

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

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Spend Your Vacation at Camp Meeting!

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Has the Bride Made Herself Ready?

THE GREATEST NEED OF THE CHURCH today is for her to catch a new vision of herself as the espoused Bride of Christ! Just one glimpse of such a priceless relationship would surely cause a mighty spirit of rejoicing to come upon her. It would also help her to walk carefully before the Lord, because she would realize her great responsibility.

Truly Christ's beloved is to be the most exquisite bride of all time—made up of blood-bought, blood-washed, separated people who are waiting for His appearing! Let us not take for granted that we will be a part of the Bride, but let us search the Scriptures and our hearts to see if we as individuals are ready for His appearing!

To begin with, have we really espoused ourselves to Christ? Do we fully understand what that involves? In Bible times the espoused woman was considered virtually as being married, so serious and binding was this transaction. We are living in a land where love is lightly esteemed, and where engagements and marriages are uncertain; but this was never God's plan, nor will He allow such a relationship to exist between His beloved Son and the Church.

If we are so much in love with Christ that we have willingly espoused ourselves to Him and are considered as virtually married to Him, will we not spurn all other contenders for our heart—the world, the flesh, and the devil? Will we not pour out our very lives in worship and adoration and service to our Lord and Master? Mary Magdalene was so filled with the wonder and joy of her deliverance from sin that she poured upon Jesus' head and feet a costly alabaster box of ointment, which filled all the atmosphere about them with its rare and beautiful perfume. This gift may well have represented the savings of a lifetime. As members of the Bride of Christ, let us offer Him our very lives.

Unlike the ordinary bride, we do not know the hour of our wedding. But we do know the seasons and the time, and we can lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh. Any day or night Jesus may come, so we must prepare completely

and watch continuously for Him! His grace is so abundant, His promises so sure, His reward so great, that we must not waver. Let us press on!

Ours is a large and serious undertaking; for not only must we be ready ourselves, but we are also held responsible for others. But, praise His Name, through His strength we will be able to win some of them. Above all, we must be faithful in witnessing to them.

If the espoused bride of Bible times was found unfaithful, she was considered an adulteress and was sentenced to public stoning. It is a frightening and awful truth that in these days the Church is increasingly unfaithful to her Lord. "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). And 1 John 2:15 commands, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Throughout the Old Testament, God is represented as a merciful, loving, and forgiving Husband, one who is willing to heal His wife's backsliding, forgive her unfaithfulness, and restore her to her place as His beloved. Oh, let us ask Him for a fresh cleansing, a re-clothing in

robes of righteousness. Let us renew our betrothal to our Lord.

After the betrothal, the Oriental bride remained in her parents' house, and all communication with her was carried on by "the friend of the bridegroom," the one who knew him best and had his happiness at heart. And we Christians have the wonderful privilege of contacting our beloved Lord through that unspeakably lovely presence of the Holy Spirit. He has promised to take the things of Christ and reveal them to us. He speaks not of Himself but of His precious Friend. How else can Christ be made a reality to us in all His wondrous beauty? How can we claim to love Christ fully if we do not seek the Spirit, who will teach us about Him? And we who have sought and found—are we walking in the Spirit and yielding to His blessed ministrations that are to prepare us for the marriage supper of the Lamb?

When the wedding ceremony was about to take place, the bride—so heavily veiled that she could not see—was led to the groom's home by "the friend of the bridegroom." Thus closed away from all else, she longed only for that wonderful moment when her beloved would tenderly lift the veil and she would see him face to face. Oh, blessed thought! Oh, wondrous hope! For us, that incomparable moment is just ahead. Soon He will brush aside the clouds that obscure our vision, and stand forth in all His glory—the King in His sovereignty, the Saviour in His compassion, the Bridegroom in all the radiance of infinite love, our Lord and Master, our Beloved! Will we wish then that we had chosen an easier pathway? Will we murmur because of trials and tests we have passed through here? Will we long for the things of earth? No—a million times no!

As the Oriental bridegroom's eyes gazed enraptured at his bride during that wonderful moment, the bride was not afraid to stand before him. She knew that he considered her to be altogether lovely. Friend, if the trump were to sound this moment would you be ashamed to stand before Christ? Or would you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that you are all that He has called you to be? Oh, that we might be so completely devoted to Him that we will be able to shout with triumph on that day. Oh, that the Bride might make herself ready for that great day!

—Estelleen N. Crisp

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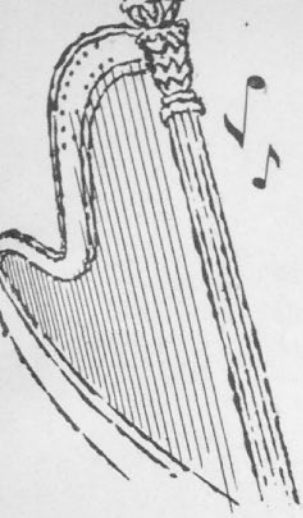
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MUSIC

HEATHENISM HAS NO HYMNBOOKS. Buddhism, Brahmanism, Confucianism, Mohammedanism, and Paganism do not break forth into songs of joy. How could they when the gods of those religions inspire only fear and dread? One who returned from China described the Buddhist chants as "weird," with a "vein of sadness in them of joy unattained, of hope unrealizable," and he went on to say that "they give many people a sense of unutterable homesickness."

But Christianity is filled with song. This is especially noticeable at Christmas and at Easter, though it is true all the year. Why? Because in the Christian's heart there is a joy that seeks expression. When we meditate upon the birth of the Saviour our hearts rejoice in the salvation and peace He has brought, and when we dwell upon His crucifixion and resurrection we are thrilled into singing for the love, the freedom, and the hope He has given. How can we help but sing when we have so much to praise God for?

Some frown upon the Pentecostal Movement because we give so much place to music. But God is responsible for that. It is He who has put the music in our hearts. He did it because He delights in music. He did not make a silent creation. He set all nature to a tune. He put a song in the birds, a cry in the animals, a babble in the brook, a thunder in the storm, and a tune in the wind. And He put music in man, right at the beginning. As early as Genesis 4:20 we find music mentioned in the Bible; in those earliest days a man named Jubal invented the harp and the organ.

FROM MINOR TO MAJOR

It is said that the music of creation is out of tune today; that all the sounds of nature are in a minor key. Among some members of God's highest creation, the human family, there seems to be a similar strangeness to their music, for many men and women today are delighting in that kind of music that is earthly, sensual, and devilish. These are signs of the Fall. A glorious day is coming, however, when nature will be redeemed from the curse, and then we expect a modula-

tion to a major key. Already the change is evident in those men and women who have been redeemed. We who are saved already can declare with the Psalmist, "He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God." Our song is a foretaste of the marvelous music God has planned for the eternal future.

The Spirit-filled life especially is a life of song. The Holy Spirit often manifests Himself in beautiful singing. Often when one is baptized with the Spirit or re-anointed with the Spirit he breaks out in strains of heavenly music. It is not a song that has been learned, necessarily. Often it is a melody that has come down from above, and even though the words being sung are in an unknown tongue they are impregnated with the presence of the Lord Jesus in such a way that hearts are melted and drawn closer to Him.

MUSIC IN THE BIBLE

Have you noticed how prominent a place is given to music in the Bible? Again and again we read of musicians playing instruments unto the Lord. The prophets in Saul's day played on the psaltery, tabret, pipe, and harp. David and his musicians played on all manner of instruments made of wood. So did Solomon. And there are other instruments mentioned in the Scriptures: the cornet, cymbals, dulcimer, flute, organ, sackbut, timbrel (or tambourine), trumpet, and viol. We also read of full orchestras.

Can't you imagine how the Spirit of God must have come down upon David and other musicians from time to time as they played unto the Lord? Sometimes the Holy Spirit does it today—He comes upon a pianist, for example, and she plays in the Spirit matchless music that has never been heard before on earth. In Chronicles we read that there were as many as four thousand who "praised the Lord with the instruments" at once.

The Bible also speaks a good deal of choirs. There was a large, organized choir in the house of the Lord in Old Testament times. An entire chapter (1 Chronicles 25) is devoted to an account of how the singers and musicians were organized. Sometimes the choir sang

alone; at other times it was accompanied by an orchestra. Why do you suppose God had the Israelites form choirs? Don't you think it was because He loves to hear the united, tuneful praise of His people arising to Him from hearts full of devotion and adoration? He delights in the same kind of music from choirs today, if they are singing for His glory alone.

THE "HEAVENLY CHOIR"

Have you ever been in a meeting where the Holy Spirit would descend upon the people and one after another would sing under the anointing? It was a heavenly choir; no one knew what note the other was going to sing next, and yet they all sang together in a harmony that was supernatural for its perfection! Oh, that the "heavenly choir" would be heard more often in our meetings today as in days gone by!

The Word of God also gives us many songs—the words, although not the music. The Psalms were really songs. They constituted the worshipers' hymnbook in Old Testament times. Jesus and His disciples no doubt sang them. It is recorded that on the night of Christ's betrayal they "sang an hymn"; this doubtless was a Psalm, for Psalms 113-118 were sung at Passover time. The Bible also gives us Israel's song of rejoicing when they found a well in the wilderness, Miriam's song of victory after Pharaoh's army was drowned, Deborah's song of deliverance, and the song of gladness when Zerubbabel's temple was finished. Then we read of another song that has not yet been sung. It is the song of redemption which all God's people will sing when our work is finished, the victory is won, and we gather at the side of the river of life in our eternal home.

MUSIC IN OUR MEETINGS

What place should music have in our Pentecostal meetings? First of all, the Lord can use music as a means of preaching. A consecrated singer can have as great a ministry singing a solo as a preacher can have delivering a sermon. The same is true with those who play musical instruments, especially if the tune is associated with words that are familiar to the audience. Why is this? Because music and song can often touch a spot in the heart that a sermon might never touch. If God is going to use the music or song, however, it should be backed up by as much prayer as a sermon. One gospel singer, whom God has used in a marvelous way, says she never feels prepared to sing a solo in a meeting until she has spent at least two hours praying that God will anoint her and will make the song a definite blessing.

Music also can be a means of mass testimony. It is not possible for everyone

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Carmelita

MY NAME IS CARMELITA. I AM A CHILEAN girl. Ten years ago I was born in the south of Chile. My mother and father were very happy when I was born because I was their first baby. When I was a few months old, they became very sad because they found out that I was a "sorda-muda," which in Spanish means a deaf-mute. I never heard the little songs my mother used to sing to me as she rocked me to sleep at night. I never understood what my daddy was saying when he used to pick me up and play with me. I tried with all my might to hear and talk, but I just couldn't.

My mother and father were very poor. My father made baskets and chairs out of willow branches and sold them to the people in town, but he didn't get much money. When I was a little older my mother would send me to town to beg for food and money. Everyone in town knew me, and they would feel very sorry for me when they saw me because they knew I was poor and that I couldn't hear or talk. They would almost always give me some bread or an apple or some money. Then I would take these things home to my mother. Sometimes I would watch the other children going to school. They were so happy as they would run and play. I couldn't go with them because they don't allow deaf-mutes to go to school. Sometimes I would get real lonesome because I wanted to go with them.

One night my mother took me to the football field. When we got there, they weren't having a football game at all, but there were lots of people there. All

*This is a true story, as told by Carmelita to Frank Doleshal, Assemblies of God missionary to Chile.

How God Healed Me

One of the remarkable stories of Divine deliverance that occurred in the Chilean Revival

As Told to Frank Doleshal *

the people were singing and seemed very happy. After they had finished singing, a man got up on the platform and talked to the people for about half an hour. I don't know what he said. After he finished speaking, a lot of people left their seats and walked out onto the field. They formed a big, long line in front of the man who was talking. My mother took me by the hand and we also got into the line. One by one they walked by the man and he laid his hands on them and said something. I think he was praying. Some of the people were crying.

This all seemed very strange to me. Finally my mother and I were standing in front of the man. He said a few words to my mother. She answered him. He knelt down in front of me and looked into my eyes. Then he pointed his finger up to the sky. I looked up but all I could see was the stars. After this he pointed to my ears and to my tongue. He then put a finger in each ear and closed his eyes and started to talk again. I kept my eyes open all the time and watched him. He then opened his eyes and took his fingers out of my ears. My ears felt real funny when he took his fingers out. Then he said something to me and it sounded like "Jesus." When he said that word, something happened to my ears. I could hear him! Then he said that same word again, "Jesus." I heard it again! Why, I could hear! I could hear what he was saying! For the first time in my life I could hear! Then he pointed to my tongue and said the word again. I tried to say it, but it was real hard to make my tongue work. Oh, how happy I was!

All of a sudden great big tears started to come. I felt like crying. I did cry, but it was because I was so happy. I then gave the man a great big hug. When I looked into his eyes they were full of tears too. I couldn't stop crying. I just cried and cried. My mother had big tears in her eyes too. I could hear everything. Even when they put a watch to

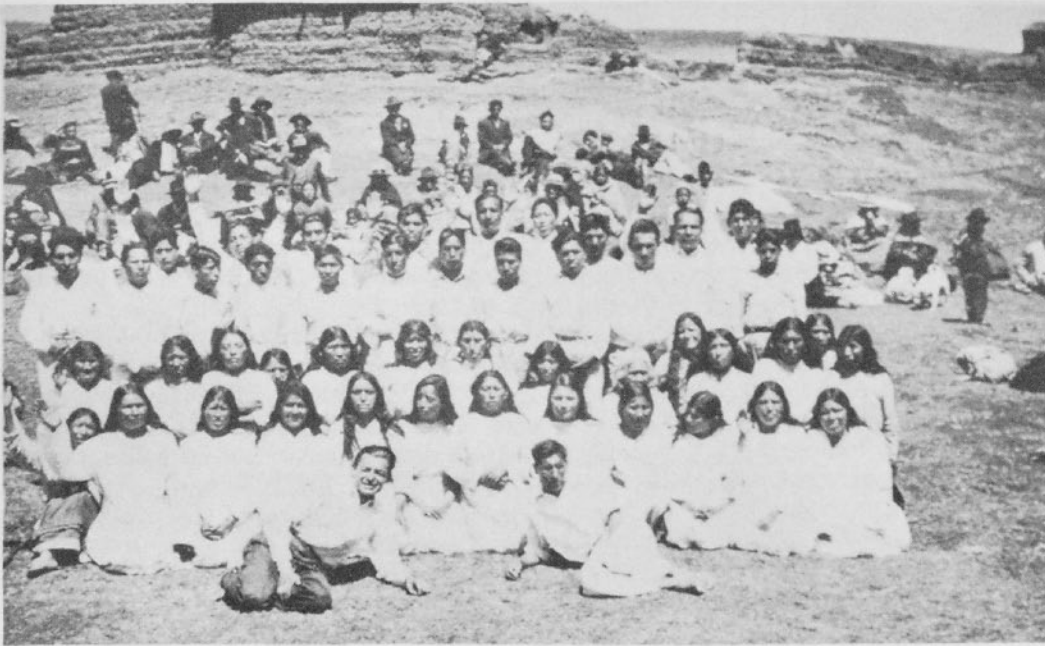
my ear I could hear that too. That was the happiest night in my life. A little while later there were two other children in the line who were just like me. They couldn't hear or talk either, but the man did the same to them as he did to me and they began to hear and talk too after he prayed for them. They were really happy.

The next morning I went to town again to beg for food and money. Every time I would enter a store, the people would all stop what they were doing and would try to see if I could really hear. I think everyone in town heard about what had happened to me at the football field. They would put a watch up to my ears to see if I could hear it, and I could. They would whisper things into my ears and I could hear everything they said. They all acted real surprised. Some said they believed it was a miracle. Others said that the man had hypnotized me, whatever that means. The priests said that the man who prayed for me was of the devil. I really don't think he was, because the devil only does things to hurt people and make them sad.

On Sunday mornings my mother and I go to Sunday School. There everyone is happy. There are lots of children there. They sing and clap their hands. I like to go there because it makes me feel good away down inside. In Sunday School I hear a lot about the Man called "Jesus." They sing lots of songs about Him. They also read about Him in the black book called the Bible. I'm glad I can hear the stories about Him. I'm going to learn to read so I can read about Him, too—for He is the One who took away my deafness.

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Forty-four Peruvian believers were baptized at Goyllerisquisga.

BAPTIZING CONVERTS IN THE ANDEAN HIGHLANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erickson, Peru

IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WE have been reaching out into the remote provinces of Peru with the gospel. This seems to be our principal occupation; we put forth our major efforts during the dry season, which is the logical time for evangelization.

In the past year we have traveled literally thousands of miles, crossing the continental divide four times as we preached from one far-flung village to another. Recently we penetrated toward the Amazon basin with the gospel message. We have participated in several regional conventions, one of which was held in possibly the loftiest church in the world. Our main Assembly of God there is 14,200 feet above sea level in a great copper-mining town. Our last convention was held in the neighboring town of Goyllerisquisga, a mining center near Cerro de Pasco in central Peru. In this area the climate is so cold that little grain will grow. About the only things that are produced in that great region are wool, copper, and other metals. The Peruvian sheep thrive on a tough wiry grass and a type of moss which resist the severe frost.

About 200 to 300 earnest believers gathered for the convention at Goyllerisquisga to seek after God. Those were happy days of fellowship. Thirty-five (35) believers received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost; and at the close of the serv-

ice forty-four (44) were baptized in the icy stream that flows just outside the town.

At the close of the convention an elderly gentleman arose and asked permission to speak a few words. Permission being granted, he told how the Lord had touched his heart during the convention, impressing him to give a two-story house for a permanent home of the Assemblies of God in the city of Goyllerisquisga. Praise God! Now we have a fine church building as well as living quarters for the pastor up here on top of the world.

Pastors! People!
GET READY FOR
THE GREAT 1955
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OFFERING
Receive, August 28
Report, September 4
AT GENERAL COUNCIL
in Oklahoma City

"FOR WHOM DID CHRIST DIE?"

John F. Gottschalk, Ceylon

IT WAS 4:30 TUESDAY EVENING WHEN my wife and I, together with our national pastor, left for "Walahunduwa Estate" five miles south of Galle. As we drove along it was necessary to sound the horn continually because of the many oxcarts, hand-drawn rickshaws, and pedestrians on the streets.

The first to greet us upon our arrival was Brother Joseph. Until recently he was a Hindu, bound by the fetters of sin and superstition, but Jesus came and set him free. His face was radiant. We had come at his request to bring Christ to the Hindu rubber tappers and tea pickers living on the "Coolie Lines" of the great estate.

The crowd had already gathered and the meeting was in progress. They were singing of Jesus and His love. From the outset the face of a very old Hindu gentleman, seated on a mat with the children in front of the platform, attracted our attention. How attentively the old man listened while his gaze was fixed steadfastly on the preacher. He heard a story such as he had never heard before—story of a Saviour's love and death on a cross.

The speaker brought his message to the desired climax asking the question, "For whom did Christ die?" Silence fell upon the listening audience—not a sound could be heard. Presently the old Hindu gentleman lifted his hand and said, "Sir, how can we answer your question when we've never been told?"

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Night had fallen and the seeming battalions of fireflies with their flashing green lamps flitted in and out among the coconut and rubber trees as we walked in the light of a lantern down the path toward our car.

Hot tears flowed freely and from our heart there went a cry to God, as the words rang in our ears, *We've never been told! We've never been told!*

Dear Friends, we ask for your prayers on behalf of our work here. When the trumpet of God sounds and we are gathered together in the presence of the Lord, may we have a host of precious redeemed Hindu sheaves from the heart of Ceylon to lay at the Master's feet.

"I cannot thank Him enough for the honor He conferred upon me when He sent me to the Dark Continent."—Mary Slessor.

SAUL REJECTED BY GOD—1 Samuel 13:11-16

“And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God” (v. 13).

This stinging rebuke fell from the lips of the prophet and cut into the heart of Saul. For the Lord was pronouncing judgment upon a transgressor. Saul, who had trespassed the commandment of God by violating the sacred law concerning the priestly ministry, was hearing the verdict for his disobedience: “rejected by God.”

We often talk about men breaking the laws of God. This is somewhat a misstatement, for men cannot break an eternal law. They may transgress that law but the man who transgresses will be broken. A man may transgress God’s laws of gravity—he may step off a cliff in a defiant mood; but he will not break the law of gravity—that law will break him.

Saul was broken by the Divine decree. He couldn’t fool with God. Expediency, ignorance, or any other excuse will not spare a man from the consequences of sin. “The soul that sinneth, it shall die”—that law is as sure as the laws of nature.

God wants obedience. The man or woman who wants God’s blessing and approval must be faithful to God’s Word. One cannot trifle with the clear direction of the Bible and be guiltless. The enemy would try to confuse the issue, and he did with Eve, by making one feel that transgression is trivial—but the Word declares that obedience is better than sacrifice. Hold fast your confidence in the Word. Obey it, and God will continue His blessing upon your life.

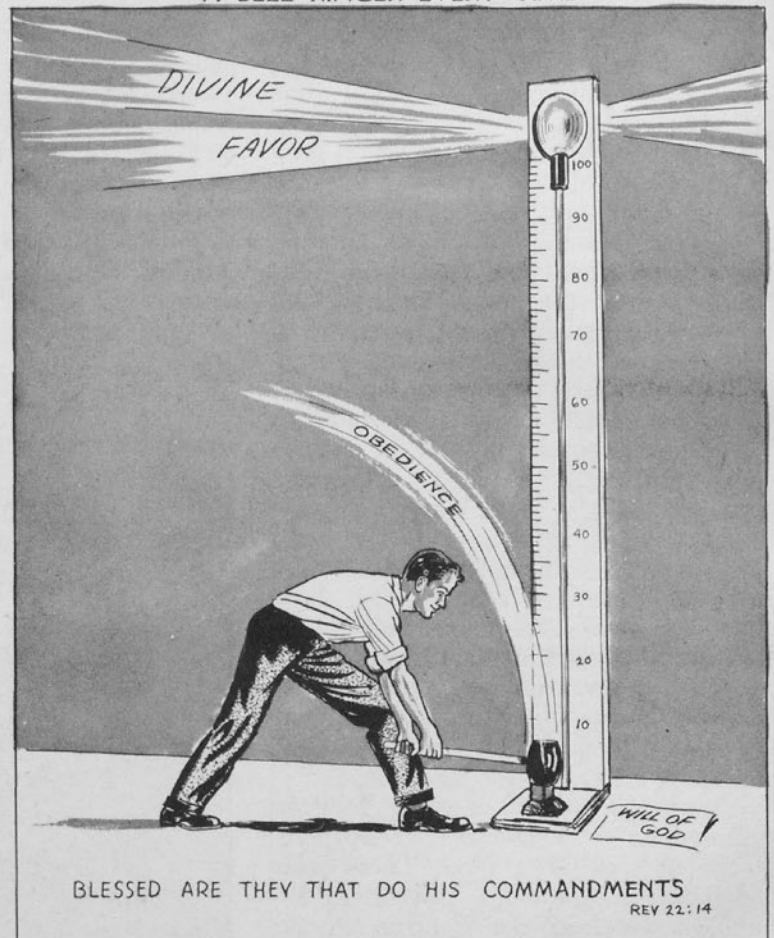
—JAMES W. VAN METER

THURSDAY, May 26

SAUL IN TROUBLE—1 Samuel 13:17-23

“So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was

A BELL RINGER EVERY TIME



Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, May 23

SAUL REJECTED AS KING—1 Samuel 15:13-23

What is acceptable worship? What is worthy sacrifice? What changed Saul’s position before God? We ought to apply the question personally. We ought to say to ourselves: “Could my position before Him change? Could I be rejected of Him?”

Only we ourselves and God our Maker know the “thoughts and intents” of our hearts. The Word of the Lord came to us to reveal His will for us. We started out to obey His will and walk in His way. But whose judgment do we follow today—His or ours?

It was God’s judgment that the Amalekites should be completely destroyed, but it was the judgment of King Saul that King Agag and the best of the flocks be spared. Unfortunately Saul made the mistake of following his own judgment. Christ Jesus is our example; we should say as He did, “Not my will, but Thine, be done.”

Are we willing to search our hearts in the light of God’s Word to see whether we have fully dealt with the “Amalekites” in our lives—those things which are displeasing to God? If we are guilty before the Lord, may we repent of our sins and failures; may we never harden our hearts and make a defense. “A broken and a contrite heart” He can never despise. Our prayer should be: “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

—LOINE C. HONDERICK

TUESDAY, May 24

SAUL’S SELF-WILL—1 Samuel 13:1-10

Samuel and Saul might have been one of the great teams of history. They had love and respect for one another. But Saul’s willfulness and impatience finally made it impossible for good men to work with him. He couldn’t work with other men.

Because Saul was a big man physically he came to depend upon his own brute strength and courage to get things done. He would make up his mind and set his own course and then expect God to bless his decisions. He expected other men to fit their plans to his. He didn’t mind letting God wait for him, but under no circumstances did he wish to wait on God. This hasty, uncontrolled, impatient spirit finally led to fits of temporary insanity when rage and murderous instincts were exhibited. It drove his own children away from home. Saul found out too late—after too much damage had been done—that his strength wasn’t enough to get things done. He found out in the most bitter fashion that as big as he was he needed the help of God and the advice of good men.

—C. M. WARD

neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan" (v. 22).

This portion of Scripture portrays God's people in a helpless and hopeless predicament. It was a day of battle, yet only Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear. But Jonathan had the secret of victory for God's people on that day. His secret of victory is our secret of victory. Jonathan said, "There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few" (1 Samuel 14:6). God was not dependent upon the people and their ability to bring victory to His cause and work. Faith in God is the victory.

A good example of this faith is the time when David went against Goliath and said, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied" (1 Samuel 17:45). The secret of his victory was faith in God.

We face enemies, obstacles, and hindrances which sometimes appear unsurmountable. Often there seems no way through and no hope for victory. We feel our own weakness and inability until we stagger and almost fall. But just as God was with these men of old, so that out of weakness they were made strong, so God is with us. He is our Victor! He has promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

—VICTOR D. TRIMMER

FRIDAY, May 27

SAUL'S FOOLISHNESS—1 Samuel 14:23-45

When a man is out of touch with God, Satan can use him to hinder the work of God even through religious exercises. Fasting is a scriptural truth, with ample instructions provided and rewarding blessings promised. But willful King Saul proclaimed a fast when God did not intend that His people should fast, and in so doing he brought great harm to God's cause. Instead of humbling himself before the Lord so that God might speak to him again, he tried to cover his sinful condition by calling for religious activity.

If Israel could have been refreshed by the taste of honey, as Jonathan was, the power of the Philistines might have been completely broken on this occasion. But the Israelites were so famished when they had scattered the enemy that instead of pursuing they flew upon the animals and ate them with their blood. Both Israel's incomplete victory and their sin in eating blood were in a large measure chargeable to Saul.

If Saul had fasted because of his own sins which had disrupted communion with God he would have been in step with Him. Then this would have been a day of rejoicing instead of tragedy.

—HARDY W. STEINBERG

SATURDAY, May 28

SAUL EVADES OBEDIENCE—1 Samuel 15:1:12

"Saul... is turned back from following me" (v. 11).

When did Saul start to backslide? It was when he entertained the thought that he had the right to do as he pleased.

Actually, there is never a time when a child of God can do what he likes contrary to divine law. The Scriptures tell us that we are not our own, but that we are bought with a price, the blood of Jesus Christ.

God's ownership extends from heaven through earth and hell. In spite of the fall of man, we belong rightfully to God, for He has made us. We are God's also by right of redemption, for He has bought us. We belong to Him and are under the blessed arrest of His secret agent, the Holy Spirit, when we are tempted to stray from His just laws.

Backsliding is easy. It comes by simply relaxing one's praying, Bible reading, witnessing, tithing, and going to worship. All one has to do to turn from God is to take it easy.

Paul said to the Galatians, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" They started relaxing. May it never be said of any of us, "He is turned back from following Me."

—LESLIE W. SMITH

Let There Be Music!

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to testify personally in a service. But by having the congregation sing, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," or "Happy Day," everyone can testify by joining in the singing. If all the Christians sing heartily and happily, what an impression it makes upon the unsaved! But if only half the Christians are singing while some are talking or looking about, or if they sing in a half-hearted manner, what kind of a testimony will it be?

MUSIC THAT EDIFIES

Then, too, music can be a means of self-inspiration and self-edification. Sometimes we go to church with heavy hearts. For one reason or another, we do not feel like singing. But as we enter into the song service, what a change comes over us! Perhaps the leader announces a song such as, "There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus." It may seem at first as though we have to force ourselves to join in. We may be tempted to feel it is hypocritical to sing those words in such a mood. But the Lord understands, and if we will sing it anyway we may well find that by the time we come to the last verse we have begun to cast our

burdens upon the Lord and we are singing because we know that Jesus does understand and that He gives grace to meet our every need.

Finally, music can be a means of prayer. When we sing, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," or "I Need Thee Every Hour," we are not merely singing a song. We are singing a prayer, and the Lord will answer a prayer that is sung just as definitely as a prayer that is spoken, if it comes from our hearts.

It might be well to notice something which Brother J. W. Welch said about the song service not long before he went to heaven:

"The song leader is responsible to be so in touch with God," he said, "that the Holy Ghost can suggest the choice of hymns to be sung. I do not suggest that you choose hymns a long time in advance, but I believe you should pray over your hymnbook before leading just as you would pray over your Bible before speaking. As you take the songbook in your hands, pray for God to guide you in your selection, and as you run through it the Holy Ghost will show you which hymns to choose."

A TWOFOLD PURPOSE

Brother Welch added: "There are two things God wants to do through the song service. First, He wants to gather together into one channel the minds of all the people, so that they think about the same thing at the same time. It is a powerful means of getting unity, and unity is a prerequisite for the moving of the Spirit in a meeting. Second, through the song service God wants to touch our hearts by the words and melodies so that we begin to soften. The ground must be broken up before the seed is sown; and our hearts must be softened if the message of God's Word is to sink in and remain there."

As we engage in any form of music in our meetings, let us look to God for His Spirit to be in it. Whether we lead the singing or merely join in the congregational singing—whether we sing a solo or sing in a choir—whether we play a solo or play with others in the orchestra—whatever we do, let us do it heartily, prayerfully and meaningfully, as unto the Lord.

Do you remember the story of Elisha and the minstrel? The prophet of God said, "Bring me a minstrel." When he came and played, Elisha began to prophesy. "And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. And he said, Thus saith the Lord..." God can use music in as mighty a manner today as in Elisha's time, and prayer-laden music from consecrated musicians can bring an outpouring of the Spirit in our meetings today. —R.C.C.

SUMMER CAMPS — 1955

Camp-meeting days are here again! It's time to make your plans and preparations for another season of refreshing at your District or Regional camp.

The following list will give you the essential facts about the camp that is nearest you. The list is complete as nearly as we can determine. If any camps have been omitted they will be listed under "Coming Meetings" in future issues of the EVANGEL.

ALABAMA DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Montgomery, Ala. (5 miles south of Montgomery on U. S. 231 and 82).

June 20—24.

J. O. Savell and Paul Paino, speakers.

For accommodations write to District Office, Box 2171, Montgomery, Ala.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CAMP

Midway between Big Stone Gap and Gate City, Va., two miles east off U.S. 53 at Hortons Summit near Natural Tunnel.

June 28—July 8.

Arthur Arnold, speaker.

For accommodations write W. W. Smith, Big Stone Gap, Va.

ARIZONA DISTRICT

GRAND CANYON STATE CAMP

Prescott, Ariz. (3 miles northwest of Prescott on Iron Springs Road).

July 26—Aug. 4.

Bert Webb and Dwight McLaughlin, speakers.

For accommodations write J. K. Gressett, Route 1, Prescott, Ariz.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Hot Springs, Ark. (nine miles from Hot Springs on Hi-way 7, at Ozark-Lithia Camp Ground).

July 26—Aug. 6.

C. C. Burnett, speaker.

For accommodations write Arkansas District Council, Box 2477, Little Rock, Ark.

EASTERN DISTRICT

MARANATHA PARK CAMP

Green Lane, Pa.

July 15—Aug. 14.

Niels P. Thomsen, morning speaker; Andrew Stirling, evening speaker (July 15—31). A. C. Bates, morning speaker; Howard S. Bush, evening speaker (Aug. 1—14).

For accommodations write Mrs. Henry Smith, Box 113, Green Lane, Pa.

LIVING WATERS CAMP

Near Cherry Tree, Pa.

June 24—July 10.

Bracy Greer, morning speaker; T. H. Spence, evening speaker.

For accommodations write Donald E. Berkey, 304 South Main St., Punxsutawney, Pa.

GEORGIA DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Jenkinsburg, Ga. (40 miles south of Atlanta on Hi-way 23).

July 4—13.

C. Morse Ward, speaker.

For accommodations write George Klarman, Box 4354, Atlanta, Ga.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Petersburg, Ill. (Old Salem Chautauqua Grounds).

July 22—31.

H. B. Kelchner, Bible teacher; Jay B. Oaks, evangelist; William L. Thornton, Jr., C. A. speaker.

For accommodations write M. M. Brewer, 76 E. Jennings St., Wood River, Ill.

INDIANA DISTRICT

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CAMP

Lake Placid, Hartford City, Ind. (on shores of beautiful Lake Placid with abundant groves, dormitories, cottages, and a new tabernacle).

Aug. 9—19.

Richard Vinyard, night speaker; various day speakers.

For accommodations write Assemblies of God Camp, Box 5395, Indianapolis, Ind.

KANSAS DISTRICT

WOODSTON CAMP

Between Woodston and Alton, Kans. on U. S. 24.

July 19—28.

David Hastie, Bible teacher; George Hayes, evangelist.

For accommodations write Paul C. Samuelson, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kans.

WICHITA CAMP

Augusta, Kans. (4 miles west of Augusta on U. S. 54, and 1½ miles north).

Aug. 2—12.

Arthur R. McClure, Bible Teacher; H. B. Kelchner, evangelist.

For accommodations write Paul C. Samuelson, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kans.

(Boys' Camp, June 20—24; Girls' Camp, June 27—July 1; Teen Camp, July 4—8. For accommodations write Owen C. Carr, District C. A. President, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kans.)

KENTUCKY DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Crestwood, Ky. (Approximately 18

Storm Lake Bible Camp at Storm Lake, Iowa



Bethel Gospel Park at Brooks, Oregon



miles east of downtown Louisville and one mile west of Crestwood. Beautiful new grounds with new tabernacle and buildings.)

July 1—10.

Ernest Shores, speaker.

For accommodations write Charles Byrd, Route 1, Jeffersonville, Ky.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

FA-HO-LO PARK

Grass Lake, Mich. (10 miles east of Jackson, Mich. and one mile south of U.S. 12, or 1½ miles north of Grass Lake village on Mt. Hope Road).

July 16—31.

Edgar Bethany and Thomas Zimmerman, speakers.

For accommodations write Michigan District Council, 6053 Chase Rd., Dearborn 1, Mich.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN CAMP

Cadillac, Mich. (Lake Cadillac Conference Grounds of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, 1517 N. Blvd.)

June 27—July 4.

Charles W. H. Scott and Parvin C. Lee, speakers.

For accommodations write Arthur Austin, Atlanta, Mich.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

LAKE GENEVA BIBLE CAMP

Alexandria, Minn. (on beautiful Lake Geneva, one mile east and a half mile north of Alexandria, just off Hi-way 52).

June 23—July 4.

Arthur H. Graves, Bible teacher; C. Morse Ward, evangelist.

For accommodations write H. R. Snyder, 910 Elliot Ave S., Minneapolis, Minn.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Hurley, Miss.

Aug. 3—10.

Andrew Stirling, speaker.

For accommodations write E. E. Noiland, Box 1954, Meridian, Miss.

MONTANA DISTRICT

GLACIER BIBLE CAMP

Hungry Horse, Mont. (U. S. 2, in the shadow of Glacier National Park—5 miles from west park entrance).

July 7—17.

Arthur Graves, Bible teacher; M. L. Davidson, evangelist; Peter Funk, missionary speaker.

For accommodations write R. N. Walden, Box 68, Hungry Horse, Mont.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT

LEXINGTON STATE CAMP

One mile west of Lexington, Nebr.

Aug. 5—14.

A. M. Alber, Bible Teacher; E. J. Robison, evangelist.

Let's All Go to the Feast!

Like the feasts of the Lord which the Old Testament saints had the joy of attending, our modern Camp Meetings are feasts of good things.

One of the greatest festivals in the Jewish year was the Feast of Tabernacles. It was a sort of Harvest Festival and at the same time a celebration of Israel's wandering in the wilderness. The Israelites celebrated this festival each year by dwelling in "booths," or brush arbors, for a week to remind them of the wilderness life from which the Lord had delivered them.

Thus the Feast of Tabernacles was an antitype to our camp meetings of today. It was to such a feast that Jesus went. It was there He cried, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink . . . out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." "This spake He of the Spirit." No other occasion is so helpful to receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit as a camp meeting. Thousands have entered into this Spirit-filled life at camp meeting and then have returned to their communities and churches to be mightily used as the "rivers of living water" (the indwelling Spirit) flow out in blessing to others.

Camp meetings are times of rich fellowship. There the members of various churches gather and become acquainted. Perhaps no other meeting provides so much inter-church fellowship as the camp meeting. Hours spent in the dining halls, between services,

and in the various camp activities facilitate an exchange of experiences among Christians.

Pioneer churches profit greatly through camp meetings. Young Christians learn from older saints with whom they associate. Bible teachers bring lessons on the Word of God and deeper spiritual experiences that were previously unknown to new Christians and members of small churches.

Camp meeting is a place to pray without interruption, inconvenience or fear. For hours at a time one may pray through to some spiritual conquest which otherwise might never be obtained. Praise God!

Camp meetings are helping to preserve our Pentecostal heritage. The common denominator of "like precious faith" provides a warm atmosphere for freedom of expression in worship and testimony. While it is true that each Christian believer needs to recognize his individual responsibility for his personal holiness and his love to others, at camp meeting he learns the joy of submerging himself in a large gathering of sympathetic and enthusiastic Pentecostal believers.

Camp meeting is a time of refreshing, both spiritually and otherwise. Salvation, healing, deeper experiences, and a greater understanding of the Word of God are some of the rich rewards awaiting those who attend.

Let's all go to the feast!

—by J. Robert Ashcroft

For accommodations write V. W. Weaver, Lexington, Nebr.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Framingham, Mass., 7 Auburn St.

July 22—31.

Speakers to be announced.

For accommodations write District Camp, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Mountainair, N. Mex.

July 11—17.

Joe Neely, speaker.

For accommodations write D. B. Chaney, Box 427, Mountainair, N. Mex.

NEW YORK DISTRICT

MOUNTAINVIEW CAMP

Sherburne, N. Y. (1½ miles north of Sherburne on Route 12B. Located in mountain area).

July 16—31.

Culpepper Evangelistic Party, speakers.

For accommodations write Winston Schmock, % Mountainview Camp, Box 662, Sherburne, N. Y.

LAKEVIEW GOSPEL CAMP

Hamlin, N. Y. (On Route 272 on Lake Ontario. Large inn for accommodation of campers.)

July 23—Aug. 7.

J. Robert Ashcroft, Bible teacher; Velmor Gardner, evening speaker.

For accommodations write Frank Christie, 629 E. Delavan Ave., Buffalo 11, N. Y.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

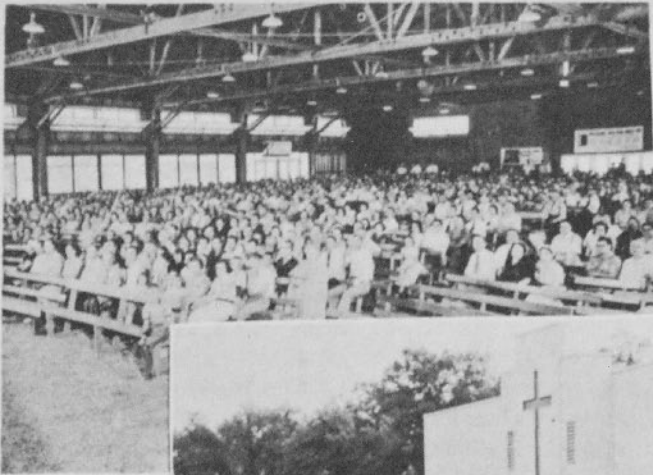
WESTERN CAMP

Cullasaja, N. C. (5 miles from Franklin on U.S. 64).

June 26—July 10.

George Hayes, speaker.

For accommodations write Fred Sorrells, Route 5, Franklin, N. C.



**FA-HO-LO
PARK**



**MICHIGAN
DISTRICT
CAMP**



For accommodations write Silver Lake Bible Camp, Route 4, Box 460. Everett, Wash.

OHIO DISTRICT

OHIO STATE CAMP

Big Prairie, Ohio.
June 27—July 10.
H. B. Kelchner, Bible teacher; Arne Vick, evangelist.
For accommodations write T. E. Hartshorn, 3377 W. Broad St., Columbus 4, Ohio.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Oklahoma City, Okla. (4½ miles north of State Capitol Building on U.S. 66).
July 12—21.
Arthur S. Arnold, speaker.
For accommodations write Floyd L. Poag, Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

OREGON DISTRICT

BETHEL GOSPEL PARK

Brooks, Oreg. (9 miles north of Salem, Oreg. on Hi-way 99, and 41 miles south of Portland).
June 27—July 10.
E. J. Robison and Leland R. Keys, speakers.
For accommodations write Lester C. Young, Box 38, Brooks, Oreg.

POTOMAC DISTRICT

POTOMAC PARK CAMP

Falling Waters, W. Va. (on U.S. 11 between Martinsburg, W. Va. and Hagerstown, Md.).
July 16—Aug. 7.
A. M. Alber, Bible teacher; A. N. Trotter, evangelist.
For accommodations write H. V. Spruill, 608 Temple Ave., Emporia, Va.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Littleton, Colo., 5700 S. Broadway (10 miles straight south of the State Capitol in Denver).
Aug. 1—11.
A. A. Wilson, Bible teacher; C. Morse Ward, evangelist.
For accommodations write William W. Brandt, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

WESTERN SLOPE CAMP

Grand Junction, Colo. (1 mile west of city limits on Hi-way 50, and a half mile north).
June 27—July 4.
Clyde A. Henson, speaker.
For accommodations write Kenneth R. Schmidt, Box 1055, Grand Junction, Colo.

UTAH STATE CAMP

Salt Lake City, Utah.
July 8—17.

EASTERN CAMP

Windsor, N. C. (one mile north of Windsor on U.S. 17).
Aug. 15—28.
George Hayes, speaker.
For accommodations write Raymond Hoggard, Route 2, Windsor, N. C.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

LAKWOOD PARK CAMP

Five miles southwest of Devils Lake, N. Dak. (Follow State Hi-ways 57 and 20 south from U. S. 2 for one mile, then follow Assemblies of God Camp signs; or five miles south on same Hi-ways to Camp Grafton Military Rd. and follow Camp signs.)
June 28—July 7.
Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Trotter, speakers.
For accommodations write E. A. Miller, Route 3, Devils Lake, N. Dak.

NORTHERN CALIF.-NEVADA DISTRICT

BETHANY PARK

Santa Cruz, Calif. (6456 Los Gatos Hi-way, 8 miles out of Santa Cruz. Lo-

cated among the redwoods in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains.)

July 1—17.
Robert Ashcroft and James Van Meter, speakers.

For accommodations write M. H. Heicksen, Camp Manager, Box 961, Santa Cruz, Calif.

REDWOOD SECTIONAL CAMP

Scotia, Calif. (4 miles south of Scotia on Hi-way 101).
July 18—28.
Judge B. Lindsey, speaker.

MOUNT LASSEN CAMP

Mineral, Calif. (one mile west of Mineral on Hi-way 36).
June 29—July 10.
Carl Stewart, speaker.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

SILVER LAKE BIBLE CAMP

Everett, Wash. (6 miles south of Everett and 1½ miles east of Hi-way 99. Turn at Fairmount.)
June 25—July 10.
B. Owen Oslin, speaker.

Kenneth R. Schmidt, speaker.
For accommodations write G. M. Heath, 57 E. 13th S., Salt Lake City, Utah.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

BLACK HILLS BIBLE CAMP

Rapid City, S. Dak. (Canyon Lake Drive).

June 23—July 4.

Arthur Arnold, speaker.

For further information write South Dakota District Council, 410 E. 6th, Mitchell, S. Dak.

EASTERN CAMP

Mitchell, S. Dak. (Riverside Holiness Camp Grounds).

July 6—10.

Russell Park, speaker.

For further information write South Dakota District Council, 410 E. 6th, Mitchell, S. Dak.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT

LAKE BONNY BIBLE CAMP

Lakeland, Fla., 940 Longfellow Blvd. (3 miles from heart of Lakeland).

June 20—July 1.

Bartlett Peterson, Bible teacher; Robert F. Fierro, evangelist.

For accommodations write J. W. Collins, Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT

No district camp is held in the South Texas District. However, there will be a Youth Camp, July 18—22, at Camp Ross Sterling, Baytown, Tex. (G. L. Johnson, Director). There will be two Boys' and Girls' Camps, supervised by E. G. Aldridge: one at Camp Ross Sterling, Baytown, Tex., July 11—15; and the other at Camp Mathes, Mathes, Tex., Aug. 8—12.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

PINECREST CAMP

San Bernardino, Calif. (18 miles north of San Bernardino, one mile off Hi-way 18. Newly acquired rustic camp in San Bernardino mountains.)

July 16—24.

T. J. Jones, Bible teacher; Robert Fierro, evangelist.

For accommodations write K. Stambaugh, Box 103, Twin Peaks, Calif.

SOUTHERN IDAHO DISTRICT

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CAMP

Nampa, Idaho (5 miles north of Nampa on Franklin Rd.).

June 28—July 7.

A. M. Alber, Bible teacher; C. C. Burnett, evangelist.

For accommodations write D. E. Snider, 304 16th Ave. N., Nampa, Idaho.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CAMP

Near Eldon, Mo. (7 miles above Bag-

nell Dam on Lake of the Ozarks. Camp Ground surrounded by water except for 150 feet at entrance.)

June 24—July 4.

J. O. Savell, Bible teacher; Joe Neely, evangelist.

For accommodations write Southern Missouri District Office, 1400 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo.

TENNESSEE DISTRICT

BETHESDA CAMP

Greenbrier, Tenn. (20 miles out of Nashville on Louisville Hi-way 31-W).

July 1—8.

John H. Bostrom, speaker.

For accommodations write C. C. Crace, 401 S. 11th St., Nashville 6, Tenn.

TEXAS DISTRICT

NORTH TEXAS CAMP

Woodlake Camp Ground, located between Sherman and Denison, Tex.

Aug. 1—5.

W. A. Brown, speaker.

For accommodations write R. B. Ring, 909 S. Chestnut St., McKinney, Tex.

AUSTIN SECTIONAL CAMP

Austin, Tex. (20 miles west of Austin at Camp Ben McCollough).

Aug. 3—12.

G. W. Hardcastle, speaker.

For accommodations write W. W. Cothran, Box 264, Round Rock, Tex.

(Youth Camp, June 28—July 4, at Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex. Ted Vibbert, speaker. Send registration to Youth Camp, S.B.I., Waxahachie, Tex.)

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

STORM LAKE BIBLE CAMP

Storm Lake, Iowa.

July 26—Aug. 7.

B. Owen Oslin, camp speaker; G. F. Lewis, Home Missions speaker; Philip Hogan, missionary speaker.

For accommodations write Charles E. Huffman, 302 E. 11th St., Spencer, Iowa.

NORTH MISSOURI CAMP

Lake Maurer, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Sept. 7—16.

C. Morse Ward, speaker.

For accommodations write R. L. Beckman, 317 E. Excelsior, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP AND COUNCIL

Marianna, Fla. (2 miles east of Marianna on Hi-way 90).

July 11—21. (District Council, July 20—21.)

J. O. Savell, morning speaker; C. C. Burnett, evening speaker.

For accommodations write G. H. Blair, Box 11, Marianna, Fla.

Retrospect . . . or Prospect ?



Ho, Pilgrim—standing at the yonder end of time! What brings the smile to your lips? Is it pleasant memories of days that are past, or do you look beyond Eternity's Gate?

Our aged ministers are entitled to every joy that old age can afford—retrospect or prospect. It is *our* privilege—indeed, our duty—to free them from financial distress. If your church does not include the Old Age Assistance Fund in its monthly budget, it probably will be taking an offering May 29. Give with a ready heart!

DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCES
434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.



Lake Geneva Bible Camp
Alexandria, Minnesota



Indiana Camp, Lake Placid
Hartford City, Indiana



Lakeview Gospel Camp
Hamlin, New York

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Lubbock, Tex., 206 Avenue H.
Aug. 2—11.

Paul Lowenberg, morning and evening speaker.

For accommodations write to West Texas District Camp, 4206 Avenue H, Lubbock, Tex.

WISCONSIN-NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT

SPENCER LAKE BIBLE CAMP

Waupaca, Wis. (5 miles south of Waupaca on County Hi-way E).
July 27—Aug. 7.

William E. Kirschke and Arthur Graves, speakers.

For accommodations write R. A. Doorn, Box 223, Waupaca, Wis.

WYOMING DISTRICT

DISTRICT CAMP

Casper, Wyo. (Fair Grounds)
July 4—10.

Robert Fierro, speaker.

For accommodations write R. G. McAllister, 1042 W. 12th, Glenrock, Wyo.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH

Lanesville, N. Y. (30 miles west of Kingston, 5 miles from Phoenicia in the Catskill Mountains).

July 12—31.

Fred Smolchuck, speaker.

For accommodations write Ukrainian Branch Camp Dept., 9 East 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.

LATIN-AMERICAN BRANCH

SPANISH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CAMP

Chama, N. Mex. (2 miles south of Chama on Hi-way to Tierra Amarilla, N. Mex.)

July 1—8.

Ruben Arevalo and D. Bazan, speakers.

For accommodations write Rubel Benavidez, 472-59th St., N.W., Albuquerque, N. Mex.

GERMAN BRANCH

BETHEL PARK

Bridgman, Mich. (near Lake Michigan).

July 14—24.

K. P. Steffens, speaker.

For accommodations write Alvin Sprecher, 727 Thresher, Benton Harbor, Mich.

CANADA

LAKESHORE PENTECOSTAL CAMP

Cobourg, Ontario, Canada (on shore of Lake Ontario).

July 17—31.

James Hamill, evening speaker; Leonard W. Heroo, morning speaker.

For accommodations write W. B. Greenwood, 155 Albert St., Belleville, Ontario, Canada.

CAMPS FOR THE DEAF

The following camps are being sponsored by the Special Ministries Division of the National Home Missions Department. These camps are open to adult deaf and to deaf children as well.

SANTA FE LAKE CAMP

Augusta, Kansas

July 11—15

For further information write Arla Beach, Camp Director, 1428 Hardy, Independence, Missouri

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEAF CAMP

5700 South Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

July 18—22

For further information write Fred Hurt, Camp Director, 1540 Eppinger Boulevard, Denver 16, Colo.

LAKE PLACID DEAF CAMP

Hartford City, Indiana

July 25—29

For further information write S. Wayne Shaneyfelt, Camp Director, Box 1231, Indianapolis 5, Ind.

FA-HO-LO DEAF CAMP

Grass Lake, Michigan

August 7—12

For further information write Maxine Strobridge, Camp Director, 3017 Highland Avenue, Muskegon Heights, Mich.

INDIAN CAMPS

PAPAGO INDIAN CAMP

On highway 86, sixty-five miles southwest of Tucson at the edge of the city of Sells, Ariz.

June 5—12

WHITE MOUNTAIN INDIAN CAMP

On the Fort Apache Reservation; 40 miles south of Showlow, Ariz., on highway 60 (90 miles northeast of Globe, Ariz.).

June 26—July 4

Speakers: George Effman, Manuel Cordova, and Opal Bowman party.

INDIAN CAMP

7 miles northwest of Kingston, Wash., on Little Boston Reservation (2½ miles off the Hansville-Egdon Highway to the north).

June 20—24

Speaker: R. J. Carlson

HOOPA INDIAN CAMP MEETING

Take highway 299 to Willow Creek, Calif. At Willow Creek turn north to Hoopa. Inquire for Hoopa Indian Camp Grounds.

July 31—August 7


Speaker: George Effman

FRUITLAND INDIAN CAMP

June 23—July 4

35 miles north of Davenport, Wash., or 40 miles south of Kettle Falls, Wash., on Highway 22.

Speaker: R. J. Carlson.



LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

MAY 22

Growth of the
Sunday School

SECOND REVIVALTIME PRAYER MEETING BRINGS THOUSANDS OF REQUESTS

EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 TO 11:00 P.M. was the time set aside for the second great REVIVALTIME prayer meeting. The theme of this service was "HEALING FOR THE SICK." Over 5,000 prayer requests had come in prior to the meeting.

As the Choir and the congregation met with Brother Ward after the broadcast, an air of expectancy fell over the hearts of everyone present. The power of God swept over the meeting immediately. It seemed that the windows of heaven were already open toward the Radio Auditorium. It was evident that God was pleased with this great prayer effort.

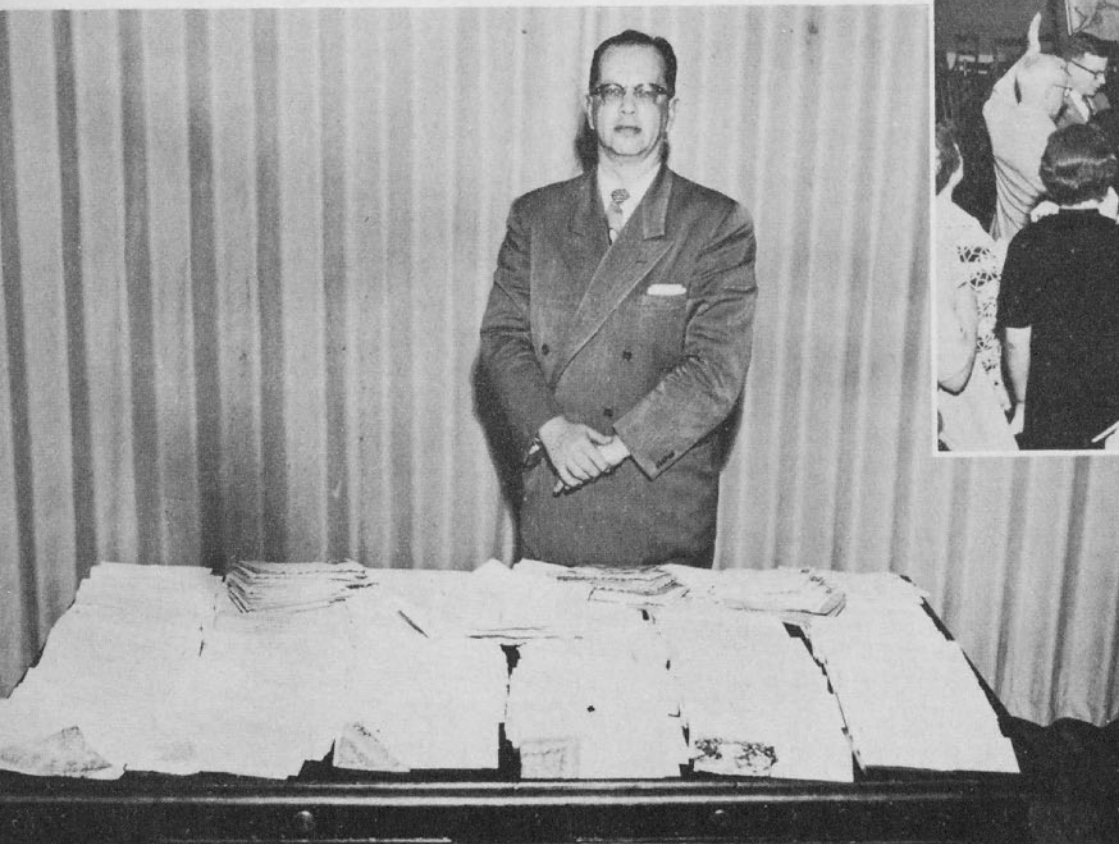
The elders of the church who were present anointed the many handkerchiefs sent in and prayed over each one individually. Then the other requests were divided among the prayer warriors so that each one of the thousands received were prayed for both unitedly and individually.

AND . . . THE TESTIMONIES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO ROLL IN! GOD ANSWERED PRAYER IN

THE EASTER PRAYER MEETING.

The theme of the NEXT REVIVALTIME PRAYER MEETING will be "GUIDANCE." So many are writing and asking Brother Ward and his associates to pray that they may determine the will of God for their individual lives . . . or that they may find the solution to a special problem which they face, either business or personal . . . whether to marry a certain individual . . . whether to enter the ministry . . . whether to go to college or Bible school. Or the problem may arise from trouble in the home.

There are a thousand and one problems that may face us as we walk with God. We believe that GOD IS A SOLVER OF PROBLEMS and the radio staff is going to pray for each request for Divine guidance. Listen to REVIVALTIME to learn when this next great prayer meeting will be. If you would like to know which radio station in your vicinity carries this nationwide broadcast, write to REVIVALTIME, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.



C. M. Ward, Revivaltime speaker, stands at table, filled with letters requesting anointed handkerchiefs. First, all of the requests were spread before the Lord in a season of united prayer. Then they were distributed among the individuals present and each request was remembered separately before the Throne of Grace.



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Leadership Training for You

ADVANCED CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

May 30—June 3

Next week many church and Sunday School leaders from over the nation will gather at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri, for the **Advanced Christian Training School**. This school for Christian leaders will provide a week of intensive training in the field of Sunday School and related areas.

This is your opportunity to take part in a school which specializes in LEADERSHIP TRAINING. The best methods for conducting your work—whether it be working in the VBS, directing the Sunday School as superintendent, serving as Christian Education director, instructing in worker's training courses, leading a Sunday School department or doing various types of Children's Work—or serving as sectional Sunday School representative or district Sunday School director—will be presented by able teachers.

There will be courses offered for Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, Christian Education Directors, Vacation Bible School Workers, Workers' Training Instructors, Sunday School Evangelists, Child Evangelism Specialists, District Sunday

School Directors and Sectional Sunday School Representatives. Even if you do not come under one of these groups, you may enroll in the course of your choice.

A special "package" offer enables you to attend the entire course for just \$21.00. This includes room, meals, tuition and insurance during the school. Those who will not be staying on the campus of Central Bible Institute will pay \$6.75 for tuition and insurance. A fee of \$5.00 (which will be deducted from your total bill of \$21.00) should be sent

with your application. Registration will take place Monday afternoon, May 30th.

Twenty instructors will be ready to help you with problems you may have. There will be six classes each day, devotions at the breakfast hour, recreation during the later part of the afternoon, and a special lecture in the evening followed by a time of fellowship. Spend these five days (May 30-June 3) on the campus of Central Bible Institute where you will receive practical training and spiritual inspiration for your work.



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c/o National Sunday School Department

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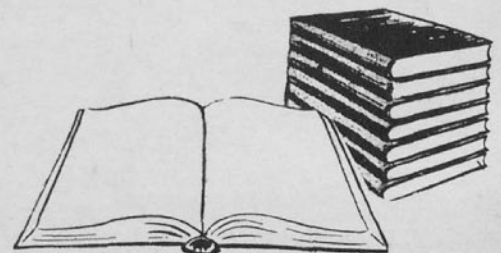
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Please enclose \$5.00 with this application and mail immediately to National Sunday School Dept., 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri

The first session of A.C.T.S. was held during the summer of 1954. It was commended enthusiastically by all who attended. This year's school will feature new courses and a larger faculty. A.C.T.S. is conducted by the

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NEWS

PENTECOSTAL PIONEER CALLED TO HIS HEAVENLY REWARD

Howard D. Stanley of Mountainburg, Ark. was called to his heavenly reward recently at the age of 79. Brother Stanley was one of the earliest pioneer preachers in the Pentecostal Movement, having started out in this ministry some fifty-five years ago.



H. D. Stanley

Our departed brother was one of the young people who was filled with the Holy Ghost at a Bible College at Topeka, Kans. the night of January 3, 1901. That same summer he went out with a group of gospel workers who took the Pentecostal message to Kansas City, Mo. and then

on to Lawrence, Kans. In the fall of 1901 he and his wife went back to Lawrence and opened a Pentecostal mission, which reportedly was the second to be opened in the United States.

He served as pastor in various places but most of his years of ministry were spent in the evangelistic field. He was an ordained minister of the General Council.

CHARLES DENTON SUCCEEDS PAUL COPELAND AS NATIONAL S. S. SECRETARY

Charles Denton, formerly Assistant Secretary of the National Sunday School Department, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the National Secretary's office following the recent resignation of Paul Copeland.

Brother Copeland resigned after serving for six years as National Secretary. Under his leadership the Sunday School work of the Assemblies of God made phenomenal progress.

He has moved to West Palm Beach, Florida, to succeed the late D. P. Holloway as Pastor of Calvary Temple.

Brother Denton was Sunday School Director of the New York-New Jersey District before moving to Springfield, Mo. to become a National Sunday School Representative. He is a specialist in Boys and Girls Camps and in children's handicraft.

D. V. Hurst, formerly a National Sunday School Representative, has taken Brother Denton's place as Assistant National Sunday School Secretary. Brother Hurst is nationally known as author of two excellent Workers' Training books.

L. B. Keener and Robert Pirtle will continue to serve as National Sunday School Representatives. Their experience as District Sunday School Directors qualifies them to do an excellent job of a national scope.

Bert Webb, an Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, is Executive Director of the National Sunday School Department.



Charles Denton (left) was named National Sunday School Secretary following the resignation of Paul Copeland (right) from that office.

WORLD MISSIONS CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN 1956

There will be eight regional World Missions Conventions in the early part of 1956. The conventions will be jointly sponsored by the three missionary departments of the Assemblies of God—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Women's Missionary Council.

On May 8 the EVANGEL listed seven of the regional Conventions which will be held at Fresno, Portland, Denver, St. Paul, Detroit, Asbury Park, and Atlanta. The eighth convention, however, was omitted.

The final convention will be at FORT WORTH, TEXAS, March 20—22. The meetings will be in the Will Rogers Memorial Auditorium and the SOUTH CENTRAL REGION which the convention will cover will include Texas, South Texas, West Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Southern Missouri Districts.

A planning team will be visiting the convention cities during May and June appointing local committees, finalizing arrangements with convention bureaus, auditoriums, and headquarters hotels.

Let us start praying now that these conventions will be a great blessing to the cause of world evangelization. Further information about the conventions may be obtained AFTER JUNE FIRST by writing to the National Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

MACEDONIA, TEX.—On March 23, we closed a meeting with Evangelist Harlan J. Pate of Houston, Tex. The revival was attended by large crowds. A number were saved and our people were edified. The Sunday School attendance increased.—R. C. Tillery Jr., Pastor.

COLEMAN, TEX.—We have just closed a two-week meeting with a youth evangelist, Ken George. His old-time gospel messages stirred and blessed our church. A Methodist lady, who had been healed, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—L. A. Holeman, Pastor.

SEASIDE, OREG.—Evangelist Johnny Hoskins was with us throughout the month of March. A number were converted, several received definite healings, and four were filled with the Holy Ghost. Nine followed the Lord in water baptism.—Karl Becker, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—The meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. proved a real blessing to the South Seneca Assembly of God. Four were saved and seven filled with the Holy Spirit. Others were drawn to a closer walk with the Lord.—John W. DeVasher, Pastor.

SANGER, CALIF.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Silas H. Jones of Berkeley, Calif. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Spirit, and a number were healed. The church was greatly blessed by the ministry of this evangelistic team.—Charles R. Stern, Pastor, Assembly of God Chapel.

NEWPORT, ARK.—On April 3, we closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. H. E. Simms. Sister Simms gave a 45-minute lesson on the Book of Revelation each evening before the evangelistic service. The Lord made it a blessing to us. The main evangelistic service was under the direction of Brother Simms. The Sunday School broke all previous records with 130 present. Some were saved, and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Others were delivered from the tobacco habit.—Walter C. Ivie, Pastor.

JEANNETTE, PA.—We enjoyed three weeks of glorious revival with Evangelists Smith and Rogers of Granite City, Ill. Every night souls were saved or baptized with the Holy Spirit. An 80-year-old lady received the Baptism. We praise God for His blessing in our midst.—A. A. Amerine, Pastor, Assembly of God.

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.

RIVERTON, WYO.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, begins May 22; Evangelist and Mrs. R. L. Kay, Laramie, Wyo.—by J. J. Wagner, Pastor.

RAWLINS, WYO.—Assembly of God, May 31—June 5; Evangelist Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—by Murray McLees, Pastor.

ENNIS, TEX.—First Assembly of God, 400 W. Ennis Ave., May 25—30; Evangelist Harvey McAlister, New York City. (H. L. Bayless is Pastor.)

MURDO, S. DAK.—Assembly of God, begins May 17; Evangelist Arnold and Anita Segesman.—by Leo Bankson, Pastor.

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y.—Assembly of God, 656 Front St., May 17—29; Evangelist and Mrs. Joseph Vitello, Mansfield, Ohio.—by Steve Durasoff, Pastor.

KOUNTZE, TEX.—"Y" Assembly of God, begins May 15; Evangelist and Mrs. David L. Johnson.—by Clyde C. Rieson, Pastor.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—First Assembly of God, 4th and Grand, May 8—22; Evangelist Howard Rusthoh.—by Kenneth R. Schmidt, Pastor.

REED CITY, MICH.—Assembly of God, May 17—29; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose. (T. B. Thodeson is Pastor.)

DECATUR, ILL.—First Assembly of God, May 22—June 5; Evangelist and Mrs. William Moorman, Bedford, Ohio. (W. V. Drake is Pastor.)

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Riverview Assembly of God, Sycamore and May Sts., begins May 17; Evangelist Tom Myers.—by L. M. Vaughn, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—Community Full Gospel Church, begins May 17; Evangelist and Mrs. Ted Silva and Ted Silva II. (Walter Trumbo is Pastor.)

PORTLAND, OREG.—Evangel Temple, S. E. 75th and Foster Rd., May 31—June 12; Evangelist and Mrs. E. T. Quanabush, Paterson, N. J.—by Joseph and Helen Dunets, Pastor.

ROCKAWAY, N. J.—First Assembly of God, 125 E. Main St., May 15—29; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglas, Tampa, Fla.—by Joan Wandless, Assistant Secretary. (Donald O. Northrup is Pastor.)

NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES—Seattle, Wash. Class night on Friday, May 20, 8 p.m., at College Auditorium, E. 69th and 8th Ave. N. E. Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m., at Calvary Temple, E. 69th and 8th Ave. N. E.; R. J. Carlson, Northwest District Assistant Superintendent, speaker. Commencement on Friday, May 27, 8 p.m., at Calvary Temple; J. Robert Ashcroft, National Secretary of Education, speaker.

WESTERN ONTARIO YOUTH CAMP—Kesssex Camp (7 miles east of Wheatley, Ont. or 40 miles from Detroit, Mich. on Hi-way 3), July 29—Aug. 7. Johnnie Barnes, Fort Worth, Tex., main speaker. District Rally, Aug. 1, Robert Argue, Saskatoon, Canada, speaking. For information and reservation write Clayton Cook (District C. A. President), 115 Colborne St. W., Orillia, Ont., Canada.—by Harold House, District C. A. Secretary.

Hear C. M. Ward on REVIVALTIME . . .

OUT OF OIL (Matthew 25:8)

SERMON SUBJECT FOR MAY 22

SUNDAY 10:30 P.M. ABC NETWORK



Planning team: Gayle F. Lewis, Victor Trimmer, J. Philip Hogan. Noon luncheon with officers of Arizona, Southern California, and Northern California-Nevada districts. Meeting with all area pastors from 2 to 5 p.m. at Full Gospel Tabernacle, 2530 Divisadero St. (Bob Thomas, Host Pastor).

PORTLAND, OREGON, May 31—Meeting to plan Northwest Regional World Missions Convention. Planning team: Gayle F. Lewis, Victor Trimmer, Phil Hogan. Noon luncheon at the Campbell Court Hotel with officers of Oregon, Montana, Northwest, and Southern Idaho districts. Meeting with all area pastors from 2 to 5 p.m. at Evangel Temple, Southeast 75th and Foster Road (Joseph Dunets, Host Pastor).

DISTRICT COUNCILS

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL—Framingham, Mass., 7 Auburn St., May 31—June 2; James Van Meter, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker.—by David W. Flower, District Secretary.

GREEK BRANCH CONVENTION—Los Angeles, Calif., 7320 Hoover St. S., June 30—July 10. For accommodations write to host pastor, Emmanuel Frangos, 7320 Hoover St. S., Los Angeles 44, Calif.—by Gust A. Harbas, Branch Secretary.

TENNESSEE DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, 1084 E. McLemore, Memphis, Tenn., May 24—26; Bert Webb, Assistant General Superintendent, guest speaker. C. A. Rally, Monday evening, May 23. Services each day at 10 a.m., and 2 and 7:30 p.m. James E. Hamill is host pastor.—by H. E. Waddle, District Superintendent.

SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Del Mar College auditorium, Corpus Christi, Tex., June 7—9. Night speakers: E. S. Williams, B. Owen Oslin, and Alfred Cawston. Missionary speakers: Lillian Trasher and Bernice Vandermerwe. C. A. Rally on Monday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m.—by Willis E. Berry, District Secretary.

NUCLA, COLO.—Began May 15; Evangelist and Mrs. Leo Walker, Fort Worth, Tex. (E. E. Weiszbrod is Pastor.)

STONEHAM, COLO.—May 24—June 12; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif. (William Hanawalt is Pastor.)

EVERGREEN, ALA.—Assembly of God, 253 Pecan St., May 25—June 5; Evangelist and Mrs. William A. Caldwell, Conyngham, Pa. (D. J. Paglia is Pastor.)

CODY, WYO.—Assembly of God, May 24—29; Evangelist Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.—by Wendell Reed, Pastor.

FREDERICKTOWN, MO.—Assembly of God, May 22—June 5; Evangelist R. L. Hamm, McKinney, Tex.—by Gene Young, Pastor.

ST. PAUL, VA.—Began May 9; Evangelists Beauford and Celia Hannum, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Claud and Ursula McKeel, Pastors.

RIO, WIS.—Assembly of God, begins May 17; Evangelist and Mrs. Joel R. Palmer. (O. A. Holmstrom is Pastor.)

SHREVEPORT, LA.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, May 24—June 7; Evangelist W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo.—by Charles H. Miller, Pastor.

POULSBO, WASH.—full Gospel Tabernacle, May 22—June 5; Evangelist Fulton Buntain.—by Martin Haack, Pastor.

AUGUSTA, GA.—Lakeview Assembly of God, 2002 Ellis St., May 15—29; Evangelists Horace and Florence Booker, Indian Rocks, Fla.—by Glenn Utley, Pastor.

CRESCENT CITY, CALIF.—Assembly of God, May 31—June 5; Children's revival with Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens. (D. L. Rhodes is Pastor.)

MASON CITY, IOWA—Assembly of God, 1615 Delaware N. E., May 17—29; Evangelist and Mrs. M. Lefkovitz, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Allan Ullestad, Pastor.

REGIONAL PLANNING MEETINGS

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, May 24—Meeting to plan South Central Regional World Missions Convention. Planning team: Gayle F. Lewis, Victor Trimmer, J. Philip Hogan. Noon luncheon with officers of Texas, South Texas, West Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Southern Missouri districts. Meeting with all area pastors from 2 to 5 p.m. at Rosen Heights Assembly of God, 2713 Azle Avenue (A. B. Braune, Host Pastor).

FRESNO, CALIF., May 26—Meeting to plan Southwest Regional World Missions Convention.

Home Missions Speakers to be Featured at Summer Camps

Members of the Home Missions Executive Committee and the National Home Missions Department staff will be speakers on Home Missions days at the various camps this summer.

To many the annual camps have been the means of inspiration and blessing. They afford a time when pastors and lay people alike may come together to receive new vision and strength for the task of reaching the lost in their communities.

Will you pray that God will pour out His Spirit and that workers may be enlisted in the 1,000 Church Crusade? Pray that the effort may result in winning the souls of men and women who otherwise may not hear the message of Christ.

GAYLE F. LEWIS, Executive Director for Home Missions, will be speaking in the following camps:

- June 26—Southern Missouri
- June 28—29—North Dakota
- July 1—Minnesota
- July 4—South Dakota (Black Hills)
- July 7—South Dakota (Mitchell)
- July 10—Wyoming
- July 13—Montana
- July 16—Utah
- July 20—Kansas
- July 29—Michigan
- July 31—Illinois

- August 2—Wisconsin
- August 4—West Central

VICTOR TRIMMER, National Secretary for Home Missions, will appear at the camps listed below:

- July 3—Northwest
- July 5—Oregon
- July 7—Southern Idaho
- July 10—Northern California
- July 13—New Mexico
- July 20—Oklahoma
- July 24—Southern California
- July 28—Arizona
- August 2—Arkansas
- August 4—Mississippi
- August 9—Kansas
- August 11—Rocky Mountain
- August 13—Nebraska

Three members of the Executive Home Missions Committee are appearing at the following camps:

BARTLETT PETERSON:

- June 21—Southern Florida
- July 12—Georgia
- August 9—West Texas

T. F. ZIMMERMAN:

- June 28—Eastern (Living Waters)
- June 30—Ohio
- July 3—North Carolina
- July 6—Appalachian

J. O. SAVELL:

- June 23—Alabama
- July 8—Tennessee
- July 10—Kentucky
- July 14—West Florida
- July 21—Potomac
- July 23—Eastern (Maranatha)
- July 25—New England
- July 28—New York

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