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The Revival in Italy

The story of the modern Pentecostal revival in Italy is like a chapter from the Book of Acts. Francis Toppi, secretary-treasurer of the Assemblies of God Bible school in Rome, is now touring the U.S. and he gives a thrilling account of the trials and triumphs of the assemblies in that land.

The revival began fifty years ago when Italian immigrants returning from America brought the Pentecostal message to their homeland. They were not preachers but they told their countrymen about the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that was being experienced in the new world. As a result of their witness, many Italians who were hungry for spiritual reality sought for and received the Pentecostal baptism, and soon there were many churches throughout the land.

The Pentecostals were severely persecuted for their faith, especially during the Fascist regime. The police repeatedly closed the churches and put the believers in prison. But this did not stop the revival. The people carried the revival to prison with them, singing hymns as they went and winning the prisoners to Christ. Joyously and lovingly they kept on proclaiming the message of God's saving grace. Today there are 500 Pentecostal churches in Italy with 100,000 communicants (including 50,000 baptized members and an additional 25,000 enrolled in Sunday School). Numerically the Assemblies of God now constitute the largest Protestant body in Italy.

Persecution has diminished considerably since 1954 when the Council of State ruled that the Assemblies were entitled to the same liberties that older Protestant groups in Italy enjoy. However, the new situation has not affected the spiritual fervor of the movement. Now that it has emerged from the cellars and caves where the believers once met in secret, it is growing faster than ever. The number of churches has tripled in the past ten years.

The revival in Italy reminds us of the simplicity of the gospel of Christ. When stripped of church dogma, human traditions, and pompous ceremony the gospel is able to save and satisfy the soul.

The revival also underscores the invincibility of New Testament Christianity. When the believers rejoice in tribulation, take cheerfully the despoiling of their goods, and refuse to retaliate, they just can't be stopped.

The rise of the Pentecostal movement in Italy emphasizes the power of the Pentecostal baptism. A person requires much spiritual power to submit to injustices, false accusations, and repeated imprisonments without growing bitter. It isn't easy to be meek, and to pray for your enemies, and to do good to those who persecute you. But the Italian brethren have demonstrated the fact that when the love of God is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit, it is possible to endure every trial of life joyfully and triumphantly. Because of their faithfulness and prayers, the light of the gospel is beginning to break upon the hearts of Italy's fifty million people.

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The 'IF' Before the Blessing

Baccalaureate Address at Central Bible Institute

BY BERT WEBB

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THERE ARE SOME VERY WONDERFUL promises in the Word of God, but they are conditional. If we truly want God's blessings in our lives and in our church, then we must examine the IFs connected with the promises.

"IF"

God's rich promises to Solomon at the time of the dedication of the Temple were conditional. After the fanfare of the dedication services had died away, and the sacrifices and feasts were over, then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night. He told him He had heard the prayers of His people and that He had accepted the house they had built for Him. Then He talked to Solomon about the conditions for continued blessing.

"If thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked... then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom... but if ye turn away... then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land... and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight..."

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

The promise of a perpetual kingdom became partially inoperative because of the sin and idolatry of Israel. Because of Solomon's backsliding, God's people were uprooted from their homeland and dispersed to the ends of the earth. The long Babylonian exile and the eventual destruction of Jerusalem stand as a solemn warning that God's promises of blessing are conditional upon human obedience to His requirements.

"MY PEOPLE"

The deep heart concern of many Old



Bert Webb

Testament leaders seems to have produced in them a sense of identity with the people who had failed God. Nehemiah, in the moments of deep concern for His people, cried, "Both I and my father's house have sinned." He continued with, "We have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments..."

Daniel "made confession and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God... we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets..."

We cannot suppose that Nehemiah and Daniel actually were living in conscious disobedience to God, but the overwhelming sense of need that existed, the tremendous realization of sin on the part of the people, so moved them that they identified themselves with their sinning people. They cried out in humble confession and petition to the God of Israel.

More than two thousand times in the Bible, such expressions as, "a people," "the people," "My people," and "thy people," indicate that God Himself recognizes and is concerned about His people.

The spiritual capacity to identify ourselves with the sinning people about us is indispensable if we would see revival. We cannot participate in their sin, but it is imperative that as intercessors we have a heart concern for others.

"CALLED BY MY NAME"

Throughout the Bible the names of persons or locations have tremendous significance. For the Almighty to address the promise in our text to a people "called by my name" is an act which has far-reaching implications and carries great promise of hope to the people so described.

When an individual is arrested in the name of the law, it means that all the resources and authority of the municipality or commonwealth support such an arrest. All of heaven's authority and limitless resources are ours in *Jesus' Name*. A limitless potentiality of God's omnipotence becomes available in *Jesus' Name*. It is right and proper and effective that we act and work and pray in that mighty Name.

"SHALL HUMBLE THEMSELVES"

Divine admonition is that a man should not think of himself more highly than he ought to think. One of the most commendable qualities in any person is genuine, true humility of spirit. The holiness of God and His divine presence seem ever to produce in the devout an utter sense of human insufficiency and dependence upon God.

Ezra epitomized the proper attitude before God when he prayed, "O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass has grown up unto the heavens."

A proper estimate of the holiness

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Why Have Christian Colleges?

By **WILLIS E. BERRY**

Secretary, South Texas District

TODAY THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD stands upon the threshold of one of its greatest endeavors—educating its youth in a Christian college.

Why have Christian colleges? Are such colleges of value to Pentecostal youth? If they are worth while, how much priority should they command in the program of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Does higher education in Christian circles threaten the fires of evangelism? Or, from a more realistic point of view, are multitudes of our own sons and daughters being *needlessly* sacri-

ficed upon altars of secular education erected in the atmosphere of unbelief and sensuality?

These questions occupy much attention and arouse considerable controversy. Surely any sincere Christian would vehemently oppose any challenge to the revival fires which have carried the Assemblies of God around the world with a torch of evangelism during the first half of the twentieth century! Likewise, any sincere Christian would resist any cruel indifference to the desperate plea of youth sinking helplessly beneath the dark waves of overwhelming powers of spiritual darkness! God has an answer in which both the necessity of revival and the desperate plea of our youth can be upheld! They need not conflict! Both appeals may be met!

In reaching an answer to the foregoing questions, one must guard carefully against any dogmatic conclusions which reflect unnecessarily against either the secular or the Christian institutions of learning.

Certainly, Christians should not be blind to the many outstanding virtues of the American system of education and the efficient personnel and valuable facilities for learning.

The Assemblies of God has been quick to recognize the spiritual needs of our college youth and has done a commendable service in its promotion of the Campus Ambassadors program. Throughout America, on many campuses one may find faithful bands of Pentecostal youth who meet at regular intervals, much like the Christ's Ambassadors in the local church. They are confronted with battles which they would never encounter in a Christian college.

Although their battles have been somewhat different from those of our precious Pentecostal pioneers in the formative years of this Movement, it has required a comparable amount of consecration, courage, and perseverance. God has given grace! And God has wrought many miraculous victories for our youth in secular colleges!

Unfortunately, however, the constant pressure of "humanism," the idealistic claims of "intellectualism," and the popular Freudian psychology, which would disarm youth of moral restraint, have had a severe effect upon some of our finest boys and girls. A district superintendent was recently lamenting the loss of one of his sons to the environment of a great State university. You may be sure that he is now a

strong advocate of Christian higher education!

For your consideration I will present a few statements made by university professors and recorded in my class notes. Read them, and then decide for yourself whether you want your son or daughter to receive his or her college education in such an atmosphere:

"The doctrines of Jesus are so complex and different from those of our ordinary life that society has never made a serious attempt to carry them out. No church can follow Jesus' doctrines—they do not fit in with what our people want."

"Christianity is better than other religions, but it has no argument at all against a religion which will frankly admit that its morals are provisional."

"I do not know what is exactly the relationship between God and man—as a matter of fact, the Christian attitude of faith probably rests on a misunderstanding."

"Faith is a virtue. True—also, false. The need for faith must be emphasized; nevertheless, at the present time I believe that mankind is failing from too much, rather than too little, faith."

"Religion and ethics have reached finality. . . . University professors are no longer in holy orders. . . . We are in a prescientific age. . . . Scientific men agree to suspend judgment when they do not know. . . . The opposite has been the case of religion. . . . Soviet Russia has an experimental policy. Many items are failures; many are successes. . . . Doubt is a virtue, as it is a prelude to action." (This quotation comes from one of the world's most respected lecturers and educators.)

Shocking? Yet our Christian youth must learn to hold high their testimony for Christ on many campuses today where such vicious assaults upon the precious tenets of Christianity are commonplace. Those who do, leave those campuses as stronger Christians—but the tragedy is that many do not! Many have succumbed to the environment in which their parents have placed them! Can Assemblies of God parents be exonerated of responsibility simply because our college youth are a minority group of our fellowship and their plight was practically nonexistent in the pioneer days of this fellowship?

Should Pentecostal youth avoid higher education? There was a time a few short years ago when a college education was important for only a small percentage of young people. Today

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Preserving Our Spiritual Heritage



PHOTO BY PHILIP GENDREAU

— BY HENRY H. NESS

RECENTLY I RECEIVED A BULLETIN from a church college located on the West Coast. Listed in the bulletin were the various denominations represented in the student body with the number from each. To my surprise, seventy-two Assemblies of God students are enrolled in that college. This trend poses a serious threat to the preservation of our Pentecostal movement, because young people often are influenced by the faculty of the school they attend.

The pioneers of our Assemblies of God movement went through much hardship, suffering, humiliation, sacrifice, and persecution for the sake of the Pentecostal testimony following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many of these soldiers of the cross have gone on to glory; some have had to retire because of ill health; others are still on the firing line. Now that we have

grown out of the era of hardship and suffering and are accepted into fellowship by brethren of other denominations, we are faced with the danger of losing our young people to non-Pentecostal churches.

Because ministers throughout the Assemblies of God realized this danger, Evangel College was established in Springfield in 1955. The need for a liberal arts college was strongly felt, not only to provide higher education for our young people who do not plan to enter the ministry, but also to preserve our Pentecostal testimony.

The property and buildings for Evangel College were donated, and some money has been spent to make them usable; however, there is a great need for finances to improve the present buildings and to provide for additional facilities. It is important that our col-

lege be made so efficient and attractive that young men and women from all parts of the country will want to attend. Our contributions to Evangel College mean an investment in our Pentecostal youth, for at Evangel College our young people not only will receive a college education but will have the spiritual benefits of a Pentecostal faculty. They will be indoctrinated in the theology of the Assemblies of God and enjoy association with other Pentecostal young people.

Since the Pentecostal youth of today, should the Lord tarry, will make up the congregations of the Assemblies of God tomorrow, it is imperative that we pass on to them the spiritual heritage which is rightly theirs. It is therefore important that we support Evangel College with our prayers and finances, as well as encouraging our youth to attend.



Evangel College Student Receives Award

Lois Vatne, Elizabeth, N. J. pictured at the right, is now attending Evangel College, thanks to the Gospel Tabernacle at Hope, Arkansas. The church pastored by William Land, has established a General Superintendent's Award at Evangel College. One-third of their regular contributions to the college goes into a scholarship

fund for a student of their choice. Since they had no local student to recommend, at the suggestion of Evangel College's dean the Hope church designated its scholarship award to Miss Vatne.

Lois now ranks fourth in scholarship at Evangel, in a student body of nearly 300. Her school activities include playing the piano and teaching a Sunday School class at an outstation. Following her graduation from Evangel, Lois plans to prepare for the mission field.

Many young men and women are eager to enter Evangel College this fall but they need financial help. A high school principal writes concerning one of these prospective students, "Virginia J. is one of the finest individuals in our school. I am anxious to see her attend college, but her problem is lack of finances. I am afraid that without a scholarship she cannot make it through college. **I highly recommend her for such an award.**"

Virginia wishes to attend Evangel to better equip herself for soul winning while receiving professional training. She feels a call to become a missionary, and desires to obtain a Christian education in order to equip herself for this work.

Any individual or church can make it possible for worthy students to attend Evangel College by establishing a General Superintendent's Scholarship. The dean of Evangel College will be delighted to recommend a student to receive a scholarship consisting of one-third of your church's regular contribution to the college. The other two-thirds will help to provide desperately needed facilities for expansion at Evangel, "the Miracle College." Both church and individual pledges are needed. (Inquiries and contributions should be addressed to SCHOLARSHIP FUND, % Claude Kendrick, Dean, Evangel College, 1111 N. Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri.)



YOUTH OUR BEST RESOURCE

BY J. ROBERT ASHCROFT

NINETY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD young people were recommended to the Education Department in the contest to name Mr. and Miss C. A., U.S.A., 1958. For the first time in the history of the Education Department, scholarships are being offered to young people who have an outstanding record in high school and have also shown excellence in Christian service in their church and community.

There is a fascinating story behind each of the ninety applicants for the scholarship. Among them five valedictorians, five salutatorians, nine others in the top tenth of their graduating classes, and twelve members of the National Honor Society. A host of other school honors have been earned by these outstanding young people.

To give you an example of the kind of service they are rendering to their churches, let us take Lamar Woodham

of Panama City, Florida. He is eighteen years of age. This summer he is serving as youth director and education director of the First Assembly of God, Panama City. He holds exhorter's papers and has preached in youth revivals. With two friends he conducts "Youth Revivaltime," a fifteen-minute weekly religious broadcast. His goal is to enter South-Eastern Bible College to better equip himself for the ministry.

Then there is Miss Barbara Price, Muncie, Indiana. She has been active in district youth camp work. She has learned to interpret for the deaf, and helps in the weekly services for the deaf sponsored by the Glad Tidings Assembly of God. Her objective is to enter Evangel College to prepare for professional work in health services. She hopes to go to the mission field.

These are only two of the many Assemblies of God young people who

qualify for scholarships. It gives the members of the Education Department heartfelt concern to know that such young people are receiving offers of scholarships from state universities, community colleges, and church related colleges outside our fellowship. The question is asked, "How can we stand by and see these valuable human resources taken from us by those who recognize the intellectual and social abilities of these young people?"

The Education Department, realizing this hazard to our denomination, is sponsoring an annual scholarship program. It is conceivable that in the future the Education Department, through the help of faithful donors, would be able to sponsor scholarships for all those high-caliber young people who have shown excellence in their studies as well as Christian service in their local churches and C. A. groups.

Out of these ninety young people, two have been awarded full-year scholarships to Assemblies of God colleges. Eight have been awarded one-semester scholarships to Assemblies of God schools. Only time will tell the effect of this providential step. But what of the other eighty? The prayers of serious-minded Christians are solicited for this far-reaching program. To parents and others interested in sponsoring young people in Assemblies of God schools, an invitation is extended to write to the Department of Education, Assemblies of God, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri

CAMPUS CONFLICT

Inter-Varsity leader finds Christian Students challenged by Communism in South American universities.

Universities riddled with Communism, but universities also being penetrated by emerging Christian student leaders—that's the vivid contrast in seething South America today pictured by C. Stacey Woods, General Secretary of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

The head of the 800-school interdenominational, evangelical student movement in the United States spent two months on an intensive tour of student work in South America. On campuses everywhere, in discussions and meetings with Christian and non-Christian students, Woods saw Communism as the most serious problem facing students there.

He feels the American people as a whole are unaware of the vast inroads Communism is making in the universities of South America. "In the United States, where Communism too often is just thought of as a dirty word, we fail to realize it is a philosophy gripping the hearts and minds of sincere students," Woods said.

Woods also noted a very definite anti-American feeling. "The root cause is that the average American conveys the indelible impression that he doesn't like or admire the Latin American and his culture," he declared.

"One student said, 'There are two kinds of smiles—a public relations smile and a smile of real affection. We can tell the difference' "

In addition to Communism's attraction as an ideology, there is revived Roman Catholic attempt to reach students. "The vast majority, however, are agnostic and materialistic," Woods said.

Against these powers are arrayed very small, but vital groups of Christian students in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Venezuela. By personal and group witness to Christ, and through Bible Study and prayer, these students are having some impact on the campuses under the good hand of the Lord.

For example, at San Marcos University in Lima, Peru, where Vice-president Nixon was stoned last spring, the Christian students showed a film on the life of Martin Luther for three successive nights. Each time it was followed by vigorous discussion among Christian students, Roman Catholic priest youth workers and Communists.

It was at San Marcos that Woods attended a Communist student meeting. He was taken by several Christians who are in vital contact with the Communists, trying to reach them for Christ. The meeting was in honor of a Communist hero. University authorities and faculty members also attended.

How to meet the challenge of Communism? The need is to meet students on their level and to present Christ. "You just can't tell them Communism is of the devil and dismiss it. Many students really believe in Communism as an ideology," Woods said. "Christian students must be alive intellectually. A unique presentation of the Gospel is required in the University."

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College Directory

The following Assemblies of God schools offer majors in theology, religious education, music, missions, business, art, languages, social science, education, science, home economics, or mathematics.

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

Santa Cruz, California

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Springfield, Missouri

EASTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE

Green Lane, Pennsylvania

EVANGEL COLLEGE

Springfield, Missouri

NORTH CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE

900 Elliot Avenue S.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

E. 69th & 8th Ave. N. W.

Seattle 15, Washington

SOUTH-EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

Lakeland, Florida

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BIBLE COLLEGE

Costa Mesa, California

SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE

Waxahachie, Texas

This spring these schools graduated a total of 417, as follows:

Bethany Bible College, 44; Central Bible Institute, 108; Eastern Bible Institute, 50; North Central Bible College, 50; Northwest Bible College, 27 (including 7 graduates of the two-year junior college program); South-Eastern Bible College, 46; Southern California Bible College, 19; Southwestern Bible Institute, 73, (including 27 graduates of the two-year junior college course).

Evangel College will graduate the first class from its four-year program in May 1959.

A catalog may be obtained by writing to the school in which you are interested. For other information, write to the Department of Education, Assemblies of God, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

COLLEGE TEACHERS MEET

Dr. Harold A. Fischer, Director of the Department of Religious Education at Southern California Bible College, has been chosen to serve as chairman of a steering committee representing eight Christian colleges in southern California.

This committee plans and facilitates teachers meetings each semester for fellowship and co-operation in practical fields. The first such conference had some fifty teachers in attendance and was a notable success.

Southern California Bible College, an Assemblies of God institution, is located at Costa Mesa, California.



Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Are all saved people saints?

All saved people are given the place of saints, or God's sanctified ones. We are "called to be saints" (1 Corinthians 1:2). See also 2 Corinthians 1:1; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1. God's saints are His separated people, called out of the world to be the children of God. Unfortunately some do not act saintly; nevertheless, as long as they are of the "household of faith" they are saints, God's redeemed and loved ones.

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Is it true that in the millennium God will offer salvation on grounds other than accepting Christ?

In the plan of God, Christ is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world; He is the only Redeemer God has provided for man. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Christ will be the only Saviour to the end of time. He will then turn the mediatorial kingdom over to the Father, having finished the work which the Father has given Him to do (1 Corinthians 15:24-26). When this takes place, time will cease and the new heavens and the new earth will be ushered in. See 2 Peter 3:10-13 and Revelation 21.

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Are the ten commandments done away?

The ten commandments are not done away, for "by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ" (Galatians 3:24). The apostle Paul said "the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Romans 7:12).

However, we are not saved by keeping the law, but by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as our righteousness. "After that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:25, 26). Christian believers are made partakers of the divine nature through faith in Christ,

by the indwelling Holy Spirit, by whom they "put on Christ" (Galatians 3:27); and "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Romans 10:4).

This does not mean that he who is saved by grace is lawless. He will desire to keep the law and the Holy Spirit who dwells in him will give him power to do so.

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Since in Hebrews 1:2 Jesus is spoken of as the "Son . . . , by whom also [God] made the worlds," was it Jesus to whom God said, "Let us make man in our image"?

It is evident from Genesis 1:26 that there was conference within the Godhead before man was made, as there was also before the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:5-7).

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Is there such a thing as a perfect church?

As to perfection of quality and freedom from all infirmity, there has never been a perfect church. Even the church at Pentecost was not perfect. They soon discovered an Ananias and Sapphira; and before long there came a murmuring among the Grecian Jews because their women were neglected in the daily distribution of food (Acts 6).

The Old Testament type which set forth Pentecost called for two loaves. These were to be baked with leaven, the leaven setting forth that there would be imperfections in the church. Because the church was "compassed about with human infirmities" it was necessary that there should be added burnt offerings, sin offerings, and peace offerings, which show that we must always depend on the merits of our Lord Jesus and see our brethren in Him. See Leviticus 23:15-21.

If you wish Brother Williams to answer a question, send it to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. He will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible

BIBLE VAN TOURS INDIA

The first tour of the Bombay Bible Van, purchased with funds donated by the American Bible Society, covered 901 miles. Books carried in the van were in a number of languages including English, Marathi, Hindi, Kanarese, and Urdu. The Bible van brings the Scriptures within the reach of the people in thousands of villages who, in many instances, have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE LAUNCHES TWO-YEAR EFFORT IN NIGERIA

The Pocket Testament League, apprehensive as to what two years may bring forth in Nigeria which is slated to declare its independence in 1960, has launched a two-year effort among the 35 million people of that land. It is preparing two million Gospels or Bible portions in English, Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo, and Aljemi languages for distribution by evangelists and missionaries.

The League has met with notable success in its efforts in East and South Africa in the past three years. Its evangelistic teams, using sound trucks, have distributed over three million Gospels in various languages. During the past fifteen years the League has given out about twenty million Scripture portions in thirty different tongues.

PROFESSOR SAYS PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD STUDY BIBLE HISTORY

Dr. George Williams, a Congregationalist minister and professor at Harvard Divinity School, proposed at the American Jewish Congress that the history of Israel "from Abraham to the return from the exile" be taught in the public schools.

"A knowledge of the actual history as it can be recovered from the Bible and from archaeological studies is surely as important for a young American as knowledge of the glories of Athens and Rome," he said. The subject should be taught as history, not as religion, he suggested.

Denominations

CONGREGATION GIVES MILLIONS FOR MISSIONS

The members of Park Street Church (Congregational) in Boston are not millionaires but by making a joint sacrificial effort they have given millions of dollars for missions. The pastor, Harold J. Ockenga, had another ten-day missionary conference last month. By the time it ended the people had pledged \$255,249 for the coming year. The money will go toward the support of 121 missionaries in 50 countries. Since 1940 the congregation has given over \$2,750,000 for missions.



RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

BIBLE VERSES FLASH IN LIGHTS AT BRUSSELS WORLD FAIR THIS SUMMER

The photo above shows some of the equipment being used to produce a perforated tape which operates the huge Bible verse display at the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium.

At the United Bible Societies pavilion a huge board, 30 feet wide and 45 feet high, represents an open Bible. Using 800 light bulbs, the board flashes Scriptures in several languages on and off during each day of the exposition.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLANNED FOR CAPITAL

Plans are being made to build a new multi-million-dollar National Presbyterian church in Washington, D. C. The building will represent the new United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., formed by a recent merger.

President Eisenhower along with John Foster Dulles, J. Edgar Hoover, and other government leaders are members of the present church.

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the church, said the new edifice will be one of the largest ever erected by a Protestant denomination.

CONGREGATION REFUSES TO JOIN NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First United Presbyterian church of Everett, Washington, announced its refusal to join the new United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

A petition to withdraw, signed by 367 of the 445-member church, was presented to the general assembly. The new denomination was formed recently by the merger of the Presbyterian Church in the USA and the United Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Robert B. Brown, the Everett pastor, said that his congregation's entrance into the union would "ultimately destroy the Christian witness of the Everett church." Also he stated that the ministers of the new denomination would be drawn from seminaries which have "forsaken the historic Presbyterian faith," and he added that the children would be trained with a curriculum which "denies the verbal inspiration of the Bible and the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ."

ROMAN CATHOLICS COPY GIDEONS

A new Roman Catholic group, the Catholic Bible Society of America, plans to place Bibles in Roman Catholic hospitals and other institutions throughout the country. According to its president, their program will be similar to that of the Gideons International.

First Bible placing was in St. Paul's Hospital of Dallas.

Miscellaneous

OVER 120,000 CHILDREN MARCH IN SUNDAY SCHOOL PARADE

More than 120,000 Protestant children and their teachers marched in the anniversary day parade at Brooklyn, New York, marking the founding of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union 129 years ago. An estimated half a million persons watched the youngsters marching through the streets. They represented 450 Sunday Schools in 27 communities of Brooklyn.

Theme of this year's observance was "Witnessing for Christ." Chief reviewing officer was Governor Averell Harriman.

"CRISIS OF THE BOTTLE" IS FOUND BEHIND IRON CURTAIN

According to a *Newsweek* correspondent who recently toured Red satellite countries, the Russians in addition to achieving the Sputnik success also are "off on the biggest alcoholic binge the world has ever seen."

Poland has reduced liquor stores by 15 per cent and raised prices by the same margin but drinking has risen by 15 per cent anyway. Budapest, Hungary, has seen a rise of 30 per cent in the number of arrests for drunkenness in recent months. Czechoslovakian authorities are trying to stop the percentage of drinking, especially by children 10 to 12 years of age. Other satellite states are facing similar problems. The Communist newspaper *Izvestia* has declared vodka as Russia's "public enemy no. 1."

NAVAL CHIEF URGES REVITALIZED FAITH

Revitalized faith in God should match the "biggest bang" of missile-age weapons, Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations, told 902 graduates of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

"The bedrock of our national power," he said, "is the moral strength of our people, the character of our nation and the ethical values of Americans wherever they may be."

Admiral Burke went on to say that it is natural to believe that the best weapon system or a lot of money will preserve our way of life. But he added that when energy seems spent, strength seems gone, and the future looks barren, "the ultimate wellspring of your reserve lies in your basic faith."

EVANGEL DEADLINE

... LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

UN SECRETARY GENERAL Dag Hammarskjold arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, to handle a governmental plea for help in what one reporter described as "a furious battle between Moslems and Christians." A women's prison located between the Moslem and Christian quarters was the site and source of a bitter struggle. While members of both religious groups are found on each of the opposing sides of the Lebanese conflict, the "tendency" is for Christians to back pro-western President Camille Chamoun and for Moslems to ally themselves with his opposition.

POLICE IN MANILA report that hundreds of children are missing from Central Philippine provinces and may have been sold as "slaves" in North Borneo. According to one Moslem Filipino leader, a Filipino child brings anywhere from \$10,000 to \$12,500 on the slave market. Two hundred children are unaccounted for in Cebu Province alone, according to the Social Welfare Administration.

RADIO STATION KSAB recently began operations on Okinawa-- the only Christian broadcasting station on the island. The new station's 100,000-watt transmitter will beam medium-wave programs behind the bamboo curtain in both English and Japanese. It is operated by the Far East Broadcasting Company.

A CHRISTIAN WOMAN has been elected to the legislative body of the Japanese Government (the Diet) along with seventeen other Protestants in what is termed 'a remarkable result' of the recent national elections in Japan.

THE VIETNAMESE ARMY now has a Protestant Chief of Chaplains. He is Nguyen Tong, former Christian and Missionary Alliance pastor. Pastor Tong is the first Protestant chaplain in the history of the Vietnamese Army.

VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA, has been chosen as the location for the permanent national headquarters of the American Baptist Convention. The decision was reached at the denomination's annual session following a four-day deadlock among the voting delegates. Many wanted New York to be the site; others preferred Chicago. Valley Forge was chosen as a compromise.

CITIZENS OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, has donated a Helio-Courier plane to Wycliffe Translators, a nondenominational missionary organization, for use in the Philippine Islands. Taking part in a presentation ceremony at Washington, D. C., were Vice-president and Mrs. Richard Nixon, Philippine President and Mrs. Carlos P. Garcia, Mayor Clinton of Seattle, and W. Cameron Townsend, director of the Wycliffe Translators. The organization reduces primitive languages to writing and translates the Scriptures into new tongues.

SWEEPING REFORMS WILL BE MADE in the 70-year-old deaconess program of the Augustana Lutheran Church to attract more recruits. In future, deaconesses will be permitted to marry and still remain in service as members of the diaconate. They will also be given the privilege of choosing their deaconess garb, and they will not be called "Sister" if they prefer some other title.



GOD PRE-WRITES THE HEADLINES...

BY EVANGELIST MERV ROSELL

THE BIBLE IS NOT YESTERDAY'S BOOK—it is tomorrow's plan! This Bible has met every generation's need, because its precepts and principles are not transitory but eternal!

What will the nations be doing in the next decade (or in the next few years if we don't have a decade yet left us)? Allow me to say some things that may be rather surprising, and then watch your newspaper headlines in the next few years! It's a fascinating and gratifying subject. We need not be distressed and disturbed. We as Christians are not bewildered! We, of all people, know where we are going!

Let's face two plain problems one hears everywhere: (1) What is the world coming to? (2) What are we waiting for, and what does all this mean to the individual?

I

First, *What is the world coming to?* Let's view the world horizon for the fulfillment of trends predicted in the Bible. I believe that the Word of God indicates there finally will be three great confederations of nations.

Number one will be a group of nations which scholars of the Bible in the years gone by called the "Northern Confederacy." We might refer to it now as the Soviet bloc, because Ezekiel 38 indicates that Russia, followed by other specific nations, will dominate this group. Now that the Soviet Union and its satellites are so clearly on the scene and in the news, this portion seems doubly significant.

The Bible speaks of Russia specifically in Ezekiel 38. Here Ezekiel tells you what nations will unite in this

bloc: "The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech (Moscow) and Tubal (Tubalsic), and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: and I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour."

HORSES FOR RUSSIA

You say, "But Mr. Rosell, this must be an antiquated portion of the Bible. There'll be no horses or horsemen in the last great war."

Let me remind you that Russia has purchased seventy per cent of all horse flesh in the world. Recently she sent men to the North American continent to buy the finest horses they could obtain, for their cavalry units.

Now you ask, "Does this chapter name other nations?" Yes. Let's read it, name by name. First, there is Persia (v. 5). Today we speak of an area called Iraq and Iran—the Bible refers to portions of this area as Persia. Fifty-five per cent of all oil wealth of the world is here. Consequently this is a strategic location. I want to say gently and quietly that the oil wealth of that area of the world may eventually come under control of the Soviet. Persia will eventually come into the camp of the Soviet bloc, *if this is the end of time.*

Here are two more nations that seem destined for the Soviet bloc—"Ethiopia and Libya." When I read this twenty-

five years ago to the audiences, they said, "Ah, who cares about Africa and those backward nations down in the dark continent?" But now the hottest spot for propaganda in all the world is Africa, and the Soviet propagandists are pouring millions of pieces of Communist literature into that area now!

Another of these nations is "Gomer" (literally, Germany). I am going to say quietly that a portion of Germany, if not all of it, shall in the last days follow the Soviet bloc. There may not be a unified Germany in our day in the Western world. I wish it were possible. But if this is the day of fulfilled prophecy, as we believe it is, there will be a portion of Germany that will follow in the wake of the Soviet Union.

Then Ezekiel says, "Togarmah of the north quarters." This is an area covered by Turkey. The Turkish-Syria tensions are no surprise to Bible students. A portion of Turkey may eventually in the Soviet bloc, in order that this union of nations will have a pathway through which the armies of the north can find land entrance into Palestine.

TROUBLE IN MIDDLE EAST

The Soviet bloc must move in one direction and it will possibly be across the edge of Turkey, joining the Arab bloc, and then down to the plain of Megiddo, in the land of Palestine. Are you surprised that border disputes continue in the Near East?

Now what does the Bible say? Let us read it in Ezekiel 38:8—"In the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the

sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations."

The Mediterranean bloc is the second bloc of nations. Open your Bible to Daniel 2. Here the prophet spoke of the great image that God described and interpreted to Daniel. The Bible doesn't guess at the interpretation, but literally tells us what nations are involved here. They are largely located around the Mediterranean Sea—including only world powers from the times of Babylon (head), Medo-Persia (shoulders and arms), Greece (abdomen and thighs), Rome (legs), and down to the present time of the union of a variety of nations described prophetically by the ten toes of the image.

TEN UNITED NATIONS

I believe we are about ready to see "the ten toes." For before Christ comes to rule, those ten toes (ten united nations) must be in existence. Christ is the "stone... cut out of the mountain without hands" that must smite these ten nations (Daniel 2:44, 45). We presume that these nations will occupy the area around the Mediterranean. Seemingly, those ten nations will be in the area of the old Roman Empire.

Some iron, some clay. You'll be amazed at the mixture of nations uniting for survival in the last days. Perhaps a dictatorship (iron) will unite with a democracy (clay) for survival.

You ask what nations they will be? I don't know. The Bible doesn't say. But this we do know—there will be a union around the Mediterranean, united to guarantee the "survival of Israel" in the last days.

What will this group of nations do?

BIBLE VERSE



Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
LUKE 21:33

The Bible indicates that they may move east through the Mediterranean Sea to remonstrate with the Soviet bloc. "Art thou come to take a spoil?" (Ezekiel 38:13) When this Mediterranean bloc does move to the east in the Mediterranean Sea, they will arrive at Haifa Harbor at the doorway of the plain of Megiddo, and in the right spot for the Battle of Armageddon. We know where to look for the union, and where it will finally move!

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Now, there is one other group of nations, seldom heard about a decade ago—"the kings of the East" (Revelation 16:12). In the last days the kings of the East will unite in the orient.

I do not believe that China will be the permanent ally of the Soviet. No nation can ever permanently conquer China. China has numbers and space and time in her favor.

Let India and China remind you that there will be in the last days a tremendously overwhelming flock called "the kings of the East."

Now let me read Revelation 16:12—"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared." Now, when the river Euphrates is dried up for that great Eastern army of the last days, and they march across the dry river bed, where will they be? When the "kings of the East" cross the river Euphrates, they will actually be in the plains of Megiddo in the land of Palestine, precisely where God said they would be! We know who they are, and where they are going.

WHO WILL WIN THE WAR?

All the three conclaves of nations will be at the right place in God's right time. The Soviet bloc, the troops around the Mediterranean, the kings of the East—all will be there! "When they are all there for war," you say, "who is going to win?"

Read chapter 19 of the book of Revelation, and it will show you who is going to win that war! This is a thrilling text: "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture

dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God." This is Christ Jesus!

Some day He is going to wrap up the history of the world. Do you think He is going to let a little Russian or anybody else wrap it up? Read what He says in Revelation 19:14-18. What a drama! What a victory! Christ has not forgotten us. God has pre-written some amazing headlines to show us what the world is coming to.

II

Now, what are we waiting for? What does all this mean to me? We as Christians are not looking for the battle of Armageddon, because before the battle is ever fought we shall actually be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

Read the exact Bible account: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

There will be no millennium without the rulership of the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ. Before the millennium, Christ takes the rulership. You can't have peace without the Prince of peace. Christ has to come before the millennium.

What are we waiting for? I'm waiting for the coming of the Lord!

Look at the little people in this troubled world. Here is a poor widow, broken and worn! Here is a woman whose husband is ungodly! There, the poverty-stricken youngsters! And over there, the poor peasants across Europe!

PRAYING FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

Look at the bewildered ones of the jungles and masses of the Orient! They all wait for one glorious day of redemption! Read it! Believe it!

In 1 Thessalonians 4:13 we read, "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." When they die, we can't be bewildered. We don't say, "What do we have to live for now?" It may be only a few weeks until we see them again.

Look at this—"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring

(Continued on page twenty-one)

Revivaltime evangelist visits *Les Assemblies de Dieu en Haiti* and finds two urgent needs: a church auditorium adequate to house a training school in the capital city, and the release of Revivaltime in the republic.

A VISIT TO HAITI

by C. M. Ward



Left to right: H. Specter, C. M. Ward, L. Perrault



C. M. Ward

OUR VETERAN LATIN American missionary, Lawrence Perrault, is at work for the Assemblies of God fellowship in Haiti, the only Negro republic in the western hemisphere. Here is a dedicated worker and a Christian gentleman who does not whimper in the face of hardship. Mrs. Perrault has already finished her earthly journey, and members of their family have grown and married. Brother Perrault is alone as far as family is concerned.

Seeds of Assemblies of God fellowship have sprung up in the republic of Haiti during the past few years. Brother Perrault has been sent by the Foreign Missions Department to co-ordinate this show of interest and to build a solid foundation for the development of the work there, should

Jesus tarry. He speaks faultless French, the official language of the country, and he is an experienced administrator.

In other Latin American countries where he has worked and helped to strengthen the Assemblies of God fellowship, Brother Perrault has been able to rent auditoriums until a building program could get under way. This has not been possible in Haiti. I ministered in the only available space that could be secured—a native mud house out of which the several small partitions had been removed. Chairs filled the place and extended right out into the street from this crowded little makeshift mission hall. There is nothing else to be had. The need is desperate. My heart went out for this missionary and his vision for the work in Haiti.

The work in the interior—eighteen Assemblies and twenty Haitian preachers—must be co-ordinated quickly with a national headquarters where workers can be trained in the doctrines and

methods of the Assemblies of God. It is imperative that the headquarters be established in the capital city of Port-au-Prince where evangelistic services can reach much larger audiences.

Lawrence Perrault is living in a rented house where he and I “bached” it together during my visit. The house is situated on a paved boulevard that leads to higher ground overlooking the airport and the downtown part of the city and harbor. Nearby on this same ac-



Inadequate Mission Hall

Eager nationals await arrival of preachers



Vendors wait across from Miragoane Church



cessible boulevard is an ideal parcel of ground for sale. The owner, a woman, has been asking \$15,000 for it—and remember, land is all that any Haitian has, and therefore it is precious to the owner. However, since she has discovered that Brother Perrault wants it for a church, and because she is ill and wants to sell out and leave the country, she will take \$10,000 for it. That is a miracle when you think that small individual lots up and down this boulevard sell for \$2,000 apiece.

Such property must be acquired and a hub for the work established if the Assemblies of God hope to have any organization of merit and promise in this country. This is the immediate challenge for missionary-minded people of our fellowship to accept. Give the tools and I believe that under God the job will be well done.

Funds for this need should be designated for "Lawrence Perrault Building Project," and sent to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

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Many missionaries and English-speaking merchants and technicians are scattered throughout Haiti. The American government has large installations of military and air force personnel there. Our missionaries, Brother Perrault and Homer Specter, feel that Revivaltime should be released over an available Haitian station in order to present our worldwide fellowship to others while they are establishing the work step by step as funds and workers become available.

Revivaltime could be released on a powerful Haitian radio station that would cover the entire republic for only twenty dollars a broadcast! That would mean a sum of \$1,040 for the entire year.

I feel God wants many of us to share in presenting the gospel to the Republic of Haiti, our nearby neighbor. Your offerings for this radio project should be designated for "Haiti" and sent to REVIVALTIME, Box 70, Springfield, Mo.

MISSIONARY News Notes



The Paul M. Coopers

The Lewis F. Wilsons left New York on June 10 for South Africa, where they will be helping in the Bible School at Witbank.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Cooper and family returned to Honduras on June 18 for another term of service.

Pauline Mastries left the U. S. for British Guiana at the end of May. She is a new missionary and would appreciate our prayers that God will help her to become acclimated speedily.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgdorf of Jamaica arrived in the U. S. at the end of May. Their address is R. R. 2, Box 22, Evansville, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Franklin Dunbar and family of Uruguay reached the U. S. at the end of May. Their present address is: Canyonville Bible Academy, Canyonville, Oregon.

The Vosler family of Liberia reached the U. S. in June. Their temporary address is c/f Foreign Missions Dept., 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

The Paul Pipkins, who have been ministering in Manila, Philippines, are leaving June 12 for Japan. Their new address is 430-1 San Chome, Komagome, Toshima Ku, Tokyo, Japan.



Pauline Mastries



The Lewis Wilsons

MONTHLY REPORT

Foreign Missions Department
April 1958

CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 3,496.31	Northwest	21,332.10
Appalachian	574.09	Ohio	13,227.21
Arizona	1,922.04	Oklahoma	16,507.43
Arkansas	3,363.64	Oregon	11,012.64
Eastern	12,669.58	Polish Br.	90.25
Georgia	6,425.46	Potomac	9,955.25
German Br.	1,108.43	Rocky Mtn.	6,127.40
Greek Br.	161.75	Russian Br.	86.55
Hungarian Br. ..	189.75	S. Carolina	345.96
Illinois	10,110.29	S. Dakota	1,699.34
Indiana	4,106.06	S. Florida	7,931.81
Italian Br.	375.49	S. California ..	41,252.45
Kansas	8,028.41	S. N. England ..	3,900.97
Kentucky	975.94	S. Texas	9,606.49
Lat. Am. Br. ...	73.95	S. Idaho	1,198.13
Louisiana	2,050.15	S. Missouri	8,005.67
Michigan	10,430.85	Span. E. Dist. ..	520.83
Minnesota	11,337.51	Tennessee	3,684.90
Mississippi	2,175.49	Ukrainian Br. ...	127.71
Montana	2,657.33	W. Central	6,073.37
Nebraska	3,631.11	W. Florida	2,127.39
New Jersey	6,977.46	W. Texas	4,235.86
New Mexico	3,053.98	Wis.-N. Mich. ...	5,484.34
New York	14,008.00	Wyoming	620.99
N. Carolina	1,005.74	Alaska	94.02
N. Dakota	4,327.17	Canada	713.12
N. N. England ..	658.62	Hawaii	315.74
N. Calif.-Nev. ...	15,909.35	Foreign	20.00
N. Texas	12,838.05	Miscellaneous ..	2,025.63

Total Amount Reported	\$322,965.55
District Funds	\$11,233.27
National Home Missions	2,646.22
Office Expense	3,746.35
Given Direct to Missionaries	8,922.44
	26,548.28

Received for Council Missionaries	\$296,417.27
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	2,815.83
Missionary offerings not allocated to any State	3,221.88

Total Receipts

\$302,454.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$121,436.02
Missionary Equipment	39,152.67
Missionary Work	50,544.91
National Workers Abroad	9,419.48
Deputational Returns	183.70
Buildings in Foreign Lands	28,786.53
Missionary Transportation	52,916.00

\$302,439.31

Transferred to "Hold Account"

15.67

\$302,454.98

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Church Extension Victories

BY J. C. BURKS

Mississippi District Superintendent

PROGRESS HAS BEEN EVIDENT IN THE opening of new Assemblies of God churches in Mississippi in the past few years. However, there is still *much land* to be possessed. We are grateful to God for the accomplishments which we are summarizing below, but we are also anticipating even greater victories in the future as we work together for God in the extension of His kingdom.

HATTIESBURG

"From beer tavern to a thriving Assemblies of God church in one short year" describes the brief history of Victory Assembly in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Last year evangelists Iva Harris and Thelma Denney of Shawnee, Oklahoma, felt burdened to go to Hattiesburg and begin a new church. They held their first service May 19, 1957, with a revival and the next Sunday they organized the Sunday School with twenty-one present. In the next eleven months they saw the number increase to an average of fifty-six, with a record attendance of eighty-one. This was due largely to a faithful visitation program.

God has blessed their efforts and thirty-five have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Sixty have been saved. Materially, God has enabled them to make monthly payments of \$100 on the property which includes a modern five-room house and a 300-foot frontage



Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hartshorn (and David) are pastors of the new church in Bay Springs, Miss. The congregation moved into the church last February after spending the winter in a tent.



of valuable property. Valuable assistance was given by Presbyter G. L. McKinney, the WMC's of Mississippi District, the National Home Missions Department, several churches and friends in different places, and the Home Missions Department of the district.

BAY SPRINGS

In September 1957, Pastor N. E. Hartshorn conducted a revival under the district tent in Bay Springs. The Lord opened the way for the purchase of a lot in a very fine location. Then God moved on the heart of one of the men attending the services to pay for the lot, thus enabling them to begin work on a building without any indebtedness.

An initial donation of \$1,500 from

the district (plus offerings that were given later), a \$250 contribution from the C. A. Department, and gifts of money and food by friends and supporting churches made it possible for them to move into their new church February 23, 1958, after spending a long, hard winter under the tent.

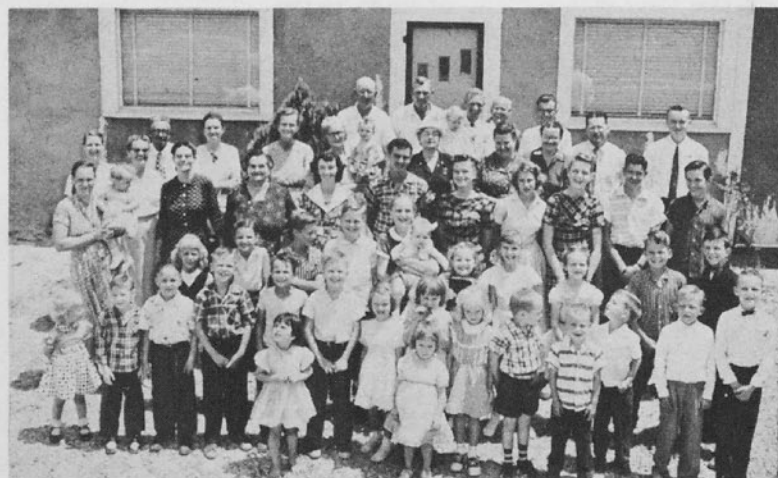
The building is not completed, but it is free of debt and God is blessing the faithful labor of Brother and Sister Hartshorn. May God give us more fine young people who are willing to sacrifice to see a new church brought into being.

AMORY

It was the first Sunday in September 1957 that Gertrude Hickman and her co-worker, Grace Waldon, began



Some of the 21 who were present for the first Sunday School held at Victory Assembly in Hattiesburg, Mississippi



Sixty were present for Sunday School one year later in May 1958. The average attendance for the year was 56.

conducting regular services in a vacant house near Amory. The work flourished for a while. Then winter came along with extremely cold weather and much sickness among the people. But God blessed and encouraged their hearts. A lovely corner lot was purchased with funds donated by the district, and on February 14, 1958, construction started on a new church. Assisted by gifts from the National Home Missions Department, Mississippi District C.A.'s, WMC's, churches and friends, the work has gone rapidly forward until on April 23 they were able to hold the first service in the new building. It is 32 by 60 feet, of brick veneer construction, and is just nine blocks from the downtown business district.

The students at C.B.I. are helping to sponsor *Revivaltime* on the local radio station and this is proving to be a great blessing in building up the work.

Mississippi is a very needy home missions field. Out of 129 cities with a population of 1,000 or more, eighty-two do not have an Assemblies of God church. A wonderful opportunity awaits workers who have a burden and are willing to make a sacrifice to build something for the glory of God.

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Anyone who is interested in doing home missions work in Mississippi should contact Superintendent J. C. Burks at 5815 Fifth Street, Meridian, Mississippi.

The Home Missions Department assists needy districts in church extension from the NEEDY DISTRICT FUND (which is now depleted). Your offerings designated for this fund will be sincerely appreciated and may be sent to:

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT
434 W. PACIFIC
Springfield 1, Missouri



Assembly of God in Amory, Mississippi



Joyce Bryant, a deaf girl from Erie, Pennsylvania, gives her testimony at the Camp for the Deaf at Fa-Ho-Lo Park in Grass Lake, Michigan.

It's Camp Time for the Deaf

BY TWILA BROWN

LAST SUMMER JOHN FITZPATRICK, a deaf boy in Erie, Pennsylvania, accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. He became a regular attendant at the services for the Deaf at the Erie Glad Tidings Assembly of God.

John had a sincere hunger for God. When camp time arrived, he wanted to attend the special camp for the Deaf at Fa-Ho-Lo Park, Grass Lake, Michigan. The thought of studying God's Word regularly, making new friends, enjoying the recreational activities, and drawing closer to Christ strongly appealed to this new Christian. But he had no money. The women of the Ladies' Bible Class in the church had a sincere desire to help in every way possible, and they agreed to pay his expenses. You can imagine John's joy when he was told he could go to camp!

When John returned home from his week at camp, he was a transformed person. His whole being radiated the presence of the Lord. One of the camp workers reported that John stayed at the altar late every night, seeking God and desiring to be filled with the Holy Spirit. There was a radiant glow about him when he testified of his experience. John had met Christ in an unusual way!

For a number of years camp evangelism has been an important part of

Assemblies of God ministry to the Deaf. The workers have found that a few days of concentrated camp effort often produce far greater results than many weeks of regular church services. The informal atmosphere, the daily emphasis on spiritual things, the fellowship with other deaf Christians—all these tend to bring about greater spiritual results.

Camps are one of the most effective means of evangelizing the Deaf. The following excerpt from a letter written by Joyce Ann Bryant, a deaf girl also of Erie, Pennsylvania, illustrates the value of camps in bringing souls to Christ:

"I had *never* been to a camp in all my twenty-one years. When I heard about the Camp for the Deaf at Fa-Ho-Lo Park in Grass Lake, Michigan, I made plans to go. When I arrived at the camp I found that I would be no stranger there because people introduced themselves and soon we became friends.

"I had thought that I was a Christian but I was not sure. So on the second night of the camp, I asked one of the counselors to explain to me the plan of salvation. She showed me various Scriptures in the Bible. Then the counselor asked me whether I wanted to ask Jesus to come into my heart. I

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FORWARD MOVE IN PUERTO RICO DISTRICT

The Island of Puerto Rico has now been added to the Spanish Eastern District's area of activity. The district which operates in conjunction with the Assemblies of God Home Missions Department, has recently welcomed some forty Puerto Rican churches into fellowship.

Definite steps have already been taken in the development of our Puerto Rico work which has received considerable impetus through the affiliation of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ with our Assemblies of God churches.

The affiliation took place at a recent con-

vention in the city of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. G. F. Lewis, an assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God and executive director of the Home Missions Department, represented the General Council. About seventy-two ministers attended. Other groups also showed considerable interest in affiliating with the Assemblies of God.

The Bible school property of the affiliating group was placed under the management of the Home Missions Department and the Spanish Eastern District. Buildings will be repaired for a new start in Bible school activities this fall.

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said, 'Yes.' We knelt and as I prayed I felt a change in my heart. I knew that Jesus had come into my heart and washed my sins away. I was so very happy that I started praising the Lord. That night I even praised the Lord in my sleep. I have never stopped praising the Lord for what He has done for me!"

It is camp time again for the Deaf.



John Fitzpatrick was spiritually benefited by his experience at the Camp for the Deaf.

YOU can have a part in the spiritual results. You may not be able to attend, but you can pray for them. PRAY earnestly that the Spirit of God will be outpoured in a marked way.

Perhaps you can help send someone to camp or help pay some of the many expenses. Compared with camp meetings for hearing people, attendance at camps for the Deaf is small. Therefore, costs are higher. Would you like to share these expenses? Do you want to make some deaf person happy in the Lord? Why not clip the coupon below and send your offering now to help make camp a blessing for some deaf boy or girl this year?

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Yes, I want to help some deaf person to enjoy spiritual blessings at camp this year. Enclosed is my offering of \$ _____

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A TRUE STORY OF A

DURING THE WINTER OF 1949 OUR family was living in a little open house in the hills of eastern Oklahoma. My husband and oldest son were at work many miles from home, so that I had the responsibility of our other three children.

During a bitter cold spell our fuel supply ran low. It was so cold that all our neighbors were staying indoors. We picked up all the wood we could find and brought it inside. The weather was growing worse every day.

Then one night, while the children were playing games before their bedtime, I sat gazing into the low flickering flames in the wood stove. I knew we had brought in all the wood we could find, and that most of this was in the stove. My heart was very heavy because I knew that somehow we must keep the fire burning, or the children would freeze. I had tried to hire somebody to cut some wood, but no one was interested. I had sent one of the children to my father's home about two miles away to get him to bring us some wood, but he was sick. I had also sent word to another relative that we needed wood very badly, but as yet no wood had come. So things looked pretty gloomy that night, but I knew I was serving a mighty God and that He would see that fuel came in some way.

As we prayed together that night I put our need for fuel before God, begging Him to make a way for us. Trusting God, we all arose and went to bed. I refrained from saying very much about our great need, for fear of worrying the children.

I didn't sleep well. All through the long cold night I could hear the north wind howling outside. By midnight the timber was cracking and popping everywhere.

At daybreak my daughter looked out the window and said, "Mother, last

God Makes a Way

ANSWERED PRAYER

night in your prayers I heard you asking God to send us fuel some way. So it is falling all around us this morning."

And surely enough, when I looked out the window I saw timber lying everywhere on the ground. This was God's answer to our prayer! He had made a way! We all arose and thanked God for His answer to our urgent need. We had all the wood we needed for two or three days.

Later God sent along a kind Christian man with a load of wood all ready to go in the stove. I believe that the reward of this man may be great.

The days passed and our food supply ran low. My husband would not get home for some time yet. Again, I asked God to meet the need. The next day a friend came to the door and said, "Here are some groceries if you need them." And the food was very good, too—ham, eggs, lard, milk, etc.

It's just like God to see that His children get the best of everything! I learned through this experience that it pays to trust the Lord. He always makes a way.

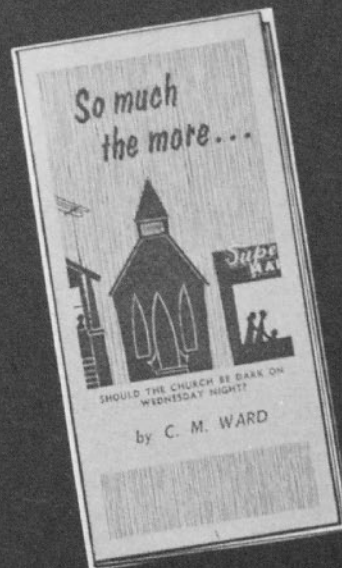
—Mrs. Gladys Talbert
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Forbid Them Not!

CHILDREN ARE THE HERITAGE OF THE LORD,
AND HIS LOVE FOR THEM IS MANIFESTLY UNIQUE

JACK SHULER HAS SAID, "CHILDHOOD and youth are the truly impressionable years of life. There is something about the multiplying years that tends to bring about the crystallization of character, resulting in the unalterable destiny of the soul. Bent in a certain direction over a period of time, man's will settles like cement in a mold and becomes, like a block of granite, unbending."

Through the instructions of godly parents, David must have sensed this truth and set his sails early in life for proper goals. Then even when life dealt its hardest blows, he could say without wavering, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed!"

Daniel in early youth purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself, and held that purpose through all the tests of life.

Both the advantages and importance of "bending the twig" in the right direction must have been anticipated by some of the mothers in Judea in the time of Christ. For many of them could be seen in the streets of Jerusalem, each with a child in her arms or tugging at her skirts, pressing through an unwilling and unyielding throng to the place where the Master stood.

In fancy, I can see an elderly matron on the very outer edge of the crowd, listening timidly, wonderingly, as His

would-be protectors cry, "Stand back! stand back! Don't trouble the Master! He's busy establishing a kingdom! He hasn't time for—"

"Wait!" a voice gentle as evening commands. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

"Who is He?" ventures the elderly woman uncertainly of one mother standing near her. Listening, I can almost hear the other mother's answer, "Why, it's the Galilean. Look! He's taking them in His arms and praying the Father to bless them!"

And now I see her turning sadly away, a tear splashing down on her toil-worn hand, and hear her sigh of

longing. Oh, that one like this Galilean had been near when her own dear boy had been but a baby in her arms! She'd gladly have walked miles, carrying him to such tender, welcoming arms—to one who would pray for him and love him. Perhaps—but it is too late—for she is the mother of Barabbas, the murderer, now languishing in a felon's cell, soon to be brought forth to be crucified. He was friendless and forsaken, with no loving arms like those she had just seen welcoming the children, outstretched to save!

We mothers of America cannot be classed with this sorrowing mother who had had no chance to bring her babe to Jesus, for clear as a bugle note through fogless air we have heard the Shepherd calling, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not!"

"I won't forbid them!" was the reply one Sunday School visitor received. "If my children really want to come to your School, they may. I let them choose for themselves." That mother may not have known it, but there were others present at this scene—at least there were two—the champions of right and wrong. Jesus must have turned sadly away as He saw the sins and temptations awaiting these children in whose home no prayer was offered, no voice of praise was heard, no guiding words from the Book of God influenced those choices for heaven—nothing but death ahead.

The other champion present was Satan, wise archenemy from hell. "Thank you, lady," he must have leered, "for such a priceless gift. You are to be commended for placing the hands of your boy and girl in mine. By this you are saying, 'Lead them, train them for me, I haven't time to be bothered.' In just a few days now my teachers will have them smoking cigarettes, next we will order beer for each of them.

Code Message . . . For Junior Readers

There is an important message for you, but it is in code. To de-code it, give each number the letter that appears directly after it in the code.

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MESSAGE

Jesus said, 19-18-14 7-19-26-7 24-12-14-22-7-19 7-12 14-22 18 4-18-15-15
18-13 13-12 4-18-8-22 24-26-8-7 12-6-7.

To check your answer, look up John 6:37b.

"Then we will accompany them to the dance floor where they will learn all sorts of evils. Later they will join one of our crime squads, who, disregarding all laws and order, attack peace-loving citizens, plunder and rob them; shooting down in cold blood those who would interfere with their progress as they slip over the precipice into hell."

Leaving them to choose for themselves is really forbidding them to come to Jesus, for it influences them against taking Him as their Teacher and Guide. Those boys in New Jersey, aged six and nine years, who a few years ago broke into a schoolhouse, flooded the gym and smashed the grand piano, the damage running into large figures, had been "left to themselves to choose." The Bible says, "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Proverbs 29:15).

Too many young people today are from homes unlighted and unwarmed by family altar fires; where companionship from parents and love for the children's souls are wanting; where worship of their Creator and reverence for His name are more strange than distant waters.

How we need to stand beside our children in the impressionable years, helping them with their lessons, their problems, their tasks, teaching them of their loving Friend and ever "placing them in His arms" like the mothers of Judea.

Barabbas, freed at last by a Stranger who was crucified in his stead, could bring the glad news to his mother. We need not spend a lifetime in sorrow without knowing Jesus and teaching our children His Word, "diligently, when thou sittest in thine house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:7). For we have heard the tender voice that still is calling, "Let the children come! Forbid them not!"

—*Family Altar Guide*

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Family Altar

DAILY BIBLE READINGS BY R. G. CHAMPION

Monday, July 14

Read: Psalm 119:113-128

Learn: "I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love" (Psalm 119:113).

For the Parent: This passage teaches: (1) we ought to hate evil thoughts and love God's Word, v. 113; (2) God is our refuge and protection as we hope in His Word, v. 114; (3) we should be careful of our associations, v. 115; (4) God will reward righteousness and punish evil, vv. 116-120; (5) as we faithfully serve God, we can rely on His promises, vv. 121-128; (6) we should reject the false, v. 128.

Question Time: What two things does this passage say we are to hate? (vv. 113, 128) What happens to those who do not obey the Lord? (vv. 118, 119)

Tuesday, July 15

Read: Psalm 119:129-144

Learn: "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Psalm 119:130).

For the Parent: This passage shows God's Word to be: (1) wonderful, v. 129; (2) a bringer of light, v. 130; (3) righteous, v. 138; (4) pure, v. 140; (5) true, v. 142. Emphasize especially the psalmist's prayer (vv. 132-136), pointing out his great desire to please God and to be kept from unrighteousness. This should always be the prayer of God's children.

Question Time: What are some things this passage shows God's Word to be? (See above) What do you find most significant in the psalmist's prayer, vv. 132-136?

Wednesday, July 16

Read: Psalm 119:145-160

Learn: "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever" (Psalm 119:160).

For the Parent: God's Word brings us help in times of need. Notice the difficult situation of the psalmist in vv. 145-150, then point out the comfort he received from knowing God is near and His Word is true. Show also how he could say he had remained true to the Lord in spite of his hardships, v. 157. God will help us, but He also desires we live lives pleasing to Him.

Question Time: What comfort did the psalmist find in the time of trouble? (v. 151) What important message do you think v. 157 has for us today?

Thursday, July 17

Read: Joel 2:21-32

Learn: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

For the Parent: (Additional material on "Joel, the Prophet of Pentecost" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Discuss one fulfillment of Joel's prophecy of the outpouring of the Spirit, Acts 2—especially Acts 2:16. Then point out that this promise is for all who believe (Acts 2:38, 39). God wants to pour out His Holy Spirit upon us so that we can be better guided by Him.

Question Time: What were some things Joel prophesied would happen? (vv. 28-32) What was one fulfillment of this? (Acts 2) Will God still pour out His Spirit? (Acts 2:38, 39)

Friday, July 18

Read: See verses below (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

Learn: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10).

For the Parent: This Sunday's Junior lesson is on the theme of witnessing for the Lord at school. Have various ones read the following verses. After each, take time to discuss how it applies to living for Jesus at school. The verses are: Proverbs 22:29; Colossians 3:23; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:17; Proverbs 15:14; Romans 13:13; Proverbs 3:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

Question Time: In view of Proverbs 3:13, what should be our attitude toward school? How can we live for Christ at school?

Saturday, July 19

Read: Daniel 5 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

Learn: "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18).

For the Parent: Two examples of pride are found in this chapter—one of Belshazzar, the other of Nebuchadnezzar, vv. 17-21. The latter is found in detail in Daniel 4. From these stories emphasize that God hates pride and will punish it. Stress that all we have comes from God; let us be careful to give Him the credit for it and not claim God's glory.

Question Time: What two illustrations of pride and God's punishment of it are found in this chapter? (See above)



Joel, the Prophet of Pentecost

Sunday School Lesson for July 20, 1958

JOEL 2:21-32

Do we not need a new and greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit everywhere? What right do we have, if any, to expect such a revival? Wherein are we failing, if such revival is possible? To these vital questions raised by many earnest and sincere believers today, Joel gives definite answers in our lesson text.

I. PREPARATION FOR A PENTECOST (Joel 1:1 to 2:17). In these verses Joel describes a terrible plague of locusts which have swarmed over the land of Israel, devastating the crops. This invasion has been a judgment of God upon the people for their sins. Therefore, Joel calls priests and people alike to humiliation and repentance. In the second section of the book Joel describes the revival and blessings which will come if the people meet God's conditions.

1. *Repentance.* "Weep; and howl. . . Be ye ashamed. . . Turn ye even to me . . . with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning." The note of repentance, sounded so emphatically by Joel, the Pentecostal trumpeter, needs to be sounded loudly today! Every real revival in history has been preceded by repentance on the part of God's people! God's promises and Christ's are conditioned upon it! "Positive thinking" may be popular and pleasing but it will never produce an outpouring of the Holy Spirit (2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Peter 4:17).

2. *Wholeheartedness.* "Turn ye even to me with all your heart." One *great big* reason why we do not see the kind of revival the world needs today is that we have no wholehearted determination to have such a revival. God's promise is, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

3. *Deep Sincerity.* "And rend your heart, and not your garments." The people of Israel laid great emphasis upon outward ritual and religious motions. They fasted more than most of us do! Their hearts were not right, nevertheless. Outward acts, legalism, and reformation will not do! God responds to brokenheartedness for sin, to contrition, humility, and heart hunger for Himself!

4. *United Effort.* "Gather the people . . . , gather the children. . . : let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet." God's call to repentance and prayer is to all classes, young and old alike. It is a call that demands precedence over all other considerations. "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar." Observe the part the ministers are to play. Those whom God has called to minister to God's people must lead the way in self-humiliation, repentance, and seeking God.

II. PROMISE OF A PENTECOST (Joel 2:18 to 2:32). Here we have a description of what God will send us in response to our preparation. The blessings

predicted by Joel would have a literal fulfillment among the people. The locusts would be removed. Land, cattle, and people would again rejoice in abundance of rain and fertility of soil. These temporal blessings were, however, but a type of greater spiritual blessings, which had a partial fulfillment upon the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:15-21), but which await greater fulfillment down through the centuries, and, we believe, right up until Christ returns to earth the second time. Observe—

1. *The outpouring of the Spirit is abundant.* "I will pour out my Spirit." The Hebrew word *pour* means "a boundless filling." The deepest need and desire of the human heart will be met in the mighty infilling and overflowing of God's Spirit. He wants us to know "the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe" in order that we may better know Him and make Him known to others!

2. *The Spirit's coming is universal.* "Upon all flesh." In the Old Testament the Spirit came upon a chosen few and only upon certain occasions. Now it is the privilege of every believer—regardless of race, color, or station in life—to be filled and kept filled with the Holy Spirit!

3. *The Spirit is outpoured without distinction* as to age, social class, or condition—to sons, daughters, old men, young men, servants, handmaids.

4. *Gifts of the Spirit are included in this outpouring.* "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." "Ye may all prophesy . . ." (1 Corinthians 14:31. "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Corinthians 12:7). And are these gifts not needed today? Let us "stir them up" by repentance, prayer, faith, and expectation in order that God may be glorified!

—J. Bashford Bishop

NOW THE CROPS WILL GROW



Healing Testimonies

Healed of Goiter and Other Ailments

I have so very much to thank God for. He has done some great things for me and my family, both spiritually and physically.

Early in 1957 God sent Evangelist Don Gossett and his family to our church in Willamina, Oregon, for revival services. When he prayed for the sick the "power of the Lord was present to heal," and something happened to the goiter I had had for 54 years.

When I went home that night I was awakened by a voice which asked, "Where is your goiter?" At first I thought someone else was in the room, but upon checking I found no one. Then I knew it was the Lord speaking to me. I went to the mirror, and to my delight I discovered that the goiter was all gone. Nothing was left but loose flesh.

For a long time I had been suffering with arthritis. At times my joints, and particularly my feet, had pained me so that I could hardly stand it. I asked our evangelist to pray for this condition, and the Lord completely healed me of the arthritis.

Also, I had an eye ailment that was being treated by a specialist in Portland, Oregon. He had told me it could develop into cancer. But after being prayed for several times in the name of Jesus, I have been healed of this eye disease.

My son Mike, who attends the Assembly of God at Oceanlake, Oregon, with his family, was incurably afflicted with a liver disease called hepatitis. Mike was unable to work. He came to the revival at Willamina; Brother Gossett prayed for him, and the Lord healed him. His doctor pronounced him well, and he went right back to his job. That was in March 1957. He has been working ever since.

During the same revival we had a record Sunday School attendance of 190, and the Lord gave us a great salvation service that morning. Among

the twenty adults and young people who responded for salvation were my teen-age granddaughters.

I do thank the Lord for what He has done for me and my family. I actually have had a brand new life since He healed me.

I'm now 69 years old, and I work every day as a cook at a local restaurant. The Lord is so real to me. —Mrs. Eva Maxfield, Route 1, Willamina, Oreg.

(Endorsed by Pastor L. P. Furman, Willamina, Oreg.)

Gall Stone Trouble

About eight months ago I suffered a severe attack of gall stones. I called my boy, who came and took me to our pastor, R. A. Rieben. When Brother Rieben prayed for me, the Lord healed me instantly and completely. Praise God for His healing power. —Mrs. Hilda M. Seewald, Muskegon, Mich.

(Endorsed by R. A. Rieben, Pastor, Central Assembly, Muskegon, Mich.)

God Pre-writes the Headlines

(Continued from page eleven)

with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that *we which are alive and remain* unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep."

Man *cannot* annihilate the entire human race as many claim. Read your Bible! It is impossible to annihilate all humanity before Jesus comes, for, according to the Word of God, some will be alive. Remind again the editors, writers, thinkers, theorists, humanitarians, that the Bible declares that some will be alive!

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words." But what comfort if you are not sure you're ready to meet God? You say, "Mr. Rosell, how is a man to be ready?"

Healed of Paralysis and Heart Trouble

On Monday evening, January 13, 1958, I became very sick and suffered a severe heart attack. I experienced a stroke and was paralyzed in my right arm and hand. I also lost my power to speak. The doctor said it would be a long time before I would get well or even better.

That same evening (January 13), after I was carried up to my bed, my pastor and several Christian friends came to pray for me. As they stood around my bed I began to praise and worship the Lord. Then I raised my paralyzed hand and arm in thanksgiving to my precious Lord—I was completely healed! In a matter of minutes my power of speech returned. That evening I was completely healed beyond a shadow of a doubt.

However, Pastor Bowen insisted that I obey to the letter the doctor's instructions—so I remained in bed for two weeks. Undoubtedly this helped me to regain my strength. But since the day the Lord healed me there has been no trace or evidence of the paralysis in my hand, arm, or mouth. To God be all the glory. Praise the Lord for His healing power!—Miss Lina Swenson, Brookline, Mass.

(Endorsed by Pastor Robert F. Bowen, Brookline, Mass.)

You don't become a Christian by your own efforts! It's by the redemption of the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. You must have an active faith in Jesus Christ, God's Son.

The true test, the final analysis, the eventual inescapable moment when you must meet God is based on these demands: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

We know which way the nations are moving—the trends and the trails. We all know how to trust God for His plan and His personal salvation. If you have not accepted His plan of salvation, accept it now.

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Don't Count on *Tomorrow!*



BY GEORGE SWEETING

TOMORROW IS A FITTING EPITAPH FOR many tombstones!

Once long ago, a child prince asked his tutor to prepare him for the life beyond. "There is plenty of time for that when you are old," the tutor replied.

"No," answered the prince, "I have been to the cemetery and measured the graves; and there are many shorter than I."

The Bible says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow" (Proverbs 27:1).

A number of years ago, a cartoon appeared in three parts. In the first scene, there is a young man seated at a desk. At his shoulder Jesus Christ

is standing, inviting him to be saved. He politely ignores the Lord, and says that he is just launching his career and has no time for anything else.

The second scene shows a middle-aged man. He is heavier now, well-dressed, and his desk is larger and covered with papers and reports. Again Christ stands at his elbow and reminds him to think of his eternal soul. But again He receives the same answer—no time . . . too busy . . . TOMORROW.

The last picture shows him as an old man, thin, stooped, and grey. He is hunched over the same desk. This time, at his shoulder stands not the Saviour but the gaunt bony spectre of Death. Speaking in hollow tones, Death says, "I have come for you." The aged miserly businessman with frightened eyes says, "Go away, Death, I did not send for you." But Death refused to be sent away, and the sinner died in his sin.

Tomorrow cannot be found on God's calendar.

Tomorrow is the road that leads to the town called Never.

Tomorrow is the locked door that shuts people out of Heaven.

Tomorrow is the nursemaid of perdition.

Tomorrow is Satan's word. Those who expect to repent tomorrow usually die today. Don't count on tomorrow!

Be ready—What for? "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

Be ready—Why? "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10).

Be ready—How? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

Be ready—When? "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Now, now,—not tomorrow!

—*Courtesy American Tract Society*

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Come to Calvary's holy mountain;
Sinners ruined by the fall
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full perpetual tide,
Opened when the Saviour died.

Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white:
You shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty have remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore,
He that drinks shall thirst no more.

He that drinks shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood:
God is faithful, God will never
Break His covenant in blood;
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

—*James Montgomery.*

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NO FUTURE EVENT IS MORE CERTAIN than the return of our Lord. The Scripture declares it, signs proclaim it, reason affirms it, and the saints believe it. He is coming! We are not told just when, for that is left to the Father—but we know that it will be soon. The stage is set, and it remains only for the clouds to be parted like a giant curtain, and Christ will appear to enact the finale of the drama of this age. On that glorious day the saints will rejoice as they are caught up suddenly to meet the Lord in the air.

The early Christians expected the Lord's imminent return. In Thessalonica there was so much excitement about it that some of the believers stopped working and spent their time in useless gossip. And so Paul wrote them a special letter (2 Thessalonians) to instruct them concerning the coming of Jesus and the proper attitude toward that event. He reproved them for wasting their time just because they felt that Jesus was coming soon.

In the second century the Christians in Phrygia believed that Jesus was coming at once. Their leader, Montanus, taught that Pepuza, in Phrygia, was the town from which the millennial reign of Christ was destined to begin. Christians from all parts of the Roman Empire gathered there to wait for His coming.

The members of many other sects throughout Church history have done likewise. The Anabaptists went out into the fields to wait for Him. Ever since Jesus said, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man," men have been trying to determine the exact date of His return. Some have sold everything and left for a mountain to await the coming of the Lord. But what good did that do?

And while we criticize these unwise friends, we must watch our own attitudes very closely. We may never be

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tempted to wait on the mountainside for the return of Christ, as many fanatics have done; but there is always the more subtle tendency to think that the coming of the Lord is so near that we cannot engage in any new endeavor for winning the lost.

Jesus' exhortation to watchfulness is not a call to *inactivity*. Far from it! He has specifically commanded us, "Occupy till I come." We must never stop sending missionaries, building churches, and witnessing for Christ. Whether our Lord has given us one talent or five, if we wrap them in a napkin we shall receive from Him the deserved rebuke, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, . . . thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury" (Matthew 25:26, 27).

It seems to us that the Lord has delayed His coming. "Why does He tarry?" we ask. It is because He has compassion upon sinners and because He wants to give us more time to work for Him. For the unsaved His coming will mean final doom, and He is not

willing that any should perish. And He has left His disciples in the world so that the unbelievers might be won to Him. We must occupy His vineyard and fulfill the Great Commission, lest we be found wanting in that day.

The Church has a job to perform while she is waiting for His coming. We read that "the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods" (Matthew 25:15). Obviously, this "man" is Christ, and we are the "servants." The "goods" are the means of carrying on His business. And so the Church must carry on the business of evangelizing the world until Jesus comes. Our Saviour has no other way of reaching the hearts of men but through the testimony of Christians. Though angels would gladly witness for Christ, He has entrusted this sacred responsibility to us.

Saul, on the road to Damascus, suddenly fell to the ground. A heavenly light shone around him, and the voice of the Lord spoke to him. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" he asked, as he realized the importance of this occasion. Our Lord could easily have encroached upon the responsibility He had given His disciples, but He did not. Instead, He told the persecutor, "Arise, and go into the city, and *it shall be told thee what thou must do*" (Acts 9:6). Jesus answered the question by sending Saul to a Christian who would instruct him.

Cornelius was a "devout man," one who "prayed to God alway." Because of the hunger of this man's heart, God sent an angel to him. Cornelius' very first question was, "What is it, Lord?" Did the heavenly messenger tell this

earnest man how to be saved? Definitely not! Instead, he told the Roman centurion, "Send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: . . . *he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do*" (Acts 10:5, 6).

Christian friend, a great responsibility lies heavily upon our shoulders. If Christ Himself will not instruct men in salvation, and if He refuses to let angels perform this service, how severe will be our punishment if we fail Him! If we hesitate to enter new doors for Christ because we feel He is coming soon, we rob Him of the reward of His suffering and of the hope of His coming.

Jesus' return is never so remote that we have time to waste in selfish endeavor, nor so near that we cannot enlarge our ministry and increase our testimony. Someone has said that we should live as though Jesus were coming today, but plan as though His return were far in the future.

Let us remember that our Lord has left His goods with His servants. When He returns from the "far country," He will "reckon" with His servants. If we have been watchful, alert, and aggressive, we shall hear those coveted words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord." But God pity the poor souls who have wrapped their talents in a napkin because they felt His coming to be so near! ◀◀

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Till He comes again.

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A Wisp of Hay

—BY EVELYN WITTER

MOST PEOPLE WOULD FIND IT HARD to believe that a wisp of hay kept Aunt Martha alive for a whole winter. But I have it from Aunt Martha herself that it most assuredly did.

It started the summer Aunt Martha was ill. She was in the hospital from June until September and most of the time she was too sick to give much heed to anything.

As she started getting better, her main concern was how things were going on the farm. All her life she had worked diligently in the fields and in the house for security. To her, security meant having the canning shelves full, the hogs butchered and fried down, the grain bins bulging, and the hayloft so full it was almost impossible to close the loft door. These things symbolized to her that all was right with her world.

Although Aunt Martha wasn't aware of it, things on the farm hadn't gone so well during what she has since referred to as her "hospital summer." Lack of rain caused a lean crop, and

of course Uncle Horace was afraid to tell her. He knew she couldn't afford to worry. More than anything she needed a peaceful outlook to complete her recovery.

Well, everything was fine until Uncle Horace was going to bring Aunt Martha home. It was then that he realized he couldn't keep the full secret about the short hay crop from her, because she would get a full view of the barn from her upstairs bedroom window. There wasn't any loose hay lying around anywhere to show the extravagance of plenty, and the hayloft door had closed easily—all too easily.

He felt he had to give her an illusion of plenty. So he took a wisp of hay and let it hang out the loft door. It gave the effect of a bulging loft so full of hay it was almost impossible to close the door.

And just as he had expected, Aunt Martha spotted it the first thing. "Well, I see we're all tucked in for the winter," she said, gazing out at the wisp.

"Mighty comforting feeling, mighty comforting!"

Often through the hard, cold winter Uncle Horace saw her look out at the hayloft door and smile contentedly. At these times he knew that what he had done was helping her get well.

But as spring neared, Uncle Horace knew Aunt Martha would soon be up and about, looking into every nook and cranny of the farm; and he felt he had to make his deception right with her.

"Martha," he said one day, "I deliberately misled you into believing our barn is full of hay, but I've been buying hay on and off all winter. I put that sprig there where you could see it so you'd feel good. Will you forgive me, Martha?"

"Horace!" she exclaimed in stunned surprise. She turned her eyes upon him and sat thoughtfully contemplating him for a few moments. Uncle Horace must have suffered many qualms while waiting for her reply.

Then: "Forgive you, Horace, my dear? I *thank* you. Thank you for helping me to realize something."

"What's that, Martha?"

"Why, just think," she replied. "If faith in a meaningless wisp of hay can give courage for a single winter, how much more courage can faith in the meaningful Word of God give for a lifetime and for all eternity!" ◀◀

American Evangelist Reports on Religion in Russia

Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., has recently returned from a tour of Europe and Russia. He reports that his visits to the Protestant churches of Russia were "the most wonderful but frightening" experiences of his ministry.

He was happy to find churches overflowing even in Moscow, where one church holds three two-hour services every Sunday with over 2,000 present each time. The week-night services also packed out the church, and the Christians radiated a deep love for Christ and a hunger for His Word.

However, some frightening aspects of this apparent religious freedom in Russia came to light when Dr. Pierce asked questions and probed beneath the surface.

He found that the Church is not allowed to baptize any person under the age of eighteen. There are no Sunday Schools. Education is compulsory, and

from the age of seven, every boy and girl in school is pressured to join the Communist-sponsored Young Octobrists and later the Young Pioneers. Members are given special privileges and wear colorful neckerchiefs as identification.

Children of Christian parents are not allowed to belong to these organizations unless they renounce the faith of their fathers and swear allegiance to the Communist Party. Dr. Pierce refers to this as "an ingenious, diabolical plan that is killing the Christian Church at its roots."

The result of this pressure on the younger generation is that the vast majority of Protestant churches in Russia are filled with persons of middle-age and older.

The Protestant Church does not have a single seminary, the last one having been closed in 1930. Some aging pastors are seeking to train young men in private sessions, but this is difficult.

An alarming discovery made by Dr. Pierce was the pitiful lack of Bibles. Although Russia prints more books than any other nation, only 10,000 Bibles were printed in 1957. Prior to that, not a single Bible had been printed for thirty years.

"It was heartbreaking to see Christians trying to keep the decaying leaves of their Bibles together with strings, carrying what was left of them in bags," Dr. Pierce observed.

Although the Church in Russia *could* be destroyed in another generation according to the clever Communist plan, Dr. Pierce says, "I don't believe this will happen. The Kremlin masters reckon without Almighty God. He is still in control and can destroy the best of man-made plans.

"The inspiring Protestants of Russia desperately need the prayers of every American Christian as they struggle for survival."



Pastor J. L. McQueen (left) receives congratulation from honored guests. Left to right: R. E. Goggin, District Superintendent; R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent; and W. H. Kennemer, Sectional Presbyter. Platform scene at right.



THIS WEEK'S COVER

New Sanctuary in Tulsa, Oklahoma

In 1957, Central Assembly in Tulsa, Oklahoma celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, and at the beginning of the year was undertaking an extensive remodeling of the auditorium which had been built in 1925. However, fire completely destroyed the structure in March, and it was necessary to plan a new building.

On March 30 of this year the lovely sanctuary pictured on the cover was dedicated by General Superintendent Ralph M. Riggs, and a two-week dedication crusade was launched. During the months that the church had been forced to meet in temporary quarters, an almost continual revival was witnessed. Pastor J. L. McQueen reports that the spirit of revival has moved right into the new building and the church is showing its gratitude to God for this new building with a determined effort that promises real accomplishments in the time to come.

The new auditorium will seat over 800, and the building contains new offices and nurseries. A three-story educational wing has also been added as a part of the recent building project. The entire property contains approximately 30,000 feet of floor space and with the furnishings is evaluated at \$500,000.

Central Assembly (formerly Full Gospel Tabernacle) was started in 1907

following an extended revival. In 1913, Pastor W. T. Gaston and one of the charter deacons were led of God to the Fifth and Peoria location. They knelt and consecrated it as a place of worship. Shortly thereafter the church became a part of the newly organized General Council of the Assemblies of God. Many pastors, evangelists, and

missionaries have gone out from the church to minister in all parts of our fellowship.

J. L. McQueen has served as pastor of the church since January, 1955. Under his leadership, the church and Sunday School have advanced substantially, and at present the Sunday School attendance averages approximately 500.

Dedication service at the new Central Assembly of God in Tulsa, Oklahoma





Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

► **LITTLE ROCK, CALIF.**—The Assembly here rejoices over a wonderful two-week revival with Evangelist Viola Duncan. Five were baptized in the Holy Spirit, several were refilled, and one young lady was delivered from demon power.

—Leon C. Quillin, Pastor

► **MOORHEAD, MINN.**—God blessed the anointed ministry of Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. as he ministered at the Assembly here for two weeks recently. Souls stepped forward for salvation, believers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and many others were revived.

—Alex Karmarkovic, Pastor

► **FAIRMONT, NEBR.**—Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin, Tex. recently conducted meetings at the First Assembly of God here. Quite a number testified to definite healing, several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and others were drawn closer to the Lord. The church rejoices in the good results of the meetings.

—R. W. Miller, Pastor

► **ALCOVE, N. Y.**—The Full Gospel Church here has just concluded 10 days of special meetings under the anointed ministry of pastor-evangelist David W. Flower of Springfield, Mass. The church rejoices in the salvation of souls and the filling of believers with the Holy Ghost. All previous Sunday School records were broken with a new high of 172. The spirit of revival continues.

—Ira Tompkins, Pastor

► **PRICHARD, ALA.**—The Prichard Assembly of God just concluded a very profitable meeting with the Musical Vanderploegs of Toledo, Ohio. The Vanns conducted meetings here over two years ago, and there was a great outpouring of God's Spirit. A number of the folk saved in that meeting are still making spiritual progress. Many more were added to the kingdom of heaven in the meetings just closed. Fifteen were saved in one service on the closing morning of the campaign.

—J. D. Stevens, Pastor

► **BROOKVILLE, PA.**—The two weeks prior to Pentecost Sunday brought the blessings of Pentecost to First Assembly under the ministry of Evangelist Ada Lear, who recently received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit after 25 years of ministering in the Holiness movement. Eight were saved or reclaimed, three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, one of whom had tarried for a number of years, and a number were healed. Many attended the services for the first time. On the very first Sunday morning the Holy Spirit was manifested in such a wonderful way that folk remained at the altar until nearly 1:30 p.m. The presence of God was felt during the entire campaign.

—Vernon Boyer, Pastor

► **COACHELLA, CALIF.**—Special meetings were recently conducted at the Assembly of God here with Evangelist Ruth Specter of Los Angeles. Her teaching-preaching ministry on the types and customs of the Old Testament was unusual in its presentation and a blessing to the local church as well as the co-operating churches. This was one of the best meetings held there.

—A. J. Cottriel, Pastor

► **BALTIMORE, MD.**—The Calvary Assembly of God here has just closed three weeks of revival with Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Winstead of Winter Garden, Fla. God moved with Holy Ghost conviction in every service. There were ten who came forward for salvation, two received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and seven were refilled. Many received help in the deliverance service, and the revival fires are still burning.

—Irving R. Johnson, Pastor

► **DALLAS, TEX.**—Maplewood Assembly reports a copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday as Evangelist Zelma Argue ministered in the morning and evening services. As the members gathered around the altar at both services worshipping and praising God, a number of hungry hearts were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. One of those filled with the Spirit was a man who had been

converted a few weeks previously. There was great rejoicing as a great-grandmother, 73 years of age, and her great-granddaughter of 11 were filled side by side. Sister Argue ministered throughout the day under a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit. The church is grateful for her ministry.

—Ray Soper, Pastor

► **ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX.**—Evangelist and Mrs. Don George of Abilene, Tex. recently conducted a very successful revival here at the Revival Center. In spite of unfavorable weather, revival fires continued to burn as the evangelist ministered the old-time gospel under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School attendance increased and a gratifying number were saved during the revival. The church still feels the effects of this Pentecostal revival.

—Paul Harrington, Pastor

► **NAUGATUCK, CONN.**—God gave the church here one of the greatest revivals ever experienced in this community, during an eight-day revival with Evangelist Howard Anderson of Stamford, Conn. Five were saved, 11 filled with the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and some were healed by the power of God. The entire church was built up as a result of the meeting, and revival fires still burn in the hearts of believers.

—Myrl M. Decker, Pastor



F. Hendrickson

COMBINATION CHURCH AND PARSONAGE DEDICATED

The new First Assembly of God church and parsonage in Paris, Illinois, were dedicated during special services, June 1 and 2, 1958. Speakers for the occasion included G. E. Mandel, F. H. Tolliver, C. M. Ward, and several former pastors.

The new structure houses two auditoriums, fifteen classrooms, nursery, pastor's study and a six-room parsonage.

The two-story building contains 6,500 feet of floor space, is air-conditioned, and wired for broadcasting directly from the auditorium. It is appraised at \$80,000, but actual cost of construction was \$49,000. The saving was made possible through donated labor and materials.

Fred Hendrickson has been pastor of the church since June, 1957.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

NEWFOUNDLAND CAMP MEETING

R. S. Peterson of Hialeah, Florida, will be the evening speaker at the annual Camp Meeting in St. Johns, Newfoundland, July 20—August 3. Following the Camp Meeting, Brother Peterson plans to conduct evangelistic services in a number of the Newfoundland assemblies. Eugene Vaters, Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies in Newfoundland, is arranging the itinerary.

NEW CHURCH IN SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—A new church named Country Centre Assembly has been opened in a rapidly expanding area of Sacramento County known as the North Area. A site of 2½ acres near a large shopping district has been secured. A large home on the property will be used for temporary quarters while building plans are being completed. Friends in the area are invited to visit this new church located at 3245 Cottage Way, Sacramento, Calif.

—Edward C. Rosen, Pastor

LORNE FOX IN AFRICA

Evangelist Lorne Fox, whose ministry has taken him from coast to coast in the

U. S. and Canada and to 31 other countries, sailed for Africa in May after conducting very successful evangelistic meetings in the West Indies. Brother Fox and his wife plan to spend the next three years leading missionary-evangelistic crusades in various parts of Africa. They request the prayers of all their friends as they enter this new phase of ministry to which they feel definitely called of God.

G. H. SCHMIDT DIES IN GERMANY

G. Herbert Schmidt, one of our super-annuated ministers, died May 19, 1958. He was stricken with a severe heart attack while preaching in Heidelberg, Germany, on Easter Sunday morning, April 6, and passed away about six weeks later. Funeral services were conducted by the Assembly of God pastor in Frankfurt, Germany.

Brother Schmidt, an ordained Assemblies of God minister for forty years, engaged in missionary work in Europe for many years prior to World War II. Last fall he returned to that continent, feeling definitely called to minister there, and for the last seven months of his life he engaged in a preaching ministry in Germany.

His experiences in a Nazi prison and afterwards are recorded in his two books, "Songs in the Night" and "Journey Home." He is survived by two daughters, Ruth and Karin.

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STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dogwood	First	July 20-Aug. 3	Forrest Whaley	W. O. Fields
Ark.	Bauxite	A of G	July 13-27	Bob Swaim & wife	George Royce
	Marianna	* A of G	July 20-Aug. 3	Harold Donaldson	J. C. Nichols
Calif.	Beaumont	A of G	July 20-27	Hildreth Etridge	David Irwin
	Burney	First	July 13-20	Fisher-Cheek	Gordon Blay
	Stockton	* Full Gospel	July 14-25	Youngman-Howard	Robert Graham
Fla.	Jacksonville	Oceanway	July 13-27	B. R. Minton	Marjorie Howard
Ind.	Brazil	First	July 22-Aug. 3	Ada E. Lear	A. O. Blue
	Ft. Wayne	A of G	July 15-Aug. 10	Wm. H. Kautz	Glenn M. Horst
	Indianapolis	Grace	July 20-27	Dedelow-Friederici	Howard G. Skinner
Kans.	Michigan City	A of G	July 9-27	Musical Vanderploegs	Stewart Robinson
	Wellington	A of G	July 20—	Billy Guthrie & wife	Lonnie Wells
	Wichita	Douglas Ave.	July 6—	Donnell-Holler	C. W. Shumway
Ky.	Carlisle	A of G	July 15-27	Fred Numrick	May Blaney
La.	Westwego	A of G	July 15-27	Charles Reed & wife	J. C. Seymour
Minn.	Duluth	Glad Tidings	July 6-13	Christian Hild	B. E. Galyen
	Minneapolis	Evangelistic Aud.	July 16-27	Eskelin Family	Russell Olson
Miss.	Biloxi	First	June 29-July 13	Marvin L. Smith	K. L. Crocker
	Gulfport	First	July 14-20	Marvin L. Smith	Woodrow Oxner
N. Mex.	Aztec	First	July 20—	Melvin McKnight	Oscar Elliott
Ohio	Columbus	** Calvary (sponsor)	July 13-27	Albert & Tommy Reid	L. E. Loretz
	Lancaster	A of G	July 20-Aug. 3	Singing Rotherts	J. A. Hinzman
Okla.	Enid	*** Northside	July 20-25	Fred & Gladys Voight	Elmer T. Watkins
	Tulsa	Faith Tab.	July 20—	S. J. Colburn	L. J. Underwood
Tex.	Dallas	Stephens Park	July 13-20	John Everett & wife	Robert G. Helvey
	De Leon	A of G	July 20—	Glen Shinn	M. M. Otwell
	Hillsboro	First	July 16—	Bob McCutchen	N. R. McDonald
	Houston	Southside	July 8—	J. D. Middlebrook	T. O. Thomas
	Marlin	A of G	July 2—	Bob McCutchen	Norman McCutchen
	Sherman	Glad Tidings	July 20-27	John Everett & wife	Henry Price
	Tyler	*** Calvary	July 14-18	Lucelia Lanz	J. Doyle Brown
	Waco	Faith Tab.	July 8-13	Don Norville	A. C. Lane
	Wash.	Napavine	** A of G	July 20-Aug. 10	Don Gossett

* Youth Revival

** Tent Revival

** Children's Revival

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The "If" Before the Blessing

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and righteousness of Jehovah at once makes this man of God keenly aware of his own human frailty and the shortcomings and failures of the people whom he represents. Proper humility must be a part of our approach to a holy God.

"PRAY AND SEEK MY FACE"

The poet has declared, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." When Jesus was on earth, He arose a great while before day and went out upon the mountainside to pray; and in the trying hour of His life, just prior to Calvary, we read that "being in agony, HE PRAYED MORE EARNESTLY, and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood, falling down to the ground."

Oh, the incalculable power of persistent prayer! Let us seek to emulate the illustrious example of our wonderful Lord in the ministry of praying.

Of Elijah it is said that he "was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."

Who can estimate the miraculous help that comes from heaven when ordinary people with ordinary faith dare to humble themselves and pray and seek the face of the Lord.

Within our knowledge and in our generation, entire communities have been revolutionized, lives have been miraculously transformed, as people sought God in earnest, persistent prayer. Probably one of the gravest dangers facing the Church of Jesus Christ on earth today is that the members will unwittingly neglect and permit to fall into disuse the powerful weapon of fervent prayer.

"TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS"

The Bible is very clear in its declaration that if we name the name of Jesus Christ we are to depart from iniquity, and that the frown of the Almighty is upon those who compromise with sin and participate in the ungodly acts of a sinful world. We need not use

time nor space to point out the fallacy and inevitable disaster of living without Christ. A little more subtle are the temptations of the devil thrown in the way of God's people to compromise here or there and to neglect that which they know to be proper and pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

It seems that idolatry was one of Israel's most persistent sins. Intermarriage with the heathen, among whom they dwelt, diluted their separated character as a nation, destroyed their contact with God, and produced a hybrid people who could speak clearly neither the language of the Jew nor the tongue of Ashdod. This would warn us who live in the Church age, that we too must maintain a separated character as far as participation in the sins of the world is concerned.

"Turn from their wicked ways," means nothing less than complete repentance and surrender to God for the application of the cleansing Blood, whether we be professing Christians or admitted sinners in God's sight.

"THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN"

When God heard Elijah's prayer on Mount Carmel, fire fell from heaven, idolatry was destroyed, and a new day dawned for God's people. Their worship, and even their crops, felt the impact of this "hearing from heaven."

Throughout the Old Testament armies were stopped, seas were opened, walled cities taken, leprosy healed, the bite of poisonous serpents nullified, in answer to prayer. On and on goes the recitation of the mighty impact of God hearing from heaven to the deliverance and blessing of His people who had met the conditions and called upon His name.

As the early Church prayed in Acts 4, the very house where they were praying was shaken; a fresh outpouring of the Holy Ghost descended upon the praying group, and subsequent verses tell of the great power, great grace, and great boldness which the Church enjoyed.

Following the Great Commission, we read in Mark 16 that the Lord worked with them, "confirming the Word with signs following," and Hebrews 2 speaks

of "God bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders and divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost according to His own will."

Tremendous days of prayer and preparation and heart searching evidently preceded Pentecost, and in this spiritually charged atmosphere the early Church, though despised, ridiculed, and even called drunken, witnessed the miraculous conversion of three thousand souls in a single day. God, the Holy Ghost, came from heaven.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Let us all be encouraged to meet God's covenant conditions and qualify as far as we are able, with proper seeking, humility, and turning from wicked ways, so that He may indeed hear from heaven, forgive sin, and heal our land. ◀ ◀

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Costa Mesa Missionettes' Activities Are Varied

Variety is one of the things which helps to keep teen-age girls interested in the Missionette program. Missionettes of Harbor Assembly of God, Costa Mesa, California, have engaged in several interesting projects.

For example, on one occasion the girls traveled 100 miles to Tijuana, Mexico, to visit an orphanage where they have adopted a five-year-old girl. The Missionettes plan to make regular trips to Tijuana. Just before Christmas, with the WMC's, they took toys and other gifts to the children. Then the boys and girls presented a program in Spanish with the aid of an interpreter.

How delighted the children were to receive new clothing made by the Missionettes. Included were dresses, skirts and boys' shirts. Several of these girls

are especially talented in sewing and have received honors at school for their good work. They help the others by showing them how to sew and cut out patterns.

Before beginning their work the girls have a devotional period. They have witnessed several answers to prayer in their group. During a recent revival, all but two of the girls received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This has inspired the Missionettes to pray for others and they have a greater desire to work for missions.

Harbor Assembly of God was started in March, 1954, with thirteen in Sunday School the first Sunday. There has been a steady increase. The church which was built is now too small, and plans are being made for another new



Missionettes of Harbor Assembly of God in Costa Mesa, California

building. There are approximately thirty CA's and a fine WMC group. The Sunday School now runs over the 100 mark.

Pastor C. E. Thurmond is an enthusiastic advocate of the Missionette program. He feels that the church is benefited by the girls' desire to be of service. The church contributes offerings to help the girls buy materials. A wonderful bond of fellowship has developed as the Missionettes work together.

At a banquet with a Latin American theme the girls were privileged to have a speaker who traveled in South America before he became a Christian. He compared the spiritual and natural need of that land and gave his personal testimony.

Much of the credit for keeping the Missionettes busy for the Lord goes to Mrs. Hugh Bayes, sponsor. Her interest and enthusiasm inspire the girls to do as much as they possibly can to further the Kingdom of God.

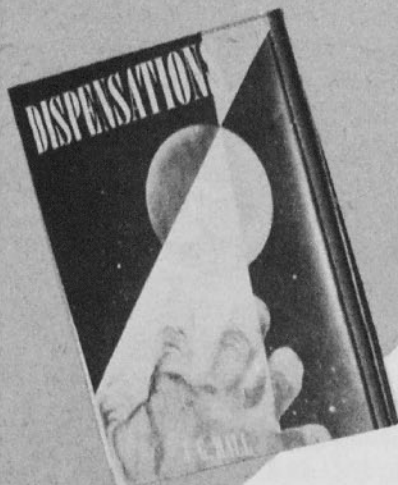
The Harbor Assembly of God Missionettes are one of the more than 100 active Missionette Clubs now functioning in Southern California. The experience gained as teen-agers will prove invaluable to these girls as they become adult leaders and workers in our churches within the next few years. Their energy is being channeled in the right direction. They are living up to their slogan, "Because we care, we serve." ◀ ◀

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Why Have Christian Colleges?

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parents are amazed to discover that our modern technological age has made college training essential to thousands of our youth if they are to achieve success in secular occupations. A glance at the current want ad sections of most newspapers reveals an unprecedented demand for engineers, physicists, technicians, accountants, and men trained in thousands of other fields of a complex nature. The odds are against one who starts to work without a good college education.

Evangel College stands as a citadel of hope for thousands of Assemblies of God youth. With a vision to promote revival and rescue perishing youth from modernism, it offers an answer to the dilemma of many of our young people. It is a part of our Assemblies of God team!

Roger Babson, noted economist, has written: "The safety of our sons and daughters as they go out on the streets this very night is due to the influence of the preachers rather than to policemen and lawmakers. The safety of our nation, including all groups, depends on Christian education."

Our Movement has a responsibility toward that ever-growing group of lay youth who are arising in our midst. Shall we accept this new responsibility? It is a precious privilege to offer our youth in college the influence of Christian teachers. ◀ ◀

THE DOVE MAN

In the deserts of Arabia is a guide who enjoys the reputation of never having lost his way! His secret? He carries in the breast of his clothes a homing pigeon with a very fine cord attached to its leg. When in doubt about his direction, the guide throws the bird into the air. The pigeon quickly strains at the cord to fly toward home, and so gives its master the direction. The guide is known as "the dove man."

Like that bird, the Holy Spirit, pictured in Scripture as the heavenly dove, is willing and able to direct the Christian who allows Him to do so. The Holy Spirit always points "home."

—*Youth Today*

That Others May Know Him ..

A number of years ago accounts began to come in of individuals receiving help through the remarkable testimony of Robert W. Cummings, missionary, teacher, and writer. Accounts are still coming. Someone reads and is lifted to walk in new life, or a spark of faith is ignited that brings revival to some far-flung area. To Brother Cummings' testimony now is added the testimony of Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge's deliverance from darkness. What can be said other than that these have suffered that others may "know him and the power of his resurrection"? It is cause for deep gratitude that Christians can turn to such contemporary testimonies of God's children and learn of the faithfulness and power of our God.

If you do not have the books, "Gethsemane" and "Back From the Dark Valley" on your book shelves, you should have them. Or present them to someone who needs the assurance they offer.

GETHSEMANE

By Robert W. Cummings

While serving as missionary to India, Robert W. Cummings faced objections of non-Christian audiences to the New Testament portrait of Christ in Christ's seeming unwillingness to do the will of God as He prayed in the garden that the cup might pass from Him. Brother Cummings prayed that God would give him understanding of the *garden* and *cross* that he might answer the objections. God allowed the missionary to pass through a nervous breakdown, and immediately after delivering him illuminated his mind to understand something of our Lord's experience and the bearing on the nature of redemption's victory. *Gethsemane* is Brother Cummings' interpretation to the world. Paper bound, 64 pages.

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By Hildreth Ethridge

"Although the Scriptures do not indicate that there is any possibility of a child of God becoming demon-possessed," writes Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge, "there is ample evidence that our adversary is allowed to oppress us. . . . Wherever I go I find some who are earnest, consecrated saints, yet who are experiencing agonizing seasons of actual oppression from the wicked one. I am happy to stand as a living testimony to these dear children of God, and to proclaim that our Christ brings mighty deliverance!" *Back From the Dark Valley* gives details of the author's deliverance from a severe mental illness. Paper bound, 24 pages.

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By Dora Hall McCandless



Book of Remembrance

RECENTLY I SPENT SEVERAL DAYS WITH A FRIEND, AND one morning before I left she asked me to sign her guest book.

It was a beautiful book with expensive covers, and when I remarked on its beauty, she confided, "It's one of my most cherished possessions."

As I thumbed through its pages, I understood her love for the book. It was full of expressions of appreciation and gratitude from the many friends who had enjoyed her generous hospitality down through the years. It was a book of delightful memories.

As I wrote words of appreciation of the privilege that had been mine, in imagination I saw another book of remembrance. Once it, too, had been spotlessly clean and white. But it was no longer a thing of beauty, a delight to the eye. Its covers were discolored, still stained with the blood of "the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Its pages were stained with the blood of innumerable martyrs who had sealed their testimony with their lives.

Inscribed therein, too, were countless names, not only of those who had loved the Lord in times past, but also of those who love Him today and speak "often one to another" about Him; those whose hearts are overflowing with praise and thanksgiving for His goodness to them. This bubbling up and spilling over of Christian joy should not be regarded as a strange thing. It is but the natural expression of a heart overflowing with love for the Saviour.

But this habit of speaking often of Christ seems to be disappearing. At times, even among professedly Christian people, I have noticed a coldness when the name of Christ was mentioned, and expressions of embarrassment were plainly visible on the faces of some present.

Just why should it be so hard to express our appreciation publicly to our heavenly Father for His many blessings when we are so careful to thank our earthly friends for far less, purely as a matter of courtesy? Many modern-day Christians have forgotten the Psalmist's admonition, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

In this connection I am reminded of a question recently

put to me by a friend. "Do you have devotionals in your women's meetings?" she asked. When I assured her that we did, she replied, "Well, we don't—no Scripture reading, no prayer, no devotionals of any kind."

I couldn't help but wonder how an organization whose very origin and continuing existence down through the years were the direct results of Christ's agony and shed blood, could so far have forgotten His finished work on the cross as to fail to give Him the homage due to His name. Gratitude alone would demand it.

Individually, as well as unitedly, we fall short if we fail to express our appreciation of His daily blessings. And when we do thank Him, is it from a sense of duty or obligation or is it the natural overflowing of a heart full of love and praise and adoration?

Even expressing our gratitude for the so-called "good things" is not enough. We are exhorted to give thanks always for all things! But how can we thank Him for the grief, the pain, the sorrow, the bereavements that strike us all? It is possible if we truly believe "that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Then, too, there is no doubt that both our conversation and our thoughts would be vastly different if we actually realized that the "Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him..." We certainly would not be so prone to complain or blame Him for the unpleasant, often disastrous consequences of our own sins. Nor would we so frequently wound and grieve Him by unkind remarks and harsh criticisms of others. If we honestly did love the Lord our God with all our heart, then many unworthy thoughts and sentiments would be cast out before they could be framed into words.

But those who do honor the Lord in word and in thought are, in turn, honored by God because a book of remembrance is being written before Him for them that fear the Lord, and that think upon His name. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Malachi 3:16, 17). ◀ ◀