong crowd, thus learning all manner of vice. As his sinful state worsened, he began to make use of the dreaded marijuana drug. This would give him a lift and make him forget his troubles for a time.

He began to realize the hold this monster had upon him and decided to join the army, thinking perhaps the military discipline would help him. But it was the same story in the military life; in fact, he grew steadily worse. He would fight with anyone who crossed his path; and he went from one jail to another. He knew how to wield his machete (a two-foot knife), and he butchered various people before he finally ended up in a military jail. The sergeant who took him into custody almost lost one of his hands by Padron's wicked machete.

One day, as Jose sat in his cell, he heard the door swing open and in came one of our Assembly of God workers with some special tracts for soldiers. He accepted one along with some of his

fellow prisoners, and began to read it. As he read for the first time of the pardon which Christ had purchased for him, something began to boil in his heart. He read the tract over and over, and finally knelt asking this Christ to have mercy upon him and save him from the judgment of hell.

All of a sudden he sprang to his feet, realizing the work had been done. Something had happened inside of him; he didn't exactly know what, but he felt so different. His life began to change. Instead of wanting to do evil, he felt the desire to help others and tell them what Christ had done for him. Soon he was out of jail, witnessing to everyone possible of the great Christ who had changed him. One of the first to whom he testified was the sergeant who almost lost his hand.

Soon Jose felt the desire to study God's Word and came to our Mexico City Bible School. When he saw how difficult the studies were, he wanted to quit. However, with the Lord's special help, he managed to get through his first year of Bible School. Then he went back to Veracruz and in a year's time raised up a thriving Assembly. Today, two years later, he is back in school, this time in our Matamoros Bible School. It was my privilege to be his teacher in Mexico City during his first year of studies. He is one of our best students and we trust that he may be used mightily and singularly for God after he graduates this coming April. Remember him and all the students in our Bible School. Pray that God may raise up many more workers in this eleventh hour!

MISSIONARY News Notes



Hazel A. Stigem arrived from India in February. Her present address is: Country Club Road, Middletown, Conn.

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A cable has been received from the Ragnar Udds telling of their safe arrival in Africa.

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Paul Pipkin and family sailed for Manila, Philippines, on February 11.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pipkin, Philippines

**"World Challenge"
Magazine to be
Sponsored Jointly**

In the interests of World Missions, the Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and W.M.C. Departments have agreed to sponsor jointly the publishing of the new *World Challenge* as their official monthly organ, beginning in April.

This decision signifies that the three sponsoring departments are joining their effort in a new united advance with the full gospel message. They believe without doubt that the publishing of the *World Challenge* shall have the whole-hearted interest of our people.

For some time the planning committee had discussed the necessity of producing a more representative magazine than the *Missionary Challenge*—one that might show action, progress, etc. It was decided to create the news style of format. Granted that world missions may allow plenty of scope for imagination and romance; yet, practically speaking, a missionary magazine should provoke more interest than that.

Missionaries are more like overseas news correspondents who not only have stories to tell, but plenty of news-wise information also. Therefore, the rather static style of the digest-size *Missionary Challenge* is to be replaced with a larger news-and-report style that should evoke



the aggressive action for missions that its title demands: *World Challenge*.

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PERSECUTION FORETOLD—Luke 21:12-24

“And it shall turn to you for a testimony” (v. 13).

The more complicated a court trial, the greater import is given to the testimony of reliable witnesses. The judge and jury make their decision on the basis of the testimony they hear. Similarly, the darker the hour the more important becomes our testimony. The listening world today determines eternal decisions concerning our Christ by the testimony we His followers bear.

Christ painted a dark picture of the trials that lay ahead for the disciples. It is under trial, testing, humiliation, misunderstanding that the Christian has opportunity to bear his brightest testimony. Like the perfume from the bruised rose, so the sweetness of His patience, His love, His grace emanates from God's dear child under pressure of suffering or persecution. How well Paul expresses this in his words, “In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, . . . as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.” What a glorious testimony Paul had under affliction! So we may have, through the enabling of the Holy Spirit, whatever lies ahead.

—ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER



Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, March 14

TEMPORAL AND ETERNAL VALUES—Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away” (v. 33).

Here is truth difficult for mortal mind to comprehend. We are so prone to accept as abiding and enduring those things we see and handle. Because of this, much labor and time is expended in getting material things which can bring only fleeting satisfaction. Jesus taught His followers the importance of centering their attention upon eternal things—values of an enduring nature. The early Christians “took joyfully the spoiling of your goods,” because they knew that in heaven they had “a better and an enduring substance.” The things we now cling to so tightly are destined to pass away.

In sharp contrast to this we are informed, “But my words shall not pass away.” There will never be a moment either in time or in eternity when mortal man will not be confronted with the words of the Lord. We must face God's Word in this life. We shall meet His Word at the judgment. Our eternal destiny is determined by our reaction to the enduring Word. Which will you choose—the temporal that shall perish with the using, or the eternal that shall abide forever?

—D. A. HASTIE

TUESDAY, March 15

TROUBLOUS TIMES FORETOLD—Luke 21:5-11

“As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down” (v. 6).

Christ was trying to do something far more important than prepare His disciples for His return to the earth. He was telling them that all earthly things are transient, that even the cherished temple would some day crumble and decay. And thus He was trying to wean His followers away from their material outlook, from their concern with an earthly king and kingdom, from their desire to sit on thrones and come into a place of personal prominence. In this task, Christ was only partly successful during His days on earth, for His disciples tenaciously clung to that mirage of a visible, material kingdom to be established in Judea.

May we this day lay up our treasures in heaven, May we live with eternity's values in view. Let us not concern ourselves with “stone”—houses, lands, clothing, creature comforts. May our vision transcend the barriers of time, so that we may prepare ourselves for eternity.

“Change and decay, in all around I see;
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!”

—MAYNARD L. KETCHAM

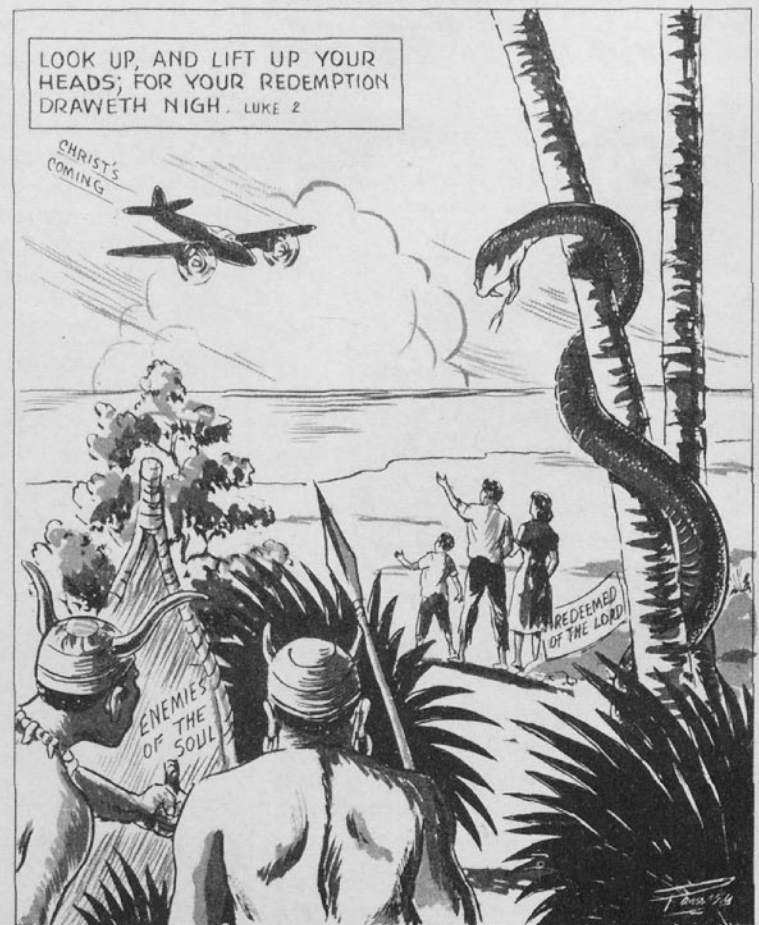
THURSDAY, March 17

WATCHFULNESS ENJOINED—1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief” (v. 4).

All the ungodly are in darkness, for they are ignorant of the ways of God. They do not heed the warning concerning

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Christ's coming; they go on their way as if Christ were never to appear. They are also in moral darkness. They have fled from the Light because it reveals their wicked deeds and makes them uncomfortable. But to the Christian all is bright, for he has learned to look up, and he sees the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, the unsaved are asleep (v. 6). Sleep is natural when night comes. Man is an earthbound creature and he conforms himself to this world. But God's people are not of this world; they are "children of light, and the children of the day," and they must not sleep.

Worst of all, the sinner is drunken (v. 7)—drunken with the love of pleasure, sin, and money. A drunken man cannot be relied upon to be a faithful watchman; he does not have the proper use of all his faculties. His vision is blurred; his walk is impaired; his judgment is lacking. The Christian must be sober, alert, always watchful. The things of this world must not take him in their awful snare. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come" (Matt. 24:42).

—GLEN D. ANDERSON

FRIDAY, March 18

DEPARTURE FROM FAITH—1 Timothy 4:1-6

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith" (v. 1)

The Bible is replete with this theme—"Jehovah God speaks." God is not an absentee landlord who has set in motion His creation and then turned His back on it. No, God is present with His people, and He speaks! How thankful Christians should be that ours is an articulate God! I have seen the heathen vainly plead, and go through all sorts of religious ritual, even the point of costly and painful sacrifice, only to run away with a heavy heart—their god remained in dumb silence.

Not only did the Father and the Son speak long ago, but also the Third Person of the Godhead speaks. Paul said, "Now the Spirit speaketh." He spoke on the Day of Pentecost; He spoke to call missionaries from the Early Church; and He speaks today.

Timothy is reminded that the Spirit will speak especially concerning the last days. How else can we know what is the mind of God for this hour, if we do not hear the Spirit's voice? The voices of men, nations, and all their institutions, are lost in confusion; but if we listen we can still hear the voice of the Spirit. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith..." (Rev. 2:11).

—J. PHILIP HOGAN

SATURDAY, March 19

OPPRESSION OF POOR FORETOLD—James 5:1-8

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (v. 8).

The times experienced by the Jewish Christians to whom James wrote called for endurance. There were many evil conditions over which they had no control. James exhorted them to be "patient." The Greek word means to suffer long, to patiently endure. They were to find strength in the promise of the Lord's return.

Few of us know what it means to be exposed to the tests of those early He-

brew Christians, and yet we grow impatient. Ofttimes we are tempted to feel that God has delayed help to which we are entitled. Restlessness, doubt, and murmurings inevitably come to those who try to move God along the time-tables of men. But soul rest comes to those who learn the rights of God to make His own schedule, and who accept His time as best.

This waiting period is not one of inactivity, but rather a continuation of well-doing until Jesus comes. "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).

—PAUL COPELAND

Sunday School lesson for March 20, 1955—"Jesus Talks of Future Events" (Luke 21:25-36).

360 Pioneer Churches Opened Last Year



Assemblies of God district home missions leaders reported a total of 360 churches pioneered during 1954. Last week we printed about half the list of these churches. Listed below are the remainder.

OHIO: (8) Bellaire, S. J. Rech; Columbus (Calvary Assembly), L. E. Loretz; Dayton (Northridge Assembly), J. H. Taylor; Gallipolis, J. Bogdue; Greensburg, Opal Selzer; Malvern, H. Kietffer; North Olmsted, P. M. Schurdell; Athens, E. Richardson.

OKLAHOMA: (10) Oklahoma City (Full Gospel Assembly) T. R. Collins, (Faith Chapel) T. J. Lemons, (Calvary Temple) J. B. Oaks, (Carter Park Assembly) H. Casper; Sapulpa (South Heights Assembly), E. R. Roberts; Sand Springs (Euclaw Creek Assembly), L. A. Wells, Wagoner, A. W. Thomason; Tulsa (Eastside Assembly), F. Clingings & M. Luper; Sapulpa (Taft Street Assembly), A. T. Logue; Coweta, C. F. Cates.

OREGON: (11) Bonanza, A. Allsup, Jr.; Boring, F. J. Huntley; Four Corners, E. E. Ralls; Sunset Beach, D. Bush; Lakeside, J. M. Robison; Alpine, L. D. Blatchley; Eugene (Evangelistic Tabernacle), J. Yates; Goshen, J. Dodson; Jasper, S. Davis; Winsten, R. Bicknell; Medford (Bethel Assembly), L. Krause.

POTOMAC: (5) Hopewell, Va.; Hyattsville, Md.; Newport News, Va.; Oyster, Va., J. B. Goggin; Staunton, Va.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN: (10) Hugo, Colo., D. Wheeler; Fort Collins, Colo. (Glad Tidings Tabernacle), V. H. Glendenning; Greeley, Colo. (Revival Tabernacle), P. McNeecce; Cedar City, Utah, N. Boss; Walsenber, Colo. (reopened), H. N. Suhl; Mancos, Colo., V. C. Brown; Moab, Utah, R. M. Fox; Montecello, Utah, A. Corasman; Vernal, Utah, E. F. Chopper; Lafayette, Colo., D. Wagner.

SOUTH DAKOTA: (4) Deadwood, R. Tilus; Hot Springs, G. Robinson; Platte, W. C. Rice; Scotland, E. Banning.

SOUTH FLORIDA: (21) Tampa (Orient Park Assembly) D. M. Mathis, (Nortside Assembly) D. E. Halbrook; Winter Garden (Southside Assembly), W. Cole; Winter Haven (Eastside Assembly), L. P. Prevatt; Orlando (Faith Community Church), C. A. McDaniels; Starke (First Assembly), H. E. Bullock; Marietta, Mary & Mable Turrony; Miami (Latin Christian Church of the Valley), J. V. Blanco; Naples, A. Jensen; Oneco Carl Bergen; Lake Placid, G. Sowell; Live Oak, A. L. Johnson; Lockhart, C. R. Shirley; Dundee (First Assembly), L. J. Boswell; Winter Haven (Southland Evangelistic Center), P. Bauldree; Hialeah (Bethel Assembly), L. P. Cutts; Braden-

ton (First Assembly), W. C. Miller; Clearwater (Everybody's Tabernacle), O. C. Green; Crystal River, Joseph Hardt; Miami (Christian Church of Miami), M. LaMonica; Jacksonville (Oakwood Villa Assembly), E. L. Brooks

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: (23) Rosamond, C. S. Holderman; San Bernardino (Bethel Temple), T. M. Ming, Sr.; Torrance (Evangel Temple), C. Stockdale; Los Angeles, H. Stemme; Long Beach (West Long Beach—Calvary Assembly), B. E. Tanner; Riverside (West Riverside Assembly), M. S. Thompson; Calwa, F. Schieman; Cantua Creek, E. Musick; Costa Mesa (Harbor Assembly), C. E. Thurmond; Daggett (Trinity Assembly), J. LaPram; Long Beach, Ira L. Heath; Los Angeles (Victory Tabernacle), E. Hunch; Pacoima, C. T. Ward; Placentia, J. B. Deckard; Lancaster (Quartz Hill Assembly), V. Duncan; Redondo Beach (North Assembly), W. O. Ziegler; Fresno, B. S. Parks; Earp (Indian Church), J. LaPram; Huntington Park (Bethel Assembly), T. E. May; Laguna Beach, L. A. Vandegriff; Riverside (Eighth Street Assembly), D. F. Ferguson; Compton, J. C. Sullivan; Los Angeles, A. C. Tilley.

SOUTHERN IDAHO: (2) Castleford, J. Little; Fruitland, R. P. King.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI: (26) Barnhart, E. J. Horridge; Kansas City (Drexel) W. Neal, (Bethany Assembly), O. Holloway; St. Louis (Grace Assembly), D. Roderman, (Hope Assembly) G. Jaco; Stoutland, L. Bailey; Harrisonville, L. Grimes; Climax Springs, G. Jones; Washington, R. O. Jefferies; Graniteville, C. Jones; Doe Run, Homer Smith; St. Genevieve, L. V. Orchard; Bloomfield, E. Beckett; Lutesville, A. Farmer; Brunot, M. E. Tuggle; Popular Bluff (Halloran Assembly), L. Hufford; Centerville, C. Stroder; Dawson, F. Richmond; Alton (Pennwood Community Church), R. C. Pickney; Elwood, A. G. Blackard; Reeds Spring, P. Michael; Rimby, L. Thompson; Springfield; (Eastland Assembly Gilbert Ewing, (Friendship Assembly) F. Mason; Verona, D. Plymire; Lincoln, C. E. Fuller.

SOUTH TEXAS: (10) Evadale, R. N. Davis; Corpus Christi (Revival Center) R. W. Holes, (Faith Assembly) W. J. Piersol; Taft, F. D. Tompkins; Crosby, T. J. Kinard; Kingsville (Glad Tidings Assembly), A. C. Clauder; Houston (Home Owned Estates Assembly) W. L. Sutter, (Jacob's Well Assembly) L. E. Lineski, (Little York Assembly) R. W. May; Damon, E. J. Warren.

TENNESSEE: (10) Clarksville, B. R. Moore; Kingston, Oldham; Morristown, S. C. Bailey; Oliver Springs, R. L. Crass; Manchester, R. Webb; Bolivar, I. Campbell; Somerville, D. H. Harvey; Union City, D. Lindsey; Irwin (Green Hills Assembly), C. Casey; Nashville (Westside Assembly), T. M. Driver.

TEXAS: (8) Arlington (Upper Room Assembly), J. D. Oliver; Fort Worth (Moberly Street Assembly) J. L. Rish, (Valley View Assembly) E. V. Reid; Hillsboro (Woodbry Assembly), C. Bailey; Jacksboro (Bethel Assembly), J. T. Horner; Johnson City; Abilene; Orr City.

WEST CENTRAL: (12) Unionville, Mo., M. Baldwin; St. Joseph, Mo. (Central Assembly), D. Ladd; Labelle, Mo., J. Walker; Warrenton, Mo., H. J. White; Madrid, Iowa, H. Stevenson; Dubuque, Iowa, V. G. Carnahan; Rhodes, Iowa, W. L. Barbary; Carroll, Iowa, R. T. Bush; Blanchard, Iowa, C. Graham; Des Moines, Iowa (Southeast Des Moines Assembly), R. Pettijohn; Ottumwa, Iowa (Benton Street Assembly), M. Grimes; Clarion, Iowa, M. Michaelson.

WEST FLORIDA: (1) East Pensacola Heights, Palmer C. Jarrell.

WEST TEXAS: (9) Snyder, Helma; Friona, W. C. Wade; Silverton, C. Vaughan; Cactus, W. Hyatt; Hale Center, C. C. Brewer; Hart, J. D. Kitchens; Amarillo (San Jacinto Assembly), J. E. Burkhalter; Alpine, W. Esch; Lubbock (Ridgecrest Assembly).

WISCONSIN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN: (3) Dodgeville, Wisc., R. Streblov; Marinisco, Mich., H. Dorley; Menomonee Falls, Wisc., R. Groleau.

WYOMING: (2) Evanston, R. O. Shamp; Lander, L. Haynes.

Under the new Assemblies of God Home Missions program, MISSION U.S.A., the fellowship has launched a Thousand Church Crusade. A financial

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"A Sharp Axe Cuts More Wood"



WHY SPEND PRECIOUS MONTHS AND years in school if we believe that our Lord's return is imminent? This question has puzzled many Christian people in the past and it may be in the minds of many today as the signs of Christ's imminent return multiply on every hand.

The question puzzled one young man twenty years ago, as he was weighing the matter of entering an Assemblies of God Bible school. He asked one of the Bible school teachers about it. "If it is true that the time is short, is it wise or necessary for young people to spend years in study before going out into their life's work?"

The teacher wisely answered: "It is true that the return of the Lord is imminent. We may not have much time in which to labor for Christ. That is all the more reason why we should train ourselves to make the most of the time that is left. If the Lord gives you ten years of service, you will be able to accomplish much more in that time if you spend a portion of it in a good Pentecostal school."

That was twenty years ago. The young man heeded the advice, took a three-year course in Bible school, and has spent the last seventeen years in full-time service for Christ. His only regret today is that he did not have college training as well as Bible school, for in his particular case a better education would enable him to do a much better job for God in the work to which he has been called.

The graduates of our Bible schools are engaged in many varied occupations today. Some are scattered over the world as missionaries. Others are devoting their lives to pastoral or evangelistic ministry. An increasing number are giving themselves to the important work of directing Christian education or sacred music in

local churches. Many others are serving the Lord as laymen and making a tremendous contribution to the Kingdom of God.

Wherever they are or whatever they are doing, they will testify that their training in an Assemblies of God school has enabled them to accomplish more for Christ and His Church than they could have accomplished if they had been deprived of that training.

A student in one Bible school, after having been enrolled for a very short time, informed the dean that he felt no need of further training. The wise dean did not lecture the lad, but asked him to give the matter prayerful consideration for a couple of days before leaving.

The next day the dean asked the same young man to chop some wood for his fireplace. After he had worked for a while, the young man brought the axe to the dean complaining that it was too dull to cut the wood properly. The dean agreed with him, and gave him a sharp axe instead.

"I purposely put the dull axe by the woodpile to illustrate my point," the dean said. "A sharp axe cuts more wood."

The student wondered what the dean was getting at. He soon found out. "Regardless of the quality of the steel," the dean said, "no tool can be effective unless it has been sharpened. The same is true of our lives as tools in God's hands. God raised up this school to be the grind-

stone upon which He might sharpen some of His tools for more effective service. He can use a sharp tool more effectively than one that is dull."

In these days when life is more complicated and educational standards in general are so much higher, it is more essential than ever that our young people have adequate training for the work to which the Lord is calling them. That is why the Assemblies of God have established a number of Bible institutes and colleges across the country. Scores of highly qualified men and women are spending their lives in these schools as teachers—devoting their talents to the molding of young men and young women who will serve Christ. These schools deserve all the support we can give them. Let us hold up the hands of our Pentecostal educators so that our young people may have the best possible education—an education that is academically sound, doctrinally safe, and spiritually strong. Our schools are performing a very important function in the growth and development of the Pentecostal movement. They are preparing heralds for our soon-coming King. They are training Christian young people to faithfully occupy a place of service until He comes.

If anyone would tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness and all perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you. For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing. Could you, therefore, work miracles, you could not do more for yourself than by this thankful spirit; for it heals broken hearts with a word, and turns all it touches into happiness.—William Law.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

BALAAM AND GOD'S WILL (Numbers 31:8)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR MARCH 13

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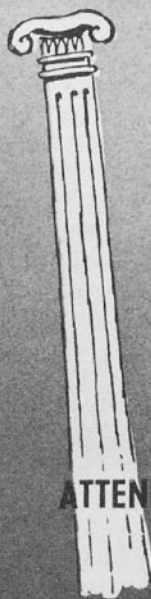
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COLLEGE DAY MARCH 13, 1955



TOP LEFT: Steering committee of pastors in charge of the Church Evangelism Workshop at Oklahoma City: S. J. Scott (chairman), J. Elwyn Wray, E. F. Pierce, E. A. Willeford.

MIDDLE LEFT: Executive officers of the Workshop: Jim Copeland, enrollment superintendent; George Brazell, superintendent; Jimmie Green, general secretary; Jimmy Phillips, treasurer.

LOWER LEFT: Faculty members who taught the various groups. Standing: William Kirschke of Longview, Wash., Adult Department; Edgar Bethany of Columbus, Ga., Records and Visitation Department; C. M. Ward of Springfield, Mo., general sessions; Mrs. Inez Spence of Tulsa, Okla., Junior Department; Mrs. Jim Copeland of Oklahoma City, Primary Department. Sitting: Mrs. Jess Jackson of Dallas, Tex., Nursery Department; Mrs. Bert Webb of Springfield, Mo., Beginner Department; Mrs. J. R. Flower of Springfield, Mo., Senior and Young People's Department; Mrs. Floyd Woodworth of Pasadena, Calif., Intermediate Department.

TOP RIGHT: General session of the Workshop.

CHURCH EVANGELISM WORKSHOP HELD IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Of all the hundreds of Workers' Training classes that were held throughout the nation in Training Month (January) probably none surpassed the classes in Oklahoma City either for enthusiasm or for size. Some sixty-four Assemblies in the greater Oklahoma City area co-operated in it, and 952 Workers' Training certificates were awarded at the close of the intensive five-day effort.

This third joint Workers' Training program in Oklahoma City was called a "Church Evangelism Workshop." Each evening (January 24 to 28) the parents came to Southside Faith Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m., bringing their children with them. The children were loaded into buses and taken to the Capitol Hill Tabernacle, where Evangelist and Mrs. Jackie Hayhurst conducted special children's meetings. The evangelists reported wonderful success, with many boys and girls surrendering their hearts and lives to the Master.

While the children were being taught the Word of God over there, the adults at Southside Faith Tabernacle were divided into eight study conferences—seven dealing with individual Sunday School Departments, and one with Records and Visitation. Specialists were recruited from all parts of the nation to teach these departmental conferences, which lasted about an hour.

Each night, following the group conferences, all the people assembled in the church auditorium for a joint meeting to hear C. M. Ward in a series of inspirational and instructive addresses on Evangelism. Brother Ward's messages captured and held the people's attention, broadened their vision, and

deepened their burden to see souls saved. So hungry were these men and women to learn, to be inspired, to be filled with God's fullness so they could give out to others, that they started gathering each night an hour before class time and remained until after ten o'clock.

The last night of the workshop the people wanted to do something for REVIVALTIME. An offering was taken, and it was large enough to keep the program on the air in Oklahoma City for more than a year.

Hundreds of people attended this Workshop and then went back to their own churches to work more effectively for God. The spirit of the Workshop did not die with the close of the school. Faith Tabernacle, where S. J. Scott is pastor, raised over \$5,000 the following Sunday to build a youth auditorium. Southside Faith Tabernacle, where Paul Riggs is pastor, raised more than \$7,000 that same Sunday to add more room to their overcrowded education facilities. Revivals are breaking out—God is blessing—and the Pentecostal people are going forth to win lost souls to Christ.

THE DOWN ROAD

Jonah not only paid the fare of the ship in which he tried to run away from God, but he also paid the full price of his disobedience. Notice that in his whole career he was going "down." He went "down to Joppa." From the sweet, free highlands, where he walked and talked with God, to the miasma of the lowlands, he went "down into" the ship, and then down into the sea, and then down into the whale, and then, in the whale, down to the very bottom of the great deep! Disobedience to God means always that we go down. "Down" is the key word to every life that flees from God and duty.—*The Christian Witness.*

Life Begins at 47!

(Continued from page three)

the precious gift which I was seeking—the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Lord gave the evidence by performing a miracle and making it possible for me to speak to Him in another language! Praise the Lord! This was His evidence that He had baptized me with the Holy Spirit! It was a glorious moment, a sacred hour—one that I shall never forget.

As I got up from my knees, I felt as if I weighed no more than a feather! I felt emptied of everything in me that should not be in a child of God. I was given a spirit of humility, a greater spirit of love, and a forgiving spirit, such as I never had. I was joyous. My mind was tranquil. I was happy in the Lord. My appetite returned. That night I had the first sound sleep in several weeks!

I had had a fear of going through certain downtown sections late at night, lest the "chain gangers" attack me. That night it was late when I drove through those sections of the city, but I was praising the Lord and enjoying my Christian experience, wholly unconscious of any fear whatsoever!

I can truthfully say that the baptism of the Holy Spirit has made a great difference in my spiritual life. It has made my home life richer, sweeter, and more complete. Our office is now heaven on earth. Our ten o'clock devotionals each morning with our staff are nothing short of an old-fashioned revival meeting! At our church in Dallas, which I have pastored for more than eight years, I told the congregation about my experience and eighty-one people, most of whom were adults, came forward showing their willingness to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The next night I saw forty-three of these people on their knees before God, praying for the same blessing their pastor had received.

The Bible class I am teaching has been rejuvenated and revived. We have seen many souls saved. We are having the greatest revival in our church we have ever had. People are coming to my office to seek God. Some are seeking His Spirit; others come for healing. It is simply marvelous what a difference the baptism of the Holy Spirit makes in one's life.

I beg you, if you have not received the fullness of His Spirit, to seek this gift of God, this blessed baptism, at once. God's Spirit being the life of God and the power of God, you will need this power, this divine life, this precious experience, in the days that lie ahead. Prepare yourself. Wait upon the Lord! Praise Him until you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit and until your

life is saturated, baptized, immersed, and filled with this precious life and power of God—His Holy Spirit. You will be fortified and equipped for a closer walk with God, and you will be able to touch and help more lives!

(Since I am now 47 years of age, and life means so much more to me than ever before in my Christian experience, it was suggested to me, as I prayed, that I make the title of this article, "Life Begins at 47!")

Northeast WMC'S to Meet At Boston Convention

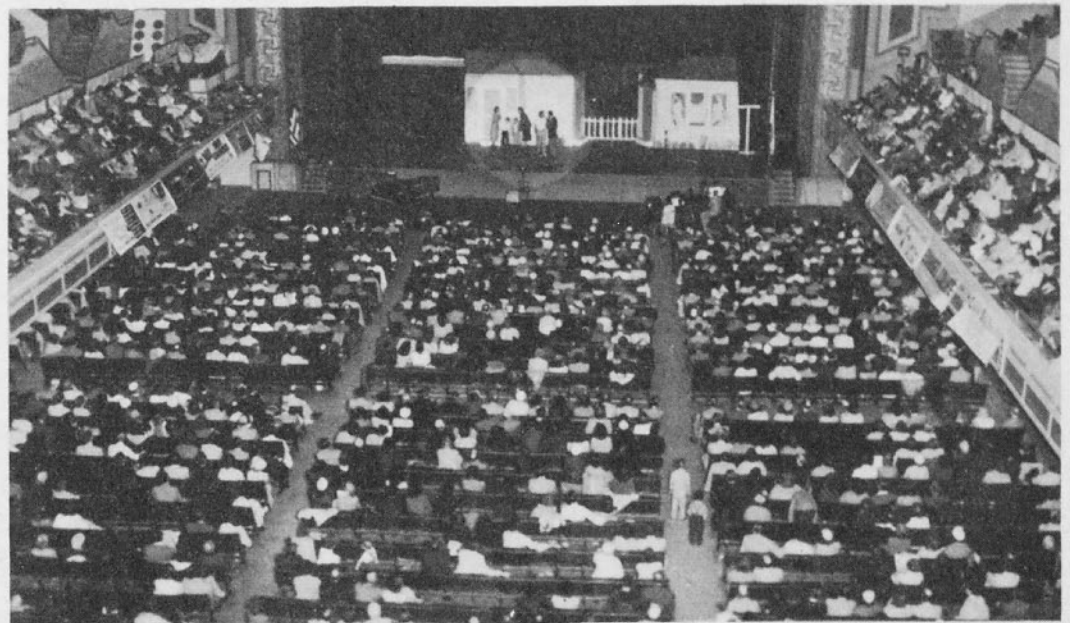
There will be fellowship, inspiration, and instruction, as much as can possibly be crammed in, when the WMC's gather

at the regional convention in Boston, March 29-31. The WMC schedule for this convention is as follows:

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.—WMC leadership conference for all district and sectional officers in the Oval Room of the Bradford Hotel.

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.—Fellowship breakfast and missionary speaker, Grace Lindholm, in the Surrey Room of the Touraine Hotel. Write for reservations (till March 28) to Mrs. Grady L. Fannin, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Massachusetts. Enclose \$1.45, and pick up ticket at WMC booth No. 30 in convention display hall.

Thursday, 2 p.m.—WMC conference in the Adams Room of the Touraine Hotel. Lillian Trasher will be the featured speaker. Also panel discussion.



Scene at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium during the presentation of the story, "Train Up a Child," at the Southwest Regional Convention.

THE REGIONAL CONVENTION AT LONG BEACH

Delegates to the Southwest Regional Convention in Long Beach, California, accepted the challenge to do their part to help Assemblies of God Sunday Schools go "ON TO A MILLION!" The goal for the three-state region (California, Nevada, and Arizona) is to have 33,000 more enrolled in Sunday School by 1960.

Attendance at the twenty-five conferences was outstanding as workers sought ideas, inspiration, and guidance toward making their Sunday Schools grow in numbers and in spiritual power.

The address of the General Superintendent, R. M. Riggs, made workers realize that their job is not just to reach a million but also to teach the million. His message, delivered on the second night of the convention, challenged workers to become better teachers and to seek to thoroughly train their pupils.

The exhibit room was crowded soon after its doors were opened. Fresh materials and ideas were presented in the nearly fifty booths, and many delegates went back to the exhibit section time after time for additional materials and helps. Representatives from various General Council departments were present to explain their phases of the Assemblies of God program to the people.

An estimated 6,000 people attended the convention in the three days. The attendance awards went to the Assembly in Redwood City, Calif. and the First Assembly in Long Beach, Calif.

Wesley P. Steelberg, Redwood City Pastor, accepted the trophy for his church. It had 25 registered delegates who traveled a total of 11,400 miles to attend the convention. The Assembly in Yuba City, Calif. and the Northside Assembly in Tucson, Ariz., were second and third respectively in miles traveled. Emma Taylor, Pastor at Long Beach, accepted the award for having the most delegates registered. This assembly had 153 registered. Calvary Assembly in Inglewood, Calif. and Full Gospel Assembly in Bell Gardens, Calif., were second and third.

Comments on the Southwest Regional Convention were given by many pastors and delegates. Some called it "the best yet." Others termed it an "outstanding convention." "We have received more from this convention than any other," declared a number. The delegates went back to their churches with a fresh challenge and a new vision of the possibilities in their own Sunday Schools.

The Regional Convention in Omaha, Nebr. will begin Tuesday night, March 15. Then on to Boston for the Northeast Regional, and finally to Nashville for the Southeast. Soon the challenge of "ON TO A MILLION!" will have been felt in all parts of the land. May God set our entire constituency aflame with a greater burden for the lost and a determination to reach a million by 1960.

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There will be two meetings sponsored by the Home Missions Department in connection with the North Central Regional Convention in Omaha, Nebr. this coming week.

TUESDAY, Mar. 15—A leadership meeting for all District and Sectional Home Missions Officers will be held on Tuesday, 1 to 5 p.m. at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 19th and Cass Sts. Gayle F. Lewis, Director of the National Home Missions Department, will preside.

THURSDAY, Mar. 17—A Home Missions workshop will be offered in the Ball Room of the Fontenelle Hotel on Thursday, beginning at 10 a.m., for pastors, evangelists, and all Christian workers interested in Church Extension. J. Robert Ashcroft, National Secretary of Education, will be the special speaker.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

TIGARD, OREG.—On January 5 we began a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. David Godwin from Dallas, Tex. Night after night for four weeks we were thrilled to see people weep their

way through to salvation. At least 14 knelt at the altar for salvation and nine received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Among those saved were a business man and his wife, who had been in spiritism for seven years. God also filled him with the Holy Spirit. About half of those saved were high school students.

The church was blessed spiritually, financially, and numerically. The Sunday School attendance record was broken, and the attendance at the week-night services was the best in the history of the church. The last Sunday of the meeting we had a water baptismal service, and ten were baptized. The same night a number of families received application cards for church membership.—Lloyd Fosner, Pastor.

LITTLESTOWN, PA.—Last November, Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. was with us for a meeting in this pioneer church. How we praise God for the mighty moving of His power during this four-week meeting! Several said, "We have prayed for this for years." Many from nearby Assemblies attended. More than a score came to a saving knowledge of Christ. The evangelist prayed for an eleven-month-old baby who was unable to control or move her members. From that time on she began to mend. Two weeks later, the mother brought her back to the service and praised God for the great improvement in the child's body.

An elderly lady with a stiff arm was healed while sitting in the meeting. Others were healed of deafness, blindness, ruptures, goiter, nervous conditions, and other afflictions.

We are now holding our services in a theater building which is centrally located. God has been good to help us open this new church.—Charles W. Robie, Pastor, Assembly of God.

WOODLAND, WASH.—The first two weeks of January, Evangelist Cornelius Eylander of Everett, Wash. was with us. Two were saved, 15 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and many were refilled. We are thankful for the way God moved upon the hearts of the people. Our church was revived and strengthened.—Myrl M. Decker, Pastor.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The members of the First Assembly of God enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist John H. Bostrom of San Gabriel, Calif. Souls were saved and filled with the Spirit. Every Sunday night since the meeting closed, the altar has been filled with people seeking God.—Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Crace, First Assembly of God.

FREEHOLD, N. J.—I am conducting a Bible class each Monday evening at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J. A fine group of men are attending the classes regularly. Some who were backslidden have come back to the Lord. If you have friends stationed at this base, I will be glad to contact them.—Walter C. Pierce, R. D. 4, Freehold, N. J.

SALEM, ARK.—We have enjoyed a glorious midwinter revival with Evangelist Edd Boan of Eldon, Mo. It began with our annual Week of Prayer with which we start each year. The meeting continued for three weeks. One was saved, one was reclaimed, and four were filled with the Holy Spirit. The entire church was revived and blessed.—Mrs. Glenna Byard, Pastor.

ALBANY, GA.—Evangelists Shelby Reeder and James Raley of the West Florida District have just closed a meeting at the Faith Temple Assembly. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit, including one man 81 years old who had not been to church for years. We had overflow crowds night after night. The Sunday School reached a new high in attendance. Work has begun on our new tabernacle which will accommodate 1,000.—Mrs. J. S. LaGrone, 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.

SHELBY, MONT.—Mar. 7—20; Evangelist Leo B. Hinton.—by Dennis Finch, Pastor.

HOLT, FLA.—Mar. 11—20; Evangelist Paul Radke, Winnie, Tex.—by Houston Miles, Pastor.

ALABASTER, ALA.—Mar. 1—13; Evangelist R. A. Sherrill, Farmington, Mo.—by George E. Walters, Pastor.

WYNONA, OKLA.—Workers' Training Course, Mar. 7—13; N. B. Rayburn, instructor. (K. E. Caughman is Pastor.)

LISBON, OHIO—Assembly of God, Mar. 15—27; Evangelist and Mrs. William R. Eccles, Mansfield, Ohio. (Vernon L. Griffin is Pastor.)

GRANDFIELD, OKLA.—Mar. 20—Apr. 10 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles E. Ramey, Fort Smith, Ark. (J. W. Elliott is Pastor.)

AKRON, OHIO—Krumroy Assembly of God, Mar. 15—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Don R. Tanner, Willmar, Minn.—by Robert E. Roop, Pastor.

HARVEYS LAKE, PA.—Emanuel Mission, Mar. 15—27; Evangelist Niels P. Thomsen. (Walter Stuart is Pastor.)

JEANNETTE, PA.—Begins Mar. 6; Evangelists Smith and Rogers, Granite City, Ill.—by A. A. Amerine, Pastor.

STIGLER, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, begins Mar. 13; Evangelist and Mrs. Marcus Alexander, Eufaula, Okla.—by Dale D. Starling, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEX.—Oak Cliff Assembly of God, begins Feb. 27; Evangelists Bob Bryson and Kenny Foreman. (Roy Stewart is Pastor.)

PERRY, IOWA—Assembly of God, Mar. 1—13; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh of Florida. (J. J. Selness is Pastor.)

QUAKERTOWN, PA.—Assembly of God, R. 4th St., Mar. 8—20; Evangelist I. E. Ade.—by John Wesley Clark, Pastor.

SAN SABA, TEX.—Begins Mar. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, Fort Worth, Tex. Children's service each evening. (F. J. Pearce is Pastor.)



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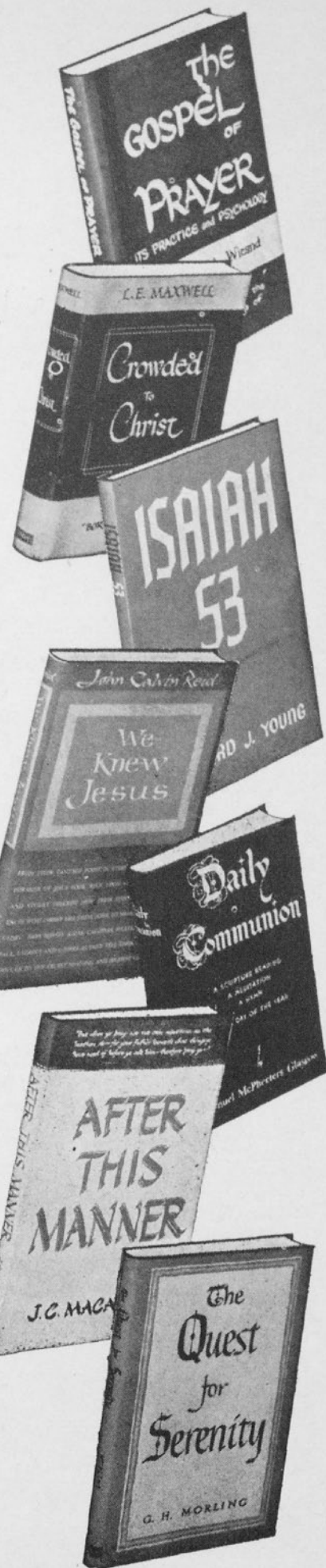
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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—The name of Highway Gospel Tabernacle has been changed to Brookline Assembly of God. The church address is High and Allerton Sts., Brookline, Mass.—Mrs. B. Kwiatkowski, Church Secretary. (Robert F. Bowen is Pastor.)

NOTICE—We have opened a new church in Huntington Park, Calif., known as the Bethel Assembly of God. This is the only Assemblies of God church here, and it is located at 3300 E. Florence Ave. If you have friends in this vicinity, please send us their names and addresses.—T. E. May, Pastor, 8648 Mountain View, South Gate, Calif.

NOTICE—Evangelist and Mrs. Philip A. Megna sailed Mar. 12 for an extended preaching tour. They will minister in England, Italy, Germany, France, Belgium, and the Scandinavian countries. They will also attend the World Conference in Stockholm in June. Their address in U.S.A. is 6215 Streamview Dr., San Diego, Calif.; foreign Address, % John Carter, 51 Newington Causeway, London, S.E.1, England.

RICHMOND, CALIF.—Central Assembly, 13th and Barrett, Apr. 5—10; children's revival with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (Russell E. Griffin is Pastor.)

BELLEVILLE, ONT., CANADA—Calvary Temple, Dundas and John Sts., begins Mar. 8; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr.—by L. H. Price and Hope Smith, Pastors.

BREMERTON, WASH.—West Bremerton Assembly of God, Mar. 8—27; Evangelist Ferdie C. Jay, Wenatchee, Wash. (Mason A. Younglund is Pastor.)

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL.—Field House, 500 E. Minor St., Mar. 20—Apr. 3; opening new church under "Mission U.S.A." plan.—by C. Merrill Johnson, Pastor in Elgin, Ill.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, Missionary Convention, Mar. 10—13. Speakers: Mr. and Mrs. Everett Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. George Carmichael, and Lillian Trasher on the 13th.—by Arthur Berg, Pastor.

BURLINGTON, IOWA—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, dedication of new church, Mar. 14. Speakers: T. E. Gannon, John W. Smith, and C. B. Roberts. Fellowship dinner at 5 p.m.—by L. V. Coons, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Southside Assembly of God, dedication of new Sunday School annex and parsonage, Mar. 13. J. R. Ton, morning speaker; F. C. Woodworth, speaker at dedication service at 2:30 p.m.; F. E. Westbrook, evening speaker.—by Floyd E. Westbrook, Pastor.

DAWSON, MO.—Mar. 13—24; Evangelist and Mrs. G. A. Gaddis. (Freda Richmond is Pastor.)

HAMLIN, PA.—Mar. 6—27; Evangelist Leon Morrow, Dallas, Tex.—by George Clement, Pastor.

PROSSER, WASH.—Mar. 13—18; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (Vernon Skaggs is Pastor.)

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Lighthouse Assembly of God, Mar. 1—13 (not Mar. 15—27 as previously announced); Evangelist Stanley Cooke.—by Arthur Stegen, Pastor.

STEPHENSON, MICH.—Assembly of God, Mar. 22—Apr. 3; Evangelist David A. Lewis.—by Wilbert Remus, Pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Bethany Assembly of God, Mar. 1—13; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo.—by John H. Hamilton, Pastor.

PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, Mar. 15—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Fort Myers, Fla. (Donald E. Berkey is Pastor.)

GALENA PARK, TEX.—Begins Mar. 2; Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn. (H. V. Hayman is Pastor.)

FORT WORTH, TEX.—Bethel Temple, Mar. 6—20; Evangelist Robert Fierro.—by Charles R. Jones, Pastor.

VIRGINIA, ILL.—Begins Mar. 2; Evangelist D. C. Ogden, Memphis, Tenn.—by Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Pastors.

TACOMA, WASH.—First Assembly, Mar. 13—27; Evangelist Gladys Pearson, San Pedro, Calif.—by Everette Ewing, Pastor.

LANCASTER, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, W. Orange and Concord Sts., Mar. 13—27; Evangelists Percy and Dorothy King. (Derrick Hillary is Pastor.)

TULSA, OKLA.—Capitol Hill Assembly of God, 705 N. Quaker, Mar. 2—13; Evangelist Reed Gibson.—by M. D. Hartz, Pastor.

PALATKA, FLA.—Assembly of God, 3111 Lemon St., Mar. 17—27; Evangelists William F. and Mrs. Voodre, Durant, Fla.—by James H. Cain, Pastor.

ASTORIA, ILL.—Mar. 9—23; Evangelist C. A. Waack, Tulsa, Okla. (E. W. Stambaugh is Pastor.)

TOWNER, COLO.—Assembly of God, begins Mar. 20; Evangelist R. I. Wynkoop, Fruita, Colo.—by T. H. Griffin, Pastor.

PASADENA, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Mar. 13—27; Evangelist Morris Lefkovitz, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by J. R. Goodwin, Pastor.

BAUXITE, ARK.—Assembly of God, begins Mar. 15; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (W. L. Lewis is Pastor.)

BREA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Mar. 9—20; Evangelist and Mrs. H. J. Ketner.—by A. D. and Mildred H. Duncan, Pastors.

KINGSTON, WASH.—Kingston Tabernacle, begins Mar. 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Orin Kingsriter.—by L. B. Dickson Jr., Pastor.

RICH HILL, MO.—Assembly of God, begins Mar. 8; Anspaugh Chord Makers, Naponee, Nebr. (R. J. Foreman is Pastor.)

WILMINGTON, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 1031 Fries Ave., Mar. 6—20; Evangelist L. B. Lewis, Wilmington, Calif.—by James M. Pearson, Pastor.

GARBER, OKLA.—Mar. 6—20; Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Surratt, Taloga, Okla. (Guinne Brown is Pastor.)

ROLLA, MO.—Mar. 14—Apr. 1; Evangelists Gale White and Lynn West, Bismarck, Mo.—by Carl Roberts, Pastor.

GIBBON, NEBR.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, begins Mar. 20; Evangelist P. V. Jones, Dalton, Nebr.—by Clyde S. Buck, Pastor.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—Lakeside Assembly of God, 2409 E. Park Pl. at Prospect Ave., Mar. 15—27; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer. (David M. Carlson is Pastor.)

SUMTER, S. C.—First Assembly of God, Carolina off Broad St., Mar. 21—25; K. L. Claycomb, pastor of First Assembly in Spartanburg, S. C.—by Cameron S. Stanton, Pastor.

EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.—Assembly of God, Mar. 15—27 (not Feb. 13—27 as previously announced); Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Kricorian, Boston, Mass.—by Randol L. Mercer, Pastor.

DEARBORN, MICH.—Calvary Assembly, 24301 Chicago Ave., Mar. 15—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose, Harrison, Mich. (Argus L. Kent is Pastor.)

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—Church of the Four Fold Gospel, 303 Capital Ave. N. E., Mar. 13—27; Evangelist Harold W. May Jr.—by E. A. Manley, Pastor.

ALFORD, FLA.—First Assembly of God, begins Mar. 16—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Hollis E. Petersen (the Musical Petersens) of Texas.—by T. E. Barnes, Pastor.

HAMMOND, IND.—Hessville Assembly of God, 2835-165th St., I.B.E.W. Hall, Mar. 3—20; youth revival with Evangelist and Mrs. G. W. Hardcastle Jr., Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Don L. Bond, Pastor.

HOME MISSIONS SEMINAR—North Central Bible Institute, Minneapolis, Minn., Mar. 24—25. Speakers: Gayle F. Lewis, Home Missions Executive Director; Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary; Herbert Bruhn and Arvid Ohnell, Home Missions Field Representatives.

CLEARFIELD, PA.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Homecoming and Anniversary, Mar. 13—20. Speakers: A. N. Chase, District Superintendent; C. E. Bell, Presbyter; E. Wellman, former pastor and founder; A. A. Amerine; and R. W. Rainbow, Pastor.—by Joseph G. Hamilton, Church Secretary.