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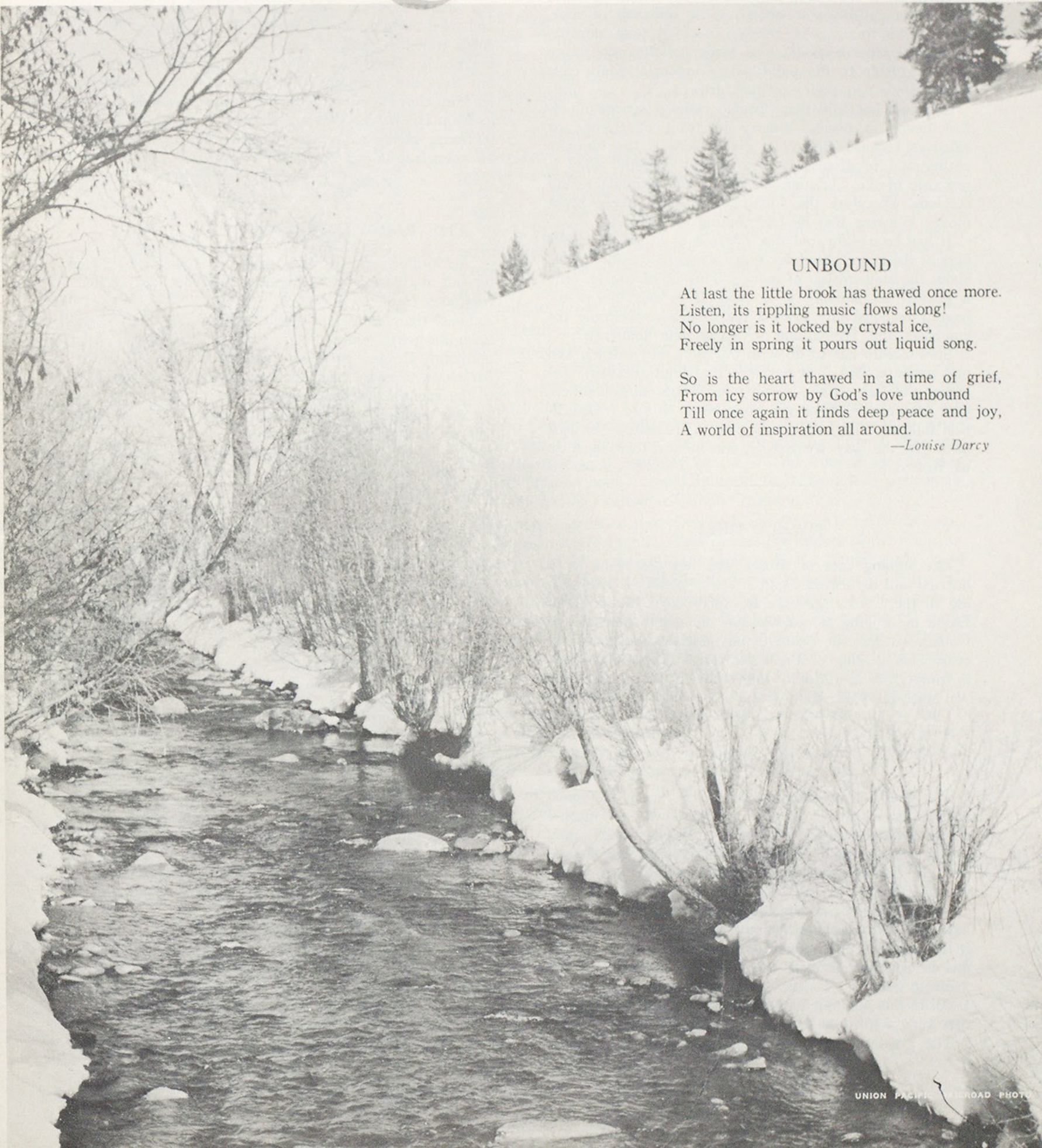
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

UNBOUND

At last the little brook has thawed once more.
Listen, its rippling music flows along!
No longer is it locked by crystal ice,
Freely in spring it pours out liquid song.

So is the heart thawed in a time of grief,
From icy sorrow by God's love unbound
Till once again it finds deep peace and joy,
A world of inspiration all around.

—Louise Darcy



YOUR TREASURE AND YOUR HEART

William James once wrote, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it." Thinking about that statement helps to open up the meaning of time, talent, and treasure in relation to God and eternity. Christians have been slow to recognize the importance of stewardship to the point where immortal souls have been crippled in their spiritual growth.

Someone has said that "people make a successful effort never to discuss money in front of friends or relatives because money in our society is the ultimate reality and to discuss it is to reveal oneself." This is not true of the Christian for whom the ultimate reality is God. Therefore the Christian can talk freely about money knowing that he has nothing to hide.

It has been estimated that one out of every ten members of the church becomes angry when the pastor speaks about the stewardship of money. This is, of course, only a guess; but suppose it is true. Does not the pastor have a responsibility toward the nine who welcome the emphasis and are willing to accept the challenge?

Stewardship has to do with our time, our talents, and our treasure. But is it not true that "our treasure" becomes the key to the other two? Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Dedication follows dollars. There is more Christianity—or lack of it—in the way we handle our money than most of us realize.

—*The Standard*

DWELL DEEP

The shining face of Moses was not the result of a hurried call at heaven's gate; it was obtained by dwelling in the Lord's presence for forty days. The skill of David in slinging stones was not obtained when he met Goliath—it was the result of his practice in the wilderness. The blessing of Pentecost came after the tarrying in prayer. If we would know the Spirit's sociability we must tarry in His presence.

—*F. E. Marsh*

PEARLS

The growing of cultured pearls is one of the most fascinating industries in the world. It was a Japanese named Mikomoto who first conceived the idea of bringing young oysters out of the ocean and planting tiny stones in their flesh so that the irritation thus set up would produce pearls.

We've all heard about cultured pearls and most of us have probably also heard some moralist point out that it is the severe tests and trials in our lives—even though we do not like them at the time—which produce the greatest good.

All of this is true but there is another side to the story that adds a spiritual dimension to this illustration.

The greatest skill in making a beautiful pearl is in

choosing the size of the stone to be placed in the tender oyster. If the stone is too small, the pearl is never as beautiful as it might have been. If it is too large for the oyster to handle, it becomes deformed and imperfect. And so the master pearl culturist must study each oyster carefully and develop skill and wisdom in deciding just how big a pearl a specific oyster can produce.

We may feel sometimes that it costs us more than our share to serve Jesus Christ. We may feel tested and tried beyond our endurance. But we must remember small troubles result in small pearls; big troubles make big pearls. The rock in our lives may seem big but if our lives are committed to God and we are willing to let Him choose our burdens, then we can submit to them as from His hands. When God gives us an extra burden, an extra heavy stone, He is expecting us to produce an unusually large pearl for His glory.

—*Bob Pierce, in World Vision*

THE PARACHUTE RIGGER'S PLEDGE

The skilled soldiers who pack the nylon parachutes for our Airborne Forces literally hold the lives of their comrades in their fingertips.

These riggers, because the lives of fighting men depend upon the perfection of their work, subscribe to a strict ten-point pledge. It takes just one carelessly packed parachute to court martial a rigger and send him back to the ranks. As Christian workers who are responsible for the eternal welfare of men, we could learn some solemn lessons from this pledge.

The following are some excerpts from the pledge:

"I will pack every parachute as though I am to jump with it myself.

"I will remember always that the other man's life is as dear to him as mine is to me.

"I will never pass over any defect, nor neglect any repair no matter how small, as I know that omissions and mistakes in the rigging of a parachute may cost a life.

"I will never let the idea that a piece of work is *good enough* make me a potential murderer, for I know that there can be no compromise with perfection.

"I will keep always a wholehearted respect for my vocation, regarding it as a high profession rather than a day-to-day task.

"I will be *sure*—ALWAYS!" —*P.F.N.A. News*

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God. WE BELIEVE that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule over the nations. WE BELIEVE that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ. WE BELIEVE that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. WE BELIEVE that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. WE BELIEVE that the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it. WE BELIEVE in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation.

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The Ecumenical Fever

The temperature of those Protestant church leaders who are suffering from ecumenical fever probably shot upward several degrees last month when Pope John announced his long-awaited Second Vatican Council would open on October 11, 1962. They have been hailing the forthcoming council as a sign that the Roman church, which has always boasted of its unchangeability, is undergoing a change of heart.

They have been delighted to find that the jolly pope is quite approachable, and one Protestant leader after another has beaten a path to his door. First it was the Archbishop of Canterbury. Later it was the top official of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S. The moderator of the Church of Scotland also had a private audience with the pope. Such visits were entirely without precedent, for never had the head of any of these churches paid a private call on a reigning pope since the long-bygone day when the churches broke away from Rome.

The head of the largest Negro church body in the U.S. recently had a private audience with Pope John. Even Mr. Brooks Hays, a Baptist (former head of the Southern Baptist Convention, and now a special assistant to President Kennedy) paid a visit to the Vatican a few weeks ago. The fact that the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church are willing to enter into conversations with Protestants and the action of the pope in sending official observers to the third general assembly of the World Council of Churches (a non-Catholic body) would indicate there is indeed a new air of friendliness in Protestant-Catholic relations.

The pope has called next October's meeting an *ecumenical* council; that is, a *world* council. This pleases the leaders of the ecumenical movement for they are eager to see a world church made up of all branches of Christendom. In their eyes every merger of denominations (of which there are many these days) is another step in that direction. Actually the pope, in planning his ecumenical council, seems to be aiming at winning back the Eastern Orthodox churches rather than any Protestant bodies. He is not in any hurry to negotiate for union with Protestants (unless, of course, they wish to "return to the One True Church" on his terms exclusively). He is content to wait and let the process of apostasy run its course, for he knows the ecumenicity fever will continue to rise until the unionists eventually are so overcome by their anxiety to unite with Rome that they will make any compromises he demands.

Back in August 1948 Cardinal Spellman, according to the *Ecumenical Review*, said that it seems "we should not hurry to treat with the Protestants on the question of unity for, in sixty years, our separated brethren will be returning to Rome." Since that time the tempo of events has increased considerably. It appears the Romanists will not have to wait until the end of the century for the situation to be sufficiently ripe.

Clearly the ecumenical movement among spiritually-dead churches is headed toward that ecclesiastical union called Babylon which is described in Revelation 17 and 18. What a union that will be! Meanwhile God is drawing His Blood-washed children together into that "unity of the Spirit" mentioned in Ephesians 4:3 which is the true ecumenicity.

—R.C.C.

God in the Silence

By Ernest S. Williams

WE WANT TO THINK FOR AWHILE ABOUT THE TEMPLE of God. Exponents of Scripture consider the tabernacle in the wilderness significant of Christian experience in this present life and Solomon's temple significant with respect to the coming age, the Millennium.

The tabernacle had no certain abiding place. When the cloud moved, the Israelites dismantled the tabernacle and followed. When the cloud stopped, the tabernacle was re-erected and services resumed. Sometimes they halted where there was an abundance of water and sometimes in the desert, typifying the vicissitudes of the Christian life.

But Solomon's temple, unlike the tabernacle, was built with the thought of permanence—a most beautiful building with its alabaster facing and turrets crowned with gold. Why was it such a remarkable edifice? Because it was constructed according to the plan of God and because it was to be His house.

You remember the temple was erected without the sound of a hammer. Mark you, there was hammering and hewing of stones but this work was done before the material was delivered at the temple site.

The children of God are living stones being fitted for a habitation of God and there *will be* noise in making adjustments to situations in which we find ourselves as we are being "fitly framed together" and growing "unto an holy temple in the Lord."

Before I speak about *silence* in connection with the building of the temple, I must mention *noise* lest some think I do not believe there is place for noise in religion. Peruse the history of God's people and you find them frequently crying to God in loud supplication and soul agony, or praising Him out of the abundance of their hearts.

But there are two sides to Christian experience: one is outwardly expressive and the other is a quiet inner working of the Spirit. They complement each other and bring proper balance in our lives. Unless there is much outward vehemence, some people feel the Lord is not present. There is a place in the inner sanctuary of our hearts where God works and where we must be still and know that He is God.

Why was there to be no noise, no confusion in the erection of the temple? The answer is *reverence*—this was God's house and it was different from any other building. You and I are the temples of God (1 Corinthians 3:16, 17). God is in us and He wants us to have reverence for Him in His house. God in His holy heaven is so distant from us. It is wonderful to know He not only graces the heavens but He also graces my earthly tabernacle with His presence.

Mrs. Williams and I visited Carlsbad Caverns in the great Southwest. On the surface there was almost desert but down in the bowels of the hills there was beauty

and grandeur that challenged our ability to grasp the wonders of the sight. Guides tell us it took ages to create the beauty of these caverns. Practically in silence, the drop on drop of water brought about the beauties we may now behold.

The surface and surroundings of our lives may be uninviting, but to a life quietly surrendered to God there will come interior beauty. The exterior shows marks of hard labor and anxiety and reveals the treatment people have received. But the interior is more important. It is in the depths of our being that God looks for His beauties. I am happy that He dwells inside and if there is an outward reflection it is because of His shining through us.

Jesus pointed to the lilies as some of God's handiwork and said, "Consider the lilies . . . how they grow . . . even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Solomon competed with kings and kingdoms with his brilliant throne, his apparel, his horses, his riches and honor, but Jesus said they could not compare with the common lily.

Behold the lily! You hear no sound of its growth and development. Should you stand before a lily a whole day you would not discern the growth taking place. But come back after a week and you will see there has been silent, steady growth.

When I was a little fellow a pumpkin plant grew in our yard. My father suggested I put a stick at the end of a runner and see how fast the vine would grow. I did so and discovered the vine had grown six inches in the night. That was rapid growth but had I stood beside the vine all night I could not have detected that it was growing. It grew in silence.

Some things more valuable than a pumpkin vine grow more slowly, but as they grow they become firmer in texture, gaining greater ability to withstand the frosts and storms. There is growth in the Christian life, though we do not see it taking place. God desires a healthy growth in us, a growth in His own image and beauty. Grow as rapidly as you can into the image of God, but if you do not feel you are growing rapidly do not be disheartened. Let God work in you the qualities He desires. In quietness and confidence trust God to make you what you ought to be.

God commanded Moses to perform a divine service. But in his youth Moses' zeal interfered with God's call. One day when an Egyptian afflicted a Hebrew, Moses slew the Egyptian. But that was not God's method of delivering Israel. He had a better way. Some of God's people today have not broken away from that spirit that was in Moses. They are harsh and censorious. They want to do things in their own way.

Now God had to take that spirit out of Moses before He could use him, so He sent him off to the desert. For forty years Moses led a quiet, isolated life, separated from the things he had enjoyed in Egypt. His nature blended with the nature of the sheep he cared for, and there God developed in him the qualities that would make him His servant.

After forty years God spoke to him from a bush. Moses had seen that same desert bush many times, but now he saw it on fire and to his astonishment it was not consumed. He drew near but heard God say, "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet,

for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." There was a reverence, a silence here; in the presence of God Moses became quiet and God could speak to him about delivering Israel. The inner work had wrought holiness, subjection, self-surrender, and had made Moses a habitation of God.

Elijah, the son of thunder, liked to see things move. Radical? Yes, he was, but God needs radical people. If we did not have them we would be in a rut. Yet a radical person needs to learn to be subdued and some radical people do not want to learn.

Elijah was radical in his clothing, radical in his speech. He even spoke to the king with abruptness. Elijah had enjoyed many blessings and won many victories but he had to learn the richness of silence before he was caught up to heaven in a chariot of fire. So the Lord came to him and dealt with him.

First He sent a storm; the wind howled furiously, and Elijah said, "God is about to do something!" But the Lord did not do anything. Then there came an earthquake. "This is surely a revival," Elijah thought. Things went helter-skelter but God's voice was not heard. "I do not understand it. I thought surely I would get something from God out of that earthquake." Finally God spoke to him in a still small voice. He wanted to inspire Elijah with what I call quietness in the silence of God.

Through silence our natures are subdued and we learn to overcome and to maintain a sweetness in our lives which glorifies God more than our effervescence. In the midst of life's testings there are so many things to excite, provoke, and throw us off spiritual balance. We must learn the power of silence, quietness of spirit, and self-possession. God wants us to be His temple, a holy, reverential, quiet habitation of God through the Spirit.

The temple was erected according to the divine pattern. God gave the pattern to David and when Solomon erected the house of the Lord he built it according to the divine plans.

I am thankful God helps us to build according to the divine plan. Peter who was acquainted with the temple reminds us that we are lively stones in it. God's present temple is made up of living stones, full of feeling, full of heart throbs—able to feel hatred and love, unfairness and justice, and even rebuff.

But is it not wonderful to know that these lively stones can be brought into subjection to the Spirit of God as we are being built together a spiritual house? ❧

Day by Day in Your Bible

Read It Through in '62



March 11—Begin Judges 10

March 17—Finish Ruth 2

*God still delights to answer the prayer
of His servants who ask for boldness
with which to speak His holy Word.*

Holy Boldness

By Harris S. McSkimming

IN A DAY WHEN POWER IS THE MOST sought-after possession of nations and individuals, we cannot but be deeply conscious of the Church's need of power.

"Give us power," is the cry of pastors and laymen—power to live a victorious life, power to win souls, power to pray down healing for sick bodies.

The Pentecostal experience is a taste of this power which is needed to thwart sin in our lives and to cause signs to follow our ministry. But perhaps all of us feel a lack even after having experienced this marvelous in-filling. There seems to be a need which is very vital to us all—to the Church as a whole and to every individual in it—that we might have "boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him" (Ephesians 3:12).

One Sunday morning, with the day's services in mind, I began to pray for power in our church. I felt my own need in serving the flock which God had given to me to shepherd. The words of Jesus in John 14:12 came to my mind. He had said that believers (and that included me) would do great and mighty things because He had gone to the Father and because the Father in heaven had sent the Holy Spirit to endue us with power from on high.

In the midst of my meditation it seemed a voice spoke to me saying, "Power you have; boldness you have not." I was startled at the sharpness of the voice and began to wonder what might be the full meaning of the words which I had heard.

Later in the day I found that one of the definitions the dictionary gave for boldness was "strikingly unconventional, lacking proper restraint." This part of the definition intrigued me—I wondered by whose standard a thing would be termed conventional and proper. Isn't it our society that determines what is proper and what is not? Is our society always correct? In other words, anything that does not conform to the pattern of life in our society could be termed bold and unconventional. A person who believes in and advocates saving grace and the physical healing of the body and tries to get the truth across to others might be thought quite unconventional!

This may have been what caused Paul to request prayer of his Christian friends "that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:19, 20). And again in Philippians 1:20 we find his

request for prayer "that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."

After the Early Church had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit they did not tarry for added power, but sought to use the power already given to them. When they prayed, as in Acts 4:29, their desire was not for power but for boldness to speak what they had seen and heard from their Master.

In Paul's letter to Timothy we hear him urging Timothy not to be timid or ashamed, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7). The power was accessible to Timothy. God had given it to him by the Holy Spirit. Now all that Timothy had to do was to speak and demonstrate this power and love with boldness. Are we different from Timothy? I think not. The power has been given to us in that we have received the Holy Spirit into our lives. What we need is boldness to use the power of God that is in us.

Healing is a part of the Atonement. It is a finished act on the part of Jesus Christ. Our part in receiving healing is claiming that which Christ has purchased for us on the Cross.

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FIVE-YEAR-OLD DON AND I LAY TALKING on the bed. I knew his grandfather would not be "home" next time we visited there and I wanted to prepare Don for the change.

I explained how God loves His children and how, when our bodies get too sick and worn out, He calls us to heaven where He gives us fine new bodies.

Don lay in deep thought. Then he wanted to know if heaven is under the ground—he had seen a cemetery once—and if it rains in heaven. After lying there quietly thinking he said, "I don't quite understand, Mom," and dropped off to sleep. But I knew he believed everything I told him.

I lay there wishing I could believe as easily as he did. For there was another reason why I felt I must tell him about his grandfather. Although Don was the strongest looking and most lively boy in the neighborhood, doctors were checking him as to the probability of his having a deadly disease.

Three months later we again were talking before he fell asleep. He was not in his bed at home now but in a hospital bed. The room was dark except for a little light from the hall door.

Don had been suffering extremely for two months, hurting so badly that at times he couldn't even lie down but had to sit on the edge of the bed. Not once did he complain about his being sick.

"None of the children in this hospital know when God is going to call them, do they, Mom?" he asked.

I assured him they didn't, and neither did the children playing outside know—nor the men working, nor the people walking in the street. He seemed so peaceful and content—not worrying at all—I felt he must have had a glimpse of heaven already. The end of his suffering seemed very close.

He seemed to want to talk the way we used to, and his words came fast instead of in his usual slow manner; for his breath was short and he had so much to say. He spoke of his friends at home, and of the bicycle he expected to get for Christmas. He hoped I would get a new toaster for Christmas so he could fix the toast every morning. He mentioned the



"He mentioned the painting and fixing he was going to do for me as soon as he got home."

'I'll Show You the Way, Mom'

By MRS. A. R. PATTERSON
Fairfax, Virginia

painting and fixing he was going to do for me as soon as he got home.

He was getting tired, but he had one more thing to tell me before he went to sleep. There was a place near home where someone had taken him to get popsicles, and since I didn't know where it was he said ever so sweetly, as though it were such a pleasant thought, "Don't worry, I'll show you the way, Mom." Then he softly hummed himself to sleep.

The next day he could only ask for liquids. That night, just before dawn, he went to the heaven we had talked about.

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Another night—and everything was despair as I lay alone on the bed where I had told Don about heaven. Two months had passed since I had heard his soft voice say, "I'll show you the way, Mom."

Somewhere there was "a way." I had searched and searched but I was still as lost as ever. Friends were so sweet and tried to be helpful. Some had lost dear ones, others hadn't, but

all put themselves in my place and offered kind suggestions. But time was not making his loss easier for me to bear—I felt I just had to see Don again. Somehow those last words, "I'll show you the way, Mom," seemed meant for me now—to keep always in my heart and to guide me in the road ahead.

In my sorrow I turned to the Bible and one day I found the words of Jesus in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." I know I must have seen those words before—probably many times as all professing Christians have—but this time they reached my heart and not just my ears. The words of Jesus sang along with those of Don's. Here was *the way!*

Every moment that I could snatch from the care of my other two children and the household duties found me searching the Bible. I had been to church. I believed as much as I had felt the need of believing. I always helped others when I could—well, *al-*

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Reach beyond your
regular circle—

WIN NEW FRIENDS TO CHRIST



By Howard S. Bush
Executive Director of Evangelism

PETER WAS AN EVANGELIST! ON THE Day of Pentecost he stood before an unfriendly crowd, which supposed those gathered in the upper room were drunken, and preached to them the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The preceding fifty days were among the most memorable of all history. Christ's body had been lifted from the Cross and sealed in a sepulchre. Miraculously the stone was rolled aside and only empty grave clothes were found within. Subsequently Christ appeared before His disciples and by many infallible proofs revealed Himself to them as the One who "was dead" but is "alive forevermore."

Christ was seen by upward of five hundred witnesses. To these He gave specific command to wait in Jerusalem "for the promise of the Father."

* Pentecost Crusade theme for 1962

One hundred and twenty persons followed His instructions. Now the Holy Spirit had descended upon them. As their spokesman, Peter stood boldly before the restive crowd.

Looking out over the multitudes from many lands—doubters, mockers, and some devout Jews—Peter commanded attention by crying out, "Hearken to my words... this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel."

After explaining the meaning of the scene he quickly turned to the main burden of his message. "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

This was Peter's most important sermon. Its theme became his lifelong message. *It is the evangelist's theme.* It is the lodestar of the soul winner. It is the life blood of the Church. It



should be the *purpose* of every Christian—for Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses *unto me*" (Acts 1:8).

Peter set out to convince the thousands of persons looking on that Jesus was truly the Christ, the Son of God. His *plan* became evident as he referred to prophetic scriptures in the Old Testament which the coming of Jesus fulfilled.

The arguments Peter presented to support his contention that Jesus was the Messiah were unanswerable. His warm compassionate approach transformed a turbulent, rebellious crowd into an open, receptive audience. Many who came to mock remained to pray. Thousands of new friends were won to Christ.

Our *plan* for this year's Pentecost Crusade follows the evangelistic pattern set forth by Peter and the one hundred and twenty in the upper room. We propose that every born-again believer make it a personal responsibility to befriend those ordinarily not reached by the gospel message.

In every community there are those who at present may be almost antagonistic to religion. You can make spiritual designs on their souls. By planning a way to win them you can make them your friends, and soon you will be winning *new friends* to Christ. This is God's plan for keeping the Church vibrant and alive, and it is His plan for every Christian. The future of the Assemblies of God is in winning *new friends* to Christ.

The success of Peter's message was not due alone to its logical presentation, or its irrefutable arguments, but to the *power* of the Holy Spirit which accompanied the message and worked in the hearts of the listeners. It is this same *power* that is promised to

every believer who becomes a witness.

Peter pointed out in his message that the experience from God was not only for those present at that occasion but also "to all that are afar off." Jesus told His disciples that if they would wait until they received this "promise of the Father," they would have *power* in their lives and they would be *witnesses*. These hand-in-glove promises are contingent one upon the other. Without witnessing and winning men to Christ you have no power, and without the power you are not capable of being an effective soul winner.

The demonstration by Peter and those in the upper room proves that power is given when the Holy Spirit comes. Whenever a witness is given for Christ it will be accompanied by results. On this first day of the glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit some three thousand were converted as Peter faithfully proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A new resurgence of life and power will come to our churches as we *purpose* to win new friends to Christ. The Pentecost Crusade offers a *plan* whereby our whole church may unite in a great evangelistic effort. When every church and every individual believer is fired with a great compassion for the unsaved God will send us the *power* we need and there will be eternal results.

It will then be true as it was in the days of the Early Church—"the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

Pentecost Crusade

EASTER TO PENTECOST

(APRIL 22-JUNE 10)

Winning souls to Christ is the primary responsibility of the Church. This objective calls for the participation of every member of the Assemblies of God.



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My Son Was Healed of NEPHRITIS

By HARRIET P. WILSON
Santa Cruz, California

I SAT IN THE SPECIAL SEAT reserved for the mother of the groom. As Noel stood at the altar waiting for his bride, my thoughts went back eleven years and I heard again the voice of the pediatrician, "We have done all humanly possible. He is now in a coma. If he rallies there is a chance of recovery."

Just a week before, our ten-year-old son had complained of an upset stomach which grew worse until it was impossible to keep even liquids down. The family doctor was called and his diagnosis was—an upset stomach. The prescribed medicine could not be retained and that evening the boy suffered a convulsion. I stayed by him through the night, leading him to the bathroom in the dark as he complained that the light hurt his eyes.

The following day he slept fitfully, roaming from one bed to another, stumbling over and bumping into furniture. That night I dozed beside him, one arm thrown across him to prevent his wandering around in the darkness. The corner street light blinked through the venetian blinds as a breeze moved branches of the trees between. The mournful howling of a dog added to the anxiety I felt.

Shortly before midnight he again asked to be led to the bathroom. Returning him to the bed, I went back to flush the bowl and after closing the door between, snapped on the light. The water in the toilet was bright with blood. I called my husband to verify what I had seen and we dis-

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cussed what could be done. Would it be possible to get medical help at that hour? A report on the convulsion the previous night had failed to alarm the doctor in attendance.

We finally agreed to wait until morning. The next urine was saved for a specimen. When the doctor arrived he suggested calling a child specialist who lived in our town but practiced in the city. A quick but thorough examination followed and immediate hospitalization was urged where more tests could be made. It was ten that night, seven hours later, when the pediatrician called. The diagnosis was nephritis.

I remember asking, "Is there anything more that can be done?" The answer was, "All that is humanly possible is being done." This, he added, included intravenous feeding. It was suggested that we should not try to see the child that night as our presence would only complicate matters.

I remember kneeling in prayer, praying not that the boy would live but that God's will would be done. We had prayed for his recovery all week and had watched him steadily grow worse. Now he seemed beyond human help. I went to sleep planning what I would do if he returned to us.

Early the next morning the hospital reported that the boy was resting better and that we could see him. Directed to his private room ordered by the specialist, we stood in the doorway and watched him bound up in bed and heard him call us. Now his eyes were severely crossed. Water backing up from the improper functioning of the kidneys caused this, we were told.

As we left the room we met the doctor and asked if the crisis was past. His reply was "No." Then when would it come? And the answer was,

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Bible

American Bible Society Active in Latin America

The largest hotel in Nicaragua is now offering its guests free Scripture Portions in Spanish and English which are displayed in a stand on the reception desk.

In Costa Rica 150,000 homes were visited and over 100,000 Gospel Portions were distributed recently in a five-month interdenominational campaign of "Evangelism in Depth." The Scriptures were provided for both of these nations through the Central America agency of the American Bible Society.

Carla-Confiscated Bibles Replaced

Over 3,000 Bibles lost in Louisiana and Texas by victims of Hurricane Carla have been replaced by the American Bible Society. The Society offered such replacements through the churches in the stricken areas by announcements in local newspapers and on radio and television stations. Bibles have been made available in Spanish and French as well as in English.

Prophecy

World Government Proposed by Prominent Leaders

Students of Bible prophecy, cognizant of the coming world government under the direction of Antichrist in the end time, are curious about the most recent call for a world constitutional convention to draft a plan for effective world government. Several well-known clergymen, political leaders, Nobel Prize winning scientists, writers, and educators in many lands are spearheading this effort.

One clergyman signing the manifesto was Dr. Martin Niemoeller of Germany. Another was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga. Others signers included Dr. Donald Soper of London, Methodist pacifist leader; Sir George McLeod, former

moderator of the Church of Scotland; and Dr. Arthur L. Miller, former moderator of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

They urged that a conference be held at Geneva, not later than September 1, to "draft a constitution for a federal world government and to submit that document to all peoples and governments for ratification." They asked each nation to send three delegates and two alternates to this constitutional convention.

Several Buddhist leaders also signed the manifesto, along with such political figures as Clement Attlee, former British prime minister; Queen Elizabeth of Belgium; Field Marshall Ayub Khan, president of Pakistan; Governor-General Nnamdi Azikiwe of Nigeria; Mayor Shinzo Hamai of Hiroshima, Japan; former President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica; and many leaders from India, Japan, and other Asiatic countries.

Bible students recognize the world-government complex as a portent of the earth ripening for Antichrist's regime, but also know that only Christ, the "Prince of Peace," will be successful in establishing a righteous world order. This and many other signs of the times alert Christians everywhere that their "redemption draweth nigh."

Law

Bill Would Curb Pep Pills

Senator Thomas J. Dodd (Conn.), chairman of the Senate subcommittee to investigate juvenile delinquency, has introduced a proposal designed to curb the growing abuse of "pep pills" and barbiturate drugs by teen-agers. He said:

"Existing federal laws are wholly inadequate to combat the steady increase in the misuse of these drugs.

"Passage of this legislation would be an effective way to remove from easy access to juveniles drugs which,

when abused, frequently entice them into disasters of criminal drug addiction, a major part of the juvenile delinquency problem."

Bad Language Scored by FCC

For the first time the Federal Communications Commission has prosecuted amateur radio operators for the use of "indecent, obscene, and profane language" on the airwaves. "Hams" at Birmingham, Ala., and Fresno, Calif., lost their licenses.

Two years ago the FCC revoked the licenses of a number of shrimp boat operators in the Gulf of Mexico and other boatmen for the use of obscenity and profanity. It has now warned amateur radio "hams" to observe the law in this regard or face action.

Sunday Selling Challenged Throughout Missouri

Attorney General Thomas Eagleton announced at Jefferson City that the 135-year-old Missouri Sunday law, found constitutional recently by the state's Supreme Court, would be enforced. He expressed concern, however, over the lenient penalties currently imposed on violators.

"As far as the big corporate offenders are concerned," he said, "the \$50 fine contained in the law is nothing more than a modest license fee to do an illegal act. If the law is to have any significance, a more meaningful penalty has to be applied."

Nevertheless most merchants throughout Missouri began observing the "blue laws" in mid-January. A number of large stores which had been open on Sundays began closing. Drug-stores placed cards on those items on the shelves which cannot legally be sold on the Lord's Day. Many clerks who formerly worked on Sundays now have time to attend church or be with their families.

There are powerful forces within the state which are asking for new legislation to revise or abrogate the statute. Citizens are finding, however,

that they can get along without Sunday shopping.

If all church members would refrain from shopping on the Lord's Day throughout the U.S., merchants would find it unprofitable to keep their stores open.

Maryland Obscenity Convictions Upheld by Supreme Court

The U. S. Supreme Court refused to review the convictions of six Baltimore, Md., newsstand dealers who had been pronounced guilty under the Maryland obscenity law for selling so-called "men's magazines."

The decision is expected to strengthen local enforcement and is viewed as significant by court observers since Maryland's law leaves to the courts the definition of what constitutes "lewd" or "obscene" under contemporary community standards."

Miscellany

Scientists' Social Habits Studied

Is the typical scientist an anti-religious egghead, neglectful of home life? Apparently not, according to a survey released at Chicago covering 1,200 research scientists employed by the Du Pont Company.

The study showed that 88 per cent of the scientists were married, compared with the national average of 85 per cent for their age groupings. Eight-five per cent had children. (Their average is slightly more than two children, compared with 1.5 for the typical American family.)

Although the questionnaire did not inquire about church membership, 75 per cent listed a church or synagogue in their activities. (In the general population, religious affiliation runs only about 60 per cent.)

Leprosy on Increase in Congo

Leprosy is bound to increase in the Congo, according to a former secretary of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency. He said the breakdown in leprosy treatment and scarcity of medicines will undoubtedly cause an increase of the disease that will not be immediately apparent.

Within ten years, he said, symptoms will begin to appear. Because government leprosy camps have been closed, the patients have returned to their homes. Unprotected children now exposed to the disease may not show symptoms for years.

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

YOUR QUESTIONS



✧ *Do you believe there is a heaven and a hell?*

I do, because the Bible says so. Furthermore, I believe this because the hope of heaven and the fear of hell are instilled in the nature of man.

✧ *How do you harmonize Romans 3:10—"There is none righteous, no, not one," with Job 1:1—"Job... was perfect and upright"?*

In Romans 3:10 we have a description of the unregenerate man. Job 1:1 describes a God-fearing servant of the Lord.

✧ *On the day of Pentecost the disciples, when filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke in languages that were understood (Acts 2:11). Why then are tongues spoken of as "unknown tongues" in 1 Corinthians 14:2?*

God wrought a special miracle on the day of Pentecost, enabling those filled with the Spirit to speak in known languages. I do not know whether every one of the 120 spoke in a known tongue. The speaking with known languages here, as the Holy Spirit gave utterance, must be considered an unusual case.

There are two points to remember: (1) The normal use of unknown tongues is in the realm of worship and communion, not for evangelism; see 1 Corinthians 14:2. (2) Unknown tongues require interpretation if their meaning is to be understood; see 1 Corinthians 14:5, 13, 27-28.

✧ *Since God says He will honor His Word above His name (Psalm 138:2), don't you think it's wrong for a church to receive an offering on the open Bible?*

Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks upon the heart. Perhaps some think that putting offerings on the Bible makes giving more impressive. If the purpose is to convey the idea of consecrated giving, it might have value.

On the other hand, if the Bible is used with the idea that more money may come in, the motive may be selfish and wrong. To take advantage of people by means of a show of reverence is not right. In receiving offerings, as in other things, our motives should be pure.

Again, we should beware of showing a false reverence for the Bible, looking on it as a sacred book while we ignore reading it and fail to practice what it teaches.

✧ *Does not Genesis 1:29 prove that flesh was not eaten until after the flood?*

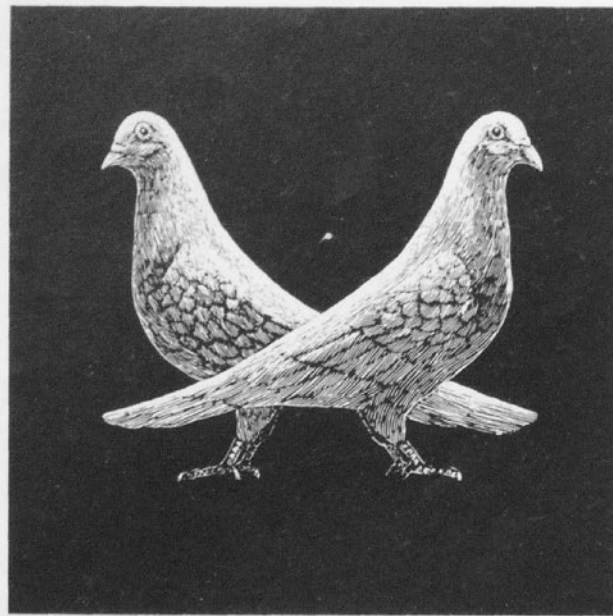
It may, but is it not also probable that God was renewing to Noah rules for eating after the flood which were similar to those before? See Genesis 9:3. It seems that a distinction between clean and unclean animals was made as early as the days of Abel (Genesis 4:6), and when the animals went into the ark they were known as clean and unclean. See Genesis 6:19; 7:2. Perhaps we are free to think as we wish about this.

✧ *What is meant by "itching ears"? 2 Timothy 4:3.*

This means that people will look for preaching which tickles their curiosity and excites their interest in the sensational, while they tire of sound doctrine that requires separation unto God and true following of Jesus. In some it may be an itching desire for knowledge; in others it may be a desire for novelty. They will be like the Athenians who "spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21).

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. Brother Williams will answer either in this column or by a personal letter (if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope).

*As the dove has eyes
only for its mate,
so the Christian's
gaze is fixed
longingly on Christ.*



By CHARLES W. HOLT Pastor, First Assembly of God, Bridge City, Texas

CHRIST'S DOVE

THE SONG OF SOLOMON IS RICH IN DESCRIPTIVE LANGUAGE, picturing Christ the heavenly Bridegroom and His Bride—the Church. The entire book flows with a love that all but defies description.

It is not a sordid love of a carnal nature, as some might suppose, but rather a love that is pure and real. Just as two people genuinely in love will employ every beautiful word and phrase at their command to describe each other, so the language of the Song of Solomon is the language of love.

In chapter five, verse two, the bride is likened to a dove by her beloved. She hears him knocking, saying, "Open to me . . . my dove." He has already made a similar reference in chapter two, verse fourteen, saying, "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock . . ." Later he employs the same words of love in a statement fraught with meaning when he says, "My dove, my undefiled is but one . . ." (Song of Solomon 6:9).

These references to the bride as being a dove are of particular interest. They become very significant when viewed in the light of their application to the Church, the Bride of Christ. We can almost hear the echo of these words from the Song of Solomon as Jesus speaks to the disciples, saying, ". . . Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16).

What then is the significance of Christ designating His Bride, the Church as His dove? Its significance becomes apparent when we consider a few things about doves, noting the striking parallel between them and God's people today.

In Bible times one of the chief uses of the dove was

for *sacrifice*. They often were used when a lamb was too expensive for the offerer. Alluding then to this use of the dove in sacrifice we recall Paul's words in Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a *living sacrifice*, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service . . ."

Living for Christ demands our sacrifice. The entire history of the Church has been one of sacrifice. Men and women in all walks of life have sacrificed fame, fortune, popularity, prestige, friends, and many their very lives in sacrificial service to their beloved Lord. The call to the Church today is still to sacrifice. May we see that as Christ's dove we may be called upon at any time to sacrifice for Him, even to the laying down of our lives.

But even the particular mode of offering the dove was strictly defined. See Leviticus 1:14-17. In this passage we have a repetition of Abram's sacrifice in Genesis 15:9, 10. You will note that care was taken that the bodies of the birds *should not be divided*. How meaningful this is when we recall the words of the bridegroom, saying, "My dove, my undefiled is *but one* . . ." (Song of Solomon 6:9) Immediately we can see God's thought for the Church—it should be *undivided*, it should be *one*.

Jesus prayed in John 17:21, "That they all [believers everywhere] may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Paul speaking by the Spirit says, "There is *one body*, and

one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Christ's dove is not to be divided! His dove is *one*. Surely it must be a grief to His heart when men go contrary to His command and divide His dove, His Bride, His Church. How blessed will that person be who will seek to bring together God's people in "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).

Further investigation into the nature and habits of the dove reveal many other interesting qualities that are characteristic of the Bride of Christ. From time immemorial the dove has been a type of *conjugal love*. One reason given for the *gentle* disposition of the dove is that the bird has no gall—the gall being considered by naturalists of old as the source and fountain of contention, the bitterness of the gall supposedly infusing itself into the spirit.

This same loving and gentle disposition is found in every Christian who walks in the Spirit and yields to His influence, letting Him manifest in the life the fruit of the Spirit which is love. As we yield to the Spirit, the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts. It is a love both toward our Beloved and also toward all whom He loves. For we can love Him only to the degree and measure that we love one another.

The dove is also an emblem of *chastity* as it lives in strictest monogamy, never desiring another mate. Perhaps the bridegroom had that thought in mind when he said of his bride, "... thou hast doves' eyes . . ." (Song of Solomon 4:1).

Just as the dove has eyes for its mate only, so the

Christian has an eye single to Christ and to His glory. How we need in this hour to fix our gaze upon Him who is altogether lovely. Is it not true that we become like that which fills our vision and we reflect that which is set before our faces? If we are looking at the world and the flesh then we shall reflect that image. But we have the privilege of "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord . . . [that we may be] changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

What is the reason we have such qualities that Christ would call us His dove? It is because we are made "partakers of the *divine nature* . . ." (2 Peter 1:4). This is the source. If there is anything lovely in the Church it is only because He has imparted His own loveliness to her. We are His dove because He makes us so.

BE STILL, MY SOUL!

It is in the stillness of the night that the dew falls, and every blade of grass is bejewelled, every flower is refreshed, and the whole countryside is re-baptized into fruitfulness and beauty. On a stormy night there is no dew. The wind-swept moor is dry and sere. And in similar fashion the dew of God's grace never comes to the wind-swept soul. It is only as we learn to be still that we are renewed in the spirit of our mind. Silence itself becomes a sacrament, a vehicle for the approach of our redeeming Lord. —R. Moffat Gautrey

Worry comes through human interference with the divine plan. —Redemption Tidings

JUNIOR READER FEATURE . . . BY DICK CHAMPION

ABRAHAM AND ARITHMETIC

Begin with the number of pieces of silver Abimelech gave to Abraham (Genesis 20:16) _____

Divide by Abraham's age when Isaac was born (Genesis 21:5) _____

To that answer add Sarah's age when she died (Genesis 23:1) _____

From that answer subtract Abraham's age when he died (Genesis 25:7) _____

From that answer subtract the number of righteous people Abraham first asked God to spare Sodom for (Genesis 18:24) _____

Multiply that answer by the number of righteous people God finally promised Abraham He would spare Sodom for (Genesis 18:32) _____

Subtract the number of men who came to Abraham's tent in the plains of Mamre (Genesis 18:2) _____

To that number add the number of armed servants Abraham took to pursue the five kings and rescue Lot (Genesis 14:14) _____

To that number add the number of people who escaped from the five kings and told Abraham that Lot had been captured (Genesis 14:13) _____

Divide that number by the number of measures of meal Sarah used to make cakes for the men who visited her and Abraham in Mamre (Genesis 18:6) _____

From that answer subtract Abraham's age when Ishmael was born (Genesis 16:16) _____

Add Abraham's age when he left Ur (Genesis 12:4) _____

From that answer subtract Sarah's age when Isaac was born (Genesis 17:17) _____

To that answer add the number of children Hagar took with her when she left Abraham's house (Genesis 21:14) _____

ANSWER

If you have figured correctly, your answer should be the number of princes God promised Abraham would be born to his son Ishmael (Genesis 17:20).



THE PRIMARY BATTLE

By MELVIN L. HODGES
Field Secretary for Latin America

THE BATTLE FOR THE WORLD TODAY is primarily a battle of *ideas*. It is not primarily a battle of guns or even of dollars. East and West are locked in a struggle to sell their ideas to the uncommitted nations of the world.

Literature is playing a number one role in the struggle. We are informed from reliable sources that Russia spends \$13,000 a week in one South American country alone—just for air freight to ship its literature. Thousands of people are accepting communist ideas simply because there is nothing else to fill the vacuum. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the "idea" that Latin America needs. There is no more fruitful medium for communicating this message than the printed page. Many of the people of Latin America are becoming literate for the first time. Hundreds of thousands are anxious for reading ma-

terial to satisfy the craving in their minds for knowledge.

The staff of our Spanish Literature Division in the Gospel Publishing House has been valiantly endeavoring to meet the challenge. It is handicapped through lack of workers and particularly through lack of funds. A heavy deficit must be wiped out before forward moves can be made. At the same time, appeals come from all areas of Latin America.

From Cuba the following request has been received: "We are constantly being flooded with requests for tracts... We could use thousands to divide among distributors. So far we haven't had to pay duty on them. One pastor requests five thousand be sent directly to him. Could you do this?... We visit churches that can't afford literature, and we are always sharing ours."



Spanish literature is prepared for printing under the capable direction of John Jackson, co-ordinator of the Spanish Literature Division.

Money is needed to print tracts and send back-dated literature for redistribution. More than any one thing, we need funds to support the translators and workers in the Spanish Literature Department.

Help for Spanish Literature is urgently needed now to maintain this vital ministry which supplies gospel literature, songbooks, Sunday school materials, and tracts to twenty Spanish-speaking nations and the Spanish-speaking Assemblies of the United States.

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to
ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
Foreign Missions Department
1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.



The photo at left shows the full-time workers who produce Spanish literature for all Spanish-speaking Assemblies of God mission fields. Photo at right shows the part-time workers.

KEY to the Harvest

By WILLIAM L. THORNTON
Missionary to Hong Kong

I LEFT MISSIONARY ELDON VINCENT'S office bone-tired. I had ministered throughout the day to a thrilling audience of Hawaiians—the Golden People, a delightful and delicate blending of East and West.

I walked down the steps of the office and started across the court. The light of a full moon filtered through the palm fronds, filling the night with wonder. Lacy shadows made eerie patterns across the cement court. I was ready to step into the church, to walk on through to the waiting car, when I noticed the tall, straight figure of a man emerge from the shadows.

Sandaled feet moved noiselessly toward me. The lean, tall, supple body of the young man who approached me was clothed in a sarong from the waist down. Jet-black hair and a finely featured face were set off by a meticulously kept mustache and a row of perfect white teeth now exposed in a wide, warm smile.

As a moonbeam revealed the young man's countenance, I recognized him as one of the ushers who had served in the evening service. Only a few minutes before, this same young man had stood and greeted the people who came to the service at the First Assembly of God in Honolulu. Dressed in a neat business suit, white shirt,

and tie, he had efficiently and warmly welcomed each person who entered the building. Now he had come to bid me "Godspeed" on my journey.

"Good-by! Study hard. I hope we'll meet again," I told him as I grasped his strong hand firmly.

The identity of this young man, where he is from, and what he is doing in Honolulu is vitally important to you and to the Kingdom of God.

He is a Samoan boy enrolled in Aloha Bible Institute, one of our network of Assemblies of God Bible schools throughout the world. Won to Christ by the faithful work of one of our Assemblies of God missionaries, he came to Hawaii to study for two years. When his studies are completed he will go back to his village and minister to his people.

The communists have taken control of entire nations by implementing the same program that brought this young Samoan to Hawaii. They enroll in their schools one young person from each village in the country. In China alone 38,000 young people have been gathered from the cities and villages of Asia and trained in the godless principles of communism.

For us, this program is the key to world harvest. God has directed our Bible school program. We are proud of the work that has been done. We must redouble our efforts.

Will you remember in prayer this Bible school in Honolulu—and all the others, so providentially and strategically located around the world?

The hope for the harvest lies in this principle: the enrolling in one of our Bible schools of one young person from every village. //

Foreign Missions Department MONTHLY REPORT

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CONTRIBUTIONS

Alabama	\$ 4,388.10	N Texas	17,724.25
Appalachian	908.71	Northwest	31,387.19
Arizona	4,170.73	Ohio	14,306.24
Arkansas	11,300.72	Oklahoma	20,852.15
Eastern	22,639.73	Oregon	18,800.47
Georgia	4,574.90	Potomac	15,263.66
German Br	1,818.49	Rocky Mtn	22,209.14
Greek Br	3.00	S Carolina	996.28
Hungarian Br	10.00	S Dakota	2,332.51
Illinois	17,700.67	S Florida	8,179.71
Indiana	12,722.90	S California	92,746.93
Italian Br	543.11	S N Eng	8,121.31
Kansas	10,713.66	S Texas	12,453.92
Kentucky	1,337.72	S Idaho	1,254.32
Lat Am Br	1,248.38	S Missouri	15,503.60
Louisiana	4,292.17	Span Eastern	309.57
Michigan	16,510.21	Tennessee	9,764.23
Minnesota	16,941.50	Ukrainian Br	89.47
Mississippi	2,254.57	W Central	8,097.78
Montana	4,126.44	W Florida	3,131.00
Nebraska	4,597.33	W Texas	4,424.03
N Jersey	12,143.49	Wis-N Mich	11,453.03
New Mexico	2,476.25	Wyoming	2,552.52
New York	15,910.61	Alaska	224.64
N Carolina	1,177.58	Canada	1,133.16
N Dakota	4,247.42	Hawaii	343.83
N N Eng	1,230.60	Foreign	1,029.40
N Calif-Nev	47,209.83		

Total Amount Reported	\$552,243.16
District Funds	\$11,267.72
National Home Missions	2,730.06
Office Expense	4,987.98
Given Direct to Missionaries	38,887.07
	57,872.83

Received for Council Missionaries	\$494,370.33
Received for Non-Council Missionaries	5,016.78
Missionary Offering not allocated to any state	10,557.85

Total Receipts \$509,944.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Support of Missionary Personnel	\$179,927.32
Missionary Equipment	43,194.44
Missionary Work	70,133.51
National Workers	8,595.88
Deputational Returns	2,266.41
Buildings in Foreign Lands	38,799.22
Missionary Transportation	55,606.14

\$398,522.92
Transferred to "Hold" Accounts 111,422.04

Total Disbursements \$509,944.96



Africa Missionary Called Home

MISS ADA REITZ, FORMER MISSIONARY TO South Africa, has been called to her eternal reward. She passed into the presence of the Lord January 14, 1962.

Miss Reitz first sailed to South Africa in 1929. She worked first at Bethesda and

Lataka. Then a new mission station was acquired at Caledon in 1941. Sister Reitz moved to the new station and pioneered there alone. Within two months she had 35 members in Sunday school. She also taught a daily Bible class at the Caledon school.

In addition to her work at Caledon she taught at the Assemblies of God Bible school in Witbank, and, because of her proficiency in the Shangaan language, she was often called upon to proofread articles for printing at the Emmanuel Press in Nelspruit.

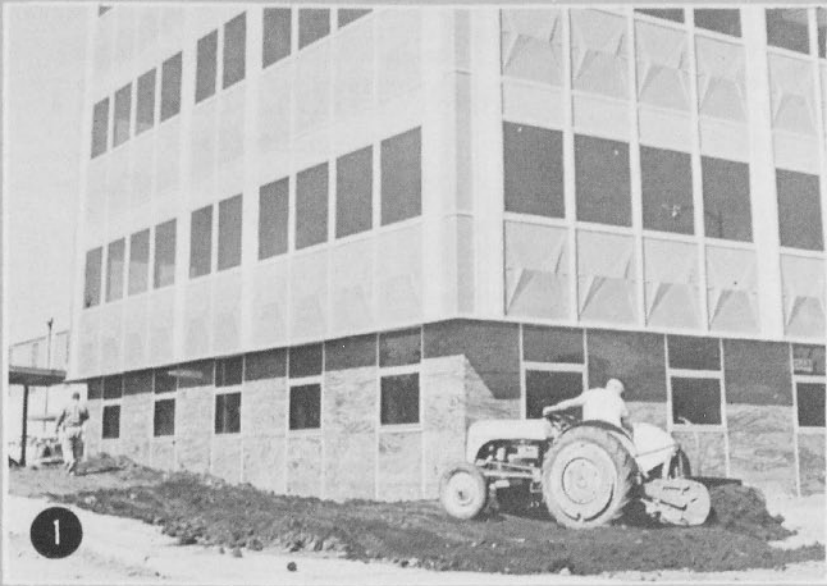
Miss Reitz supervised the building of two houses and was working on the construction of a school at Caledon when ill health forced her to leave the field. She returned reluctantly to the United States in 1951 and re-

tired in Pennsylvania. She lived for a time in a private house and later moved to the United Zion Home at Lititz.

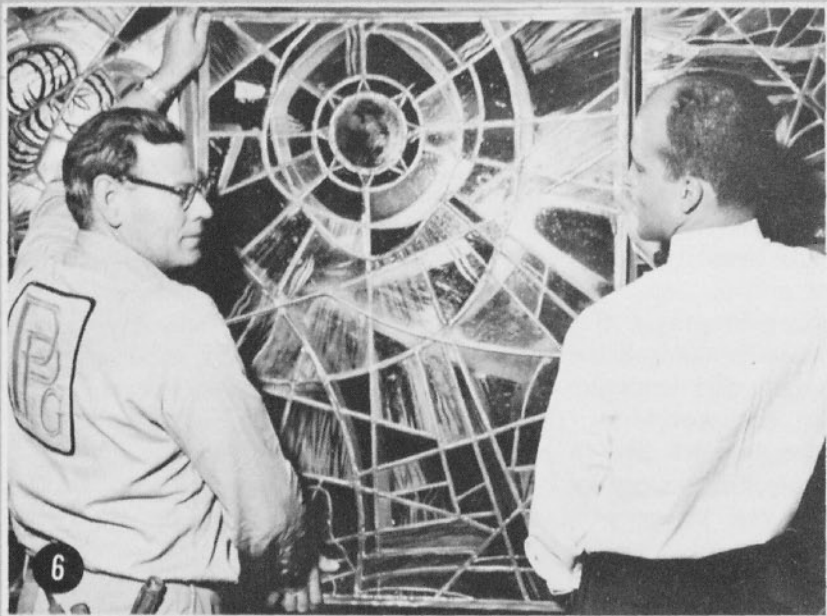
One of thirteen children, Miss Reitz was born at Vogansville, Pa., December 13, 1890. Her parents were farmers.

Ada attended Bible school at Grantham, Pa., from 1918 to 1922 and taught two years at Beulah Bible School, North Bergen, N. J. She came into Pentecost when she was nearly thirty and applied for missionary service soon afterward. It was always a matter of regret to her that she waited so long before going to the field.

The African work progressed steadily under Miss Reitz's direction and she has now gone to claim the reward of her labors for the Master.
—Wilma Jones



NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING NO



The entire staff at the international headquarters of the Assemblies of God is now settled in its beautiful new office building at 1445 Boonville Avenue in Springfield, Missouri. The big task of moving 250 workers from the old location at 434 West Pacific Street began about Christmas and continued until late in January.

1. During a mild spell in January the workmen resumed the landscaping operations.

2. Many hours were spent cleaning out files in all departments in the old quarters. Here Leila Clements and Ann Oatman are shown packing some valuable C. A. records in readiness for moving.

3. Everett Dickens helped load the truck as the office furniture was moved from the site occupied by the denomination for forty-three years.

4. Many hands lightened the work as filing cabinets were set in place in the new headquarters offices.

5. Galbreath Bowman and Gene Ferri checked out new chairs in proper decorator colors for various offices.

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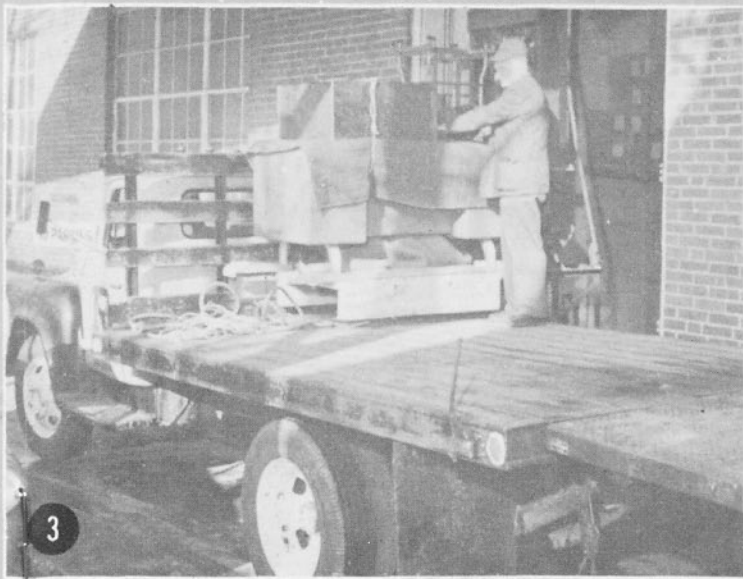
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6. The waiting room on the executive floor was enclosed with a beautiful stained glass screen depicting the six days of creation and the seventh day of rest. James Jackson, Jr. (at left) assisted the designer and artist, Douglas Phillips, at installation of the panels.

7. A marble front and concrete canopy were added to beautify the main entrance of the \$3,000,000 building.

8. It was a happy day when the employees gathered for their first worship service in the new auditorium, located on the second floor of the building.

9. General Superintendent T. F. Zimmerman addressed the staff at this meeting. The singing was led by Eddie Anderson (seated in center). Five executive presbyters sat on the platform: J. P. Hogan, C. W. H. Scott, Bert Webb, Bartlett Peterson, and G. F. Lewis.

(Pictures of the first *Revivaltime* broadcast from the new auditorium appeared in last week's *Evangel*. Further pictures of the new building, reception area, cafeteria, library, and dedication services will be published at Easter.)



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First Assembly of God, Clearwater, Fla has assisted in launching three pioneer churches. (Pastor A. L. Shell, Jr., Inset.)

We Claimed the Lord's Promise

Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38)

By ARTHUR L. SHELL, JR.
*Pastor, First Assembly of God,
 Clearwater, Florida*

JULY, 1954, WAS A RED-LETTER MONTH in my life. This was the month my wife and I were called to pastor a church with about 200 in Sunday school in Clearwater, Fla.

We were informed before coming that a building program would be necessary just as soon as possible. The property was paid for and approximately \$1,500 was in the bank, but the old building needed much repair.

We started planning almost immediately and decided to construct an auditorium of modern design seating approximately 500. Plans were drawn

and by the time the old building had been moved and repaired we had spent the \$1,500. The bank refused to lend us money unless we had fifty per cent of the estimated cost of \$60,000 in cash. This, of course, seemed to block indefinitely any building prospect.

This church, under the fine leadership of D. N. Asbury, had been liberal in giving both to the district and to missionary projects. The monthly missionary offerings had failed, however, to keep up with the pledges made by the church; so money had been supplied each month from the general fund to make up the deficit. This was all right before we needed

a building; but the big question now was: *Shall we concentrate on our own needs for a while and reduce our giving to other causes, or shall we continue to give as before and delay the building?*

I met with the church board. We felt strongly we should take a step of faith and not give less to missions but trust God for the money for the new building. The congregation agreed to this proposition.

Shortly after this, while in prayer one day, I felt it was now time to start building. We still had only a few hundred dollars in the fund, but we all felt assured it was God's time. In November, 1954, we met to lay out the building and set the batter boards.

About that time, an official of an insurance company walked up (having been strangely led to turn his car around and come by the church he



First Assembly of God, Seminole, Fla, was the first church the Clearwater Assembly helped to establish.



First Assembly of God in Palm Harbor, Fla. was the second church to receive assistance from the Clearwater Assembly.

told me later). He asked to sell me some insurance; and since it was almost dark and there was much to be done, I told him I had very little time and really was not interested. He asked whether we had money to build and I said, "No." He quickly replied that his company had just been licensed in Florida and could loan money to churches. He stated they might be able to help us.

I quickly and willingly dropped my work and took time to talk with him. Within two weeks we had obtained the necessary money on loan to build. By using our own men for about ninety per cent of the work, we were able to occupy and dedicate our new building in March, 1955. During this time we had maintained our giving to missions and other worthy work of the kingdom. We felt God was surely working with us, justifying our decision of a few months back.

We had hardly completed raising the money to pay off the last outstanding account when a young lady came over from the neighboring community of Seminole—seven miles from our church—and explained that she had a burden to build a work in her area. She had drawn plans, found a bank interested in a loan, and obtained signatures of relatives and friends, along with her own, on the loan papers.

But the hitch was that no contractor would put up the building for the money available and the lot was not paid for either. The young worker could not proceed with building operations as far as finances would allow because the bank required a finished building.

I felt impressed to accept the challenge of supplying the extra \$2,000 needed to make it possible to build. This was a district-sponsored project, of course, but the district had no money to give or to loan at the time. We arranged for the district to guarantee the lot payments.

With one of my members (a contractor) signing as contractor I proceeded to build, using free labor from our church and local ministers where possible. In a few months the building was completed, pews were installed, and the church was completely furnished. On the night of the dedication we had paid off every outstanding bill, leaving only the bank loan. A. D. Hollingsworth is now pastor here.



The Assembly of God in Tarpon Springs, Fla, was the third pioneer church the Clearwater First Assembly helped to put on its feet.

The net cost to our church was approximately \$1,500 plus our labor. During this time we found our own church was increasing both numerically and financially, and souls were being saved and filled with the Spirit continually. Our growth made a Sunday school building necessary the following year.

Then early in 1957 W. C. Middleton, a minister from Arkansas, visited our church and said he would like to have a pastorate in Florida. I asked him whether he would be willing to pioneer a church. He was favorable, and after a few months he was back with his family to live in the community of Palm Harbor, just fourteen miles from our church and in a population area of 5,000 people. Again there was the problem of money. This time there was no bank to lend, nor friends to sign, and neither could the district supply the money.

I called our church board together and explained the need. They agreed to authorize a second mortgage on our property in the amount of \$8,000. The insurance company came to the rescue again, and with \$1,000 from the General Council and \$2,000 from the district revolving loan fund we purchased property and proceeded to build. Again our men did most of the work and I supervised the building.

By early 1958 the dedication had been held and the building had been occupied. Our church agreed to carry the payments on the loan for two years to give the new church time to get on its feet. We ask them to pay what they could on the General Council and district loans, and some other churches in the section pledged monthly giving for a year. We sent along two families to support with their tithes and teach

Sunday school. These families are still working faithfully.

The church grew, and the third year we supplemented only \$25 a month. They now are carrying their entire financial load and have a full-time pastor with a parsonage. Our total giving to this church was perhaps \$2,500 and again we found our own church growing in all quarters.

In 1960 an Assemblies of God lady felt the need to begin a church in Tarpon Springs, a community nineteen miles from our church with a population of approximately 10,000. Money was obtained, and while this time there was money available to contract the erection of the building, yet there was no pastor in the area and the supervisory job was my lot.

The church was completed, and early this year a fine pastor was installed in a beautiful building. We sent some of our young people up to teach Sunday school until the church could get going. The congregation now is planning an expansion program and God is greatly blessing them through the leadership of their pastor, William P. Register. Our giving to this church has been limited to approximately \$450 to \$500.

The real story in all this is that we have kept our word to God and He has kept His promise to us. During the seven years since our first building was started, we have seen four additional major expansion programs plus the building of a parsonage. We have seen our missionary giving go from \$3,000 a year to approximately \$8,000 last year. We expect it to be even higher this year. We have seen our church membership increase from 85 to 175. Our

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Is every human desire designed

by God to be satisfied? A pastor

advises his daughter on Christian standards.

Familiarity between the sexes

DEAR SUSAN:

Mother mentioned to me your occasional wonderment as to your association with Jim. I would like to suggest, Susan, that boy friends are not an absolute necessity in a girl's life. There should be Christian association with the opposite sex—indeed that cannot be avoided. But this fellowship should be wholly Christian and pure inasmuch as both Christian men and women are to be examples of the transforming power of God to change sinners into saints.

Inquiries about the "mysteries" of love and improper designs upon the opposite sex, even in the realm of mere association, only exploit the fallen nature from which we have been delivered, and these devastate the soul. There is nothing wrong in being well-informed. But for what purpose is the information obtained? Our youth today assimilate such information in order to broaden the realm of sinful exhibition; many Christians do so for the same reason—just short of the sinful act.

Instead of Christians using such knowledge in this way it should be added to our knowledge of life so that we may intelligently adjust our-

selves to godly living in the light of it all.

How can such libertines excuse themselves when the Bible warns us, "Whosoever *looketh on a woman* to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28)? Paul says, "It is good for a man *not* to touch a woman" (1 Corinthians 7:1). The only exception to these Christian convictions is holy wedlock—and if that is not *certainly* in view, association of any kind beyond that of Christian fellowship will devastate the soul, pollute the mind and imagination, and render the life unfit for a godly man—unworthy of the heavenly calling and in danger of the judgment, for "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14).

Parked cars and ensuing caresses between a couple uncommitted to marriage are but giving license to that which damns the dance and delights the harlot. Are not the desires the same in each instance? Who will say they are not?

If you are not sure of your designs

on Jim, you will do well, Susan, if you reconsider this whole area of your life and be honest with it. If you are not honest here, you cannot be honest in the committal of your life to God, and God cannot honor your prayers or sacrifices, however great. If there is doubt as to the rightness of the course, it is certain that familiarities of any kind are wrong. To continue such is to cheat, deceive, and degrade an honest suitor and to testify to all that your designs are not calculated to bring about a lifelong union under God's guidance, but to satisfy the lust of the flesh from which we profess to be saved.

The shadow of a false premise has fallen across the present generation, and it is that every human desire is designed by God to be satisfied. This philosophy completely ignores the fact of man's fall and the perversions of man's concepts which are animated by either Satan or the flesh itself.

In this ideology there is no cross, no place at which the flesh is dealt with or contradicted. The Scriptures which speak of self-denial lose their potency in this atmosphere. It is no wonder that to those who reason thus there is a significant lack of understanding as to what they have been saved *from* and what they have been saved *to*. But God has told us, "If ye live after the flesh ye shall die."

So there is a fatal element in anything pertaining to the *flesh*. Instead of receiving God's blessing, it is under God's curse. Nor is there any possibility of growing the fruit of

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the Spirit on it. Therefore the Christian life is not that of transformed flesh but that of a newborn spirit—given life by God's own Spirit which has begotten us "not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:13).

The apostle very aptly entreats us, "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

Lovingly,
YOUR DAD

'I'll Show You the Way, Mom'

(Continued from page seven)

most always—and I tried to do right as well as I knew how. In fact, I took pride in that our home was the chief gathering place of many neighborhood kids.

But what I had was not enough. There were many things I needed to believe now and I found surprising things in the Bible that I hadn't known were there. For instance, I read that in heaven the angels of the little ones do always behold the face of the Father (Matthew 18:10). Jesus, I learned, was the "firstfruits" of the resurrection. Directed right to my own heart were the Master's words, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

One of my neighbors whom I loved very much and who was very religious had come often to see us at the hospital. She helped me find answers to my questions and showed me that God loved me even though He did let Don die. Perhaps, she told me, this was God's way of drawing me closer to Him and making me feel my need of Him.

But why, I wondered, did it happen to me? Was I such a sinner and so far from God? Here I mentioned a certain neighbor whom I considered much worse than I. She read the answer to me from Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." With tears in her eyes she asked if I obeyed Jesus' command, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all

thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37).

"No," I said, "of course not; that's how much I love Don."

That night as I lay on my bed everything I had ever done wrong according to God's Word piled up on me. I thought of people who seemed to *know* they were going to heaven and how happy they were just thinking about it. I didn't know what they knew. Suddenly I felt there was no hope in heaven or in earth for me now, since the one I loved best had gone to heaven and I felt sure I couldn't go.

I couldn't even say my prayers as usual that night. I just lay there wishing I could know I was forgiven, but afraid that even this doubt might prevent my getting to heaven. It was a night darker even than the one when I lost Don; for then I was almost numb with grief, but now I feared I had really lost him for all eternity.

As I thought of never seeing Don again, I pictured him in my mind as he had been when he went to sleep every night with his fat little thumb in his mouth. I kept seeing him with eyes looking up, twinkling—not asleep, but just teasing. The mental picture became so real I could almost speak to him.

At the same moment a vision of a tunnel of golden tongues of fire from far away came almost down to me—then wavered and disappeared. I was startled and afraid for a moment and then the most wonderful peace took the place of fear. Every worry vanished. Suddenly I just *knew* that Jesus had died for me and that because He loved me I could go to heaven some day!

The realization came to me that God knows our innermost heart all the time—that He loves us and that He is our Father. With loving care He teaches us the lessons we must learn in order that we may enter the greater and more wonderful life with Him. He who made the universe and still governs it and all that is in it made a way home for lost sinners when He gave His only Son to die "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

I thank God with all my heart for letting Don use just those words in our last talk together. For now through God's grace I have found THE WAY.

Serving our Servicemen

Warren F. McPherson, Servicemen's Representative

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CHRIST BEFORE PILATE

Sunday School Lesson for March 18, 1962

JOHN 18:29-38; ISAIAH 53:8-11

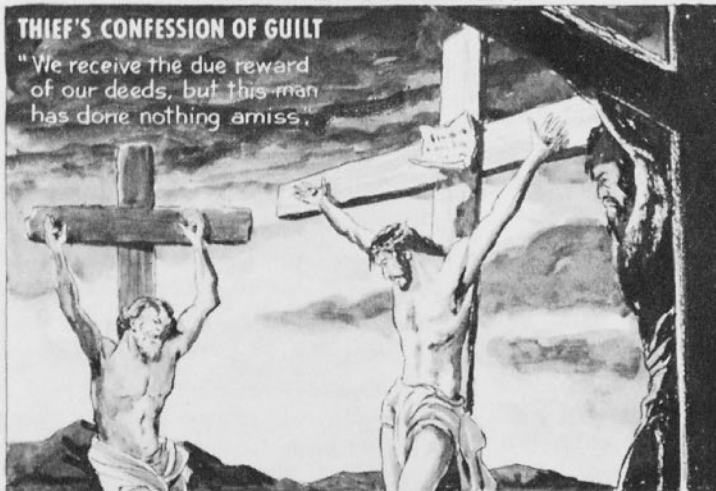
In connection with our lesson text, read Matthew 27:11-26; Mark 15:1-15; and Luke 23:1-25. We shall treat the lesson topically rather than textually.

PILATE'S CONDUCT

It has often been said that Pilate was the one on trial that day, not Jesus—what a contrast between the two men! Christ "was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Christ was the picture of peace and poise; Pilate, the picture of guilty restlessness and amazed uneasiness. Back and forth Pilate went, from Christ to the howling mob then to Herod, and back to the people.

Pilate was convinced of Christ's innocence. Three times, according to John, he said, "I find no fault in him." Pilate "knew that the chief priests had delivered him [Christ] for envy" (Mark 15:10). "I have found no cause of death in him" (Luke 23:22). "What evil hath he done" (Matthew 27:23)?

WHICH ONE FOUND MERCY?



PILATE'S FUTILE WASHING

"I am innocent of the blood of this just person!"

IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 JOHN 1:9



Ramsey

PILATE'S CHARACTER

His Unbelief. When Jesus said to Pilate, "For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth," Pilate cynically replied, "What is truth?" Yet he was standing in the presence of the One who was Truth incarnate, the One who might so easily have dispelled his doubts. Had Pilate listened to the voice of conscience and acted upon principle, it is probable that the Light of life would have flooded his soul. Instead he became a type of all who remain unbelieving because of moral dishonesty rather than because of possessing sincere intellectual doubts.

His Worldliness. Pilate was first and foremost a politician motivated by selfish interests. Pilate wanted to spare Jesus but to do so would have jeopardized his power and position. Again he becomes representative of all who sacrifice principles and convictions and ideals for the sake of expediency or material gain. How our world needs true Christian leadership and statesmanship which is courageous enough to suffer personal loss in order to stand for Christian ideals.

His Weakness. Judging from one of Pilate's strong-handed acts as described in Luke 13:1, one might conclude he was a strong character. On the contrary, our lesson reveals him to be a moral coward, a man deterred by self-interest from doing the right thing. He made a number of mistakes which are commonly made today: (1) He feared the enmity of the Jews. "Willing to content the people," he permitted the crucifixion of the Son of God. "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."

(2) He sought to shift the responsibility for his actions to the shoulders of others, to rationalize his sin and to find plausible justification for it. There are times when all of us tend to do the same thing. The Christian's alternative is to be 100 per cent honest with himself and with God!

PILATE'S OPPORTUNITIES

Pilate did not fail because he was unwarned, or because he had no helpful influences. Three hands, at least, were stretched forth to help him.

(1) His training as a Roman was calculated to cause him to regard weakness as a vice and to be fearless in the performance of duty. Had Pilate lived up to the high Roman ideals respecting duty and justice (see Acts 25:1-6), he would not have stood out through the ages as the symbol of weakness and sinful indecision.

(2) His wife's warning (Matthew 27:19) should have restrained him from the wrong decision. Whether she had had some personal contact with Christ and had been impressed by His character, we do not know, but we do know her advice should have strengthened Pilate in his desire to set Christ free.

(3) The third restraining hand was that of the Prisoner who stood before him. Both the words and the attitude of Jesus throughout the trial should have caused Pilate to fully realize what he seems to have realized in part—that this was no ordinary Man!

Let it be observed for the encouragement of all that "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 to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

—J. Bashford Bishop

Holy Boldness

(Continued from page six)

The outstanding healings usually come at the hands of the daring Holy Ghost-filled minister who boldly commands the afflicted one to "rise up and walk." I believe that healings are often not received simply because it takes boldness to receive—it requires going beyond proper restraint—as did the little woman who pressed through the crowd and touched the hem of His garment.

The illustration has been given that when Jesus went to heaven He left a blank check, signed and made payable to you. All that is needed is to fill in the amount. Have you the courage to do this? Will you take the initiative and have the boldness to fill in your need and cash the check?

Do we lack the power or ability to win souls? Do we lack the power that the Early Church demonstrated simply because we are too timid? Is not the same Spirit in us that was in them? When you and I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit we re-

ceived the administrator of Christ's affairs on earth, along with the power which He possesses. We have abiding in us the source of this needed power, the Holy Spirit of Almighty God.

Therefore, since the Holy Spirit is the administrator of this power and He abides in us, we have the power of God in our lives. It is for boldness to speak in the name of Jesus to the unsaved, and to claim the benefits already purchased by Christ at Calvary, that we need to pray and seek to develop. Let us not become so proper and conventional that we miss the boldness that has sparked our movement to miraculous growth.

Plans for a Bomb Shelter

Dig deep, making sure your foundation is on a rock—the Rock Christ Jesus. Build your shelter strong within and without, providing walls of salvation and gates of praise. Stock it well with the Bread of Life and the Living Water. Have plenty of fruit—of the Spirit. Enter the door and abide in peace, fearing not them which can kill the body but are not able to kill the soul.

HAVE YOU HAD DAILY FAMILY ALTAR THIS WEEK?



USE GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Another Vessel

The vessel lay unnoticed in the dust,
Dropped there by careless hands and left to lie,
Its pattern dulled, a broken, useless thing,
Pushed to one side by hurrying passers-by.
Graceful in shape, and fashioned well from clay,
It had been made for better, nobler things—
The vine's rich fruit; or used, perhaps, to draw
The living water from far northern springs.

And then one day a Nazarene came by,
Unnoticed in the hurrying throng, and He
Paused beside the ruined piece of clay,
And His eyes saw what others failed to see.
He saw the need it had been made to fill;
He saw the graceful pattern and design
Hidden beneath the dirt; and gently said,
"I need thee, poor lost thing; thou shalt be Mine."

Careful, lest He should lose a shard of it,
Soft was His touch upon the ruined clay;
With patient hands and love beyond compare
He gently brushed the dirt and grime away.
And in His hands the worthless clay became
Another vessel, pure without, within,
Able its destined purpose to fulfill
To hold the living waters once again.

—Bess St. John Giffin



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SPECIAL WORKSHOPS for early arrivers at the conventions will be an exciting extra of this year's Regional Sunday School Conventions. From 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday those who arrive early will be able to take advantage of workshops covering the areas of crafts, writing, and Christian day schools. The workshops will be led by specialists: Don Fellows, Charles Van Ness, and C. W. H. Scott.

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WESTERN: FRESNO, CALIF.

April 10-12, Kenneth Schmidt, speaker

Registration for the conventions begins Tuesday morning at 11, with the convention officially opening Tuesday night at 7. A complete list of the workshops offered during the two-day, three-night conventions appeared on the back page of last week's EVANGEL.

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Wildon Colbaugh (left) and D. V. Hurst read the first mail response to release of *Revivaltime* from station WNBS

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 4, 1960, at 3:45, the familiar words, "It's *Revivaltime* everywhere!" were heard for the first time in West Africa's most populous country, Nigeria.

What a thrill the choir's opening song brought to our hearts that day. At last an arm of evangelism capable of doing hundreds of times the amount of work we were able to do was helping us.

Since that time many Sundays of the broadcasting have come and gone.

A *Revivaltime* tape is checked into the WNBS tape library by Oluyinka Johnson. Lower photo: View of station WNBS in Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.



For more than a year *Revivaltime* has been released on station WNBS, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

NIGERIAN LETTERS ARE COMING IN

By MELVIN GRAMS

From week to week we have waited anxiously for response from the African people.

It seemed as if the Africans themselves would never respond. Missionaries responded. Many persons of various denominations sent praise for the program and thanksgiving for the blessing it was to them. Some even reported that they set their alarm clocks to 3:45 on Sunday afternoons so they would not forget to listen. But our African neighbors were slow to react.

What excitement there was when we received our first letter! An African minister of another denomination in Western Nigeria wrote: "My family and I dropped on our knees at the close of your program yesterday to thank God for such a won-

derful program. It was a blessing to us."

Once they began, the letters kept coming. We reached a peak with more than sixty letters in October, 1961. The letters came from the Cameroons, Ghana, and almost every region of Nigeria.

Some writers sought counsel and help, which we were able to give them. Some reported the broadcast had revived them and given them new faith. Some liked the singing, and others praised the preaching. All who have written us appreciate *Revivaltime* and have found it a source of spiritual blessing.

J. O. W. Osin, an employee of the United Africa Company in the provisions department, was the first from the city of Ibadan to respond to *Re-*

J. O. W. Osin was the first person in Ibadan to write to *Revivaltime*. Later, he came to Missionary Grams for advice and was happily reunited with his family.





Melvin Grams (top photo) signs new contract for broadcasting Revivaltime on WNBS as Steve Rhodes, controller of programing, looks on. Lower photo: G. E. Dimitropolous, studio manager at WNBS, monitors Revivaltime tapes.

Revivaltime. His letter, like most of those received here, expressed gratitude for the ministry of Revivaltime and for the literature sent from our office.

One afternoon nearly ten months later, one of the local church members knocked at our door. With him was a stranger whom he introduced as Mr. Osin. We immediately recognized the name from our correspondence.

Mr. Osin came to us because he had a problem and a heartache. His problem was a broken and mixed-up home, a result of his former life before his conversion to Christ.

We counselled with him from God's Word and had a time of prayer together. Today he and his family are happily reunited and are attending a Pentecostal church here in Ibadan.

We are thrilled that Revivaltime played a part in solving this man's problems and that we, as Revivaltime representatives, were able to share in the solution.

Now one year and 277 letters after the initial broadcast, people continue to be blessed. Thousands are hearing Revivaltime, and as a result some are visiting our churches for the first

time. Each person who writes us is sent a personal reply and a booklet, *The Way of Salvation*. Also each receives free a one-year subscription to our monthly paper, *The Nigerian Evangel* published in Aba by our own press. Funds to cover postage and subscriptions have been supplied by donations from our Nigerian radio audience. We thank God for this response.

We are grateful to God for the Women's Missionary Council of the Indiana District who provided funds for the first year's release of Revivaltime here in Nigeria. However, the cost of air time in Nigeria has doubled since last year. Because of this rise in price we have had to change the broadcast from Sunday afternoon to Monday evening at ten o'clock.

Please pray for Revivaltime in Nigeria—that the Lord will send the needed finance, that the radio audience will grow, and that the broadcast's ministry of evangelism in West Africa will expand.

Your letters and offerings for Revivaltime may be sent to REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.



"HOW ABOUT THIS ROW OVER HERE?"

The young pastor watched his farmer-board member as he ranged through the kitchen garden picking out fresh tender ears of corn.

"No—not that row. Spent more on it than all the rest of the garden. That's for seed. 'Course I use commercial seed in the field. This is just a hobby. But the principle's the same. This seed business is one reason we Americans can feed ourselves and half the world besides. We've spent a lot of time and money on heavy-bearing, drought-and-disease-resistant strains."

The pastor smiled. "I should have talked to you first before we discussed putting our Bible colleges in the church budget the other night."

"How's that?"

"Well, you just gave me the best possible illustration. In a few years from now, how are we going to feed our churches, and get the gospel to the rest of the world, if we're not busy developing our seed source? Our Bible colleges are doing their best to produce 'heavy-bearing' doubt - and - despair - resistant leaders—."

The farmer stopped picking corn a minute. "Say, why don't you bring up that Bible college business again? All of us *do* owe the Lord and the future something. I imagine the board just might reconsider!"

Our Pentecostal Bible colleges have the unique ministry of providing the future spiritual leadership of our movement. Until now, our schools have a remarkable record: Central Bible Institute alone, for example, has been responsible for training over 300 of our missionaries, 1,000 of our pastors, and over 30 of our top regional and national leaders. But the future could wither away if we neglect "this row over here"—our Bible colleges, seed for a continuing Pentecostal revival.

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Headlights Cheat Death

By STEPHEN F. OLFORD

ALONE IN THE LONG GRASS OF CENTRAL Africa I learned what it means to be *lost*!

About four o'clock that afternoon I had set off alone for a short hunt. I felt rewarded about an hour later when, while walking along a stretch of pasture, I sighted three antelope in a hollow of the plain. Taking note of the wind direction I commenced to stalk the game for range, but paused just before lifting my gun. In that pause the wind changed, and the antelope darted away like greyhounds.

Feeling tired and disappointed I lay there for a few minutes when suddenly I saw one of the antelope reappear. I knew these animals suffer from a fatal curiosity, but whatever he had in mind I decided there would be no pause on my part this time! In an instant the gun was at my shoulder, and the sharp report was followed by a dull thud. The antelope reeled and sank to its haunches—but not for long.

Apparently the bullet had only stunned it and before I could reach the struggling animal it was up and floundering away. I felt sure it would drop again, so I reserved my second barrel and gave chase. For a time I pursued my prey across the open plain, but suddenly it darted into some long grass and disappeared. Still undaunted I continued the chase following the trail of trampled-down grass.

In all this excitement there were two very important things that had slipped my mind: one was time, and the other was direction. It was not long before both became very important to me. Darkness suddenly overtook me, and with the darkness came the difficulty of discerning my whereabouts.

I tried to retrace my steps by feeling my way along the trail of trampled grass, but it was useless. In dismay I faced the dreadful fact that I was lost. No one can imagine the terror

produced by such a situation unless he has experienced it himself.

I was *lost*! What a sense of helplessness and utter loneliness there is in the word—a sense of being cut off and thrown back on oneself *alone*. It gives a new meaning to that pregnant statement of Christ: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was *lost*" (Luke 19:10).

A new sense of man's *spiritual* plight came to me that night as I wandered through the long grass, miles from anywhere and knowing that I was lost. I cried to God for guidance and help and He did not fail me. In a remarkably short time I reached the open plain again and my heart was full of gratitude.

For a time I tramped on, but as darkness deepened and the shrill cries of nocturnal birds rent the still night air a sense of depression and fear came over me. These feelings deepened when the distant sound of hunting leopards reached my ears and I realized the possibility of being attacked.

I paused to reload my gun. No sooner had I done this than the outline of two leopards appeared a few yards away. The horror of a ghastly death now faced me. It was useless to fire—visibility was too poor for accurate shooting and a wounded leopard is a formidable enemy.

Again I sought the Lord and again He listened to my cry and made me very conscious of His presence. It

seemed to me that my experience just then was similar to Daniel's who, with lions all around him, could say, "My God... hath shut the lions' mouths" (Daniel 6:22).

Suddenly across the dark plain came a voice. Someone was calling from far away—someone sent to help me! "Lights! Lights!" I yelled with a voice that seemed to be strengthened by a supernatural power.

Almost immediately the scene was illuminated by the glare of two powerful headlights. My heart leaped with joy as those beams lit my pathway, frightening the beasts away.

Before long I was back in camp with my people who had been so anxious but were now rejoicing in my safe return.

How remarkably this incident pictures the soul that is lost from God, having wandered from God's way and unable to get back by itself. This is the reason Jesus, "the light of the world," came to meet us in our search for home. He turns God's headlights of salvation on our path, saving us and preserving us from Satan's subtle attacks. He says: "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

If you have realized that you are spiritually lost—away from God—simply trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Guide. Invite Him into your heart and life today.

—Victory Tract Club, London

We Claimed the Lord's Promise

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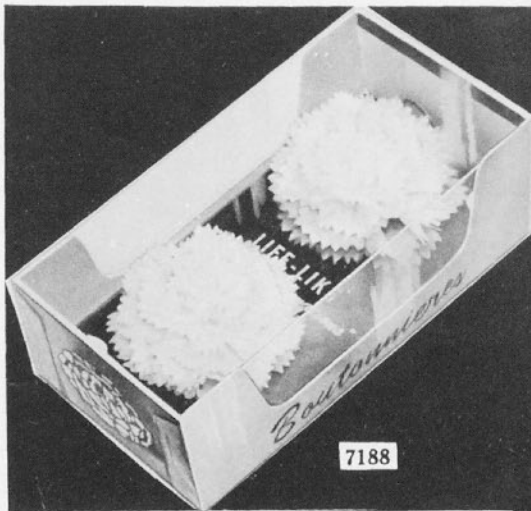
Sunday school has grown from a little over 200 to an average last year of 401. Our finances have almost tripled during the same period. Our property was valued in 1954 at about \$35,000 and is now officially appraised at \$225,000 with only \$35,000 indebtedness.

We have great plans for the coming year and hope the Lord will enable us to build still another church in Dunedin, a town bordering Clearwater on the north. We are trying to enlist the cooperation of all the churches in our section for this project since it is a major undertaking financially.

A missionary convention encompassing most of our churches was held in our section during early February. One- or two-night meetings were conducted in each church. During these services we stressed Home Missions and Foreign Missions alike and saw a little "Breakthrough" of our own. We secured the services of R. L. Brandt, national Home Missions secretary, and Wesley Hurst, Foreign Missions promotional director, for these conventions.

I am more convinced than ever that God will forever bless those people and churches who are willing to be channels through which He can flow. We expect to increase our giving in all directions as God enables us. Our promise of 1954—to give no less during a building program than before—still stands. ■■

Gifts and Supplies for Easter



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- 17 EV 7157 The Good Shepherd: John 10:14**
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- 17 EV 7160 Christ My Pilot 15c each;
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8 EV 5672 Gethsemane. The beauty and peacefulness of the scene at Gethsemane is captured in this picture.

8 EV 5670 BEHOLD THE LORD. A new interpretation by artist Sallman showing the Easter morning scene with Mary at the tomb.

8 EV 5676 RESURRECTION MORN! Depicts the three empty crosses in background and the women hurrying to the tomb.

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Evangelism Breakthrough

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1. Handing out invitations to the Youth-a-rama rally in Wadena, Minn. 2. Part of the crowd attending the Rally at the Memorial Auditorium. 3. Fellowship rally in future home of Wadena Assembly. 4. Group participating in the Youth-a-rama.

Breakthrough in Minnesota Town

WADENA, MINN.—A combination fall sectional fellowship meeting and YOUTH-A-RAMA of two days' duration was the means of reaching many individuals in this city for Christ. Several received a personal experience of salvation.

As the people gathered from seventeen different cities for fellowship, they were particularly encouraged to evangelize. During the Monday service held at the Congregational Church, Daniel Ost, missionary to Mexico, challenged hearts with the unfinished task of the harvest. In the evening Evangelist Paul Hild spoke on the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Students became burdened for their friends in these services. Invitations were given out to high-school students to attend the Tuesday night YOUTH-A-RAMA. A photo above shows Niilo Seppala, Pastor of the Assembly

of God at New York Mills, Minn.; Sherman Buschow, local pastor; Evangelist Paul Hild; and a layman, Mr. Vate from Verndale, Minn., handing out invitations at the high school.

A large throng assembled at the Memorial Auditorium for the YOUTH-A-RAMA service, and some gave their hearts to the Lord.

The nighttime fellowship rally was in the Wadena Congregational Church which the local Assembly of God plans to purchase soon for its future home.

—Sherman Buschow, Pastor

N. KANSAS CITY, MO.—Three weeks of revival were concluded at First Assembly of God here during the month of December. The revival was conducted by The Musical "Vanns"—which was this evangelistic team's second cam-

paign at First Assembly. During these meetings the Sunday school reached the highest monthly average in the history of the church, and 40 persons came forward to accept Christ for salvation.

—R. A. McClure, Pastor

SPENCER, IND. — Evangelists Ed and Harry Vibbert of Evansville, Ind., just concluded a revival at the Assembly of God here. During this campaign 15 persons came forward for salvation, and several others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

—William Moorman, Pastor

RIVERSIDE, PA.—The former Roman Catholic monk, A. J. Chandonnet, now an Assembly of God evangelist, recently concluded a two-week New Year's revival series at the Danville Assembly of God here. There was an intense moving of the Holy Spirit

and spiritual needs were met nightly as the gifts of the Spirit were manifested in an extraordinary way.

—Robert L. Lafferty, Pastor

TIFTON, GA.—A very successful revival meeting has just been concluded at First Assembly of God here with Evangelist Dave Collins of Columbus, Ga. Ten individuals were saved and one received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. The ministry in Word and song was a great blessing.

—O. L. Stokes, Pastor

MT. EDEN, CALIF.—The Mt. Eden Assembly of God just concluded a two-week revival meeting with the Ceylonese evangelist, Lloyd Perera. The church was spiritually stirred as 22 individuals gave their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Sunday school reached an all-time high.

—John C. Duncan, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORKERS TRAINING— Mar. 19-23 at Oceanside Assembly of God, Oceanside, Calif. Don Coleman, speaker. Carlsbad Gospel Tabernacle and Cardiff Assembly joining with the Oceanside Assembly.—by P. C. Walcher, host pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS FOR CENTRAL AMERICA—Sula, Honduras, Mar. 7-12; Potrero Grande, Costa Rica, Mar. 13-15; San Jose, Costa Rica, Mar. 16-18; Matagalpa, Nicaragua, Mar. 20-22; Leon, Nicaragua, Mar. 23-25; Santa Ana, El Salvador, Mar. 27-28; San Salvador, El Salvador, Mar. 29-30; San Miguel, El Salvador, Mar. 31-Apr. 1; El Progreso, Guatemala, Apr. 2-4; Guatemala City, Guatemala, Apr. 5-6; San Jose, Guatemala, Apr. 7-8. Robert Pirtle, pastor First Assembly, Roseville, Calif. and Juan Romero, director general of S.S. Department of Latin American District, speakers.—by George H. Davis, S.S. coordinator for A/G in Latin America.

WITH CHRIST

MRS. MATTIE M. LONG, 74, of Des Moines, Iowa, recently went to be with the Lord after a heart attack. Sister Long was a licensed minister with the West Central District and assisted her husband (Charles E. Long) in serving churches in Des Moines, Knoxville, Creston, Cedar Rapids, Clarinda, and Davenport, all in Iowa. Brother Long, now superannuated, served for many years as secretary-treasurer of the district. Sister Long is survived by her husband, two sons, William E. (of East Gary, Ind.) and Paul Long (pastor at Reedley, Calif.), three daughters, one sister, ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

ALEXANDER M. SELNESS, 59, of Topeka, Kans., went to his eternal reward on January 2 following a heart attack. He was a graduate of Trinity Bible School and Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., and was ordained in 1929 at Enchant, Alberta, Canada. He served as a pastor and evangelist having pastorates in Devils Lake, Binford, Cavalier, and Rugby, N. Dak.; Buffalo and Vermillion, S. Dak.; Davenport, Iowa; and Topeka, Kans. He also served as a district official in various capacities. Brother Selness was a hard worker and just before his Homegoing completed the seventh church building constructed during his ministry. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, three brothers, four sisters, and three grandchildren.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	First	Mar. 6-18	Calvin Melton	Max McNab
	Mobile	First	Mar. 11-25	Woodrow Oxner	W. L. Baker
Ark.	Harrisburg	Greenfield	Mar. 18—	Freddie Richardson	Bobby Gasaway
	Hope	First	Mar. 13-25	Wm. Thurman Fountain	W. C. Land
	Natural Dam	Grandview	Mar. 11—	Ezra Newby	Doyle Crane
	N. Little Rock	Bethel	Mar. 12-25	A. G. & Mrs. Calaway	B. Earl Maxwell
	Russellville	New Bethel	Mar. 18—	Royce & Mrs. Lowe	J. W. Keeling
	W. Memphis	First	Mar. 13-25	Bob & Jeri Winford	Basil Edwards
Calif.	Bakersfield	Bethel Temple	Mar. 11-25	Orrin Kingsriter	Everett Stenhouse
	Del Rosa	A/G	Mar. 11-25	David O. Bunch	E. L. Branson
	Downey	First	Mar. 18-25	Bob Cavallini	Ray F. Curtis
	Fontana	Calvary	Mar. 11—	Knouse-Stovall Team	Charles H. Miller
	Hollydale	Bethany Chapel	Mar. 18-25	J. G. Hall	Watson Argue, Jr.
	Keyes	A/G	Mar. 18-23	Charles Senechal	S. G. Cox
	La Mesa	Gospel Tab.	Mar. 14-25	Stanley P. MacPherson	Douglas G. Scott
	Modesto	Neighborhood	Mar. 13-25	John Everett	Roy Blakeley
	Oxnard	A/G	Mar. 11-16	J. G. Hall	Wesley Goodwin
	Riverside	La Cadena Drive	Mar. 11-25	J. W. Henegar	D. F. Ferguson
	San Diego	Ocean Beach	Mar. 11-25	Linfield Crowder	L. C. Harris
	San Jose	Bethel	Mar. 13-18	Garfield J. Unruh	L. R. Keys
	Stanton	Calvary	Mar. 11-18	Earl McMilin	James Pearson
Conn.	Stamford	Gospel Tab.	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	Albert Earle	Roy T. Johnson
	Willimantic	A/G	Mar. 13-18	Bob & Pat Ludwig	H. Norman Suhl
Fla.	Clewiston	* A/G	Mar. 12-25	Douglas Bartlett	James F. Kimbrel
	Quincy	First	Mar. 12—	A. L. Williams	C. E. Hodges
	Tallahassee	Lake Jackson	Mar. 13—	Jimmy & Carol Snow	Wesley Weekley
Ga.	Blakely	First	Mar. 5—	Bobby Jackson	Emory Evans
	Columbus	Benning Park	Mar. 14-25	Perrello brothers	T. Delma Whitehead
	Griffin	A/G	Mar. 18—	Nettie Parham	Clarence Jackson
Ill.	Abingdon	First	Mar. 13-25	Norman & Mrs. Hays	Joseph Cusic
	Augusta	A/G	Mar. 4-18	Bonnie M. Ruble	A. I. Sherman
	Jacksonville	First	Mar. 14—	Jimmy & Mrs. Swaggart	W. A. Gardner
	Quincy	Bethel	Mar. 13-25	Watson Argue	J. W. Ellsworth
	Rochelle	Hillcrest	Mar. 13-27	C. A. Kelly	Noah McDermott
Ind.	New Castle	First	Mar. 6—	Charles E. Crank	Paul W. Davidson
Kans.	Manhattan	A/G	Mar. 13-25	Ray C. Eskelin	Ernie Camery
	St. Francis	A/G	Feb. 25-Mar. 11	Lambertson Evangelists	George Barber
Md.	Baltimore	Bethel	Mar. 13—	V. M. & Mrs. Dullabaun	T. P. Miller
Mich.	Battle Creek	Pennfield	Mar. 6-18	William & Mrs. Farrand	Rufus Richendrfer
	Hillsdale	A/G	Mar. 13-25	E. E. Petroski	Truman S. Lowell
Miss.	Waynesboro	First	Mar. 4-18	Carl Walker, Jr.	James H. Carlisle
Nebr.	Taylor	A/G	Mar. 6-18	W. O. & Mrs. Ziegler	J. L. Loutzenhiser
	Valentine	A/G	Mar. 14-25	Musical Lebsacks	Harry J. Blakkolb
	Walthill	A/G	Mar. 13-25	Ken Haddaway	E. L. McNaughton
N. Mex.	Hagerman	First	Mar. 7-18	Don Martin	J. H. Medley
N. Y.	Brooklyn	Lighthouse	Mar. 6-11	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Arthur Stegen
	Elmira Heights	Glad Tidings	Mar. 13-18	W. Clifford Nelson	Eddie Lowmaster
N. Dak.	Jamestown	First	Mar. 13-25	Wes & Pat Larson	G. L. Riffe
Ohio	Canton	Glad Tidings Tem.	Mar. 13-25	Olshevski Musical Tm.	Hubert L. Tomlinson
	Salem	First	Mar. 13-25	Joel Palmer	W. T. Dick
Okla.	Jay	A/G	Mar. 6-18	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	Herbert Durbin
	Oklahoma City	Southwest	Mar. 12-25	Cecil Brown	H. H. Palmer
Oreg.	Dallas	A/G	Mar. 13—	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	Albert Davis
	Portland	First	Mar. 11-25	Robert Watters	Kenneth Haystead
	Prineville	First	Mar. 13-25	O. E. Vaale	N. E. Ravan
Pa.	Altoona	Pleasant Valley	Mar. 6—	Harold May, Jr.	Duane Wessman
	Brookville	First	Mar. 18-Apr. 1	Jim Chandonnet	Vernon Boyer
	McKeesport	A/G	Mar. 14-25	Paul Hild	Paul Wislocky
	Mill City	A/G	Mar. 6-18	David & Mrs. Howe	D. J. Paglia
	Newport	A/G	Mar. 15-18	Dan & Anita Bogdan	Henry Shaffer
S. Dak.	Murdo	A/G	Mar. 18—	Roger Haas	J. L. Glass
Tex.	Bay City	Trinity	Mar. 11-23	Mike Wright Family	H. H. Spurgeon
	Texarkana	Oaklawn	Mar. 18—	Nathan Helms	V. D. Dial
	Vidor	Evangel	Mar. 16-25	R. E. Dickens	C. Andrew Radke
Utah	Moab	First	Mar. 13—	Ken George Team	Robert J. Smith
Wash.	Cle Elum	A/G	Mar. 13-Apr. 1	Archie & Mrs. Phelps	W. W. Phinney
Canada	Leamington, Ont.	Full Gospel Tab.	Mar. 14-25	The Kudra Musical Tm	Ella B. Giles
C. A.	Belize, Br. Honduras	A/G	Mar. 10-25	Joseph De Grado	R. Schirman
India	Calcutta	A/G	Mar. 18—	Quentin-Dwight Edwards	Mark Buntain
Indonesia	Surabaya	A/G	Mar. 7—	Bob Hoskins	L. Stephanus
Korea	Seoul	Evangelistic Ctr.	Mar. 18—	Al & Tommy Reid	John Hurston
W. I.	Pt. of Spain, Trin.	** Seamen's Union Aud	Mar. 11-25	Forseth Musical Trio	Pat Ryan, Chairman

* Youth Revival

** City-wide Revival

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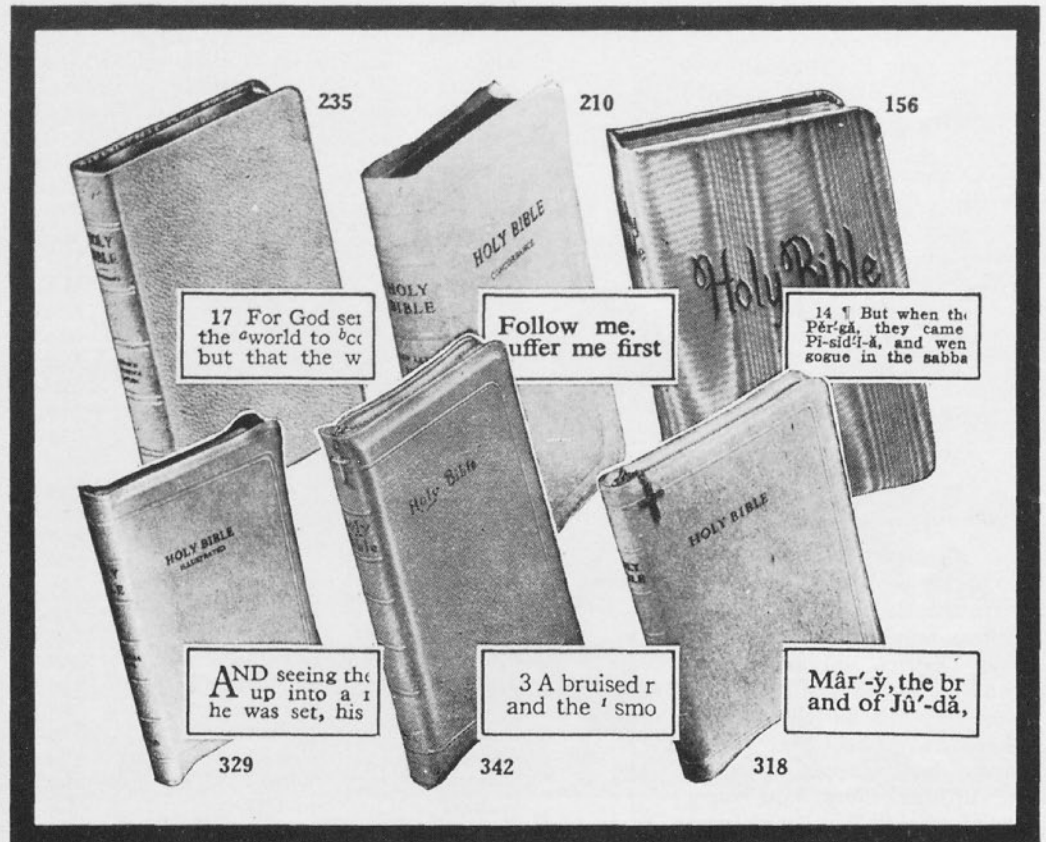
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My Son Was Healed of Nephritis

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"Any time." Late the following day, however, he stated that if the child continued to improve as he had been doing, he was out of immediate danger.

A week later we brought our son home, weighing forty pounds and wearing an eyepatch on his eyes alternately to prevent the misuse of either eye. We were assured eyesight would be normal as soon as his condition became so. Weeks of care followed. He was a bed-patient on a low-salt diet.

To keep a ten-year-old happy is no small task but hours were spent reading aloud to him. Two large Bible-story books and an entire series of children's books were exhausted. Bed sheets were ruined by airplane dope and paint. Then one day I was told to use my own judgment as to his food. Six weeks after school started he entered his classroom to find a sympathetic teacher and pupils who did not ridicule the thin lad still wearing an eyepatch.

Three years later we attended the annual grade school band concert and amusedly watched our son almost hidden behind the huge euphonium—unseen but not unheard. From student mayor in grade school to class president in high school, through basketball, football, track, tennis, and boxing—he welcomed every activity.

On graduation night there was the coveted honor pin with a life-membership in the California Student Federation. Then followed three years of Bible college and a year in the university. Athletics were shelved except for crew which was too tempting to refuse to one who was six-foot-four and weighing 180. Watching the shells skim over the water on exhibition day, I thought again of the forty-pound boy we brought home from the hospital and wondered if the specialist would recognize him now.

What contributing factor was most important in his recovery? Was it the doctor who acknowledged the end of

human aid but continued giving his skill for a full year, knowing case histories proved the disease invariably returned? Was it the doctor's associate who succeeded in forcing a needle into the slender arm that first night in the hospital after the gentle nurse had failed? Would life have been sustained without these fluids? There was a nurse's aid who discovered the small patient under his bed hurriedly picking up the spilled tin of hard candy, his first-allowed sweets. There was the dietician who gave in detail instruction as to his food chart. Then there were the many friends who prayed earnestly for his recovery. All were appreciated.

To me, however, it was a time of heart searching. Had I neglected this child, given to me by God, in the busy round of pastoral responsibility? He would be neglected no longer.

Again, to me, the boy's recovery was a miracle. It was one of those mysteries of life which are unex-

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Sanctuary in the Space Age

By DON JOHNSON



THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS SERVICE RECENTLY RELEASED an article headlined, "Science Sees Moon As Our Sanctuary." Its subtitle heralded the moon as a "place for survival when bombs devastate the earth." A noted scientist said in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* that if we blow up the earth with atomic weapons the human race will not be exterminated; the survivors will be on the moon. For some this is a ray of hope breaking through the gloom.

Two things are evident in this article: (1) our scientists see that there will be no hiding place on earth; (2) at least some people will be looking to the moon for shelter and safety.

Even if man should make it to the moon, how long would safety and security be his?

The Psalmist long ago wrote, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (Psalm 139:7-10).

The Bible says there shall come a time when "the kings of the earth, and the great men . . . and every bondman, and every free man, will hide themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and shall say to them, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Revelation 6:15-17). But there will be no place to hide!

Where shall a man find refuge and shelter from his sin so that he need not seek a hiding place from God? The Bible says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Proverbs 18:10). "From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy" (Psalm 61:2, 3). "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge, and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust" (Psalm 91:2).

God has provided a hiding place in His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*"On Him almighty judgment fell which
would have sunk a world to hell;
He bore it for a chosen race and thus
becomes our hiding place."*

You need not travel the 238,840 miles to the moon for a place to hide. Right where you are you can repent of your sins, trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and find shelter and refuge through all eternity.

*"Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!"*

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