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**GENERAL MARK W. CLARK POINTS TO MURAL
DEPICTING START OF AMERICAN CIVIL WAR**

Signs of the End Time

THE TIMES OF REFORMATION HAVE CONCLUDED—THE TIMES OF RESTORATION ARE BEGINNING—AS THE END DRAWS NEAR

A RADIO ADDRESS BY C. M. WARD

FIVE IMPORTANT SIGNS PRECEDE Christ's return. They are: (1) the revival of the nation of Israel; (2) the "falling away" of nominal believers; (3) the "times of restoration"; (4) the preaching of the gospel "in all the world for a witness unto all nations"; (5) the revelation of "that man of sin"—"the son of perdition."

The trend is toward world-wide ecumenicalism. Protestantism has become a dead issue. Secular humanism has taken its place.

But a brighter prospect is before the true believers—restoration. God has no intention of leaving His investment in a shambles. There will be a divine house cleaning. That is a foregone conclusion.

Turn to Acts 3, verses 20 and 21. Here is a literal translation: "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must [retain] until the times of [restoration] of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all

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his holy prophets since the world began."

As the text says, restoration is the message of all the prophets. But restoration is preceded by house cleaning.

We know, for instance, that we are going to have a cleansed and restored heavens. Men have filled the air with violence, brutality and threat. We know that the brute creation is to be restored to dignity—that "the wolf and the lamb shall feed together..." We know the life-expectancy of human life upon earth will be greatly extended—that "there shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old..."

Notice the text does not say that Christ must be retained in heaven until all things are restored, but "until the times of restoration of all things..." These times are about to begin. And the Church heads the list. It must, because its present mission upon earth is nearing completion.

Joel, Peter's favorite prophet, sees this very clearly. He shows a medium in chapter one stripped and ineffective. An accumulation of parasites has slowly

ly eaten away strength and purpose. But in chapter two he shows this same medium a healthy and fruitful producer—restored to full vitality. Here are his words:

"I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten... the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm..."

World conformity—religious entertainment—talent exploitation—federation instead of separation—selfish ambitions—publicizing the flesh—compromise—have produced spiritual barrenness. The next step is apostasy.

I think the most encouraging sign I have seen in the past year—a sign that is becoming more and more evident in different places—is a dawning consciousness that we need something more than religious activity. Zechariah speaks of it prophetically—"And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep." You can feel a stirring. It's coming, sir—not reformation, but restoration. It must come!

I believe with all my heart that everything that God gave the New Testament church—all the ministries, all the gifts, all the fruits and graces of the Holy Spirit—will be restored to the Church as the return of Christ draws near. Ephesians 5:25-27 tells us: "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, [without] spot, or wrinkle... and without blemish."

To this end "Christ... loved the church, and gave himself for it... that he might present it to himself a glorious church."

What "God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began" is beginning to be apparent.

Amos says, "I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people... I will not again pass by them any more."

There is to be a final revival and delineation.

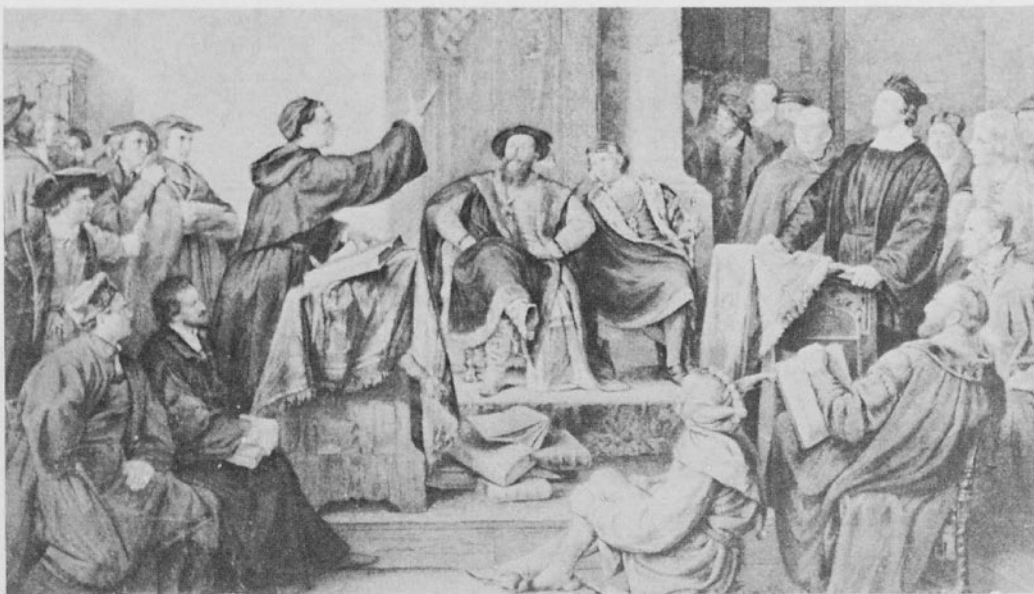


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Martin Luther and John Eck debating at Leipzig, 1519 A.D. in the presence of Duke George of Saxony and Prince Barnim of Pomerania

Daniel says, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried [or proven]."

Nahum says, "He shall count his worthies. . . ."

There's going to be a last-day inventory. God is not impressed with the mixed multitude. Millions of adherents give lip service, casual recognition, token appearances, who find it easy to "rend their garments but not their hearts."

The Psalmist says, "The Lord shall count when he writeth up the people."

The gospel again must be preached in purity. In the beginning it was so unsullied that on one day 3,000 were converted, and on another day 5,000 were converted. Conviction for sin was so present that men cried out, "What must we do to be saved?" The pulpit had such power that evil spirits were cast out by word of command.

Joel says there will be a new day for the oil and the wine of the gospel. The presence of the Holy Spirit and the "good news" of the abundant grace of God are the power of the gospel. Revival is more than spurious, jazzed-up religious activity. Webster defines "restoration" as "to give back that which has been taken away, to replace—to bring back to a former place or state." He defines "revival" as to "bring back to life, to recover after weakness." And that is what Joel is talking about! God is about to have His say in this world—and He is going to start with His Church.

There is no substitute for the Holy Spirit. His Bible symbol, the oil, was used for anointing the priest. It had to touch the sick. It gave authority. A return to the authoritative ministry of the Holy Spirit will mark the Church as "the times of restoration of all things" begin. Joel declares in vivid picture language that "the vats shall overflow with wine and oil." He says "the floors shall be full of wheat" (not tares).

The New Testament tells the same story. Luke, chapter fifteen, gives the story of the betrothed woman with the problem of the lost coin. She had been given a beautiful betrothal necklace that was to have set her apart. She neglected this symbol of her pedestal of privilege until suddenly she realized she had lost something.

Then comes this swift climax. She lights a candle; she sweeps the house; she seeks diligently until she finds it. Then she calls in friends and neigh-

bors and says, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost."

Need I tell you that the betrothed Bride of Christ—people that are called Christians in this world—have lost something? They have lost the gifts, ministries, and supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. Christ intended that His people should be set apart—should be distinctive. The beautiful and heaven-designed adornment that Jesus bade His followers to receive and display before they mingled with the world has been laid aside. As a result the professing Church has been exposing her unadorned flesh to the world. She has been substituting natural religion for the supernatural.

But thank God—now comes the stir to search! What an interesting and thrilling development! Here and there—you can't single out any one particular church group—but here and there, preachers and congregations are sickening of vain repetitions, of sterile church programs, even of aggressive evangelism apart from the Holy Ghost. There is a stir to search—to ask with all honest motive, "What have we lost?" Paul says, "Every man's work shall be made manifest, for the day shall reveal it." The day has arrived when nothing less than the power of God in the ministry of the Holy Ghost among yielded human vessels will touch the sin problem of this generation.

The Bible pictures this woman as

sweeping the house until she finds her sense of mission again. I'll say this, with all the earnestness of my soul—that the Church is responsible for her God-given equipment. Neighbor, look for "sweeping changes" to take place, and soon. I believe you will see this politically and I believe you will see it religiously.

But nothing good will be found without a return to the preaching of the Word of God. She "lights a candle." Long ago David said, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." We've been trying to find our way for a long time with a shelfful of substitutes. Preach the Word, and it won't be long until your people will find what has been lost.

I guess none of us get down to business as we should until darkness begins to close in upon us. The woman in the story spent the daylight hours carelessly. We've all had the impression in recent years that there was plenty of time. We've acted that way. We've settled down. We've lost the urgency of the gospel. We've depended upon favorable circumstances to sustain us. Now we can see the shadows lengthening. Remember, this woman didn't sweep the streets or try to clean up public places—she swept the house. What she needed before she could call the neighbors in, was somewhere in the house. We have an important job to do right at home, professing Chris-

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SITE OF REGIONAL PRAYER MEETING, JANUARY 16-17

The Spiritual Life prayer meeting for the South Central Region will be held at the North Side Assembly of God, 305 W. Exchange at Clinton Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas. (Jacob Filbert is pastor.) The Monday service will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Tuesday services will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue throughout the afternoon and evening. The Fort Worth meeting is the eighth in a series of regional prayer meetings being held in key cities throughout the country.

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Our Next President

A new era in American history will begin on inauguration day, January 20. John F. Kennedy, by winning nearly half the votes cast in the recent election, earned the right to become the first Roman Catholic President of our country.

The inaugural prayer will be offered by a Roman Catholic archbishop and Mr. Kennedy will take his oath of office on a Roman Catholic Bible. It will be the first Douay version of the Scriptures ever used in a Presidential inauguration.

Our Protestant forefathers never dreamed that such a day would dawn in America; but the steady increase in the number of Roman Catholic citizens made such a development almost inevitable. We are glad, however, that Mr. Kennedy has declared himself so courageously on the side of American rather than Vatican traditions. More than once he has stated that Church-State separation is *ideal* (whereas official Roman Catholicism views separation merely as tolerable until a Catholic majority can implement the state as the temporal arm of the Roman church). He said he was opposed to Federal aid to parochial schools (a policy which some Jesuits call unjust). He has opposed the idea of sending an American envoy to the Vatican. He has declared that his obligation will be to the Constitution rather than to the Pope in political affairs.

As *Christianity Today* pointed out, there are those who are still uneasy about the future. It quoted a distinguished Protestant theologian in Europe as saying that "the first Kennedy might be a very good president, but the third or fourth might be Innocent III." It mentioned the rising Catholic "lay disgust over persecution mentality of Catholicism in Spain, Colombia, and so on," adding: "Whether this election-year idealism will blossom into post-election realism supportive of religious freedom remains to be seen."

Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, says: "The Roman Catholic Church, having scored its greatest public relations victory of this generation, is not likely to risk that advantage by pushing too hard or too openly for special considerations in light of the narrow [victory] margin. Mr. Kennedy is likely to be very cautious since his entire legislative program will be dependent upon maintaining or increasing that margin of popular support. Since the margin is so thin, the members of Congress, most of whom must run for re-election in two years, will hardly dare risk their political life on any divisive issue such as favoritism to one church. This does not mean there are no dangers. Every American should be watchfully concerned and should express his convictions to the President and to his Senators and Congressman."

We must give Mr. Kennedy our loyalty and support, for he is the chosen leader of our country; and we must pray for him. The Bible directs us to pray "for all that are in authority" (1 Timothy 2:1, 2) and certainly the new President's task will not be easy.

—R.C.C.

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When the axe head floated, these ministerial students had a good object lesson on the supernatural character of the prophetic office.

ELISHA THE PROPHET, LIKE MANY ministers today, undoubtedly lacked many advantages that some enjoyed in the days in which he lived. A farmer, and the son of a farmer, he nevertheless was in a well-to-do family which evidently honored God and respected His law.

He was a dependable and industrious young farmer. When Elijah passed by and cast his mantle upon him, thus calling him to the prophetic office, Elisha at first was bewildered. Who was he that he should become a prophet?

But Elisha responded to the call. He kissed his parents farewell and went to minister to the prophet—not at first to be a prophet himself. In humbleness he worked as a servant, listening to the words of the prophet, seeing and studying the works wrought by the power of God. No doubt he did many menial tasks as the prophet's servant. Without realizing it, he absorbed into himself the spirit, faith, and dauntless courage which the prophetic office of the day required.

Some might ask, "If Elisha could become the man he became without training in the school of the prophets, why cannot we without Bible school training become spiritual leaders, since we are filled with the Holy Ghost?" Let us remember that many in Israel shared the prophetic anointing, but there was only one Elisha. We might as readily ask, "Since Jesus chose unlearned and ignorant men to be His apostles, why need we spend time in public schools, as we are filled with the Spirit? Has not the Spirit come to guide us into all truth? Is He not the Great Teacher?" Some have done well without schooling, yet they might have done even better if they had had greater advantages and sources of study before they began their ministry.

As Elisha advanced in age he felt the need of properly preparing the youth for the prophetic ministry. There were already established schools of the prophets with which he was familiar. He felt his association with Elijah, together with his experiences in fellowship with God and in service for the

Lord, provided knowledge which should be committed to younger men. So he decided that he, too, would open a school for young prophets.

Other great men of God besides Elisha have had such a desire. Charles G. Finney, having given himself to a mighty evangelistic ministry for God, felt led to establish a school for Christian youth. D. L. Moody, having stirred the British Isles and America with his evangelism, felt the call of God to give spiritual and scriptural guidance to youth, and Moody Bible Institute began. Godly men of Pentecostal faith saw the need of Pentecostal youth and are meeting this need through our Assemblies of God Bible institutes and colleges. Many of us who started out "in the raw," as we look back, wish it had been our privilege to have the opportunities now provided for our youth. While we did moderately well with what we had, how much more we might have done, and better, had we been acquainted with the proper tools which are now available.

Elisha maintained a spiritual school

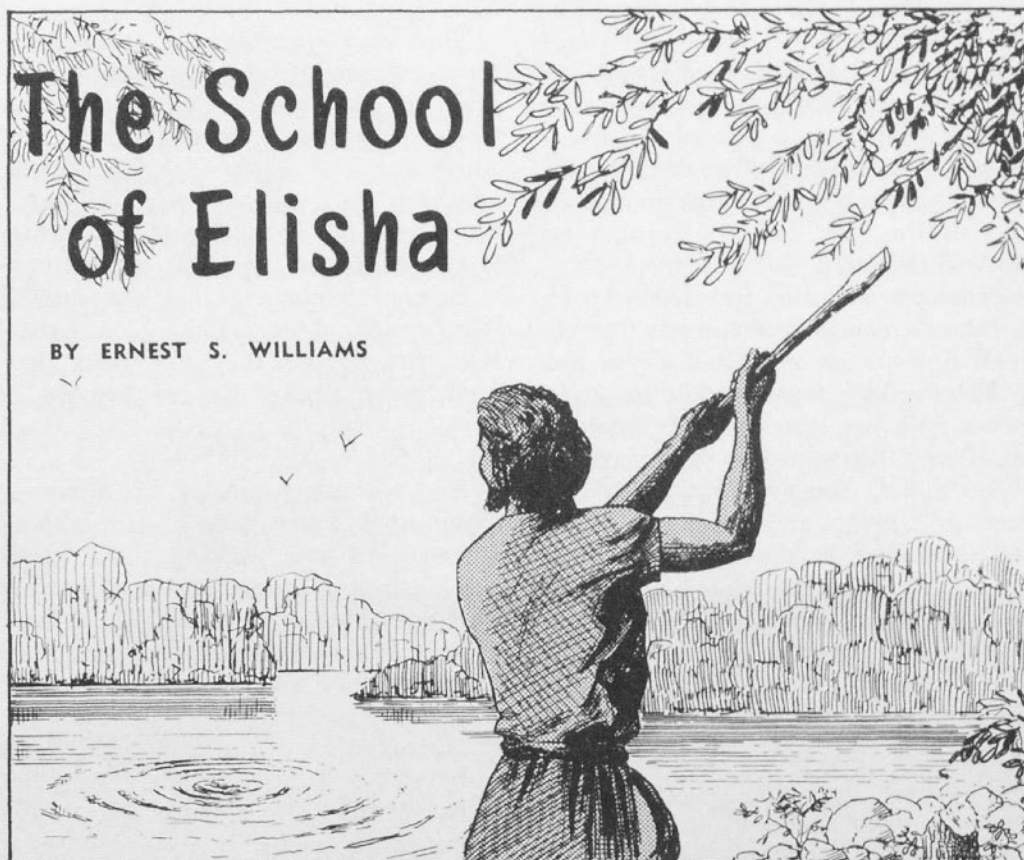
where young prophets were trained. As no one can properly prophesy without the anointing of the Spirit, spirituality as well as industry was encouraged as a part of the school life. The students were not above honest labor when it was needed. Those who think they are above the dignity of labor ought not to be in a Christian school. Idleness and wasting time are not becoming to Christian youth.

With their spirituality there was comradeship and discipline. A happy association existed among the students, and between the students and the master. They also had vision. The school was growing, and when the students awakened to the fact that "the place is too strait [small] for us" they determined to do something about it.

They decided to get permission from their leader, inviting him to accompany them, and go to the Jordan, which was nearby, to "fell every man a beam." This plan brought delight to the heart of the aging prophet and he said, "I will go with thee." They would either build a new building or enlarge the old. No drones were among them; all had a mind to work. And where there is unity of endeavor there is success.

What is true in a school is equally true in a church. Where there are willing minds and all pull together, success is sure. It was when the disciples

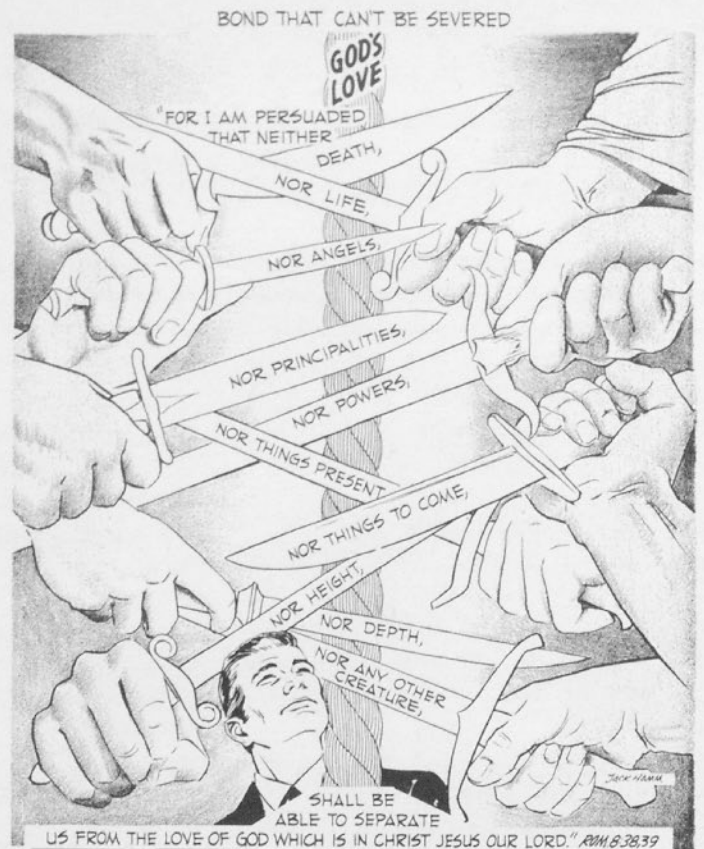
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ENTANGLED

Be entangled in the right way—entangled with Christ—or you will be caught in the fatal entanglements of a worldly life.

BY
CHARLES VAN NESS



IT WAS A TRAGIC SIGHT WHEN THEY fished the lifeless body of the young boy from the lake. He was a good swimmer, but when his boat capsized he became entangled in the anchor line. That, and the weight of his water-soaked clothing, held him down.

They applied artificial respiration for over an hour but it was hopeless. The boy was dead.

What had made the difference between life and death to that boy? His entanglements.

In 2 Timothy 2 we are warned against entangling ourselves in the affairs of this life. It is a warning we do well to heed.

Pentecost sets men free from worldly entanglements. Its by-product in the lives of the early church disciples was to liberate them from worldly entanglements. We too have found a wonderful liberty through the power of the Holy Spirit. Are we staying disentangled?

The answer to this question means the difference between spiritual life and death to us, as much as it did in the case of the drowned boy.

We need to recognize the source of our entanglements, how they bind us,

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and how we can avoid or overcome entanglement.

A pastor once called a young teenager to the church platform. He was the strongest, most powerful boy in the Sunday school. The pastor took a thin thread, looped it once about his hands, and asked him to break it. He easily did so.

Then he wrapped it once, twice, three times—dozens of times about his hands. Then the pastor asked him to snap the thread. The whole Sunday school was watching. The boy's girl friend was watching. He valiantly tried to break the thread, but he finally gave up when it started to cut into his wrists.

Entanglements are like the thread. They come slowly. They look harmless. But before they are over they bind us so tightly we are helpless.

THE DEVIL ENTANGLES US

An interesting picture of Satan is given in 1 Peter 5:8, 9. He is portrayed as a lion, walking about, seeking Christians he can devour. But just how does Satan devour us? He doesn't eat our flesh, as a literal lion would do. Satan devours something far worse. He devours our faith.

Have you ever seen a Christian who once was a warrior of the faith, but who had his faith devoured by Satan? How did it happen? What did Satan do to consume the Christian's faith?

Satan devours some Christians' faith by continually telling them that their sins still condemn them. Satan constantly besieges these believers by striking them again and again with their failures and shortcomings. Satan knows that sin cannot devour the Christian. Christ has the answer to sin itself. So Satan uses the condemnation of sin. He uses the imaginary power of cancelled sin to devour faith, and so again to entangle the believer.

The next time Satan holds a sin before you and tells you it will keep you from serving Christ, follow the Bible pattern. Confess the sin to Christ and believe that He forgives you. Then put it behind you. Live for God in the assurance He will keep the promise He made in 1 John 1:9.

Other Christians have had their faith devoured by Satan's use of discouragement. God permits discouragements to come into our lives to help us, not to make us backslide.

Hebrews 12:11 tells us, "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness *unto them which are exercised thereby.*"

God gives us discouragements and reverses to exercise us. He wants to strengthen our faith, to make us more like Himself. Our trouble is we refuse to be exercised. We let Satan grasp

the discouragement and use it as a club to beat our faith to death with such self-indulgent phrases as, "Why did this happen to me?" Instead we should let each discouragement and disappointment become a rung in our ladder of faith.

OUR FLESH ENTANGLES US

From Galatians 5:17 we learn that the flesh (our humanity) wars against the spirit (our higher self). And 1 Peter 2:11 warns us to "abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."

What would the apostle say if they spent a day with us? From morning until night we are barraged with appeals to the flesh. Every means of communication from the newspaper to the radio broadcasts the appeal. We are past the time when we can merely isolate one source of temptation and say, "Stay away from that." We have entered a period in our moral decline when it seems everything and everyone is on a gigantic sex binge. What parent can take his family into the average drug store and look over the magazines together? Advertisements in the newspapers not only talk of sex, but of sex irregularities. The modern novel is dedicated, it seems, to presenting realism in only one realm, sex relations.

Against this background the more subtle appeals to the flesh such as pride, stubbornness, and revenge seem almost innocuous.

Thank God we still have two forms of communication that are pure: Bible reading and prayer. The Christian who stoutly insists on daily bible reading and prayer will find the damning entanglements of the flesh far easier to resist.

THE WORLD ENTANGLES US

We live in a world that is sympathetic to both the flesh and the devil. Our Saviour recognized this and forewarned: "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). This world daily reaches out its tentacles, like an octopus, to entangle us. We are tempted to be worldly-minded in our thoughts, our desires, our ambitions, our loves, our service.

Line upon line the brainwashing hits us. We face the question again and again, "Is the sacrifice worth it?" But this world holds nothing for a born-again child of God. Nothing but entanglements.

ENTANGLEMENTS COME SLOWLY

Entanglements come into the life of a Christian like the slow growth of a deadly vine. Spiritual fervor, Christian vigor, and a virile faith do not vanish away suddenly. These things are slowly strangled.

Demas forsook Paul, but Demas was once a man of God. Paul had accepted him as a fellow laborer. Demas had ministered with Paul. Yet the gradual process of entanglement worked slowly and surely in Demas' heart until he finally made the break. And Paul wrote the tragic words that have endured through the centuries, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."

HEALING TESTIMONY

EYES REJUVENATED

"It was like a thousand strong electric bulbs were turned on," said Reuben Clouse, describing the marvelous healing he received last March.

Brother Clouse, who lives on Route 2, Everett, Pa. is seventy-five years of age. For the past several years he has had trouble with his eyes. Some people at this age would resign themselves to poor eyesight, but not he. He visited quite a number of eye doctors, only to be told that no glasses could be fitted that would improve his sight.

There is one Physician, however, who never gives up any case as hopeless. His name is Jesus and Brother Clouse is on friendly terms with Him. So in March 1960, while Brother Andersen was holding meetings at the Assembly of God church in Everett, Brother Clouse asked him and the pastor of the church to pray that his eyes would be healed.

"They prayed," he says, "and when I looked around it was just like a thousand strong electric bulbs were turned

A BETTER KIND OF ENTANGLEMENT

I believe God wants Christians to be entangled—entangled with the things of the world to come.

God wants us to be persons who are caught, covered, surrounded by the things that bind us to heaven. He wants our thoughts, desires, ambitions, loves, and service to be heaven-centered.

Just as the growth of worldly entanglements is a slow process, so the growth of heavenly entanglements is gradual. It too is line upon line. An experience in prayer binds you a little more closely to heaven. The movement of the Spirit in a meeting, a consecration you make, a tribulation you endure, a sacrifice you offer—these all form entanglements that involve you so closely with God that you are worthless to Satan.

Are you entangled? Entangled in the right way. Entangled with Christ. ◀ ◀

on—and my eyes have been better ever since."

He particularly notices the difference when he is driving his car. "When I come to a stop light, it seems to get real bright, whether it's green or red," he says.

Brother Clouse lives alone and the Lord is very real and precious to him. He has had pain in his left side. Several times prayer has been offered for this. His condition would improve after prayer, but only for a limited time. A few weeks ago God did something special for him. When the pain came this time, God took it away immediately.

"I went to bed that night and it was just like sleeping on angel wings," he says. "I felt so comfortable and well. And, praise God, I'm still feeling fine. The Lord surely is good to me. Were it not for His kindness and mercy, life for me would not be worth living. Every time I try to praise Him or talk about Him, His power comes down on me in such a way that I hardly can stand it. It's like heaven."

(Endorsed by Lucy Burman, Pastor, Assembly of God, Everett, Pa.)

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My Experiences With a KLEPTOMANIAC

BY DON HILLIS

Homemakers, read this and be on your guard!
Your family may be victims, too.

I NEVER WOULD HAVE DREAMED HE was a thief! Our acquaintance had all been so friendly and casual.

It started one evening at my front door. It was a Tuesday in August. "An entertainer turned salesman," was his smiling approach to me. But I was not one to be taken off guard so easily. I prodded him about his background. "Whom are you with?" I asked.

"At present," he said, "I'm an agent for a leading national magazine." But it came out that he had ties with several of the largest distilleries. He also had an account with a prosperous tobacco company.

I let him come into the living room and listened to him for a couple of hours. On learning of his connections, I took pains to tell him of my Christian faith and love for Christ.

"There is no place in my life for such things as liquor or tobacco," I told him deliberately. "As a Christian, my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit." I was sure these words would bother or affront him. But no, he was totally undisturbed by my convictions. He would hold his views, I could hold mine. This *status quo* was to mark all our subsequent discussions.

In a light-hearted moment he slipped in an off-color story. I was quick to inform him such things did not go in

my home. In fact, I cut him off sharply.

As you may imagine, I had reservations on the truth of many of his stories. Still, I must admit his experiences often excited me. After having an interesting evening together I invited him to come back the following night. "I may have a helpful influence on him," was my naive hope.

It took my wife's words to remind me that his return visit conflicted with our church Midweek Prayer Meeting. "I should attend," I confessed, "but I must stand by the invitation I have given this friend." I shared with her some of the things he had said to me. Well, to put it lightly, she was reluctant to accept him. "I just don't trust him," she would say. She grew steadily more concerned as he took up more and more of our family life.

My entire day was boring in comparison with my evening with this character. He had an imagination that was captivating. I would sit and laugh myself sick at all his crazy experiences. There were other times when my hair would stand on end. His scrapes with the FBI and the law were absolutely breath-taking.

If his stories were true, he was also an "extra" in motion pictures. But he couldn't talk about this without including sex. This forced me to cut him off time and time again.

"LEAVE MY CHILDREN ALONE"

Then he began to affect my teenage son, Charles, and my nine-year-old daughter, Eloise. They just couldn't wait to catch his latest quip or some hair-raising tale. They would have stayed up all hours if we had allowed it. All this distraction was hurting their studies and did their health little good. I began to worry about this fellow's presence in our home.

And then it came: the "straw that broke the camel's back." One day several good books turned up missing. I searched in vain for them. "This fellow may be something of a thief," I concluded. "If he is," I continued, "who can tell what else he's taken from us?"

It all looked very suspicious. The next day I was so wrought up about it I decided to check next door. Sure enough, he had taken things there, too. I was amazed by his subtle maneuvers. They certainly confirmed my wife's original point of view.

In one home he had entered as a religious teacher. "He had revealed new truth through modern cults," they said. Another neighbor, a salesman down the block, knew him as an efficiency expert. "He's showing me the latest gimmicks," he called after me. "The sort of thing a successful salesman can put to use."

"He certainly has a lot of ways of getting in," I concluded.

To all of these people I suggested a check of their belongings. Most of them found something missing. At one friend's home I notice no more Christian magazines. In another the Bible had disappeared. I was surprised to hear that their Sunday and midweek church service time was spent with this fellow. As I left this house the husband told me their family altar was missing, too.

A few days later I met this intruder entertaining at a neighbor's. He paid scant attention to me and I was glad for it. I had come to talk with their teen-age daughter about her faith in Christ. Well, this fellow monopolized the whole evening's conversation. He stole all serious thinking from her mind and heart. I was sick about it. Finally, I just had to say a word to the girl's mother about this lack of courtesy. "Oh," she exclaimed, "it's that way all the time."

I found also that she had a five-year-old boy who was emotionally mal-adjusted from loss of sleep, all from this fellow's visits. I walked home deep-

ly concerned about what I might do.

A THIEF IN THE WOODPILE

At long last I realized my visitor was afflicted with kleptomania. Like an inveterate thief, he had stolen my books, magazines, and time. But the chief things missing were my close friendship with Christ and the evenings spent in talking with my friends and family. I'm sure that others are having similar experiences.

Some have lost things of real value—not trifles, but precious family things they once enjoyed together. Spiritual, social, and intellectual experiences have been taken from them, replaced by only a moment's crackpot amusement.

This fellow is not at our home now. Though, if I could keep him in his place, he might not be extremely dangerous to have around. Kleptomaniacs are not always deliberately bad. Even this one might profitably drop in with his tidbits of news and a light word or two. But you must keep your eyes open, or such a person will continually steal things from you.

I still see him now and then at my neighbor's. And he still keeps them laughing or excited hour after hour. I've been trying to recall his name so you will be alerted about him and his many subtle methods. It escapes me, and I'm not sure now that he gave it. But I will never forget his initials. They were "T.V."

I wonder what T.V. has stolen from you. Time? Devotions? Good reading? Wholesome conversation? Church attendance? Check your list—and see! You may be very surprised at what you'll find missing!

This sly character reminds me of a wild horse. You have to sit tight with a firm hold on the reins or he will run away with you. If you don't control him, he will control you. When you learn to treat T.V. the way Paul treated his body, then he will be kept in his place. He said, "I buffet my body—handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships—and subdue it for fear that... I myself should become unfit—not stand the test and be unapproved—and rejected (as a counterfeit)" (1 Corinthians 9:27, Amp. N.T.). With this type of treatment, T.V. will stay in its place and you will experience the joy of keeping your affections on things which are above.

(This article is available in leaflet form by writing to the author's father, H. M. Hillis, 600 Fairmont, Glendale 3, Calif. Price \$1.00 per hundred copies.)

An Interesting Story

Moody's Coattails

BY IVOR POWELL

ONE OF THE LOVELIEST STORIES I have heard was told by an American minister preaching in Scotland. It concerned the visit of the great evangelist, D. L. Moody, to the church of which he was pastor. He described how Moody's renown had reached every part of the district; how old and young alike flocked to the great auditorium, and many people were won for Christ.

Then one evening a little boy came to the door and endeavored to enter the church. He was tiny, dirty, and ragged. The steward at the door stopped the lad and told him to go home. He should be in bed! When the boy explained that he desired to hear Mr. Moody, the man remained adamant and refused to allow him to enter the church. Frustrated and greatly disappointed, the urchin walked a few yards down the street, and leaning against the building placed his hands to his eyes and wept.

A carriage came to the door of the church. Mr. Moody alighted and prepared to enter the building. When he heard the child sobbing, he looked around. Wondering what had caused the lad's grief, he went along and said, "Son, what is the matter?"

The lad looked up and explained how he had desired to hear Mr. Moody, but the man at the door had refused to allow him inside.

The preacher smiled and answered, "Do you really want to hear Mr. Moody?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, my boy, I know how you can get in. I know how you can pass the big fellow at the door. But mind, you will need to do all that I tell you. Are you willing?"

"Yes, sir."

The famous preacher took hold of his coattails, and pushed these into the hands of the youngster and said, "Sonny, if you hold on to these, I know you will get in. But remember, if you once let go, that big man will stop you again. Will you hold on?"

"Yes, sir."

D. L. Moody entered the building and continued until he reached the platform. Probably he had no need to look back, for he felt the pull of the boy's hands. When he finally reached the pulpit, he turned to say, "Well done. I told you that if you would only hold on, you would get in. Now, my boy, you sit here." He indicated the chair reserved for himself; and there, for the entire service, the boy sat and listened to the great preacher.

The minister who told this delightful story to his Scottish audience added, "I know that story is true, because I was the little boy. I heard the great D. L. Moody, but little did I know, when I clung to his coattails, that some day I would become the minister of that same church."

When the small child seized Moody's coattails and refused to release his hold, no doorkeeper could interfere. No barriers prevailed against him, and it became Moody's task to deal with hindrances. And in like manner, when we take hold of Christ, when we determine to follow Him at all costs to any lengths, when we refuse to let Him go, it becomes His delight to undertake for us.

—Reprinted from Bible Windows

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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(To check your answer, look up Psalm 103:11)



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Crime

NATION'S CRIME RATE CLIMBS 11 PER CENT

The nation's crime rate climbed 11 per cent during the first nine months of 1960 to reach its worst level in history, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover reported.

In his quarterly report on crime statistics gathered from police departments of all cities over 25,000 population, Mr. Hoover said, "This rising trend follows a seven per cent increase in the first quarter of 1960, as compared with 1959, which reached nine per cent at midyear and at September 30 stood at 11 per cent."

The FBI report, released November 30, said robberies were up 16 per cent over last year, burglaries increased 15 per cent, larcenies 9 per cent, rapes 8 per cent, auto thefts 6 per cent, murders 4 per cent, and bodily assaults 3 per cent. The overall increase in crime is considerably higher than the increase in population indicating a greater need than ever for soul winning.

Publications

AUSTRALIAN STAMP COMMEMORATES KING JAMES BIBLE ANNIVERSARY

A stamp commemorating the 350th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible has been issued by Australia. It illustrates a Bible opened to Luke 2:10—"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."

It was in 1604 A.D. that King James of England summoned a committee of scholars and ordered them to prepare an authorized version of the Bible from among the several conflicting translations prepared during the 16th Century as the Reformation took shape in England. Their work was published about January 1, 1611, and was authorized to be used in the State Church (The Church of England).

EVANGELICAL BOOK PUBLISHED BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Oswald J. Smith's book *The Endowment of Power* recently has been published behind the Iron Curtain. The

All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptist) secured permission to have it printed on the Communist presses in Warsaw, Poland. Moreover the Communist government supplied the paper for it. The book will now be distributed in the Polish language by the 280 churches which, according to Dr. Smith, are still active in Poland. He says there is more freedom in Poland than in any other Communist country.

Dr. Smith now has another book on the presses in Warsaw that will be ready for distribution soon. These are the first books he ever had printed on Communist presses behind the Iron Curtain and he considers this a great victory for the gospel of Christ.

Evangelism

TEXAS MINISTER IS DENIED PERMISSION TO OPEN GOSPEL MISSION IN MOSCOW

After four years of vain efforts to win Soviet permission to establish a church mission in Moscow, a young Dallas minister has returned to Texas convinced that the Communist policy toward the West is toughening.

Said R. J. Smith, minister of the Urbandale Church of Christ: "The cordiality and limited co-opera-

tion with which I was greeted on my previous three visits to Moscow was noticeably absent this time." He said a high Soviet official told him his proposal for a church mission was out of the question because it would infringe upon the Soviet citizens' freedom to be atheistic if they so desire! "A poor excuse is better than none."

WITNESSING AT COFFEE BREAK

"Coffee break evangelism" has been urged as a good way to win more persons to Christ. Harold S. Rogers, Director of Personal Evangelism for The Methodist Church, said that "the average American spends perhaps 83 hours a year in coffee breaks. . . . It would be a significant contribution to Christianity if Christians would use some of this discussion time to talk to their friends about Christ."

Foreign

MISSIONARIES REPORTED SLAIN BY CONGO TRIBESMEN

Two Protestant missionaries reportedly were hacked to death by Baluba tribesmen in North Katanga and it is believed they may have been eaten by cannibals. They were serving under the Congo Evangelistic Mission, an in-

BIBLE SOCIETIES PUBLISH REVISED EDITION OF SPANISH BIBLE

A revised edition of the Spanish Bible has been published by the American Bible Society, in cooperation with the British and Foreign Bible Society. The photo shows Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, executive secretary of the Bible Society, presenting one of the new Bibles to Pastor Rafael Cotto of New York City.

Similar presentations were made last month to churches in all major Latin American capitals. The new version is available both in New Testament and whole Bible form.

This is the first major revision of the famed Reina-Valera Spanish translation of the Bible since the original edition was published in 1569 A.D. Leading evangelical scholars from Mexico to Chile participated in the revision work, assisted by experts in Spain and many other consultants.

A supplementary concordance of about 45,000 lines contains virtually all major Biblical words, with context lines.



dependent board founded by British Assemblies of God missionaries.

The bodies of Elton George Behrent Knaus, 50, of New Plymouth, New Zealand, and Edmud Hodgson, 62, of Blackpool, England, have not been found by United Nations patrols searching since the veteran missionaries disappeared. Reliable sources said the UN troops had received eye witness reports by tribesmen of how the two missionaries were attacked with machetes and put to death near Mukaya, a small village about 150 miles from Albertville. The two men were making a routine visit to an outlying mission post when attacked.

Mr. Knaus' wife and three children have gone to Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, to stay with friends. Mr. Hodgson was a widower.

NAZI MURDERER SAYS HE HAS NO REGRETS

The world has been shocked by the reported callousness of Lt. Col. Adolf Eichmann, Nazi Gestapo officer who rounded up millions of Jews for execution during World War II.

"I regret nothing," says Eichmann. "I will not humble myself or repent in any way," he was quoted by *Life* as saying to a German journalist in Argentina prior to his abduction last spring by Israeli agents.

"It would be too easy to pretend that I had turned suddenly from a Saul to a Paul," the Nazi murderer says. "No, I must say truthfully that if we had killed all the ten million Jews that Himmler's statisticians originally listed in 1933, I would say, 'Good, we have destroyed an enemy.'"

Eichmann is now a prisoner in Israel awaiting trial. One shudders to imagine the eternal fate of such an individual if he dies without humbling himself and repenting of his great sin.

CATHOLIC PRESIDENT VISITS PROTESTANT CHURCH IN HONDURAS

For the first time a President of Honduras acknowledged the Protestants of his nation by visiting one of their churches in the city of Comayagua. President Ramon Villeda Morales said, "I am a Catholic but am liberal in my concepts and for that reason respect the liberty of conscience and worship." He attended a worship service at the Central American Mission Tabernacle. His visit caught the nation by surprise.

The pastor graciously welcomed President Morales and the congregation sang the Honduras national anthem before the benediction.

Your Questions



ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Please explain Matthew 24:19—"But woe unto them that are with child in these days."

This warning was first given concerning the impending destruction of Jerusalem. Expectant mothers would find escape a special hardship. This would be true at any time that women would be called upon to flee in haste. The warning has nothing to do with readiness for the coming of Christ for His own. At that time God will take care of expectant mothers as well as all others. Were this not so, women would have to cease becoming mothers in order to be ready for the coming of the Lord. This would violate other scriptural admonitions which pronounce blessing on motherhood. God said, "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth."

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Did Paul fear that he might lose his own soul?

Young's Concordance says the Greek word translated "castaway" means "not approved." Paul is using the illustration of a race—the danger of being disqualified, or rejected by the judges, if he has not kept himself in proper form. To be disqualified in the Christian race would be to lose the prize, which is Christ Himself. Paul said, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). He exhorts all believers to do likewise.

Please explain baptism for the dead. 1 Corinthians 15:29.

Doctrine must not be built upon an isolated scripture. In no place does the Bible teach that the living should be baptized for the dead, thus providing salvation by proxy. The Bible says, "Repent, and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

The Pulpit Commentary says concerning 1 Corinthians 15:29, "Among the many strange opinions and practices that then prevailed, was one which was entirely unwarranted, but which St. Paul does not here stop to examine—of persons getting themselves baptized as it were by proxy for others who had actually died . . . persons who have been cut off before they were actually baptized . . . in the hope of extending to them some of its benefits."

The Holy Spirit has been on the earth since the beginning. Do you think He will entirely abandon the earth during the Great Tribulation?

Some emphatically believe that when the Church is caught away the Holy Ghost will leave also, abandoning the earth to the reign of Antichrist and Satan. I have no quarrel with such beliefs, but it is my conviction that it is merely His restraining power that will be removed. "He who now restraineth will restrain until he be taken out of the way" (Thessalonians 2:7). The sealing of the 144,000 of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8), the probability that the innumerable multitude are Tribulation saints (Revelation 7:9, 10), and the ability which will be given some to abide faithful during the Tribulation time, would indicate that the Holy Spirit, while giving Satan's kingdom a completely free hand, will carry on a work of sealing and keeping.

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

Spontaneous Revival Sweeps Northwestern Burma

By **Glenn D. Stafford**
Missionary to Burma



A Burmese church—the kind of building that is urgently needed as headquarters for the revival in the Chin Hills.

FOR OVER A YEAR I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING letters from Lushai Christian leaders in the Chin Hills area inviting me to come and see if we could work out an agreement permitting them fellowship with the Assemblies of God of Burma. Missionary Walter Erola and I were totally unprepared for what we saw on this tour.

Expecting to find a small group of Christians in Tahan, we were surprised to find many believers wanting to come into the Assemblies of God fellowship. In the villages we visited in the valley we found over 500 people who are already calling themselves Assemblies of God. Most of these people are Lushai who have come into Burma from India since the end of the war to settle permanently. Some of the leaders remember when Missionaries Maynard Ketcham and Paul Schoonmaker visited them approximately eleven years ago.



A Burmese gospel worker

We held meetings every morning when we were not traveling from one place to another and most of the afternoons were set aside for committee meetings. In the evening services both Brother Erola and I preached. Often San Po Thin, the national minister who accompanied us, gave an additional message.

I have never seen anything in Burma to equal this. In the Chin Hills area there are 45 dialects for 250,000 people. We were not able to visit the most remote places because of the mountains. A spontaneous revival started among these Chins before the war. In 1955 a young Lushai man, with American theological training, came into Burma. Because of his American education the Christians looked upon him as a leader. He has organized them into the Independent Church of Burma which claims about 10,000 members and nineteen ordained pastors. Most of these are Pentecostal in belief and would like to be part of the Assemblies of God.

There is a real spirit of worship and love for God among these people. They welcomed us and we feel we have their full confidence. When we spoke to them about a deeper life in God they readily accepted it.

This Pentecostal revival has infiltrated all the churches. They are trying to restrain it, but have not been successful in doing so. Positive Pentecostal teaching, instead of restraint, is the need of the hour in the Chin Hills.

I have taken a personal interest in the work. Two boys from the Chin Hills area were already in Rangoon studying English and I brought two others back with me. I am personally

sponsoring them and paying a teacher for them. I plan to have a two-month short-term Bible school in the near future.

Last May these Pentecostal believers held a conference and elected a leader and a secretary. They have called a conference for next February and invited me as the speaker. Since we do not have any problems of visiting this area, I readily accepted the invitation.

These people have felt like sheep without a shepherd. They all wanted to pray for us. One dear old church elder broke down and wept when he started to pray. He was so thankful that after all these years they now have a Pentecostal leader. These Christians have a broken spirit that is unique for the Far East.

I definitely feel that we need to take advantage of this great opportunity in Burma. I have never witnessed anything like this before in my entire life. There are no church buildings but the believers are meeting in various homes. They are tribal people who want us to help establish them in the Lord. They need a church building in Tahan as the headquarters. This is a suitable location because Tahan is only two miles from Kalemeyo Airport and is accessible the year around. It would cost about \$200 to get a suitable site in this city, but the other villages will need only to ask for land and they can obtain it free of charge. About \$150 will build a nice building. A small house for the missionaries to stay in when we are up there is also a necessity.

If you would like to help establish a permanent work among these Pentecostal believers in Burma send your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. Designation: Chin Hills Church Building, Burma.

Bolivia Assemblies of God Organized

By Melvin L. Hodges
Field Secretary for Latin America

ONE DOES NOT EASILY LOSE THE sense of awe that seizes him when he visits Bolivia for the first time. Though this was our third visit to La Paz we were once again dazzled by the breathtaking beauty of jagged, snow-covered mountain peaks that surround the city which is 12,000 feet above sea level.

Two and one half years have passed since our last visit to Bolivia and we were pleased to note the progress of the work. The Evangelistic Center in La Paz is now complete and is the home of a thriving church. The building is said to be the best structure in all of Bolivia. God is blessing the ministry of this Center. Brother and Sister Monroe Grams have the general oversight of this work, and are assisted by a Bolivian pastor, Fernando Monroy.

The Altiplano Bible Institute at General Pando continues its fruitful ministry. Forty-five students were enrolled for the last term. The importance of this school for the training of the Aymara workers cannot be overemphasized. There is also a night school in the Evangelistic Center in La Paz for the city workers.

Another area of real progress is in the Lowlands where Brother Everett Hale has established the Lowlands Bible Institute at Santa Cruz. For a comparatively modest investment, adequate buildings have been erected on a tract of land about two miles out of the city. The students work part time each day cultivating the vegetables needed for the school and at the same time

they learn how to help themselves when they face difficult financial situations in the ministry. The spiritual results of the Institute are inspiring. The students are opening new churches and there is a good spirit of evangelism in the area. The vision is to establish fifty churches in that section of Bolivia, and there is reason to believe that within a few years this goal will be attained.

The outstanding event of our visit was the reorganizing of the Assemblies of God of Bolivia on a nationwide basis. For the last two and a half years, the work has been operating as two regions rather than a national council. A new national constitution was presented to the convention held at Cochabamba. The constitution was revised and adopted. The council meeting ended on a high note of victory and optimism. The following men were chosen to fill the executive positions: Monroe Grams, superintendent; Everett Hale, vice-superintendent; Bruno Frigoli, secretary-treasurer; T. O. Johnston, executive presbyter; Ray Jones and Humberto Angulo serves with this executive committee to make up the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God in Bolivia.

An encouraging development has been the opening of the Assemblies of God church in Oruro. This work is pastored by a national minister. It is expected that the work in and around Cochabamba and Oruro will join together to form a third district of the



M. L. Hodges (left) installs officers of the reorganized Bolivia Assemblies of God: Monroe Grams, superintendent; Everett Hale, vice-superintendent; Bruno Frigoli, secretary-treasurer; T. O. Johnston, executive presbyter; Ray Jones and Humberto Angulo, general presbyters.

Assemblies of God in Bolivia.

Substantial advances have been made but so much remains to be done that it must be said that we have only started to reach Bolivia. Many cities and hundreds of communities must still be reached. Let us join with the Bolivian missionaries, pastors, and churches in praying for revival in this needy land. ◀◀

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regularly to the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. They had paid for the translation of a series of Sunday school lessons which would soon be circulated among one of the largest tribes in Africa.

Taking the manuscript into the press room, I handed it to Ebere, an Ibo boy who could set type in English or Ibo. He took the new manuscript and nimbly went to work at the type case. A few days later I was reading the press proof that Okon brought to me. The next week it was a thrill to look at the sheets of paper stacking in the printing press. Here was BGMC in action! The boys and girls at home had paid for the translation of the Ibo Sunday school quarterly and had supplied the paper on which it was being printed. In a few Sundays thousands of Ibo-reading Nigerians would have a new Sunday school quarterly—they would know the joy of reading the gospel story in their own language and be able to share it with others.

Sunday school quarterlies, tracts, books, and other forms of gospel literature and visual aids are being produced hourly in sixteen Assemblies of God printing establishments around the world. BGMC provides for the translation of the literature into more than one hundred languages of the world and supplies the paper on which the gospel story is printed. But that is only the beginning of the story.

Gospel literature taken into the heart of African jungles, over the burning deserts of the Middle east, through the mountains of Southern Asia, along the exotic shores of East Indies islands is bringing the Word of Life to countless thousands. Testimonies from a Moslem in Nigeria, a road worker in the Caribbean, a Shintoist in Japan, a former Roman Catholic priest in Italy, and innumerable others testify to the fact that they found Christ because a piece of BGMC gospel literature was placed in their hands. They read it; they come to gospel services; they are saved. One of the teachers in Central Bible Institute of Nigeria was saved because a school boy in Aba gave him a BGMC tract. Saved from Islam, the man is now helping others prepare to be witnesses for Christ.

Last year alone Assemblies of God missionaries and national workers distributed in excess of 29,500,000 pieces of gospel literature in 70 nations of the world. Uncounted tracts slipped through the Iron Curtain and the Bam-

boo Curtain to bring hope to captive nations.

Literature goes where a missionary cannot go and remains when a missionary must leave; literature prepares the heart to receive the spoken message and remains with the new convert to lead him into security with Christ. Literature silently bears tidings of peace to sin-shackled hearts.

All BGMC literature is not produced overseas, however. Back-dated Sunday school supplies are sent to English-speaking areas, giving them the benefit of the quality productions of the Gospel Publishing House in Springfield, Mo. BGMC also assists in the ministry of the Spanish Literature Department and makes it possible for literature ministries in Latin America to be enlarged.

Only the lack of funds curtails the effectiveness of BGMC. The *evangelistic ministry* of BGMC literature is seen when tracts prepare the way for revival, encourage new converts, and strengthen Christians. The *educational ministry* of BGMC literature is seen when Sunday school materials (including quarterlies and visual aids) provide instruction for boys and girls, and men and women of all ages in Sunday schools around the world. The *informative ministry* of BGMC literature is seen when full gospel magazines keep our 949,034 Assemblies of God adherents overseas in touch with their Pentecostal brethren everywhere. Only eternity will reveal the number of souls that have been saved through the literature produced because our boys and girls provide the means of translating and printing the gospel story.

Missionary stewardship should be a vital part in the life of every Christian. Boys and girls have their part in this Great Commission ministry through the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade. Parents should encourage their children to save regularly and give generously to missions, and BGMC presents a missionary program in a language the boys and girls can understand and appreciate. Boys and girls who learn the joy of missionary giving in childhood will continue to enjoy the thrill of missionary stewardship in their adult lives.

The 784 foreign missionaries of the Assemblies of God join unanimously and prayerfully in saying "Thank God for BGMC and the boys and girls that make this missionary literature ministry possible." ◀◀

Our missionaries around the world say—

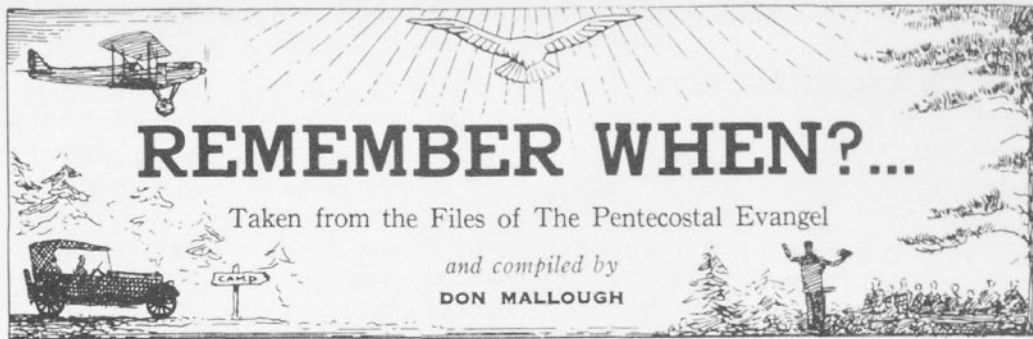
**"Thank God
for BGMC"**

BY RAYMOND T. BROCK

KWEKOWE PLACED THE HANDWRITTEN manuscript on my desk. Looking up, I saw the African pastor who also served as translator of Ibo Sunday school materials for Nigeria. The smile on his face denied the fact that he had cycled some eight or ten miles under the tropical, dry-season sun to meet his translation deadline. The smile said only one thing, "I have finished the lessons; they are ready for printing."

When Kwekowe left, another English manuscript in hand to be translated into the language of his people, I took the handwritten Ibo manuscript in my hands, closed my eyes, and visualized thousands of Ibo-speaking men and women, boys and girls, who would have new Bible stories in their own language in a few weeks. Prayerfully I said, "Thank God for BGMC."

The manuscript I held in my hand had been made possible by the boys and girls in America who contribute



35 YEARS AGO

The OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL is hoping to open a Bible school in the next few months and call it Bell Bible Institute in memory of **E. N. Bell**. It is hoped that **J. W. Welch** will serve as Dean. . . . **W. T. Gaston** has just arrived in SPRINGFIELD, MO. to assume his duties as General Chairman (Superintendent). . . . **J. R. Flower** has accepted the pastorate in SCRANTON, PA. . . . In special meetings at MILES CITY, MONT. **W. H. Pope** is the evangelist, **Ed Eliason** the song leader, and **Etta Reckley** the pastor. . . . **Otto Lunsford** is holding meetings for pastor **I. J. Bolton** in TAMPA, FLA. . . . Evangelist **S. K. Biffle** has just closed meetings in BOURBON, MO. and is listed as open for calls to a pastorate. . . . Among the newly ordained are **Henry H. Ness**, **William L. Perrault** and **Blanche E. Brittain**. . . . A notice from one minister said, "As all denominational doors are closed against us and all school houses occupied, and it is too cold for open air meetings, and no work to do until crop time, I would like to hear from some place that needs a preacher where I can get work and a place to preach and not have to be away from my children." . . . An article by **Arthur Frodsham** posed the question, "Is Mussolini the Anti-Christ?"

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. Florence J. Murgutt was struck by a car recently and passed away shortly afterward. . . . **Willa Short** has had good meetings in DAYTON, O. where **A. B. Cox** is pastor. . . . **C. Melvin Smitley** has resigned as pastor in CARTHAGE, MO. . . . **O. T. Finch** has resigned at HARLINGEN, TEX. in favor of evangelistic work. . . . The new pastor in HORNBECK, LA. is **Otis B. Hubbard**. . . . Among the recent missionary appointees are **Florence Steidel**, Mr. and Mrs. **Edward H. Simmons**, and Mr. and Mrs. **Glenn Dunn**. . . . **Gordon Lindsay** is holding meetings in THE DALLES, OREG. for **Arden Ragsdale**. . . . An appeal comes from **O. L. Mabry**, Superintendent of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT, saying the state of UTAH has no full-gospel minister within its borders. . . . **Mildred Ginn** has returned from India on furlough. . . . Among those newly ordained are Russell Rexroat, C. Merrill Johnson, and **Arthur Thornton**.

Intensity

Oliver G. Wilson

We will do more for Christ following fools on fire than scholars on ice.

If we are to accomplish anything for Christ, we must be on fire with holy enthusiasm that will seem like madness in our generation! A hot, blundering man will do more than a cold, correct man.

Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm. Paul was an enthusiast. He joyously sacrificed every worldly prospect. He cheerfully accepted a life of privation and scorn. He burned with intensity. So hot was the flame of his life that whole continents caught fire.

Men listened to him because he expressed his beliefs clearly and positively and gave no quarter to error, whether it was robed in the sacerdotal robes of Pharisaism or clothed in the gorgeous vestments of Diana of the Ephesians.

Today we must have prophets whose hearts are ablaze with holy love, who speak with authority, a "Thus saith the Lord!" Away with apathy if we are to evangelize our generation! Renounce inactivity, leisure, ease.

Ours is a Gospel to be preached! A remedy to be proclaimed! A hope to be announced! A heaven to be gained!

Men must be raised up who will dare to be different from the traditions of the past; who will not be fettered by the formalism, modernism or fanaticism of the present; men in whom Self has been crucified and who see sin as treason against God, while they see sin in relation to man as a monster to be conquered.

Such men will be enthusiastic. They will change times and seasons and will redirect the thinking of a generation that has left God out of their thoughts.

God give us holy enthusiasm to finish the whole of our unfinished task!

—Wesleyan Methodist

JUST OFF THE PRESS

my date book

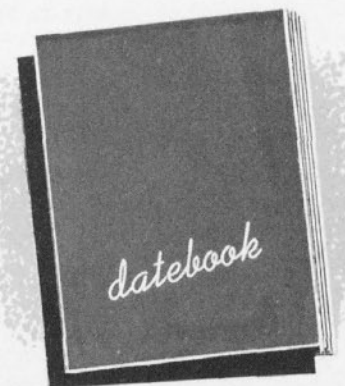
Read opinions of typical teen-agers about dating . . . going steady . . . curfew . . . conduct . . . where to go on dates. . . .

In this handy, pocket-size date book are answers to teen-agers' questions about dating. In addition to the list of rules for teen-agers which Brother Ward has compiled, there are opinions about dating and related subjects from the viewpoints of typical young men and women.

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This booklet contains information all parents will want their youth to read—answers to questions which trouble teen-agers. To get your gift date book, fill in the coupon below and mail to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.

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NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING TAKING SHAPE

The new administration building at Springfield, Mo., which will house the national headquarters offices of the Assemblies of God, is taking shape rapidly. By mid-December the steel girders for the top floor of the four story structure were in place.

The contract called for the building to be completed by August 1961. However, an unexpectedly large amount of rock blasting in excavating threw the work a few weeks behind schedule. The work will be expedited throughout the winter as much as the weather will permit.

The new 360 by 105 foot office building will front on Boonville Avenue, a main thoroughfare, and will adjoin the printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House in the rear. In addition to providing more floor space for the expanding

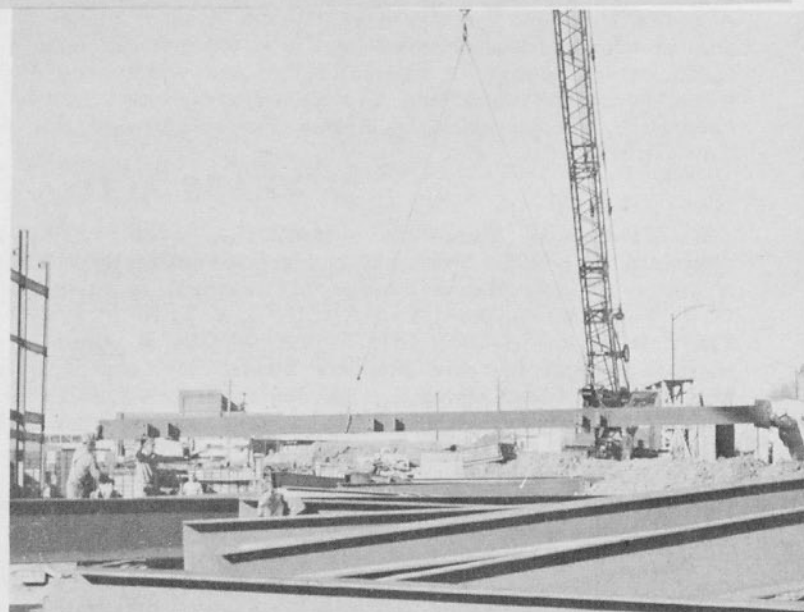
operations of the publications department, the new building will contain many modern facilities which will increase the efficiency of all the General Council departments which are serving our Sunday schools, churches, and missionaries. At present the departments use crowded quarters in several widely-scattered buildings.

One feature of the new building will be a 600-seat chapel from which the Revivaltime broadcast will originate each week. The chapel will be used also by the entire staff of the General Council for their daily prayer services.

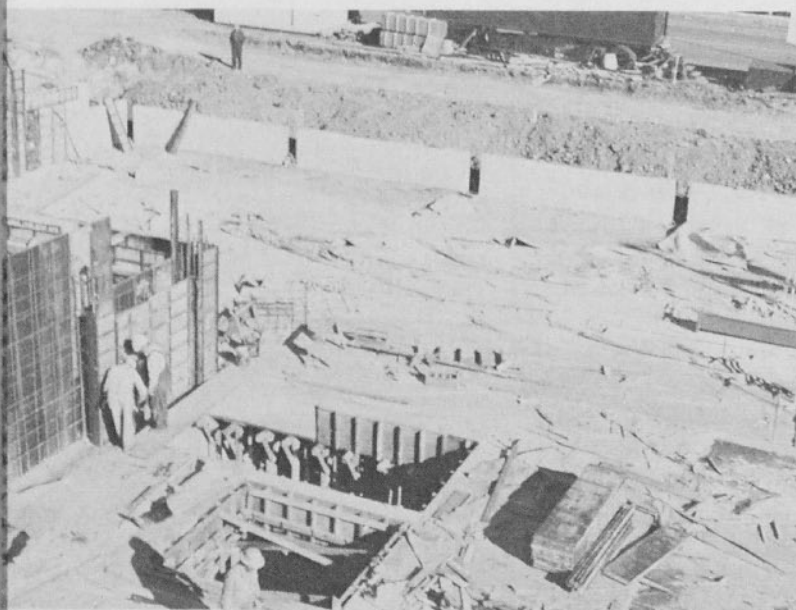
Construction of the new building is being financed by contributions from members and friends, and through a very attractive issue of interest-bearing bonds. (See advertisement on opposite page.)



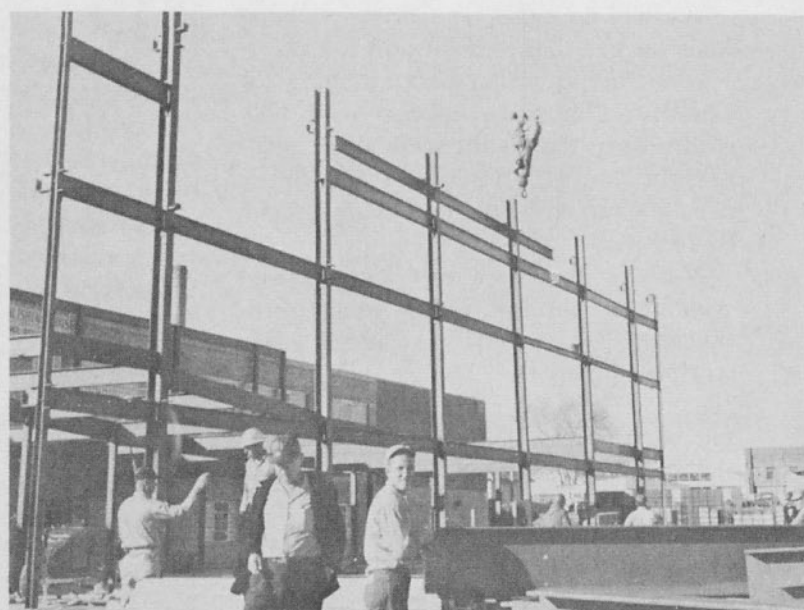
Ground was broken on August 2. A month later most of the excavating had been done but work was slowed by the unexpectedly large amount of solid limestone to be blasted.



Construction entered a new phase when the steel girders arrived on the scene. Each large girder was swung into its exact spot as indicated in the plans and specifications.



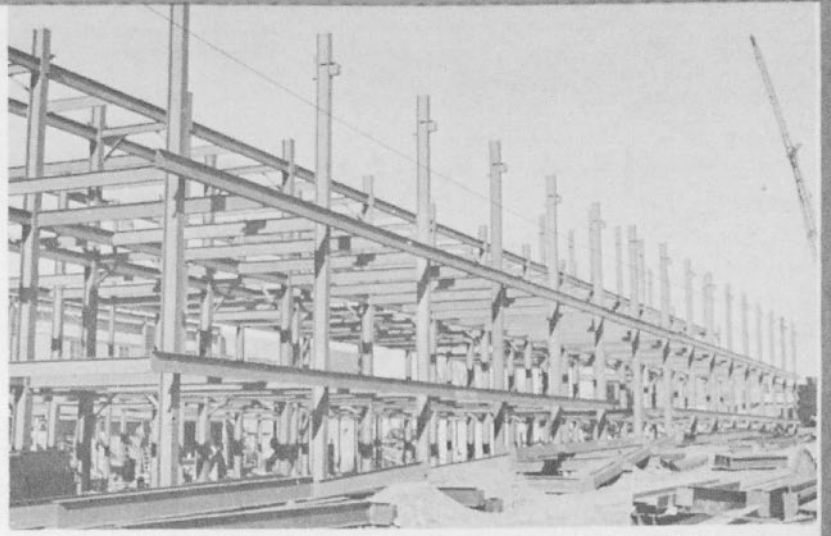
Once excavation was completed, rapid progress was made on the basement and ground floor. Space was left in foreground for stair well and freight elevator shaft.



These workmen dangling high in the air were not taking a joy ride. They were being hoisted to the points at which the girders had to be fixed in place.



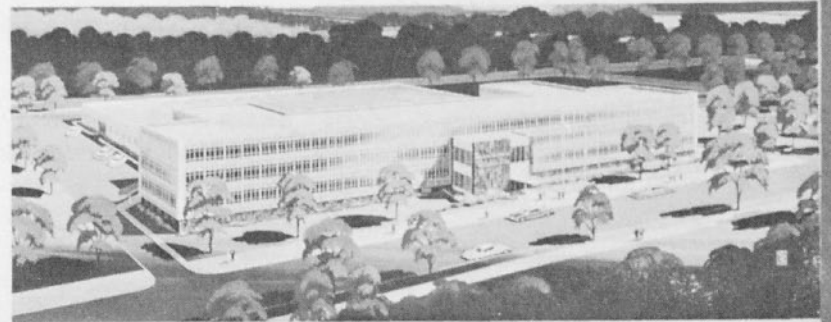
Up on the level of the fourth floor, these men could get a good view of the job but they did not dare to glance about them as they walked along the narrow I-beams.



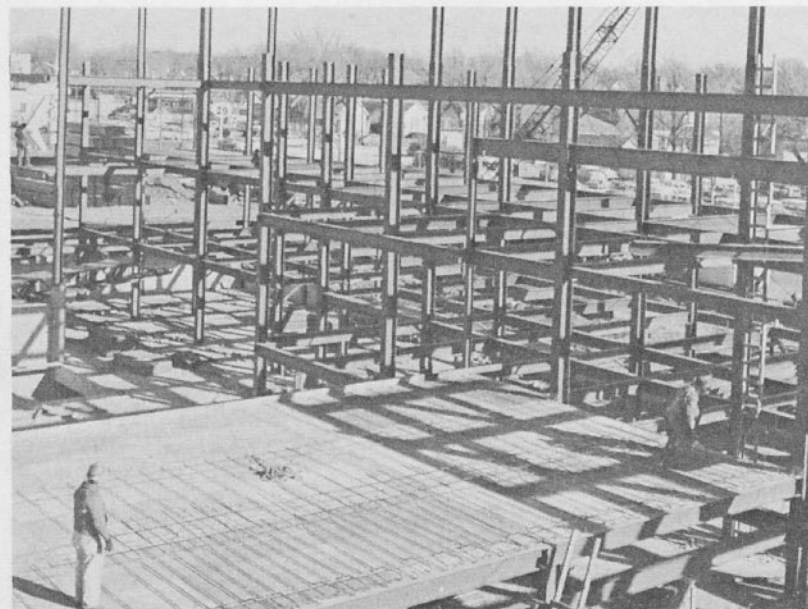
This view along the front of the huge steel "skeleton" gave on-lookers an idea of the size and shape that the imposing structure will take when finished.



The first section to rise above the ground floor was the chapel. The floor slopes down from the foreground toward the raised platform at the far end.



Architect's sketch of the completed building shows it joined to the printing plant of the Gospel Publishing House in the rear.



Here on the floor of the platform in the chapel a network of reinforcing steel was laid down in the form before the concrete was poured.

ANNOUNCEMENT...

This announcement is neither an offer to sell, nor a solicitation of offers to buy, these units. The offering is made only by the Prospectus.

NEW ISSUE

The General Council of the Assemblies of God \$2,000,000

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Interest payable semi-annually September 1,
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This offering is made as of September 1, 1960. The first maturity will be September 1, 1962, and portions thereof every six months thereafter until September 1, 1975. Bonds shall be redeemable at the option of the Corporation in whole or in part at any interest paying period. Notice thereof shall be given in writing at least thirty days before the date of redemption.

Copies of the Prospectus may be obtained by writing to: **General Council of the Assemblies of God**, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

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The Oneidas Build a New Church

BY MILDRED KIMBALL, ONEIDA, WISCONSIN



WINTER HAS COME TO ONEIDA, Wisconsin. It reminds us of the scripture, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Looking around we see so many Oneida Indian people who need the Lord. But our hearts are thrilled as we see Christian Oneidas praying earnestly, with wonderful results. A number of the Indian people have been saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit. All this did not happen today or even last year.

Years ago one of the Oneida families started having Sunday afternoon meetings where they would sing in Oneida, testify, and pray. This became an open door of opportunity for someone ready to begin an Assemblies of God work among the Oneidas.

Norman Rehwinkel, who was the missionary at Morgan Siding Indian Mission, and some of his people would sometimes meet with this group. Soon the Milton Kerstans were contacted and in December 1951 they became the missionaries to these Oneida people. They held their first Sunday school and services in a rented building the following March.

God blessed the efforts of these consecrated young people with many lasting results. They laid a good foundation for the present Mission. As time went on the congregation's vision for

a new church became a reality. The Indian people gave of their means to start a building fund and land was purchased. In 1957 the building was started under the direction of Brother Kerstan, with the help of Brothers Slater and Rehwinkel and the Oneida people.

In June 1958 the Lawrence Bisontes succeeded the Kerstans at Oneida. God blessed their ministry while they were there.

I became the missionary-pastor here in March 1959. It has been a real joy to work among the Oneidas. They have manifested so much faith in God. Some of the Oneida young people are now graduates of our Bible schools and in the ministry. We have seen miracles of healing, some have been saved, and others have been baptized in the Spirit.

We held the first services in the new church in April 1959. The building is not completed, but we are able to have services in it. At present we are hoping to get a well dug which will cost around \$500. Pray that God will help us. The building cannot be completed until we get water. All the water that I use has to be hauled in a cream can.

But our greatest need is for a great revival among the Oneidas. Will you remember this portion of the great home missions field when you pray?



The new Indian Assembly in Oneida, Wis. (Mildred Kimball is missionary-pastor)



Some of the Oneida Indian men after a service in a home

The "whosoever" of John 3:16 includes people from all walks of life—even American Indians like William Lupe.

A New Day Dawns for Medicine Man

BY BERT AND VIOLET PARKER
Cibecue, Arizona

THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY CAME FOR William Lupe about one year ago when he, at the age of 63, found the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour. William's conversion was very unusual for he had been a prominent medicine man in the valley of Cibecue for many years.

The Mission truck had stopped at the Lupe home many, many times in the previous five years with an invitation for him and his family to visit the Cibecue Assembly of God Indian Mission. The answer would always be, "Here are my children. Take them; they are yours." For this we were thankful as it was a stepping stone to reach this man's heart for God.

One day serious trouble struck the little home. It was then that William set out to find the God the missionaries and his children had been talking about—a God that is a very present help in time of trouble, a living God that hears and answers prayer. William was not disappointed, for he was saved and found Jesus very real. Since then he has received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Jesus has become his constant testimony.

Recently, William stood behind the pulpit testifying. He looked straight at his married daughter for about five minutes while he spoke. As a result she, too, gave her heart to Jesus. His twenty-four-year-old son, Warren, has also been converted and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Warren plays a guitar for the song services at the church now. He also has a ringing testimony of salvation.

About four months ago, one of William's sons became very ill and lay in his bed crying with pain. We were called to the home to pray. The boy was healed instantly. Recently, his little girl was healed of a very serious illness during an evening service and is perfectly normal today.

The Christians look at William and say, "He used to be my medicine man!" What a wonder, what a marvel that the Lord saves men from all walks of life, pours out His Spirit upon

them, and gives them a burning testimony of His power to save.

The medicine men are leaders among their own people. They govern or guide the everyday lives of the people by instructing them in even such small matters as to when to plant their corn. They are called to minister their rituals where there is sickness or other trouble. For each such service they receive a horse or a cow or some other payment. They wield great influence and power on Indian communal life.

William's testimony usually includes statements such as the following: "I used to pray for the sick, but I carried gallons of liquor around with me. I was leading my people into the lake of fire, but I didn't know it until I became converted and found in God's own Word that no drunkard shall enter heaven. I am glad that I am serving Jesus now, and I want to serve Him always."

Most of the Lupe family are faithful to attend the Mission services. William is the Sunday school secretary-treasurer and is doing an excellent job. He



William Lupe, converted Indian medicine man, and his family

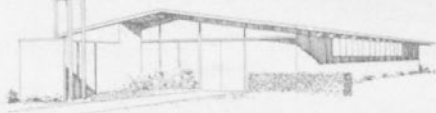
is well educated, having finished his education in California.

The wonderful conversion of this former medicine man actually came about through *child evangelism*, since it was through our faithfully contacting the children that he became interested in the church. Of course, children always carry home some of what they are taught in Sunday school and junior church.

The story of William's conversion has been repeated in the lives of several other medicine men on other reservations. When they are saved, they throw themselves wholeheartedly into service for the Lord they love so dearly. These men are living monuments to the fact that home missions efforts of the Assemblies of God are yielding eternal results

NATIONAL GOAL OF HOME MISSIONS ADVANCE...

CHURCH EXTENSION



...ONE CHURCH FOR EACH 10,000 POPULATION

New Churches Opened in Three Districts

GALESVILLE, WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District saw the potential for a good Assemblies of God church in Galesville, Wis., and purchased the old Catholic church building, which had been used as the American Legion's Club for the past twelve years.

Several unsuccessful attempts had been made to purchase other property. On July 1, 1959, the American Legion put the property up for bid. Sealed bids were submitted and the district's bid of \$2,400 was the highest one. District officials were thrilled as they realized the potentials in this city.

The C.A.'s and money from Speed-the-Light returns to the district provided \$600 toward the purchase price. Also, the WMC gave \$600 and the district contributed \$1,500 to complete the transaction.

Galesville has a population of about 1,100 to 1,200 centered in a farming community. The Assemblies' church is the only full-gospel church in an area of twenty-two miles which includes other small towns within five and eight miles. The Lord has really blessed the new church with the moving of His Spirit. People have been saved and healed in answer to prayer. New interest is evident each Sunday. The Sunday school continues to rise. This new home missions church has a tremendous missionary outreach.

PORTLAND, OREGON

About eight months ago, F. J. Huntley rented an empty church building and started a new church with 15 in Sunday school. Two months later, the church was set in order. A \$1,000 loan from Headquarters made it possible for the new congregation to buy the building.

On Home Missions Day, July 10, N. D. Davidson, superintendent of the

Oregon District, dedicated the new Glisan Street Assembly of God. Already WMC and C.A. groups have been organized. The WMC of the section gave this new assembly part of their Home Missions penny march money, making possible the installation of a nursery and classroom partitions. Sunday school attendance has reached 80 and a goal of 100 has been established for their first anniversary.

Superintendent Davidson wrote the Home Missions Department: "Brother Huntley is to be congratulated on the work he is doing. He has started at least half a dozen home missions churches which are now established Assemblies of God churches in the greater Portland area. We are grateful to this man for his great vision and the many sacrifices he has made to promote the work of God."

FENTON, MICHIGAN

The Alonzo Drakes, Linden, Mich., began the new church in Fenton, Mich., September 11, 1960. Sunday school attendance the first service was 11. October 23, they had 17. The Sunday evening service runs between 15 and 20. The congregation is meeting, at present in the American Legion Hall. The interest exhibited in this new work is encouraging.



The new Assemblies of God church in Galesville, Wis. (Jim Treu is pastor)



The Glisan Street Assembly of God in Portland, Ore. (F. J. Huntley is pastor)

Sunday's Lesson

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH"



MARY AT THE MARRIAGE

Sunday School Lesson for January 15, 1961

JOHN 2:1-11

A study of all the references in the Gospels to Mary makes it quite clear that of all the men and women who knew Christ best, none of them understood Him as well as did His mother. Our lesson story today is a case in point.

MARY'S DISCLOSURE.

"*They have no wine.*" This was a deplorable state of affairs, a situation which would bring disgrace upon the host and the wedding. Mary, however, evidently felt there was help at hand. She went to Jesus with the problem, expecting no doubt that He could and would do something about it.

Whence came Mary's simple faith in Him? She remembered the prophetic declarations of the angels at His birth (Luke 1:28-35) and the testimony of the shepherds (Luke 2:8-19); she "kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." Hence, she felt confident that Jesus was equal to the need and she was anxious to see His power manifested.

CHRIST'S INACTIVITY.

"*Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come.*" Christ's language implies no disrespect. The term "woman" is equivalent to the word "lady." It was a term of respect used in addressing even queens. However, the language does point out that a change had come in their relationship to each other. Jesus as much as said, "Mother, there is indeed a natural relationship between us, but now there is One whose wishes I must consider before even yours. As the Son of God I must now move in the manner and time dictated by the Father. I cannot do anything independent of Him."

Just as Jesus had refused to make bread out of stones in order to satisfy His own natural desires, so here He refuses the natural desire of His well-meaning mother. The miracles which He did He would do only by the power of the Spirit, and not by stepping out of His humanity.

"*Mine hour is not yet come.*" In other words, Jesus said, "Much as I should like to relieve the situation, I have received no orders from Headquarters to do so as yet." Let us follow in His steps. In all our activities in whatever area of life, let us cultivate a sensitiveness to the checks and promptings of the Holy Spirit, endeavoring always to speak and act in harmony with orders from Headquarters!

MARY'S ADVICE.

"*His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.*" Here we have words of wisdom! Mary as much as said, "You servants keep wide awake now! Jesus did not make any definite promises, but you keep your eyes on Him, and if He should give you any orders be ready to carry them out at once!"

(1) Mary's words reveal her humility and ability to quickly understand exactly what Jesus meant. (2) They reveal her implicit faith in Christ, for she laid hold of

the hope that lay in the little word "yet." (3) They reveal her willingness to leave the time of His intervention with Him. Have we this same willingness in times of human extremity? (4) They contain a ruling principle which every Christian should always live by—for obedience to Christ's will and Word is prerequisite to receiving a revelation of His power to supply! Whatsoever He saith unto us, let us be sure to do it!

THE STRANGE COMMANDS. John 2:6-8.

After a time Jesus evidently received divine direction, and so gave directions to the servants. "*Fill the waterpots with water. . . . Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.*"

(1) The commands seemed absurd to the natural mind. What connection did they have with the situation at hand? Yet are we not told that God's ways are far above ours and often contrary to human reasoning and wisdom?

(2) The commands were not easy to fulfill, for, taken together, these waterpots contained about 130 gallons of water. Again, it is well to remember that the leadings and demands of the Spirit are often hard on the flesh!

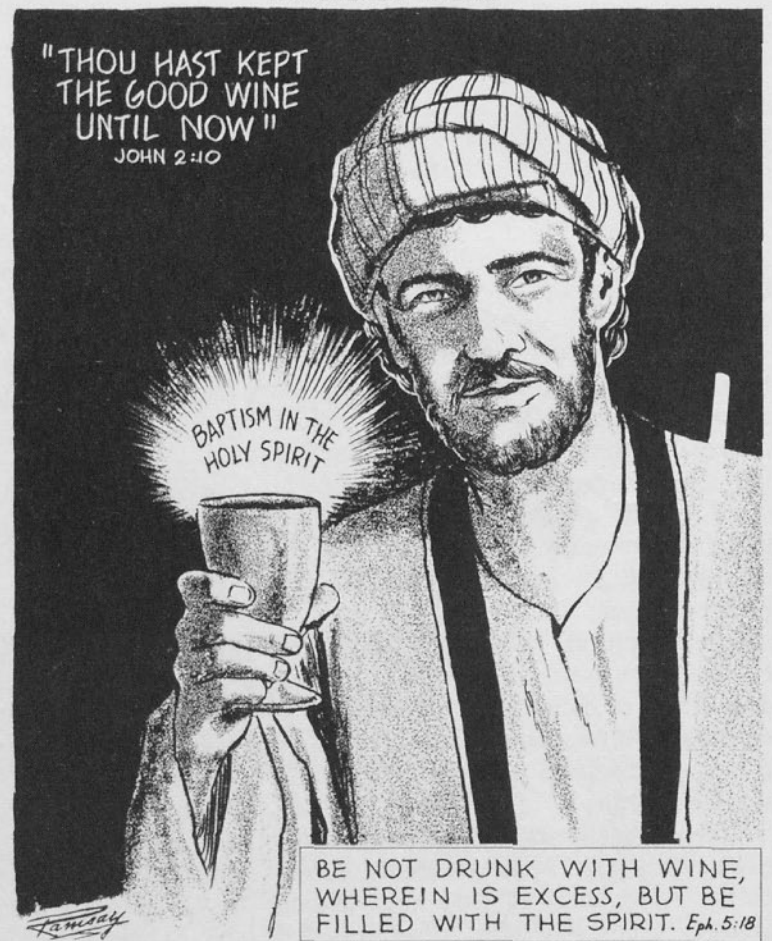
THE MIRACULOUS SUPPLY. John 2:9-11.

What an example of obedience the servants set for us! They obeyed instantly though their task seemed unreasonable. They learned what we need to remember always—Christ commands nothing that is useless, futile, or not worth doing!

Thus, the faith of Mary and the obedience of the servants made it possible for Christ to manifest His power and to meet a need that gladdened many hearts!

—J. Bashford Bishop

HEAVENLY WINE



The Good Life

Jesus came to bring the good life—abundant life—to every man and woman. But there are conditions to be met.

By CLAUDE A. RIES

THE GREAT EVANGELIST, GIPSY Smith, was holding a meeting in Glasgow. A certain man frequently remained after the service. One night the evangelist asked him, "Are you concerned about your soul?" The man answered, "I am." Then Gipsy Smith asked him if he knew what to do about it. To this the man replied that he did.

Another man with his Bible was standing near, listening. He asked permission to speak. He said, "I have heard part of the conversation and want you to read John 3:16. 'Do you believe that?'"

"Yes, of course, a Scotman believes that."

"Now read Romans 10:9, '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.' Do you believe that?"

"Of course I believe it."

"Next read 1 John 1:9, 'If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.' Do you believe that?"

"Yes, I believe that."

"Then you are a Christian," said the man.

The troubled man straightened up and, looking his informant in the face, said, "You are wrong, my friend."

"Well, you believe that Christ died for you?"

"Yes."

"You believe that He rose from the dead for your justification?"

"Yes."

"You believe He is able to save you?"

"Yes, right on the spot."

"Well, then you are saved."

"No, I'm not! You have had me read

three passages, now you read Isaiah 55:7." And he read, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord."

"Now stop," said the troubled man, "I am the wicked man; I am the unrighteous man and I have to forsake my sin and my wicked thoughts. I must come back from my own way to God's way. In my heart is a sin. My own common sense tells me I cannot be saved until I surrender."

Gipsy Smith said, "That is the best sermon I ever heard on repentance in my life."

WHAT MUST ONE DO TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

Jesus answers that question in the words of Mark 1:15, "Repent ye, and believe the gospel."

The call to repent is sounded out in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Seventy times the urgency of repentance is given in the New Testament, emphasizing the words of Jesus. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

Jesus did die for us but Jesus cannot repent for us. And He said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).

What is repentance? Isaiah in 55:7 clearly answers the question. "Let the wicked forsake his way, the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Repentance is "an affrighted halt before God." It is a right-about-face. It is a turning from and a turning to. It is a turning from sin, and self and

Satan to God, righteousness and truth. Repentance is a wholehearted surrender to God.

According to the Greek, to repent means a "change of mind." The sinner's attitude toward four primary things is wrong. He needs a change of mind about sin. He now hates it, acknowledges it and turns wholeheartedly from deliberate sin.

To repent means a right attitude toward God. He turns to God and begins to seek Him.

To repent means a right attitude toward self. He humbles it, the last thing self wants to do!

To repent means a right attitude toward others. He begins to practice the Golden Rule. He endeavors to come clean with man as well as with God.

He brings forth "fruits of repentance." Now suppose I owed a large grocery bill and would go to the grocer and tell him I was sorry I had such a huge bill, but from now on I was turning a new leaf, and would begin to pay for all I bought. Does that cancel the bill? Never! Not until the bill is paid, is the bill settled!

Jim Vaus, the converted gangster, had nine typed pages of wrongs to personally make right. It cost him thousands of dollars, the loss of his home, car, furnishings and all he could save for a couple of years. But he cleared the record with God and man. His has been a victorious Christian life and ministry.

Bill Smalley, a Houghton College graduate now doing a wonderful work on the mission field, confessed after he had been a defeated Christian in college for two years that his defeat went back to a refusal to settle an account of ten cents which he had stolen when a lad. When he straightened accounts, he came into spiritual victory.

The apostle Paul gives such adjustment as an evidence of repentance. In 2 Corinthians 7:10, 11 he says "What clearing of yourselves" (cf. Zacchaeus, Luke 19:8).

HE MUST REPENT

While repentance does not secure salvation, yet there is no salvation without repentance. The impenitent person is hostile to God, hence, repentance becomes a pre-requisite to the exercise of faith.

Salvation is a remedy for sin. Just as a remedy for a certain sickness is not valid unless taken according to directions, so there are specific directions to believing "to the salvation of

the soul." Those directions are, "repent." Emphatically, Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

How does one become a Christian? Jesus said by repenting and believing the gospel.

A lady shopper went into a lounge of a department store to repair her make-up. As she put powder on her face she noticed a small girl carefully watching her every movement. Turning to the little girl, she said, "You don't do this, do you?"

"No," replied the little girl, "when my face is dirty, I wash it." That is the way the little girl thought one should get rid of dirt.

How can one believe over a lot of dirty sins? Admit the dirt; ask Christ to wash the dirt of sin away. Then it will not be hard to "believe with the heart unto righteousness" (Romans 10:10).

HE MUST MAKE A COMPLETE COMMITMENT

The Greek word for "believe" means "to cast one's whole weight upon." "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever

casts his whole weight upon Jesus should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

"As many as received him," that is, welcomed him into the heart as one welcomes a friend into his house, "to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them who rest their full weight of soul for time and eternity upon him" (John 1:12).

May I illustrate? You are in an upper room in a burning building. The firemen below are holding a net into which you may jump to safety. It is the only way of escape. Several have jumped and are safe. You go to the window and you believe that to jump will save you, but you do not jump. This is just head belief.

Then in your desperation you jump into that net; you actually "cast your whole weight upon" that net. That illustrates believing "unto salvation of the soul." Action as well as thought is imperative in true believing.

To believe is to accept a gracious gift from a loving God. When one goes to the bank to cash a check, he first endorses the check, thus admitting that it is his check. He then hands it to the cashier who counts out the

money and hands the money to the check owner. That money becomes his actual possession *only as he reaches out his hand and takes it*. That reaching out of the hand to take is receiving faith, spiritually speaking.

How does one become a Christian? Jesus said it is by repenting and believing. God has no bargain counters. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Only those who repent of their sins and believe, can know experientially the joys of salvation, and the blessedness of God's Spirit witnessing with their spirit that they are the children of God (Romans 8:16).

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STOMACH SPASMS HEALED

After suffering stomach spasms for five years, my son, who is eight years old, was prayed for and God wonderfully healed him.

His attacks became so severe in July that he required hospitalization. He lost his appetite and could gain no weight, and was in and out of bed suffering from cramps.

On Sunday night, August 28, we took him through the prayer line at the First Assembly in Fort Smith, where he was prayed for by Pastor B. Owen Oslin. Immediately he was better. In three days he gained three pounds and has been gaining steadily since then. His appetite is good and the stomach cramps have not returned. I take this opportunity to praise God and declare that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.—Mrs. Frank Stabler, Fort Smith, Ark.

(This testimony is endorsed by Pastor B. Owen Oslin, First Assembly of God, Fort Smith, Ark.)

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MONDAY, JANUARY 9

READ: 1 Timothy 4:1-8

LEARN: "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (1 Timothy 4:8).

FOR THE PARENT: From this passage point out: (1) the "falling away" predicted in the last days, v. 1; (2) the source of their false doctrines, v. 1; (3) some of the errors they teach, vv. 2, 3; (4) all God's creation is good, v. 4; (5) a good minister is one who reminds us of our responsibilities to Christ and of His teaching, v. 6; (7) physical exercise is good, but spiritual exercise is far more important, vv. 7, 8.

QUESTION TIME: What is the "falling away" predicted for the last days? (v. 1) What will be some of the false doctrines taught? (vv. 1-3)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Leonard G. Bolton, Taiwan; Mrs. R. L. Dalton, Spain; Florence Steidel, Liberia; Mrs. Roy L. Nelson (Indian), Nevada; Claude W. Malcolm, Alaska.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

READ: 1 Timothy 4:9-16

LEARN: "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

FOR THE PARENT: Review yesterday's material, stressing again the importance of total commitment to Christ, showing "godliness is profitable" in this life and in the life to come. Point out: (1) we must be ready to accept this truth, v. 9; (2) our work and testimony is wrapped up in this truth, v. 10; (3) our commission is to teach this truth, v. 11; (4) because of the influence of our lives, we must take heed how we live, vv. 12-16. Discuss the various qualities which are mentioned.

QUESTION TIME: In what ways are we to be examples of the believers? Why is this important?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: V. Harry Shumway, India; Mrs. C. L. Williams, Peru.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

READ: 1 Timothy 5:1-8

LEARN: "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8).

FOR THE PARENT: This passage gives advice on some problems which existed in churches in Paul's day—especially the problem of taking care of widows. Stress the importance of a blameless, righteous life as it is outlined in these verses. Also stress the obligations of family relationships as mentioned in verse 8. While the primary meaning here is on material provisions, this same principle can certainly be applied to spiritual teachings!

QUESTION TIME: What is to be a younger person's attitude toward an older person? (v. 1) Who is worse than an infidel? Why? (v. 8)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

READ: John 2:1-11

LEARN: "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it" (John 2:5).

FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Mary at the Marriage" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Have the group review the familiar story of this miracle. Point out: (1) it was a joyous occasion—and Jesus is happy when we are happy and He blesses our joys with His presence; (2) a problem arose, v. 3; (3) Jesus' mother took the problem to Him, v. 3; (4) she instructed the servants to obey Jesus' words, v. 5; (5) Jesus performed a miracle to supply the need, vv. 7-10; (6) one result of this miracle, v. 11.

QUESTION TIME: What was the problem at this celebration? How did Jesus solve the problem? (See above)

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: Millard R. Pipkin, Dahomey; Mrs. E. W. Mincey, Korea; Phyllis L. Hammerbacker, Alaska.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

READ: John 3:1-9, 14-18 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)

LEARN: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

FOR THE PARENT: Nicodemus' night visit to Christ was the occasion Jesus used to teach the importance of the new birth—of being born again. This term is used frequently in our circles, and it is important that members of the family group clearly understand what it means. Review this story thoroughly, stressing the importance of being born again by God's Spirit. This experience comes as we accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord of our lives.

QUESTION TIME: What does it mean to be born again? How did Jesus explain this truth to Nicodemus?

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS: James J. Chaney, Dahomey; Bonnie A. Roush, Liberia; Charles C. Personeus, Alaska.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

READ: Joshua 5:13 to 6:25 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)

LEARN: "Power belongeth unto God" (Psalm 62:11).

FOR THE PARENT: This lesson shows another occasion on which God manifested His power to bring His people through a seemingly impossible situation. Joshua got his instructions for this battle from the Lord (5:13-15). Discuss the strange battle plan of the Israelites (6:2-5). Stress Israel's obedience to God's commandments and the great victory God gave them as a result. Show also the concern for Rahab and her family because of her faith and helpfulness (vv. 17, 25). There is no end of God's power to help those who love, trust, and obey Him.

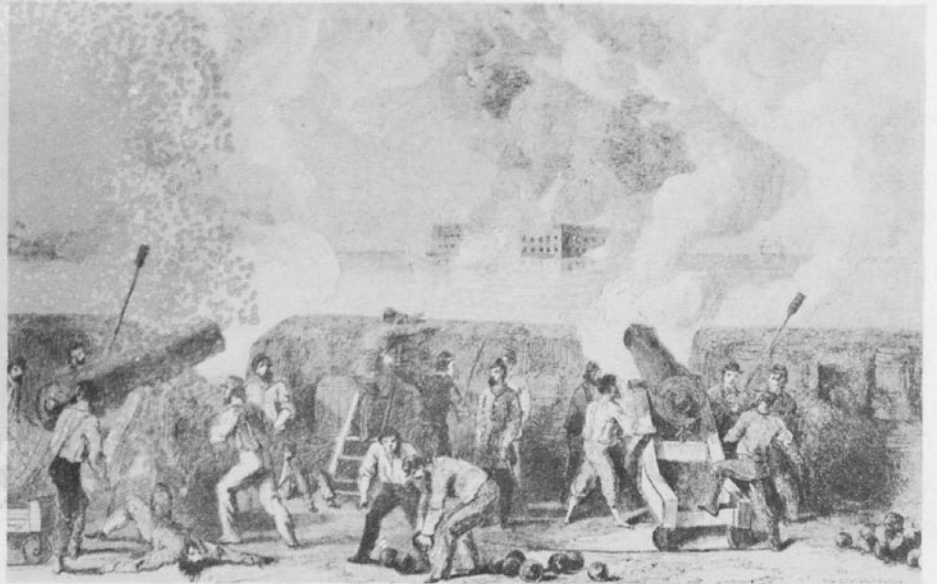
QUESTION TIME: From whom did Joshua get his battle plan? What was the plan?

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Be like the watch—have an open face, busy hands, full of good works, pure gold and well regulated.

Cannons Boom and Christians Pray as Civil War Centennial Begins



FIRST BATTLE ON APRIL 12, 1861—The artist shows Southern forces at Fort Johnson bombarding Fort Sumter in the pre-dawn darkness. Forty-two blazing Confederate cannons touched off the long and bitter Civil War. A full-scale re-enactment of this scene is being planned at Charleston, S. C., next April 12 as part of a five-year Centennial observance.

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, WILL mark the beginning of a five-year observance of the Centennial of the War Between the States, often called the Civil War.

It was on January 9, 1861, that cannons boomed off the Battery in the harbor at Charleston, S. C. aimed at a steamship carrying 250 U. S. troops and provisions for the besieged garrison at Fort Sumter. The guns of Fort Sumter did not return the fire. In fact, it was not until three months later that the forces of North and South actually joined battle; nevertheless the cannon shots in January are counted as the beginning of the Civil War.

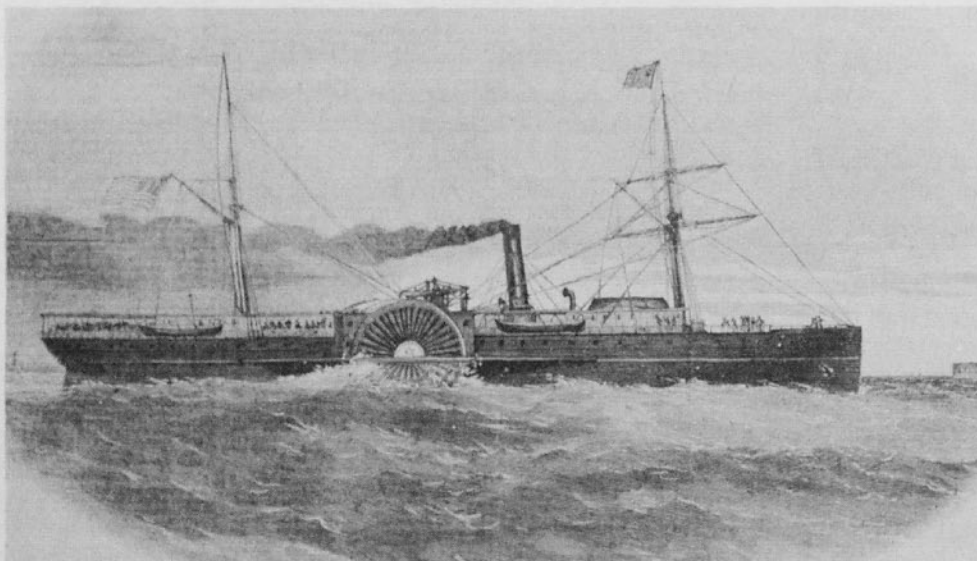
This Monday, January 9, the boom

of cannons will be heard again in the first of a series of re-enactments of important events that occurred during the bitter five-year struggle. About a hundred different ceremonies, observances, and re-enactments are planned at historic sites in the East and South during the coming months.

A special message by President Eisenhower has proclaimed the start of the Centennial this Sunday, January 8. The President has suggested that the day be set aside for prayer and acknowledgment of the great sacrifices made by Americans for their ideals a hundred years ago, with the hope that all of us will review the bitter lessons that can be learned from our country's most destructive conflict.

Almost as many American lives were lost in the Civil War as in all the wars this nation has fought before or since, combined. Neither side can point to its war record with justifiable pride. To say that one side was right and the other wrong would be to oversimplify a complicated situation. Undoubtedly the greed and brutality shown by certain men was as evil in God's sight as the exploitation of human life through slavery on the part of some others. Had all the leaders on either side been willing to humble themselves and take a Christlike approach to the problems, the war between the states might have been averted. Americans could have been spared from killing each other.

Indeed there are important lessons to be learned by taking an impartial look back upon the events of a hundred years ago. One lesson is the ultimate folly of hatred and bloodshed. Another is the value of national unity and the blessedness of mutual tolerance and brotherliness. We need to learn that while it is true that disputes can be settled by courts of justice better than by clubs or cannons, it is also true that justice should be tempered with mercy based on a full understanding of other people's problems. If we can grasp these lessons and apply them to the problems our nation faces in this present hour, the Centennial observance will have been worth while.



TARGET ON JANUARY 9, 1861—This drawing from the Bettmann Archives shows the steamship "Star of the West" as she entered Charleston Harbor with Union troops aboard and supplies to relieve the garrison at Fort Sumter. Seventeen shots—three on target—from the shore cannons caused her captain to turn about and depart without accomplishing her mission.

Not all will give serious thought to the observance. Some will make it an occasion to indulge in worldly merriment. Others will yield to the temptation to debate the issues of war all over again, and tempers are likely to flare. Christians should take a very different course than this. We need to pray earnestly for all who are in authority in municipal, state, and national governments today in order that unnecessary strife may be averted throughout our land. We need to pray that the entire world may enjoy that measure of peace that will permit the full gospel of Christ to be proclaimed freely and practiced faithfully in every land. ◀◀

School of Elisha

(Continued from page five)

were all of one accord that the Spirit fell on the Day of Pentecost. It was during fervent united prayer following the first persecution that the place was shaken and the apostles received a fresh anointing for service. We are workers together with God and with each other. A divided church is a weakened church; a united church is a successful one.

One of the students in Elisha's school had a misfortune. Not having an ax of his own, in his zeal he borrowed one. While chopping, the axhead flew off the handle and became lost in the waters of the river. "Alas, for it was borrowed," he cried. He was unfortunate in losing the axhead, but he was fortunate that the master of the school, the prophet Elisha, was near. The distraught lad confessed his grief to Elisha who caused the ax-

THIS WEEK'S COVER

General Mark W. Clark, president of The Citadel, spots the action of firing the first shot of the Civil War at Charleston, S. C. The mural, first of a series of eight to hang in the school's new library and museum building, shows cadets from The Citadel sending a cannon ball whizzing across the bow of the Northern ship, "Star of the West." The little ship bound for Fort Sumter was undaunted by the first few warning shots. However, as the bombardment continued she turned and fled after being struck three times by the Confederate cannon balls. General Clark will participate in re-enactment of this scene on January 9.

head to float. Then the young man retrieved it and returned joyfully to his work.

Let us not close without making a spiritual application. What does the axhead mean to us? Does it not speak of our spiritual experience? Have we lost the keenness? There is always this danger. This young man was so taken up with active zeal that he forgot to examine how firmly the axhead was fastened to the handle. I fear we are in danger that in our planning and zeal we neglect that which is of first importance—our fellowship with God. To lose the divine anointing is like pounding trees with only a handle. It may make a noise, but it cuts no beams. Our axhead, the keenness of our experience, is borrowed. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). How helpless we are when shorn of the anointing.

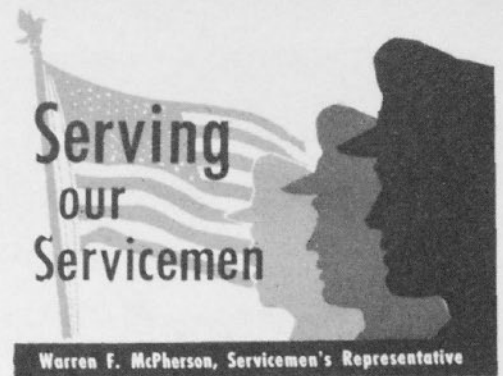
The young laborer felt keenly his loss and cried to the master of the school for help. Help was given and the axhead was restored. Our spiritual life is provided by Another. Let us cherish this life. If through neglect or misfortune it should become lost, we can tell it to the Master. He knows those in His school and sees our zeal. He knows how to restore keenness to our experience. If, like the youth, we cry in sincerity of heart, "Alas, Master, for it was borrowed." He is able to restore our keen spiritual life. Neither Jordan, nor any other hiding place, can keep Him from restoring what we have lost.

If you have lost the power and keenness of your spiritual life, go to Jesus, the Master of all masters in the great school of life, and He will return to you the power and glory you once possessed. ◀◀

We hear nowadays so much about "culture." Culture is all right when you have something to cultivate. If I should plant a watch, I wouldn't get any little watches, would I? Why? Because the seed of life is not there. But let me plant some peas or potatoes, and I will get a crop.

Don't let any man or woman rest short of his being born of the Spirit of God. Don't cultivate a dead and corrupt thing. First, make sure you have the Divine nature; then cultivate it.

—D. L. Moody



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Spotlight on Evangelism

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► **WILLMAR, MINN.** — The ministry of Evangelist Ed Barg was signally used of the Lord during a nine-week revival at the Assembly here in encouraging people to worship God and pray around the altar and in the prayer room. A number of people were saved, some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and all the believers were built up in their zeal and enthusiasm for the Lord.

—*R. E. Orchard, Pastor*

► **ST. ALBANS, W. VA.**—First Assembly concluded a revival on October 29 with Evangelist John Eller. Eight were saved, eight received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and some were healed. The entire church was blessed by the ministry of Brother Eller.

—*R. L. Mallory, Sr., Pastor*

► **PARIS, TEX.**—H. A. Strange of Henryetta, Okla. was the evangelist at a recent meeting at First Assembly. This two-week revival resulted in the salvation of 10 persons. Two received the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

—*Dewey N. Helms, Pastor*

► **CROWLEY, LA.**—Evangelist Bill Taylor of Hawkins, Tex. ministered at First Assembly in one of the best-attended revivals the church has ever had. Between 200 and 400 persons attended nightly. There were more than 100 first-time visitors in the three-week period. Sunday school attendance also showed an increase. Several were saved, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit.

—*M. R. McKnight, Pastor*

► **LANSING, MICH.**—A real stirring from the Spirit of God was manifested at Mt. Hope Assembly during the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. James Beam of London, Ontario. A backslider was restored, four received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and believers were refilled. Due to his unusual grasp of the Scriptures, the evangelist has been called "The Walking Bible." The hum-

ble, faithful ministry of this godly man and his wife made a deep impression upon the congregation. —*Carl F. Graves, Pastor*

► **WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WIS.**—A two-week revival at the Assembly of God here with Evangelists Arthur and Anna Berg was truly blessed of God. Several sought God for salvation, eighteen received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled. The special singing was a real blessing to the congregation.

—*Lyle E. Curtis, Pastor*

► **BETHALTO, ILL.**—A revival spirit continues at the Assembly of God here though special meetings have come to a close. D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla., an outstanding artist, was the evangelist. Several came to the altar for salvation, and many new contacts were made through these services. There were large crowds in attendance.

—*A. H. Ferguson, Pastor*

► **PEORIA, ILL.**—Central Assembly recently concluded a revival with Evangelist D. C. Ogden of Tulsa, Okla. Two young people were reclaimed, some were healed in answer to prayer, and the entire church was built up in the Lord. A good number of outsiders visited the church during these meetings. Chalk drawings shown under black light and the special singing were interesting features of the services. The congregation especially enjoyed the forthright Bible preaching with its practical application.

—*R. L. Farquhar, Pastor*

► **HOLLYDALE, CALIF.**—Bethany Chapel rejoices in a recent revival conducted by the Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio. Night after night the blessing of God was present to save, heal and baptize. At least 30 expressed a desire to accept Christ, and as many as five in one night were filled with the Holy Spirit. Testimonies to healing are still being given—

some truly miraculous. Every department of the church was inspired; the Sunday school attendance broke its all-time record, and several new families have come into the church.

—*A. Watson Argue, Jr., Pastor*

► **KANSAS CITY, KANS.**—A two-week meeting conducted at Victoria Temple by Evangelist Carlton Earp of Abilene, Tex. was blessed of God. There were some outstanding results as the Holy Spirit moved upon the services. The ministry of this youthful evangelist in singing and his unusual knowledge of the Word brought great blessings to the church.

—*H. W. Barnett, Pastor*

► **HUNTINGTON STATION, L. I., N. Y.**—Excellent crowds attended a revival meeting at the Assembly of God Pentecostal Church here with Frederick Huber of Elizabeth, N. J. as evangelist. Several were saved, some reclaimed and others received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

—*Charles Martin Shaffer, Pastor*

► **ST. CATHERINES, ONT., CANADA**—Splendid services were enjoyed at Elim Tabernacle with The Tanner Evangelistic Team from Willmar, Minn. Five teen-agers came forward for salvation. The evangelist's visitation program was most effective. Many people attended for the very first time, and 304 came to Sunday school on the closing Sunday. The ministry in music, sermon, and song was a great blessing to the church.

—*E. C. Williams, Pastor*

► **FORT SCOTT, KANS.**—The Assembly here rejoices over a wonderful moving of the Holy Spirit during three and a half weeks of revival with Evangelist Jim Collins. Several accepted Christ as Saviour, and ten were filled with the Holy Spirit in old-time tarrying meetings that lasted many evenings until midnight. Good crowds attended the services. A number of college students were saved and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and people came in from denominational churches as a result of their having received the Holy Spirit during the revival. Sunday school attendance reached a high of 165. The meetings have made a great impact upon the church.

—*W. C. Crowder, Pastor*

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Crowd attending the VanderPloeg evangelistic meetings in Bethany Chapel, Hollydale, Calif. (Watson Argue, Jr., is pastor.)

EVANGELIZING IN THE PACIFIC

Evangelist Jimmy Adams plans to spend the next several months in Hawaii where he and his wife will conduct evangelistic campaigns, after which they will be in the Philippines for about six months. From there they will proceed to Australia and New Zealand. They plan to return to Africa after this, arriving back in the U.S. in August or September 1962, D.V.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION COMBINED WITH EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

CLEVELAND, Ohio—We were greatly blessed through the fine missionary team that participated in our 48th annual missionary convention at the First Assembly of God here. It included such veterans of foreign missionary service as Miss Marguerite Flint of India, Miss Henrietta Tielman of Formosa, William Stepp of Venezuela, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Godbey of Nigeria. Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue were also on the team as the convention evangelists.

Each missionary made an invaluable contribution to the success of the convention, and the ministry of the evangelists was very helpful and inspiring. The Argues have traveled in fifty different countries in the interest of missionary evangelism, so were well qualified to encourage the missionary team and to inspire the local congregation to continued missionary activity.

Although the missionary convention was only for one week, the Argues remained a second week for evangelistic meetings. Several sought the Lord for Salvation and others testified to the healing of their bodies in answer to prayer. It was thrilling to observe the manner in which the Lord used the evangelist to inspire the people to pray, whatever the need.

—M. M. Brewer, Jr., Pastor

MISSION LEADER CALLED HOME

One of the Lord's choice servants, Samuel Nystrom, secretary of the foreign missions department of the Philadelphia Church in Stockholm, Sweden, died suddenly on November 14 in Stockholm.

Brother Nystrom was a spiritual leader in

the Philadelphia Assembly and directed the missionary endeavors of the church on many foreign fronts. He was also a valuable teacher in the Bible school.

Only two weeks before his death he was in England serving as chairman of the Evangelical Alliance, Swedish Division. Upon his return home he had immediately launched back into his work as missionary secretary. His Homegoing is a distinct loss to the Pentecostal movement around the world.

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Ark.	Clarendon	A/G	Jan. 8—	Freddie Richardson	Lewis Parker
	N. Little Rock	Glad Tidings	Jan. 1—	Gerald Brewer	Charles Warner
Calif.	Azusa	First	Jan. 1-14	Glen & Faithe Shinn	Oliver L. Swaim
	Del Rosa	A/G	Jan. 8—	David O. Bunch	Edgar L. Branson
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	San Diego	Calvary Temple	Jan. 1-15	Linfield Crowder	Dallas Miller
	San Pedro	First	Jan. 11-22	Busse Team	Ralph Salzman
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Ind.	Indianapolis	Grace	Jan. 1-15	Musical Lebsacks	Howard Skinner
	Sullivan	First	Jan. 1-8	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Fred Rice
Iowa	Le Claire	Full Gospel Tab.	Jan. 15-29	Cox-Brown Team	Jess Hammer
	Waterloo	Central	Jan. 1-15	Johnny Garrison	Paul B. Tinlin
Mich.	Pontiac	First	Jan. 8-22	Musical Vanderploegs	Arnold Hashman
Mo.	Mansfield	A/G	Jan. 1—	Warren-Marsh Team	Clarence Roberts
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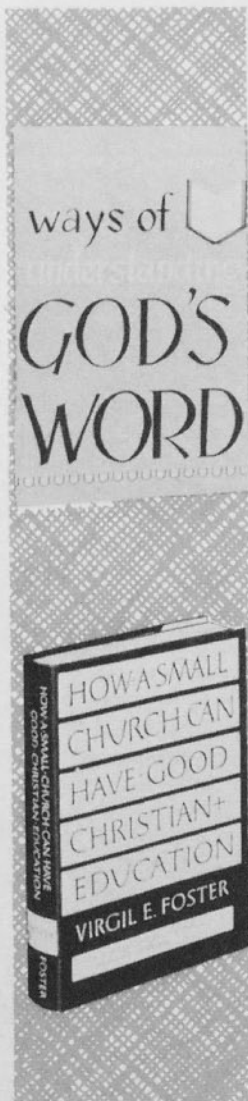
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How to Handle Temptation

By Raymond L. Cox

IT WAS PRAYER REQUEST TIME AT THE Seamen's Bethel in Boston. Chaplain E. T. Taylor listened sympathetically as several mariners mentioned their needs. At length a sailor said, "I need prayer desperately. I am having a terrible time with a severe temptation."

Edward Thompson Taylor at once exclaimed, "Take courage, Brother. From my own experience I advise you to take courage. Your temptations are a good sign, for the devil was never known to chase a bag of chaff! You may be sure there is pure wheat in your heart, or the old serpent would not be after you so hard!"

The wisdom of God dictates that temptation occasionally confronts Christians. Starke said, "Frequent conflicts render the Christian strong." And Rutherford observed, "I find it most true that the greatest temptation out of hell is to live without temptation. Grace withereth without adversity. The devil is but God's master fencer to teach us to handle our weapons."

But what should Christians do about temptations?

A Negro parson warned his parishoners, "When you're looking at your neighbor's melon patch, you can't keep your mouth from waterin', but you sure can run!"

An alcoholic, salvaged from skid row, boasted, "I like to go into a tavern and sit at the bar and drink a coke just to prove to myself that I can resist temptation."

Before long this man was having his coke spiked, and soon he gravitated back to heavy drinking.

Hovis said, "To pray to be delivered from temptations, and at the same time blindly rush into occasions, is like sticking one's fingers into the fire and praying that they may not be burned."

A temptation is unlikely to torment a man unless he cherishes a corresponding desire within. A spark may fall on ice and do no harm. A torch may be directed at snow and cause no conflagration, but drop a match on dry shavings and a fire soon roars. Temptations may not be avoided but they must be resisted. And occasions of stumbling ought to be guarded against at all costs. Clarence E. Macartney de-

clared, "To say, 'Lead us not into temptation,' is to ask God to keep us from reading those books, going to those entertainments, meeting those associates, that stir up the evil in every man's nature, for every soul has its own ladder down to hell."

Sometimes Christians suppose they have attained a plateau of grace which makes it impossible for them to sin. A man approached D. L. Moody after the evangelist had preached a powerful sermon warning that the most mature Christians must keep on guard against temptation. "I resent your remarks," the man criticized. "The old Adamic nature has no influence on a consecrated Christian. The old man is judicially dead!"

Moody retorted, "That's right. The old man is judicially dead, but practically he isn't."

Paul warned, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." The man after God's own heart succumbed to gross temptation. If David had run from the occasion of sin, how much nobler his history would be!

Fifteen centuries ago a Christian named Poemen formulated rules for escaping temptation which have hardly been improved in the intervening years: "Fly from all occasions of temptation. If still tempted, fly further still. If there is no escape possible, then have done with running away. Show a bold face, and take the two-edged sword of the Spirit. Some temptations must be taken by the throat as David killed the lion. Others must be stifled, as David hugged the bear to death. Some you had better keep to yourself, and don't give them air. Shut them up as scorpions in a bottle. Scorpions in such confinement soon die; but if allowed out for a crawl, and then put back into the bottle and corked down, they will live a long while, and give trouble. Keep the cork down on some temptations, and they die of themselves."

The treatment one accords temptations determines whether the eventual issue will be victory or surrender. Temptations may be likened to tramps. If you entertain them kindly they will come back escorting others with them. Richard Armknecht warned, "When

you shut your eye to temptation, be sure you don't make it look like a wink."

No chain is stronger than its weakest link. That hackneyed cliché is often subpoenaed to support the statement that no man is stronger than his weakest moment. On the other hand, temptation often overwhelms people's strong points. Moses, the world's meekest man, failed in meekness when he angrily smote the rock. He failed in his strong point. Abraham, a pillar of truthfulness, in a moment of apparent emergency lied about his relationship to Sarah. Temptation tripped him up at his strong point. Elijah, noted for courage, succumbed to fright when Jezebel sought to slay him. Peter, another courageous soul, shortly after brandishing a sword against Christ's arresters, wilted into denial of his Lord under the pointed finger of a servant girl.

No wonder Paul warned, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). If the tempter cannot exploit one's weaknesses he attacks his sources of strength. Moreover, moments of apparent safety sometimes are more freighted with peril than occasions of seeming danger.

The English adventurer, Bobby Leach, astounded the world by going over Niagara Falls in a barrel. He escaped the ordeal uninjured. But sometime later as he walked down a city street he slipped on an orange peeling, broke his leg, and had to be hospitalized for a considerable season. Niagara Falls didn't harm him, but an orange peeling did! Stewart Anderson commented, "Some great temptation, which roars around us like Niagara, may leave us unharmed. But a little, insignificant incident may often cause our downfall simply because we were not looking for it."

Yet God does not permit any temp-

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tation to torment us which is beyond our ability to resist. No Christian can be compelled by the tempter to yield, for the Lord limits the force of the test to our capacity for grappling with it. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Armed with this assurance, a Christian is capable of overcoming all temptations which assail his weak points—or his strong points. ◀◀

Signs of the End Time

(Continued from page three)

tian: You and I both know where to start sweeping.

Thank God, it's starting. Interesting reports are reaching me every day. Both the secular and religious press are sensing the difference between this beginning of "restoration" and what has finally run its course over a few centuries of history and served its purpose—"reformation" and organized propagation. There is divine initiative and dispensational timing in this.

Jeremiah speaks of such a move when he says, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart; and I will be found of you."

Second Chronicles 7:14 writes it in simple words for everyone to understand: "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."

Repentance was the message that preceded Christ's first appearance. Would you be surprised if it were to be the message again just before His return? To the Laodicean church at the end time He says,

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and

open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne."

Joel says that "restoration" starts with the pulpit. He says, "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the unbelievers should... say among the people (publicly), Where is their God?..."

The Passing of Phil Kerr

Earth has been made poorer and heaven richer by the homegoing of Phil Kerr, 53, noted composer. Born of parents who did missionary work in Arizona, Old Mexico, and also in a rescue mission in San Pedro, California, Phil was able



Phil Kerr

to observe at firsthand the cost of true discipleship, which in the end proved to be part of his training for thirty-four years of dedicated service for Christ. While his parents worked in the mission, Phil would often see his father beaten up because of his preaching and stalwart defense of the gospel. The income in the Kerr home was very meager and there were few material advantages. As Phil grew up in the mission and saw the financial straits of his parents, he thought that some day he would go out into the world and make money and help his parents. With his many talents he could have gained money and fame, but God laid hold upon his life for His service.

While he was an ordained minister and could expound the Word, Phil found that God had a unique ministry for him. Having a love for the Lord first and also a love for music, he had a special interest in musicians who had answered the call of God to leave the entertainment field and use their talent for Christ. Many outstanding gospel musicians, who were formerly in the entertainment world, owe a debt of gratitude to Phil for his great concern for their spiritual welfare.

In 1945 Phil started the Monday Musicals in Pasadena, California. His plan was based on the following objectives: "First, to bring inspiration and spiritual 'lift' to Christians; second, that non-Christians may hear a positive witness for Christ; third, that talented young people may be encouraged to utilize

Sir, this sign will be as evident from now on as the infallible sign of the revival of the nation of Israel is evident. Strange that these two religious developments should go hand in hand—but they do: the "falling away" and "the times of restoration." What the western world had depended upon for some four centuries—the Reformation—has crumbled. But in the crumbling there will come forth a spiritual strength that Paul described in his day as the "demonstration of the Spirit and of power." And it points to the return of Jesus. ◀◀

their abilities in Christian service." Sometimes these Monday night concerts were misunderstood. Phil tried to pattern them after his own family times together with his mother and dad. In addition to morning devotions, a few neighbors would drop by in the evenings and Phil's mother would "emcee" a program of music, games, and Scripture quizzes. She was able to blend these evenings of fellowship into unforgettable times when all present were aware of Christ's presence. These Monday night musicals, patterned after the family gatherings in his home, proved to be a weekly highlight in Southern California for Christian people of many denominations.

Phil Kerr was not only an outstanding composer, having over 3,000 published songs to his credit, but he was a brilliant pianist and conductor as well. His book *Music in Evangelism*, is widely used as a textbook in the music departments of Christian schools. Among his many compositions, Phil wrote such favorites as "Over in Glory," "Melody Divine," and "I'm in His Command."

In 1936, when I was assistant pastor at Faith Tabernacle in Tulsa, Oklahoma, I had my first contact with this man of God. He was associated with Evangelist Raymond T. Richey in a city-wide campaign in the city auditorium. As a young minister I was deeply impressed by Phil Kerr's simplicity of living, even to the clothes he wore. His attitude was so unassuming and he had such a keen concern for the things of God. His wholly dedicated life was a tremendous challenge to me as I began my ministry.

My files contain correspondence from Phil regarding the possibility of using some of his music in our publications. His response was, "I never put a price on my talent—I will leave the financial remuneration up to your discretion." May God give us more composers who write for the glory of God. May many accept the challenge left by Phil Kerr for an anointed ministry of music that will bless people.

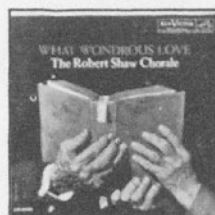
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IF MY PEOPLE...

BY THOS. F. ZIMMERMAN

General Superintendent

WHEN REFLECTING ON THE GLORIOUS PAST OF THE Assemblies of God, there is every reason for rejoicing. In response to an intense hunger for God at the turn of the century, a mighty spiritual revival came, out of which emerged this full-gospel movement.

During the early years of the revival the urgency of the times caused everyone who came into the services to sense a need for a deeper personal experience with God. Not only were the participants concerned about their own welfare, spiritually speaking, but for their neighbor as well. This is the secret of the widespread growth and revivals which began spontaneously throughout the United States and spread around the world.

As we view the past blessings in the light of our contemporary needs, it is evident that we must have no less of God's help than we enjoyed at the beginning. As we contemplate the complexities of this present age and as we recognize our God-given responsibility to this generation, a sense of our total inadequacy seizes us. Never has a visitation of God's Spirit been more needed than in this hour.

There comes resounding through the centuries God's special message to His people, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit..." Man's puny effort put forth in the flesh is completely insufficient for the demands of this space age. We must be spiritually enabled if we are to rise to the challenge.

It is fitting and proper that we, in deep gratitude, erect our spiritual Ebenezers and acknowledge in sincere praise that "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." But if we are to receive God's provision for this end time, we must regroup our forces and earnestly seek the face of God. Each member of the Assemblies of God must make an all-out quest for the rekindling of revival flames upon the altar of his heart. This will require a heart hunger such as was evidenced in the initial revival.

It has been interesting to note in looking back over our history that the founders of the Assemblies of God set aside Thursday of each week and requested the people to fast and pray. Some gathered in the churches; others met in the homes of friends to seek the Lord. As the power

fell, some packed a few personal belongings and traveled to nearby cities and some even across the nation—to tell friends and relatives about the outpouring. Above all, it was a time of gathering around the altar to wait upon the Lord until their strength should be renewed.

As a result of these early revivals, the altar service became a distinct and unique part of our worship. This phase of the service has made a vital contribution to the spiritual fervor of our church. Many persons from other churches have been attracted by the earnestness with which we have prayed and sought God. This portion of our spiritual life must not deteriorate into a perfunctory form but must be kept alive and vital.

The degree of spiritual fervor in our movement as a whole will be determined also by the depth of personal devotion expressed in our individual lives. We call upon each person to make a fresh commitment to Christ. May we establish a personal schedule of priority which will put the claims of the Cross above personal convenience, comfort, and security.

There can be no short cut to God's endowment. We must make a careful personal evaluation and empty ourselves of everything which would restrain the manifestation of God's power in our lives. Pride and self-sufficiency must be gone.

In coming together to pray and seek God, may we humble ourselves in deep contrition. Let us remove every obstruction so there shall be nothing to block the free flow of God's Spirit in our lives. We thank God for our Spiritual Life prayer meetings. It is hoped that this pattern will be emulated movement-wide on a district, sectional, and local level. May 1961 be a time when the torch of revival is relighted and a new emphasis is placed on those features of our worship which produce optimum spiritual results in our individual lives and respective churches.

We pray for a new loyalty to our entire spiritual program—family altar, personal devotions, attendance in church services, revitalization of our evangelistic outreach. Both individually and, as a church, may there be a stepped-up interest and participation in prayer meetings, and a wiser discrimination in the use of our time and substance that our lives shall be lived with eternity's values in view.