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

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WHEREVER YOU GO...
AN AMBASSADOR



C.A. DAY.. *... Youth on the go...*

ARE MOST AMERICANS INSANE?

In a recent release, Dr. E. M. Wadsworth, Director of the Great Commission Prayer League, Chicago, quotes from a sermon by Dr. Timothy Dwight, first president of Yale. Here is the quotation and Dr. Wadsworth's comments:

"One recently got a tremendous shock while reading Dr. Timothy Dwight's sermon on prayer. 'Parents who do not have family prayers are insane.' Insane? Yes, that is the right word. Suppose Christian parents have to part forever from their children at the gates of God's heaven because they neglected prayer! 'Insane' is the right word for all who neglect family prayers."

Remember Jeremiah 10:25: "Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name."

—*Christian Victory*

GALLOPING HORSE

In the Rocky Mountains there is a stream which comes down the Continental Divide. The Indians have named it Galloping Horse. At one place the river divides—part of the water goes down one side of the Continental Divide and flows toward the Pacific ocean; the rest of the water goes down the other side and flows toward the Great Plains.

It is said that the slightest breeze influences the flow of this water. Just a breath of air will make more water flow over one side than over the other. And a high wind can exert so much mastery that almost all the water will go one way.

The influences which we exert over people who come into contact with us is very similar to the power which the wind has on Galloping Horse. Just a word from us or a word spoken at a crucial moment can make all the difference in the world. Even a casual nod can have the same effect as the faint rustle of air blowing across the Continental Divide.

—*The Christlife Magazine*

WHERE HOLINESS DWELLS

I wondered within myself where *Holiness* dwelt, but I feared to go in search of her. I knew she would never be at home in the lowlands and busy streets of Mansoul. All whom I asked about her answered doubtfully. One said that she had died long ago; indeed, was buried in Eden before Adam came out.

One said that she lived away at the end of the Valley of the Shadow of Death—her house was on the brink of the river and I must hope to meet with her just before I crossed it. Another argued almost angrily against this notion. "Nay," said he, "she lives farther on still; search as thou wilt thou shalt never find her till thou art safely across the river and landed on the shores of the Celestial City."

Then I remembered how well I had fared aforetime

on that Holy Hill and went forth again. So up the lonely way I went and reached the top of it and looked once more upon my blessed Saviour. And lo! there was Holiness sitting at the Master's feet. I feared to say that I had been looking for her; but as I gazed upon the Crucified and felt the greatness of His love for me, and as all my heart went out in love and adoration, Holiness rose up and came to me all graciously and said, "I have been waiting for thee ever since thy first coming."

"Waiting where?" I asked, wonderingly.

"At His feet," said Holiness. "I am always there."

—*Mark Guy Pearse*

PRIDE REBUKED

The life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ are a standing rebuke to every form of pride:

PRIDE OF BIRTH: "Is not this the carpenter's son?"

PRIDE OF WEALTH: "The Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

PRIDE OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE: "He hath no form nor comeliness."

PRIDE OF REPUTATION: "Made himself of no reputation."

PRIDE OF SUPERIORITY: "I am . . . as one that serveth."

PRIDE OF ABILITY: "I can of mine own self do nothing."

PRIDE OF WILL: "I seek not mine own will."

PRIDE OF RESENTMENT: "Father, forgive them."

—*Christian Digest*

DON'T LIMIT GOD

Above everything else in your prayer, beware of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do.

—*Andrew Murray*

Blessed indeed is the man who trusts in God, for he is enveloped in divine love. Above him are the overshadowing wings. Around him are the guardian angels. Underneath, the everlasting arms. And within His peace.

An old epitaph:

"Here lies a man—men thought him mad,
The more he gave, the more he had."

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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April Deadline

It remains to be seen whether President Kennedy's April deadline for the resumption of atmospheric nuclear tests by the U.S. will have any effect on the international disarmament conference that is now in progress.

As we go to press on March 20 there seems to be little prospect, if any, that an agreement to ban nuclear tests can be reached before the deadline. The seventeen nations represented at Geneva cannot trust one another. In the case of the western nations they have good reason to refuse to trust any promise of the U.S.S.R. to disarm unless the latter will agree to outside inspection. This the U.S.S.R. is not likely to do. Therefore the world can expect a continuation of nuclear testing and a further buildup of military power on both sides.

At present both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. reportedly are spending approximately one-half of their national budgets for military purposes. In a situation such as this, war cannot be averted forever. The Bible seems to bear this out. God's Book says there will be no lasting peace prior to the coming of Christ. Not until He returns to earth will men enjoy the Golden Age of which they have dreamed for so long. We call it the Millennium because we read in Revelation 20 that it will last a thousand years.

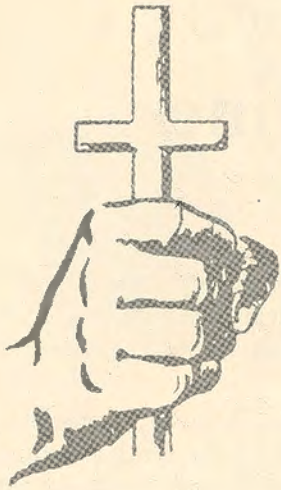
Jesus said, "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:43). In that day all swords shall be beaten into ploughshares, and spears into pruning-hooks. Universal disarmament shall be realized at last! But notice that in both of the scriptures that hold forth this promise (Isaiah 2:4 and Micah 4:4) it is stipulated that the universal disarmament shall occur *when Christ rules as Judge over the nations*.

Our cry should be, "Come, O Christ, and reign upon the earth. But first, come and reign in every human heart that will permit Thee to sit upon the throne of its individual life." For Satan rules the hearts of most men today, and as long as he reigns as the prince of this world there shall be wars and desolations in the earth. For it is written in God's Book, "There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked" (Isaiah 48:22).

In vain do men try to make peace with other nations without first making peace with their Creator. How tragic it is that they persist in ignoring the ancient invitation, "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee" (Job 22:21). The world lieth in the evil one; therefore it is doomed to trouble and sorrow. But the individual who separates himself from the sins of the world can have peace, even in a world of strife. Peace, salvation, and eternal life can be enjoyed by everyone who will accept Christ, the Prince of Peace, as Saviour and Lord.

As it is with the world, so it is with the individual—the divine promises are all wrapped up in the person of Christ. "He that hath the Son hath life" (1 John 5:12). Our future, as individuals and as nations, depends upon our acceptance or rejection of the claims of Christ.

—R.C.C.



THE DYNAMICS OF EVANGELISM

BY JERE D. MELILLI, M.D.
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*A layman points to four indispensable
elements in successful soul winning*



JUST PRIOR TO HIS ASCENSION CHRIST said to His disciples, "*Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . .*" (Acts 1:8). If we are His disciples, we are called to be His witnesses.

But witnessing is not the mere statement of a belief nor the recitation of a doctrine. It must be more than the mental exercises of the well-trained churchman, or the rehearsal and application of prememorized questions which have been designed to make witnessing easy. The gospel is good news, and the news bearer must throb with the excellence of his message and the urgency of its significance.

News that is valued must excite and thrill. The news that Jesus still saves, heals, and baptizes with the Holy Spirit is the most stimulating message of this hour. Any indifference to this gospel is, therefore, an indication that something is wrong with the news bearer. *Witnessing must be the reflection of spiritual dynamics resident in the child of God.*

These spiritual dynamics are most vividly displayed in the life of Christ as He ministered in Galilee.

It is recorded that "when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth

labourers into his harvest. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power . . ." (Matthew 9:36-38; 10:1).

This is a simple, quick-moving narrative, but in these verses there is a glowing insight into the ministry of Christ. There is also in this passage a projection of the dynamics which made Him the greatest Power the world has ever known.

VISION

The first of these dynamics is vision. Matthew indicates that Jesus was moved "when he *saw the multitudes.*"

Sight is the most vivid of all our physical senses. It is the difference between imagination and realization. We think of the admonishing words of Solomon, "Where there is no vision, the people perish . . ." (Proverbs 29:18).

How often these words have been used to stir congregations to build bigger buildings and better facilities; yet, we have lost sight of the perishing millions. We have erected buildings and imagined ourselves ministers to people we have never actually seen. We have preached to multitudes and think we have a vision of the lost, but it is only a mirror-image of the masses to whom we have given nothing.

But when Christ saw the multitudes He saw more than numbers. There was a depth perception in His spiritual vision that enabled Him to see

"they fainted, and were scattered abroad." He saw the sin-laden. He saw the discouraged and the diseased. But more than this—He saw the sins, the discouragements, the diseases. And He was moved!

If we ever dare to anoint our eyes with the eyesalve of the Holy Spirit and look through the eyes of Christ, we shall not see our friends and loved ones as the resistant, the self-confident, and the unconcerned; but we shall see them as they really are—sin-laden, discouraged, and burdened down with the cares of this life. We will see them in the same manner as we first saw ourselves without God. And we will be moved!

COMPASSION

Spiritual vision will inevitably lead to the second of these spiritual dynamics—compassion. Matthew says, "When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion." Christ's own heart was stirred. He felt their sorrows; He bowed under their diseases; He was touched with the feeling of their infirmities.

This compassion was no superficial sympathy; it was not a passing sentimental feeling; and it certainly was not the shallow pity that we often display. The temporary act of sorrow for one's neighbor will never suffice for God-given compassion. The dynamic of compassion demands that you feel the weight of your brother's sin, that you incur the wrath of his dis-

couragements, and that you bear the pain of his diseases.

The soul winner who is going to be successful must be able to understand the man to whom he is witnessing. This is impossible without first projecting one's self into the entire life and being of the one he would attempt to save. Compassion is a necessity for every soul winner!

PRAYER

Just as vision will lead to compassion, so will compassion lead to prayer—the third of the spiritual dynamics necessary to the soul winner.

Jesus commanded, "Pray!" The prophet Isaiah declared, "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children" (Isaiah 66:8). But in 2 Kings 19:3 we read a solemn warning: "This day is a day of trouble, and of rebukè, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth."

The Church must begin to travail if we are to see souls born into the Kingdom. Soul-saving labor is a painful process, and the soul winner must feel the true pains of childbirth if he is to be prolific for the Master. The spasmodic, inconsistent prayer life of the potential soul winner is just as unproductive as the false pains of the expectant mother. But when those pains of prayer become regular and intensified, there is no doubt that souls will be born into the Kingdom. Every church should become a spiritual maternity ward, and every member should become as an expectant mother anxious to give birth to another soul.

POWER

Out of the progression of these dynamics comes the fourth—power!

Matthew says that after Jesus called the twelve disciples unto Him, "he gave them power." Now this power was the power to "heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast

out devils." What a glorious promise! But why don't more people have this power?

The answer is simple! God will not give His power to anyone who does not have compassion. This power is not for show, nor is it for display. The power of God is for the purpose of strengthening the weak, healing the sick, binding up that which is broken, bringing back that which is driven away, and seeking and saving that which is lost. Therefore compassion is the governing force in the securing of God's power.

This power is the end result of vision, compassion, and prayer. There can be no compassion without vision. And compassionless prayers fail to appropriate the faith that is necessary to secure power from on high. But prayer that has been initiated by compassion will yield the power which will energize the soul winner and make him effective for Christ and His kingdom.

How Serious Is the Judgment Seat of Christ?

By J. A. STUECKLE

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

JUST HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT WE avail ourselves of the "more abundant life"? Is it optional for the Christian to choose whether he wants to be content with just "life" or wants to avail himself of the life more abundant?

It is evident, and no doubt all agree, that the "more abundant life" will earn or produce more rewards for eternity. If it is optional it can be assumed that the degree or measure of reward will settle the account for those who were content with just "life." Sadly, many Christians claim by their actions, and some by word that this is indeed optional. It is this attitude of many Christians which has been and still is, contributing to the present low spirituality. It is because of the fact that this attitude among Christians has such a detrimental effect on the spiritual life that we consider it proper to include this subject in our exhortation for searching of heart.

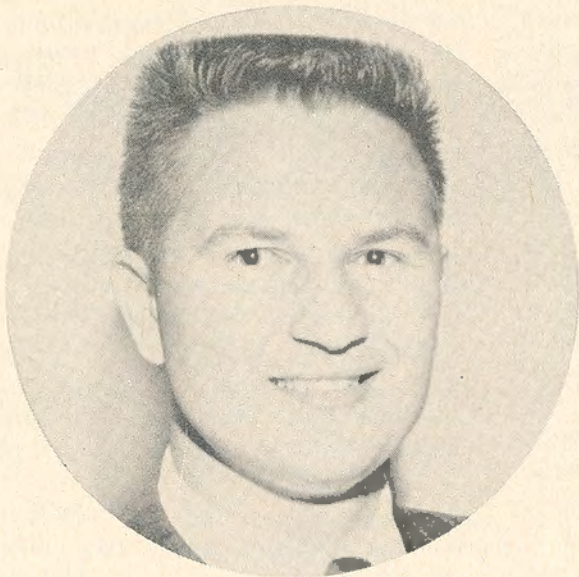
"No work, no pay"—"much work, more pay." In our economy this principle applies (or supposedly applies) to a day laborer, but not to a manager. If a manager does not produce properly, his account is not squared by giving him less pay. He has a definite responsibility to produce. In the household of God the Christian is not only a day laborer; he is also a steward or manager.

Can we assume that we can be faithful stewards and produce satisfactory results and "bring forth much fruit" without the abundant life, or without even making honest endeavor to avail ourselves of this abundant life?

According to 2 Corinthians 1:1-5 there are given to us two means or sources of power upon which we can draw to produce fruit—intellectual and spiritual power. The present generation has proven sufficiently that we can produce much fruit, especially in the sight of men, by drawing on the intellectual resources. However, even if quantity would be more important in the sight of God than

quality, it remains yet to be proved whether fruits produced through intellect will have much value at that day. According to Paul's summary in verse five of his choice between the use of intellectual power and the use of Holy Ghost power, as given in the first four verses of 1 Corinthians 2, there is a serious question as to the side of the balance on which God will place the fruits produced where the emphasis was placed on intellect. Thus we maintain that abundant life and being filled with the Spirit are essential to produce fruit worthy of reward. We should soberly meditate on the seriousness of taking lightly the possibility of coming "empty handed" or coming with results of much effort which did not produce "fruits meet for repentance."

In 1 John 2:28 the inspired writer speaks of the danger and the possibility of being ashamed before Christ at His coming. How tragic it will be to be ashamed at the very time when we expect to hear a "well done!" What consternation this will cause
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Meet the youthful president of the
Roe Messner Construction Company

HE BUILDS FOR CHRIST

By EDWINA TRIMMER

"I HAVE NEVER PRAYED FOR EARTHLY GOODS." THIS statement coming from a wide-eyed, crewcut C.A., looking as alive as a colt and wearing an "I-promise-you-the-world" boyish grin, could sound a bit facetious. But coming from a C.A. who drives a white Cadillac, lives in the exclusive "hills," is owner and president of three businesses, and at the age of twenty-four had reached every goal he had set for his life, there is nothing light about it.

Roe Messner, president of the Roe Messner Construction Company, Wichita, Kansas, has built fifty-three churches, seven public schools, eighty-eight houses, a million-dollar motel, two office buildings, and a large hospital. He hires an average of sixty men, and keeps eight to twelve jobs going at a time! In addition he owns an audio-library business that deals in record players and religious recordings, builds church furniture, and has interest in other ventures.

"I give the Lord all the credit for what success I have had. It's just that simple," he says. Roe's parents are proud of him. His Spirit-filled mother, who has spent many hours in prayer for Roe and the family, says, "He was always a good boy—never gave us any trouble."

This young man is an active member of Central Assembly in Wichita. His pastor, Victor Trimmer, affirms: "He is one of the outstanding young men in the Assemblies of God. He is chairman of our personal workers at Central Assembly, a member of our finance committee, speaks at Men's Fellowship, teaches our high-school Sunday school class, has an ambitious visitation program going among his high-school pupils, and has participated in the youth sports program. He is a faithful tither and has given many times more than his tithes."

This all started thirteen years ago when Roe was thirteen years of age. One morning a Christ's Ambassador stepped up to Roe and invited him to the C. A. service. This was the first time any "grownup" had ever spoken to him in church. Roe was deeply impressed.

That night he made his first great decision—he would become a Christian. With determination he walked to



Roe Messner is chairman of the personal workers committee at Central Assembly in Wichita, Kans.

the altar and knelt in prayer. When he stood on his feet he knew Christ lived and cared for him. In that moment he dedicated his life, determined that Christ would always come first. A great determination—the tremendous drive that was to characterize his next few years—made its appearance. From that night on Roe never missed a service. He often had to walk two miles to the bus line, ride to town, and then walk nearly a mile to the church, going home the same route. The day soon came when he was filled with the Holy Spirit—as his grandmother had been years before during the 1904 outpouring in Topeka, Kansas.

The day Roe started high school he placed a small New Testament in his shirt pocket. High-school students made a game of checking the pocket to see if they could catch him without his Bible—and during his three high-school years they never did!

Roe has always been a great sportsman. He lettered

in baseball and football in high school, played basketball and was on the wrestling team. For two of the years, his high-school baseball and football teams were state champions. Roe was a popular star. Right here he met one of life's conflicts that demanded a decision.

Each Friday morning before school started the coach expected all players to report to a pep session, where coming games, etc., were discussed. This was obviously an important session and especially to one of the most dependable players on the team. However, Bible Club met at the same time. Roe made a decision. Many times the pull toward the pep rally was strong, but the records show that Roe was faithful to the Bible Club.

Because of the choices Roe made during his high-school years he gained the respect of his team mates and coaches. These choices helped to develop the leadership qualities which are so obvious in this young man today. Roe refuses to accept commendation, giving God the credit for the decisions he made, and simply stating, "It was in my heart that way."



Roe is proud of his family. Mrs. Messner is holding their new son, Richard Roe, while Robin sits at the left and Roe Ann at the right.



He studies for Sunday school throughout the week but rises at five o'clock each Sunday to brush up on the lesson.



Pastor Victor Trimmer (right) hands Roe the blue-prints for the beautiful new Central Assembly of God.

Some people did not understand how Roe could play basketball, giving himself entirely to the game, and then go to his place on the street corner to hand out gospel tracts. But he was rewarded by the fact that many of his friends came to church as a result of his influence. To climax his high-school days Roe received the trophy as most valuable player and for the most sportsmanlike conduct from the regional baseball meet. He had again established the fact that a high-school boy can be an ambassador for Christ and at the same time be a star in sports—that one who does right can be well-liked and respected.

While in high school Roe started to work for a man in the church as a building helper. This was his first building experience. He worked at nights, on Saturdays, and full time during the summers when he was fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen years of age.

Work comes easy for Roe. He never had to be shown

a thing twice. He wrote everything he was told in a small notebook and studied it constantly. To this day Roe carries a notebook—"Just in case anything new comes along," he laughs. He always pictured himself doing the job the next time without being told.

At seventeen he confessed he did not know too much but he knew one thing—he liked to work. His brother, just married, asked Roe to build them a house. He worked for six months building his *first* house.

The law requires that one be twenty-one years of age before a builder's license is granted. Roe received his at eighteen—going through proper channels and waiting for due process of court to receive his majority right. He received ninety-six out of a possible one hundred points on his test!

Word got around. He was asked to bid on two more houses—received the jobs, then built four more the next
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Challenge the young people and you may be amazed at their response. The church must use them or lose them.

DRAFT OR DRIFT

By RUSSELL P. SPITTLER

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PROMISING young people stand under the influence of the Assemblies of God. Either we *draft* them into the church or we will watch them *drift* out of it. Either we *draft* them into the service of the King of kings or we will see them drift to the service of "another king, that knows not Joseph." It's that simple and clear-cut.

Can there be any issue of more vital concern to us than the spiritual future of the youth we serve? Is there any other way—any other *lasting way*—to keep the youth placed in our care other than by *drafting* them? Can we really afford to be so busy *winning souls that we end up losing converts?*

The work of the Church, like the sword that comes out of the mouth of its Lord, is two-edged (Revelation 1:16). First you *evangelize*, then you *educate*. First you *gain*, then you *train*. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"—that's how Mark records the Great Commission (Mark 16:15). But Matthew tells *how* it should be done: "Go ye therefore, and *teach* all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ." (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Teaching all nations, *baptizing* them, *teaching* them to observe all things: this is Jesus' triple program.

You'd think those two words for "teach" would be the same. But they're



not. The first one really means to make a disciple out of—to disciple, if we may invent a word. And there's more to becoming a disciple than placing first in the national Mr. C. A. contest!

In these moments, I'd like to talk about the urgency of indoctrinating the youth of the Assemblies of God. What I have to say about indoctrination I'll split into two parts: first, *why* must we do it; second *how* we can do it.

WHY

I see two clusters of reasons *why* we must indoctrinate. There are challenges from outside our ranks, and there are challenges from the inside.

Many voices from *without* call to our youth. There are about a hundred thousand young people between the ages of thirteen and thirty-five in the Assemblies of God. Maybe another hundred thousand are on the fringe—within reach. A thousand voices call to them. The voices start in high school—sports, clubs, girl friends, dances, the Marine Corps—always something, anything to lure the allegiance of youth at the front end of life.

There's nothing wrong with some of these voices. We know that. But the point is, there are just too many of them. That high-schooler doesn't know which one to answer. There are a lot of fingers pointing at your fav-

orite C.A., a lot of voices shouting at him, "I want you." And they'll get him—unless *we* do.

No, we don't object to Mr. C.A. joining the Navy, going off to college, signing up with Civil Service, or working in the mines. But we *do* want him to put first things first, to hear first voices first, to live not by bread alone but by "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Unless we draft him, he may drift.

Then, the false cults are out to get our Pentecostal youth. Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses, Spiritism, Unity—there must be more than "fifty-seven varieties" of them.

Young people today seek reality. And reality is what the cults promise. The surprising success of the cults in the modern world may be traced to a single fact: people will pay any price, endure any hardship, believe any strange doctrine, in exchange for the faintest promise of reality.

But what can be more real than the internal presence of God by His Spirit? Our youth must experience this Pentecostal reality.

The conquest over the cults can come only by youth experientially acquainted with *Spirit-ual* reality. And they must "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15). Such readiness and such reality comes by indoctrination.

There's another *outside* reason why we must indoctrinate our youth. As you know, these are days when people on the outside are looking in on the Pentecostal movement. They used to ridicule; now they're asking questions. The denominations are knocking on our doors—asking once more, twenty centuries later, "What meaneth this?"

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Now who's going to answer that question? Who's going to explain what this Pentecostal outpouring means? Who's going to descend from the room where God is at work, rise in the power of the Spirit, and say with persuasive conviction, "This is that...?"

Yes, our leaders will explain "What meaneth this" to their leaders. Our teachers, our pastors, and our writers will explain. But on the shoulder-to-shoulder level it's going to be youth who will interpret Pentecost to the world. If they don't do it, there won't be anybody left to do it—there won't even be anything left to explain. You can't have Pentecostal *explainers* unless you have Pentecostal *containers!*

But let's look now on the other side of the fence—*within* the denomination. The first reason that it is imperative for us to indoctrinate our youth is, simply, the great number of them. I talked with William Menzies, editor of the *Campus Ambassador*, the other day and we concluded there must be a fifth of a million young people between the ages of thirteen and thirty-five who are touched by the youth ministries of the Assemblies of God. Their souls are in our care.

The second reason from *within* that makes it urgent we indoctrinate our youth may hurt a bit. I think we'd all have to admit that the theological I. Q. of our youth is generally low on the scale. Ask the typical C.A. what he believes and he's likely to be embarrassed. Make him write it out and maybe you'll get a list like this one, entitled, "What my Church believes": (1) speaking in tongues; (2) divine healing; (3) no smoking or drinking; (4) no dancing, no makeup.

If he's a bit brighter, he'll jot down the four sides of the foursquare gospel: salvation, baptism in the Holy Spirit, divine healing, second coming. I'm exaggerating, but you get the point.

Let's not be afraid of this word *theology*. It doesn't matter what you call it: Bible study, doctrine, knowing what you believe. I'd like to enter a plea that we do everything within our ability to plant the feet of our youth firmly on the living Word of God.

The third reason we'll have to do more indoctrinating ties in with what I just said about low theological I.Q.'s. Our youth have questions. They want answers. They want to know why

evolution is wrong, why speaking in tongues is right, what's wrong with dancing, and why grandma isn't healed. And they are not always satisfied with the answers they receive.

When youths don't get satisfying answers they often leave the church—they drift.

We have a deep obligation to point these questioning youths to the right direction. They deserve to see that the Bible *really does* answer the serious issues of life. If it's not answered in the Bible there's something wrong with the question.

Next, there's a tendency in our kind of religion to stop short with an emotional experience. Don't get me wrong. We cannot and we should not divest Christian experience of its emotional content. If God doesn't have our emotions, we've made less than a total surrender. When the Holy Spirit comes on a believer there's bound to be some emotional response. And what a beautiful variety of emotional responses there are to the coming of the Comforter!

But what a tragedy if religious experience is a matter of the emotions alone. Teen-agers can be emotional. We dare not deprive them of the unspeakable joy of genuine encounter with the tender Spirit of God. That's the very heart of Pentecost. That's what Azusa Street was all about. But we must indoctrinate them as well.

How

I've talked about *why* we must indoctrinate; now I'll talk about *how*. And in talking about *how*, there is an important principle involved: *we must make mature Christians out of our youth*. We must see that our young people respect the Bible as the final word of authority in every phase of their lives.

Would you understand what I mean if I said we must see that they become true *Protestants*? A Bible-believing Protestant is one who holds the Scriptures to be supreme and final authority in faith and conduct. What a pity if, in all our commendable efforts to keep our youth *Pentecostal*, we failed to keep them *Protestant!*

There are three possible choices in this matter of who or what is the "supreme and final authority" in religious matters.

One possible choice is the *church*. This choice is clearly apparent in Roman Catholicism. It claims that full
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It's easy to
stand up for
Christ...
at church



WHEREVER
YOU GO...

AN AMBASSADOR



It's easy to stand up for Christ at church! But our C.A.'s—Christ's Ambassadors, youth of the Assemblies of God—are called upon to represent Christ in all life's situations. No one can be insulated from the world around, least of all young people. Think a moment of the pressures:

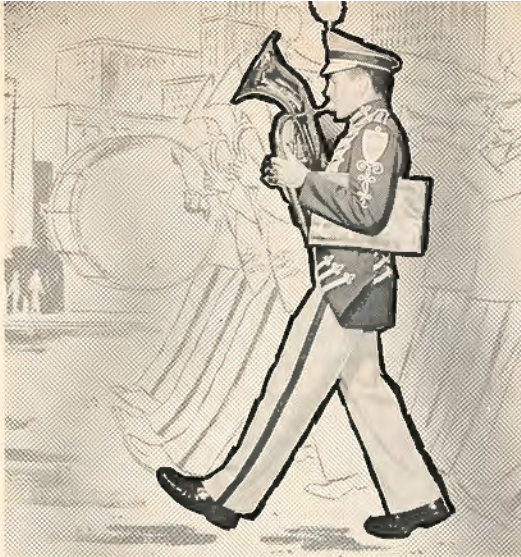
Perhaps the greatest pressure of all is the desire to be one of the crowd, to be popular, to be accepted. "But everybody's doing it . . ." seems reason enough to justify compromise.

In school, fellow students and teachers alike watch the C.A. How will he respond to his opportunities? Will he do his best, will he apply himself, or will he just scrape by?

Whether it's organized sports or a game for fun, how does our C.A. take success? Is he tempted to cheat a little? Does he curb his temper? Can he lose with grace?

Even at home the ambassadorship continues. In fact, no area is so crucial. Here he is tempted to let down. Here he is faced with restriction, with authority.





Talent can open a lot of doors. How all eyes watch! What an opportunity to be a stand-out for Christ! What a temptation to yield to pride and unworthy exploitation of God's gift.



Together! Even on a date, the ambassador for Christ takes along his portfolio. For courtship and marriage are critical proving grounds of Christian character.



The car! Ambassador on wheels! The other driver may never know it was a Christian who cut in front of him, or crowded him on a curve. Or maybe he did see the C. A. emblem!

OUR NATIONAL C. A. DEPARTMENT'S program is designed to undergird our young people in their ambassadorship:

By encouraging development of interesting and effective local programs.

By providing program and study materials which nourish growth into Christian maturity.

By challenging young people to be witnesses, and by supplying the materials and know-how.

By personal contact with our college students and servicemen, to help them maintain their ambassadorship in a hostile environment.

It's not always a picnic, being a Christian young person these days. Ambassadorship is not a cloak one can slip on and off. It's a condition of the heart. It's the shining forth of an intensely personal and wholehearted commitment to Christ.

Thousands of our C.A.'s are effectively representing Christ. We salute you! We challenge you whose witness is tarnished to renew your consecration, for no one else can represent your Lord in the corner He has assigned to you! Take courage, for while we live for Him here, He stands as an advocate for us in the holy presence of God.

For the C.A. who has a job the test becomes three-sided as cross currents of interest buffet him: he must serve his boss, himself, and Christ. Will he do all his work as unto Christ?



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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Delinquency

Imprisoned Black Muslims May Hold Services

Members of the anti-white sect known as Black Muslims (not Moslems) who are serving prison terms must be permitted to practice their religion in jail, the New York State Court of Appeals has ruled. It said cult members are entitled to meet and enjoy the same privileges as other religious groups in prison.

Last year a group of Black Muslims imprisoned at Attica, N. Y., filed a complaint that they were being denied worship facilities. The sect advocates black supremacy, teaches race hatred, and favors the return of all Negroes to Africa.

Delinquents Get Religious Training

Juvenile delinquents are getting religious training under an experimental program initiated by a judge of the Juvenile Court at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Groups of fifteen to twenty delinquent boys are sent each weekend to nearby church camps where they spend Saturday in work and recreation, and Sunday morning at church services. After returning on Sunday afternoon the youths meet with their parents and clergymen in personal counseling sessions.

Judge Ben Schwartz said he started the program because a high percentage of juvenile offenders coming before him are unchurched and have received no religious training.

Catholicism

Protestant Liberties Reported Declining Abroad

Protestants in Catholic-dominated countries have less liberty since the beginning of the Kennedy administration, Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, charged in Chicago. Speaking at a press conference, he attributed this to a growing notion

on the part of Catholics that world opinion would not be against them since America had elected its first Catholic president.

Dr. Archer, who recently made a world tour touching thirty countries, said that in Italy he learned that the preaching permits of ten Protestant ministers had been withdrawn. Until recently, he said, there had been considerable freedom in Italy for Protestants. He also commented that the press in Latin America expressed the feeling that the United States is becoming a Catholic nation.

President Under Catholic Fire

The Jesuit weekly *America* has criticized President Kennedy for not supporting federal aid for parochial schools. It also charged that he had taken pains to be photographed with non-Catholic religious leaders and had failed to quote the Pope in his speeches.

Another Catholic weekly—the *Free Press*, official newspaper of the Worcester (Mass.) diocese—sees differently. It accused *America* of judging Mr. Kennedy as a Catholic instead of judging him as a politician.

The *Free Press* said, "We have held our breath all during Mr. Kennedy's first year in office waiting for someone or some publication of importance to begin judging Mr. Kennedy as a Catholic President. Now it has happened.

"Let's not be petty," the *Free Press* urged. "There is a Catholic in the White House, but if he is to be judged, let him be judged as a politician and not as a Catholic. That's the way all of us—including *America*—wanted it during the campaign."

More Religious Freedom in Communist Poland than in Catholic Spain

Jack Wyrzten, director of the "Word of Life" radio program, said in Orange, N. J., on his return from a recent European tour that he found more religious freedom in Poland un-

der communist domination than he did in Spain.

Mrs. Marge Wyrzten, who accompanied her husband, wrote: "Spain is a country completely controlled by the Roman Catholic church. These people are not behind the Iron Curtain but are behind the Purple Curtain, and we can truthfully say that the evangelical believer has less freedom to worship in Spain than in Poland. To Roman Catholics in America, this will seem like an untruth and biased opinion; but with our own eyes we saw evangelical churches with no names, rooms sealed with a Catholic government seal to prevent distribution of the gospel literature which they held. We met young and old men that had been imprisoned for their faith. We saw a country controlled completely by a religion. We realized more than ever that, no matter who controls a nation, if there is not freedom to worship as one desires, that country is in complete bondage."

Evangelism

Nazarenes Win 12,376 in Three-Month Effort

The Church of the Nazarene won a total of 12,376 new persons "to the Kingdom and the church" during a special emphasis on fourteen consecutive Sunday nights of evangelism, according to Dr. Edward Lawlor, secretary of evangelism. The average Sunday night attendance during the campaign was 253,556 representing a gain of between 15 and 20 per cent.

The denominational slogan for the three-month campaign in late 1961 was "Shining Lights on Sunday Nights."

Foreign

West Germany Replaces Nazi-burned Synagogue

West German Economics Minister Ludwig Erhard officiated at the dedication of a new synagogue built in Worms to replace Germany's oldest

Jewish house of worship, dating back to 1034, which was burned down by the Nazis in 1938.

Construction of the new synagogue was financed by the West German government, the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, and the city of Worms, in token of the German people's "sorrow and shame" for the destruction of the original edifice, Mr. Erhard said.

Gallows Fate for Buddhist Monk

Talduwa Somarama, a Buddhist monk, has been sentenced to die by hanging for slaying Prime Minister Bandaranaike of Ceylon. Another monk and a printer were sentenced to life imprisonment for their part in the assassination.

Four Pentecostal Leaders Indicted in Ukraine

Moscow Radio in January reported that four Pentecostal religious leaders were brought to trial at Ulanovsky, Soviet Ukraine, after being charged with subversive activities against the state. The communist station said they had been recruited by "American bosses who received payments from the U.S.A. for their subversive work in the U.S.S.R."

Only one man was named, Anatoly Vorono, who, the broadcast charged, was in frequent communication with other members of the sect in Odessa, Kiev, Kolyma, and other parts of the country.

The radio station said the trial would last several days, and reported that local communist youth organizations were organizing demonstrations against the defendants.

Spanish TV Series in Production

A new Spanish television series directed by Paul Finkenbinder, Assemblies of God missionary, is presently under production at San Salvador, El Salvador.

Brother Finkenbinder and his co-workers presented a series of live gospel television programs last year which were highly acclaimed by the station and the public in San Salvador. The programs of the new series, in which drama is used to present gospel truth, will be placed on film so that they may be distributed to television stations all over Latin America.

To be ready by July, this series of thirteen programs will be available for release by missionaries of all denominations in Latin America.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

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among some well-meaning Christians!

According to 2 Corinthians 5:10, 11, the results will be much more serious than merely "being ashamed." Here, apparently, before we Christians are given our final place in heaven, we are brought before a judge to stand trial, not about our salvation, but about what we have done while in the body that attributes of Christ quite different from the attributes of love and mercy will predominate—the attributes of righteousness and extreme justice. With such exacting justice will this Judge demand an accounting from each of us that Paul speaks of it as "the terror of the Lord."

Let us not soft-pedal this solemn warning, Paul does not speak here of the terror against sinners at the great White Throne Judgment. He is speaking to Christians and about the result of their conduct as stewards in this life. This appears to be a far cry from the currently accepted concept that after we have made up our mind to accept the Lord Jesus Christ we will live a happy Christian life and when we die we will be welcomed in glory with the words "well done." Christians must realize there is a reckoning day for them too.

Here we are, appearing before the judgment seat of Christ to "receive the things done in the body... whether good or bad." Can we fathom the solemnity of such an occasion? Though our salvation is not in question, the exposure of the degree of our faithfulness as stewards over the talents and gifts given us for our own conduct and growth in grace will not be a small matter. Idle words, loss of God-given time, unused or misused opportunities, insufficient use of the secret place of prayer, all appear now as evidence of having hindered the Holy Spirit in performing in our lives that which we are now required to present as pertaining to our own lives.

Then comes the result of our lives as pertaining to others—the influence which has gone out from our lives! Perhaps the lack of influence of good will show up worse than the influence for bad. This brings us to the most serious aspects of this judgment;

namely, the result of our influence upon others. As our lives and the result of our lives will slowly move across the "screen" before us, He whose eyes are as a flame of fire will sit as judge noting every act and every deed. Indeed because of the grace of God there will appear on this screen some trophies—souls saved through our influence, labors, and prayers.

Patiently and with a good degree of tension we shall watch the works which follow us as the uninterrupted flow of the deeds done in the body is blazoned on the screen.

But, something else will show very plainly—gaps or empty spots where fruit should be. I sincerely fear that these gaps will bear witness that souls, in my environment and in far-off lands, are lost which could have been saved had I been more faithful, particularly in availing myself of more of the abundant life. This, I believe, is the most serious aspect of the entire drama; according to Ezekiel 3:18, 20 and 33:6, 8, at our hands will be required the blood of those whom we have failed to warn. Just how this will be required or how we shall be charged for such neglect I do not know, nor do I say that it will all take place as I have pictured it here. But it is evident that it is a very serious matter. It is sufficiently serious that we should "lay aside the sin which does so easily beset us"—plain prayerlessness and a lack of hunger for the Word. No doubt many of us twentieth-century Christians will be ashamed and many will feel the terror of the Lord before the judgment is all over.

"Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

—Beacon Intercessor

MY INFLUENCE

My life shall touch a dozen lives
Before this day is done;
Leave countless marks for good or ill
Ere sets the evening sun.
So this the wish I always wish,
The prayer I ever pray:
Lord, may my life help other lives
It touches by the way.



A large crowd gathered for the dedication of the Sunday school annex to Bethel Temple in Manila, Philippines.

Bethel Temple Enlarges

Manila Church Has Great Attendance Increase

By ALFRED CAWSTON

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AT Bethel Temple and the various stations in Greater Manila, Philippines, has passed the 8,000 mark.

Because of the rapid increase in attendance, an annex to Bethel Temple had to be built. It was dedicated Easter Sunday, 1961. In May, 1960, property had been purchased, but construction seemed impossible. The economic situation in the Philippines had changed considerably while we were on furlough. Money was scarce and prices were high. However, God proved to us that with Him "all things are possible."

He gave us favor with the officials who granted the necessary permits and helped us execute a loan to complete the actual building. He allowed

Brother Cawston, who has been serving as pastor of Bethel Temple in Manila, is now on his way to the U.S. for a furlough.

us to obtain the same builder who had built the church. We know many of you were praying or we would never have been able to overcome these difficulties.

The Assemblies of God of the Philippines has its offices on the second floor of the annex. On the main floor there are more offices, a book-room, and a large hall where services in the Ilocano dialect are conducted.

Part of the original building adjoins the new hall. It has been remodeled and made into permanent Sunday school rooms.

Plans are being formulated to open a primary day school which will give the children a Christ-centered secular education.

We appreciate the faithfulness of all who gave to make the annex possible. Continue to pray for God's blessing on Bethel Temple, Manila.

C.A. REVIVAL IN CEYLON

By CECIL GOOD
Missionary to Ceylon

THE STRAINS OF "WE ARE CHRIST'S Ambassadors" wafted through the balmy night air as we approached the already-crowded church building. Lovely dark-skinned girls in colorful saris and young men in tropical garb sang lustily.

In progress (with Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Hoskins) was the first Christ's Ambassadors revival ever held in Colombo, Ceylon—a land of waving palms, picturesque fishing boats, and tropical fruits.

The island has often been referred to as the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean." About two-thirds of the Ceylonese are Buddhists. Yellow-robed priests and Buddhist temples are everywhere.

People of all ages attended this C. A. rally, and the meetings were characterized by a special move of the Holy Spirit among the young people.

The C.A.'s had been busy before the evangelists arrived. They had conducted special prayer meetings. Laden with handbills advertising the meetings, the C.A.'s had gone from house-to-house and preached on street corners. Their efforts were rewarded. In spite of heavy rains the building was packed every night, and ushers reported that hundreds were unable to gain entrance. Among those in attendance were relatives of Prime Minister Srma Bandaranike.

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Many new consecrations were made as young people poured out their hearts in fervent prayer, completely surrendering their lives to God. One young man, after conversion, was turned out of his home and told that if he persisted in attending "that church," he need not come back. One indication of his determination to follow Christ was his desire to be baptized at the first opportunity.

Among the many testimonies of healing was that of Rita Pereria: "I was suffering from severe stomach pains which I had had several days. When Brother Hoskins prayed for me

all suffering left immediately, and I was able to enjoy my food and attended the revival."

L. Ratnayake testified: "I had a very severe pain in my right foot for several months. Sometimes the pain was so unbearable that I could not walk. I consulted my doctor twice and he treated me for two or three months, but the pain did not leave. I was prayed for during the revival meetings and was healed completely."

In my more than thirty years as an Assemblies of God minister, this was the most inspirational youth emphasis I have ever witnessed. "

MISSIONARY News Notes



BIRTH: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hutsell have an addition to the family. Stephen was born January 8.

Jonathan David, born February 13, is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bland, Nyasaland.

MARRIAGE: Ruth Bible Anderson, Egypt, is now married to Dr. Habib Iskander.

COMING: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erola are on furlough from Burma. Their address is P. O. Box 205, Naselle, Washington.

NIGERIA C.A.'S ARE BUSY!

by REX JACKSON
Nigeria

NIGERIA C.A.'S ARE ACTIVE! AT THE 1961 annual C. A. rally at Old Umuahia, more than two thousand young people from all over Nigeria gathered for the outdoor service.

At this rally two young Nigerians competed for a trophy to be given to the C.A. who knew the most about the Gospel of John. The contestants were winners of sectional and divisional rallies. Ndukwe, a C.A. from Aba, won the trophy at the annual all-Nigeria rally.

There are more than one hundred C.A.'s at Aba. During the past three years they have opened four new churches.

A group of twenty Aba C.A.'s took leave of absence from their jobs or left the market where they did their selling to go to Mbieri, a village about fifty miles from Aba. The C.A.'s spent a week at Mbieri, canvassing the entire village. They held an evangelistic service each night and the response was amazing. A church was established and is already averaging almost five hundred in Sunday school.

Two churches were opened in different sections of Aba. One of these now has about three hundred in Sunday school and the other about one hundred.

The fourth church was started about

125 miles from Aba. A group of C.A.'s spent one week in this village, and the second week another group went. They witnessed and preached, and saw many people saved. In spite of a great deal of persecution in this village, a church has been built and the work is going forward.

The Aba C.A.'s also maintain an active program in their local church.

Sunday school and C. A. work has been combined in Nigeria, and the district is divided into two sections. There is a full time C. A.-Sunday school director in each division.

The future is bright for youth work in Nigeria. "



C. A. president at Port Harcourt displays attendance award his group received at the rally.



C. A. officers at Aba, Nigeria, are happy in their service for the Lord. The C.A.'s have opened four churches.



Christian Table Talk

By HARRY M. SAVACOOOL

WHAT DO YOU TALK ABOUT AT THE table at your house? Do you gossip about the neighbors? Do you talk about school, social and athletic events? Does Dad tell of his troubles at work? Do you argue about the use of the car, about finances, or about the family schedule?

Or do you just fill the time with talk about trivial things?

The time at the table is a golden opportunity for Christian education and uplift. Think of the amount of time your family is together at the table. If you eat only lunch or supper together you have 180 to 200 hours together each year. If you eat breakfast together also it totals 270 to 300 hours a year. What an opportunity this gives Christian parents to create

a Christian atmosphere in the home, to give a Christian interpretation to life, and to plant the seeds of Christian life and character.

Our plan does not need to be obvious. The children do not even need to know that we are trying to do anything of the kind. Families talk at the table anyway. Educators tell us that everything we talk about molds our lives. The table talk in our homes is a learning experience whether we plan it or not. It can degenerate into poor and positively bad learning!

A little forethought and planning will be required to make it a positive Christian learning experience, but this can be done and it is well worth the effort.

Five hundred years ago the great

Protestant reformer, Martin Luther, made the table talk in his home such a delightful experience that guests and friends recorded parts of it which are still published and read. It is not likely that any of the table talk in our homes will be written down or published. What is more important is that it will be written in the lives and hearts of every member of our family. It can be the most effective kind of learning and teaching—the kind we are not conscious of.

This does not mean that mealtime at your home need become a formal lesson time. There will still be spontaneity and variety of family talk at the table. It just means that you will be alert for every opportunity to guide the discussion into consideration of how we can live the Christian life in every situation. You will listen more than you will talk. You will draw out with questions rather than make statements.

It will be best in most cases if no announcement about it is made. Just begin. One parent can do it alone. Having both in on it is better. Even a youth can do it in a home where



I Went Walking

I went walking in the morning
When the day was new and bright;
When the sun had just arisen,
Shedding forth its glorious light:
And I saw along the roadway
A poor urchin, just a child;
But his voice was loud and angry,
And his manner course and wild.
Though his years so young, so tender,
Yet his outlook was so bold:
Just a little lamb that's missing
From the loving Shepherd's fold.

I went walking in the noontime
When the sun was at its height,
And along the busy roadway
I beheld a saddening sight:
A young man, but oh, so worldly,
With a life all stained with sin,
And a face stamped with the image
Of the darkened soul within.
No time yet for God or heaven
Had this youth so hard and cold:
He was just a sheep that's missing
From the loving Shepherd's fold.

I went walking in the evening
As the sun was almost set,
And I saw along the roadway
A sad scene I can't forget:
An old man with hair of silver
Staggered by, his mind aflame
From the drink that he was slave to—
And his language was a shame.
Still no time, no time for Jesus,
Though he now was weak and old:
He was just a sheep that's missing
From the loving Shepherd's fold.

I went walking in the twilight
Down a residential street;
Glancing through a lighted window
I beheld a sight, so sweet
That the tears sprang up within me:
Just a daddy sitting there
Blowing kisses to his children
As they lingered on the stair.
And I prayed, "Dear God in heaven,
Help him raise them so they'll be
Precious lambs, all pure and holy
In Thy fold, Lord, safe with Thee."

—Hazel Bell

parents might not be interested. You need not plan anything formal but just watch for openings and guide the conversation tactfully.

Perhaps ten-year-old Johnny says, "I don't like this old hamburger! Why can't we have roast beef like the Greens do?" This might be your cue to bring out the fact that your family tithes and gives liberally to the church while the Greens do not. Your family has to eat less expensively so as to give the Lord's work its rightful share. It can be a lesson on Christian stewardship much more effective than any given in formal teaching.

Or suppose four-year-old Mary just won't eat her dinner at all. Mother may urge anxiously. Mary may get upset and weep. Then everyone gets upset and the whole mealtime is spoiled. It might be a lot better to ignore Mary as she sits refusing to eat and begin to talk to one another about how good the food tastes and about the goodness of God in giving us the food to meet our needs. Mary will hear and learn—and perhaps eat, too.

Or perhaps as the family gathers for dinner Bill makes his appearance with a black eye. It soon comes out that he had a fight on the way home from school. After a quiet word or two about the futility of fighting, Father or someone else might tell the story of Jesus who would not strike back and would not even call for the legions of angels that He could have had to defend Him.

Then may come the day when Jane

announces that all the girls in the high school are wearing a new type of sweater. "Can't I have one, Mother?" she pleads. But it happens that Bill really must have new slacks; the ones he has are three inches short now. Jane begins to get upset. A time of family tension is impending. This is the time to quietly switch the conversation to unselfishness and sharing.

Or some evening at dinner it is discovered that everyone is tied up with too many engagements. Everyone is tired and irritable. That is just the time to spend the dinner hour talking over what activities are most worthwhile from a Christian point of view. It will not only clear the air and solve the pressing problem but it could be a good lesson for the children on right choices in the use of our God-given hours and minutes.

Perhaps on Sunday Bill says, "The pastor's sermon was awfully dull this morning. I just couldn't understand what he was talking about." Jane puts in, "Why do we have to go to church anyway? Isn't an hour in Sunday school enough?"

Father could say sternly, "You will go to church and that's all there is to it!" But wouldn't it be better to use this opportunity to discuss together the privilege and blessing of worshipping God?

Then one evening Gary, who is a high-school junior, says he has had a conference with the guidance teacher, who talked against the Christian college they have been considering and urged Gary to apply to the state university. Here is a chance to discuss together the whole Christian philosophy of life and the kind of education a Christian needs for living in this modern world in the Christian way.

You can think of many other possible situations. The Sunday school teacher was absent and the substitute was unprepared, so the class was dull. Betty's report card is poor. Jane shows she is jealous of Gay's popularity at school. The teacher is hard on Jim. And on and on the problems come.

When there is no particular problem, lead the conversation around to some needed point in Christian living. In this way you can witness to and teach your children far more effectively than by any formal instruction.

—Gospel Herald



CANDY WRAPPERS ...OR DIPLOMAS?

How much do you suppose our Assemblies of God folk spend on candy and gum in a year? Would a penny a meal be too high? Probably not. That amounts to \$10.95 a year. Counting everyone who comes to our churches and Sunday schools, we probably represent a million people. \$10.95 multiplied by a million is over ten million dollars! What do we have to show for it? A mountain of litter and soaring dental bills. We're fond of quoting such statistics when they apply to cosmetics, liquor, or tobacco. But think what we could do if we would turn *our* candy bars into diplomas by giving our Bible colleges this minimal support!

"Can't we still give our youngsters the small luxury of candy and gum while giving to Christian education?" you ask. Of course we can. Just one question. When did *you* last give \$10.95 to one of our Bible colleges?

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Junior Reader's Feature...by Dick Champion

Bible Builders

Can you match the names of the people in the left-hand column with what they built in the right-hand column? Be careful, for some are quite similar.

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|1. Solomon | a. Jericho |
|2. Nehemiah | b. Samaria |
|3. Moses | c. temple |
|4. Hiel | d. Walls outside Jerusalem |
|5. Noah | e. walls of Jerusalem |
|6. Omri | f. altar |
|7. Israelites | g. tabernacle in the wilderness |
|8. Manasseh | h. Raamses, a treasure city |

ANSWERS:

1—c; 2—e; 3—g; 4—a; 5—f; 6—b; 7—h; 8—d

C.A.'s OF THE NORTH

By HARRIET BROWN
Nome, Alaska

CHRISTIAN YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALASKA are no different from C.A.'s of the other states. They are enthusiastic and want to do something for the Lord *with their hands*. In addition to the C. A. group, a Missionette group was organized in Nome, Alaska, where I am missionary-pastor.

The Missionette girls did handwork of some type every meeting night and closed their gathering with a devotional period. There was no meeting for the boys, due to lack of help. So, the boys requested admission to the Missionette group because they also wanted to do handwork—even if it was sewing or pasting!

To meet the problem, we allowed the Missionettes (including the boys) to join with the young people's group. The Duane Carrikers had charge of the young people's group until they left in November, 1961. Joining the two groups together brought more into the young people's meeting.

When Brother Carriker left Nome, a fifteen-year-old boy became presi-

dent of the young people's group. He has a great burden for souls, is Spirit-filled, and is making an excellent leader. Prayer is being answered for this young people's group, for a number who at first were coming to the meetings mainly for the handcrafts have responded to the gospel and have been saved. Five were twelve-year-olds.

The handwork, of necessity, must be rather simple since the church is unable to finance elaborate projects. The young people usually make something practical and useful each meeting night. At Christmas time they made decorative cards with Bible verses on them for the hospital trays and for shut-ins. Since then, they have sorted out Sunday school literature and *Evangelists* to send to different villages and individuals and are presently collecting stamps to be sold for financing missionary work among other villages. The C. A. president, a young man with a great deal of initiative, is anxious to have the young people learn the Word, so he is offering Bibles and good books as rewards for certain achievements. All the young people enjoy books.

At present, for the devotional periods of the C. A. services, different members of the adult congregation take turns in giving them the Word. I am delighted with the response of the young people for they have been a great blessing to those inside and outside the church. I feel they are making and will continue to make an important contribution to the church at Nome. ❧

build, as we were unable to rent a larger building. In a few days I received a call informing me that land had been located which could be purchased for \$400 if we acted quickly.

With no funds on hand for this purchase, we appealed to our district office for a loan to seal the purchase and they granted it immediately. Brother F. L. Jones, district superintendent, then contacted the National Home Missions Department for a grant for our new work and this we also received. Friends who helped us provide Christmas treats and gifts for our new church were a great blessing to us.

Since I live in Lumberton and pastor Willards Chapel, it has been impossible for me to be in Clinton for each service. However, we have arranged for Charles Goins, one of our Indian workers, to go to Clinton on the second and fourth Sunday mornings and assist with the Sunday school and the morning services. Then I go on Wednesdays and the first and third Sundays for the night services.

The pastors of the Indian Assemblies in this area and I, with the help of the new Clinton congregation, have started building on the new church. We are praying that God will enable us to finish in time for the congregation to meet in it on Easter Sunday.

We are grateful for the assistance we have received from the North Carolina District and from the National Home Missions Department to make possible the purchase of this property. We also appreciate the gifts of the piano and heater provided by the Home Missions Department.

Two New Assemblies Take Root in N. Carolina

By R. W. BUCHANAN
Lumberton, North Carolina

WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THE opening of two new Indian Assemblies in the North Carolina District in one month. Here are the stories.

East Carolina Indian Assembly

Clinton, N. C.

The East Carolina Indian Assembly at Clinton, N. C., had a very unusual beginning. I was surprised, at the close of a funeral service in Lumberton, to be approached by some folk who asked our assistance in getting

a church in their area. After discussing the matter with them, I agreed on a date to visit Clinton. After two meetings in which we considered the prospects for opening a church, we decided on the Sunday after Thanksgiving for our first service. We were able to get a house rent free for services.

I was pleasantly surprised to find over fifty people awaiting our arrival for the first service; and from then on the work has continued to make progress. Realizing the house was inadequate for the congregation, Brother Hadden, pastor of Sandy Ridge Assembly at Fayetteville, and I began to look for property on which to

Seminole Street Assembly

Fayetteville, N. C.

Seminole Street Assembly of God is the second new Indian work that came into existence in North Carolina during November, 1961. Some Pentecostal-believing folk south of Fayetteville, N. C., had a great desire for a church and indicated this to me five years ago. They even had the building site chosen.

This past fall the group started a building fund. At their request I met with them several times, and we kept praying we would be able to establish a church in that area. I was happy when the group expressed a desire to affiliate with the Assemblies of God. Brother Jones, district super-

intendent, and I were invited to come for a groundbreaking service on Christmas Eve, with Brother Jones conducting the service.

Today the basement of the new building is nearly completed, and plans are to continue with the erection of the second floor of the educational building. When it is finished, building operations will cease until the members are able to erect their chapel.

The land for a church and a parsonage, which was given to the church, is valued at \$2,000. Members of the new congregation have been working both night and day, without any outside help, trying to get this building up as they are in desperate need of a place of worship. They also deeply appreciate the assistance they have received from the North Carolina District and the grant of \$500 on the

pioneer church from the National Home Missions Department.

Since the opening of the work I was called upon to conduct a business meeting for this church and at that time a church board was elected. Charles Goins, former pastor at Shannon, was elected as pastor. Brother Goins and his fine people have made noticeable progress on their building and are to be commended. " "



News from the desk of the National Home Missions Secretary

Colleges Participate in "Breakthrough"

Through their Campus Missions Fellowship, Central Bible Institute students have pledged \$25 per month for twelve months toward the first Breakthrough Project of the Assemblies of God—a new church in Norwalk, Conn.

There has been a sharp rise in interest in the Vocational Volunteers idea. Thirty students at Evangel College in Springfield have already offered themselves for this type of activity.

Tale of Three Cities

Two cities have already been chosen for national "Breakthrough—8000" projects: Manchester, N. H., and Kingston, N. C. A third city will be selected soon in the Salt Lake City area which has a population of 400,000. Offerings received in February "Breakthrough—8000" Rallies across the nation will help place new churches in these cities.

Manchester, having 90,000 population largely of French-Canadian origin, is the largest and most prosperous city in the state and is a major industrial and commercial center. This large city has only one Assemblies of God church. Manchester, with a population reported to be as high as 85 per cent Catholic, presents the greatest challenge in northern New England.

Kingston, N. C., is a thriving city of 25,400 and is the hub for a three-county population area of more than 200,000 with no Assemblies of God church. It has 63 industries, including a large du Pont plant which employs over 5,000 people.

WMC's Join Forces

The National WMC Secretary, Mrs. Mildred Smuland, is enlisting the WMC's of the nation in "Breakthrough" by encouraging them to be active in helping to launch new churches and in intercessory prayer. She suggests house-to-house visitation, personal soul winning, preparation of a church building and parsonage, and performing ministries in the new church until it has a strong membership of its own. Many WMC groups have already been a great blessing to pioneer churches and their pastors in the past.

Districts Respond to Breakthrough

Thirty-eight districts have already had "Breakthrough—8000" rallies or plan to have these in the near future. Assemblies of God

Districts and Foreign Branches are almost unanimously supporting the Breakthrough program which has a goal of 8,000 new churches in ten years.

Division of Funds

Since "Breakthrough — 8000" rallies are replacing Mission U.S.A. rallies, the following formula will be used for dividing the offerings: 50 per cent to National Breakthrough churches (at least part of these funds to be returnable to a loan fund); 25 per cent to District Home Missions and 25 per cent to National Office (to be used 15 per cent for emergency fund and 10 per cent for administration).

Current Statistics

According to the Chicago *Sun-Times*, the Census Bureau estimates America's population to be

185,000,000 as of November 30, 1961, which was a one-year increase of 3,000,000! The paper further quoted Bureau figures as follows: "The population is growing at the rate of one person every 10.5 seconds and is expected to hit 200,000,000 by 1966. The Bureau records about 4,000,000 births a year, 1,500,000 deaths, and a net immigration of 250,000."

The Yearbook of American Churches for 1962 places the total Protestant constituency at 63,668,835, which indicates that only one-third of all Americans claim membership in a Protestant church. Of these 32 per cent never attend church, while 43 per cent attend only occasionally such as at Christmas and Easter. Thus 75 per cent of professing Protestants are virtually lost to the church.



Pastor Harvey Meppelink (left), George Flower (center), superintendent of the Southern New England District, and Vincent Flaherty, attorney, sign deed for Norwalk property.



Frank Gaast, vocational volunteer, stands beside sign where church will be built.

Report from "Breakthrough" Church, Norwalk

Harvey Meppelink, pastor of the pioneer church in Norwalk, reports 31 in a morning worship service in January. Frank Gaast, the first vocational volunteer, has arrived and is assisting the pastor in many ways.

As of March 1, 1962, the Home Missions Department has channeled over \$20,000 to the Norwalk project.



This lovely new sign invites the public to Assemblies of God services at Norwalk, Conn.

Astronaut John Glenn with his wife and their two children (David and Lyn) outside their church in Arlington, Va., where they attend regularly.



hood chum in New Concord, Ohio, "John is a born-again Christian."

Pastor Houk's father, then pastor in New Concord, was used of the Lord to lead John Glenn's father to Christ many years ago, and the conversion of the entire family soon followed.

The experience of weightlessness, while reserved at present for a few space explorers, will be a matter of great moment in the judgment—in the spiritual sense. In the day of judgment weightlessness will not be a subject of curiosity but a criterion of destiny! With this thought in mind, a great Scripture verse leaps to our attention:

"TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" (Daniel 5:27). The context of this impactful verse is well known to many but, nonetheless, deserves a brief rehearsal here.

It is the story of Belshazzar's infamous feast given to a thousand of

The Phenomenon of Weightlessness

By LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN

ASTRONAUT JOHN GLENN JR., AFTER his thrice-around-the-world orbital flight, advises all future travelers into space to leave cookies and crackers back on earth. He says cookie crumbs just hang in the air and prove distracting and troublesome to a man in an outer-space vehicle. As you know, the reason for weightlessness and suspension in outer space is the absence of gravity.

Although the phenomenon of weightlessness had had no serious ill effects on the two Russian cosmonauts who had previously orbited the earth, this question was still pertinent in the thinking of the American scientists involved in Project Mercury: Could a man endure long-term weightlessness?

What would the absence of weight do to the heart, muscle control, respiratory and digestive systems, judgment of direction and time?

Lt.-Col. Glenn was in orbit for approximately 296 minutes. After the safe landing of his space capsule he was thoroughly examined—physically, mentally, psychologically—and apparently suffered no ill effects from his journey. He "weighed in" well in all of these respects, but what about his weight spiritually?

Of heartening interest are the many reports of John Glenn's personal commitment to Jesus Christ. "There's no doubt about it," says C. Edwin Houk, pastor of the Glendale (Calif.) First Presbyterian Church and Glenn's boy-

his lords. Not only was this banquet marked by drunkenness, but this evil was compounded by the use of sacred temple vessels of gold and silver in which the drinks were served. The disgraceful revelry of that hour was frighteningly interrupted by the appearance of a hand writing on the wall of the feasting room.

Absolute terror gripped the heart of Belshazzar as he viewed this supernatural omen. "The king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another" (Daniel 5:6). The king called for the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers in an effort to find an interpretation of

the handwriting on the wall. All were unable to give meaning to the writing.

Ultimately Daniel was summoned, and God enabled him to give to King Belshazzar the interpretation, part of which was, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting."

All of us are slated for a weighing-in on God's balances (scales). It won't be a question of how *much* we weigh, but whether we do weigh. You see, a born-again Christian will tip the scales favorably, but a sinner will be weightless. His weight will register zero. An unconverted man possesses no spiritual substance and consequently has no weight with God.

It is erroneous to think that church membership, family reputation, works of charity, good citizenship, and other admirable human traits constitute "weight." These qualities cannot justify us, nor can they substitute for God's requirement.

Isaiah asserts, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..." (Isaiah 64:6). The apostle Paul says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

Only the righteousness of Christ imparted to a person gives him "weight"; the absence of Christ's righteousness renders one weightless. What a tragedy to be weighed and found wanting in the great day of judgment!

Will you scrutinize your spiritual condition closely and carefully? You either have Christ or you don't have Him; you are either saved or unsaved; you either have eternal life or you don't have it; you either weigh or you don't weigh. How will you register in the scales of heaven?

The whole issue here is simply a question of your relationship to Jesus Christ. If you have received Him as your Lord and Saviour your life has substance—it weighs. If you have never taken Christ as Saviour, this day can be the time when you make your decision to accept Him "whom to know is life eternal." Will you do it? ❖

**HAVE YOU HAD DAILY
FAMILY ALTAR THIS WEEK**



USE GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING



Ruptured Disc Healed

I SURELY THANK GOD FOR HIS HEALING touch in my body. I had been ill for some time with a ruptured disc in my back. Those who have suffered from such an affliction will know something of the pain I endured.



J. Agrusa

One evening my pastor, Theodore E. Ness, and one of the elders of the church came to my house to pray for me. As the pastor read from the Bible, the power of God came down. I felt a warm glow go through my back, and I was miraculously healed. I praise God for His goodness.—Joseph Agrusa, 12313 Greiner, Detroit 5, Mich.

(Endorsed by Pastor Theodore E. Ness, Berea Tabernacle, Detroit, Mich.)

Injured Back Healed

MY BACK WAS INJURED IN A CAR accident in 1956, and my condition kept getting worse until by August, 1960, my leg had become paralyzed and my body was pulled backward.

I was operated on by Dr. Parker in Decatur, and a disc was removed from my spine. This helped—but only for two months—and by December 26, 1960, I was bedfast again. I spent ten days in the hospital and was treated until January, 1961.

Dr. Schultz of Bloomington, Ill., performed a second operation, after which I was put in a brace. I was told that if I was not better in ten months' time I would have to learn to live with the pain.

Ten months passed and I was still in the brace and suffering pain. Then

I went to the DeGrado Healing Revival at the Assembly of God in Clinton, Illinois, on December 15, 1961. I was prayed for and God instantly healed me. I removed the brace and walked all over the church without it.

That night I had the first good night's rest that I had had in a long time, and the next day I worked all day on a concrete floor without pain. I have been fine ever since and praise the Lord for His marvelous grace to me.—Mrs. Elwood Adams, Sr., Clinton, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. R. DePrenger, Assembly of God, Clinton, Ill.)

Pelvic Bone Healed

I HAD A TERRIBLE FALL ON AUGUST 19, 1961. Along with other injuries, my pelvic bone was fractured. I was under the care of a bone specialist, Dr. Ankenbarent, and was in traction in the hospital for two weeks.

When I went home, I was bedfast for six weeks. I could finally get around in a wheel chair, and on crutches, but could not be up for any length of time.

I was taken to a revival service in the Assembly of God on December 15. Brother DeGrado was preaching. I went forward to be prayed for and God instantly healed me. I started walking all over the platform, up and down the stairs at the church—and I have been walking ever since!

Praise God, He has been good to me—I am healed!—Mrs. Eveland, Clinton, Ill.

(Endorsed by Pastor C. R. DePrenger, Assembly of God, Clinton, Ill.)

If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to *The Pentecostal Evangel*, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo.



CHRIST THE FAITHFUL SERVANT

Sunday School Lesson for April 15, 1962

HEBREWS 3:1-19

A FAITHFUL EXAMPLE (Hebrews 3:1-16).

The People Addressed. "Wherefore"—that is, in view of chapter 2:17, 18: Christ having become flesh and having Himself experienced temptation, and, having died for our sins and risen again, has become a "merciful and faithful High Priest" who is able to give us victory in every temptation.

"Holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling." "Brethren" speaks of relationship to Christ; "holy" speaks of consecration to Christ; "partakers of the heavenly calling" speaks of privileges and destiny in Christ.

The Action Urged. "Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession." Let it be emphasized again that Hebrews is a book which centers in Christ, which holds up Christ, which demonstrates His superiority, sovereignty, glory, and power. The sacred writer has shown His superiority to angels; now he shows His superiority to Moses. Jesus is called "The Apostle," which means "sent one," because He was sent from God to man. He is called "High Priest" because He is the fulfillment of all that was typified by Old Testament high

TRIPLE WARNING

TODAY...
TODAY...
TODAY* IF
YE WILL HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.
Hebrews 3:15

*The word "TODAY" appears three times within nine verses (Hebrews 3:7-15). How could the Holy Spirit make the warning to sinners more urgent?

priests, and because He is sent by man to God in the sense that He represents man before God.

To "Consider" Him means to concentrate upon Him, to occupy our hearts and minds with *who* and *what* He is. To do so cannot but influence our conduct and provoke us to steadfastness and holiness in following Him.

The Example Upheld. "Consider . . . Jesus who was faithful." In verses 2-6 the thought of the writer is as follows: great was the faithfulness of Moses, the servant of God, in leading Israel out of Egypt's bondage to the borders of the promised land. Greater still is the faithfulness of Jesus, not as a servant but as the Son of God who delivers men from the bondage of sin, and leads them into the heavenly Canaan.

A FEARFUL EXCLUSION (Hebrews 3:7-11).

The Warning Sounded. "Wherefore"—again this word connects what is about to be said with what has been said. "As the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years." God had been so faithful to Israel in the wilderness. For forty years they had witnessed His mighty miracles wrought in their behalf. Moses had been faithful to Israel in his leadership in their behalf. Yet Israel "soon forgot his works" (Psalm 106:13); they "tempted" God by murmuring, complaining, and finding fault with Him; they forsook Him for idols.

The Sentence Declared. "So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest." Was God harsh and unjust? Could He be blamed for Israel's failure? Israel chose the way of unbelief—and because of that unbelief could not enter Canaan.

A FORTHRIGHT EXHORTATION (Hebrews 3:12-19).

Guard against unbelief (verses 12 and 19). "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God." Just as Israel missed God and His promised rest, so are Christians in danger of missing these things for the same reason. Observe that unbelief is called an evil thing—and indeed what is there that can be more evil than not to trust and believe our faithful God and our faithful High Priest!

Guard against hardness of heart. "Lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Quietly, stealthily, sin finds its way into the heart, hardening it day by day while the possessor of that heart may be more or less unaware of the change taking place. Such is the deceitfulness of sin!

Exhort one another (verse 13). Here is a way to guard against unbelief and hardness of heart. One of the best ways to keep ourselves true is to maintain a genuine heartfelt concern for the spiritual welfare of others, and to actively help them whenever we can.

Be steadfast (verse 14). "We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Sorrowing one, oppressed and tried, look away to Jesus. Consider Him! He loves you and ever lives to make intercession for you, to supply grace for every need. Be steadfast in your night of darkness for "joy cometh in the morning."

—J. Bashford Bishop

He Builds for Christ

(Continued from page seven)

year. In 1955 he planned to be married so he built his own house.

He worked for a builder as job superintendent, building one \$70,000 home, then twenty more houses, and completing the construction of twenty custom houses.

The Roe Messner Construction Company was incorporated in 1957. His business spread through Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Ohio. From as far as California and Texas came requests for this young man to build. Contractors and builders said of his work, "You can glance at a Messner construction and recognize it—it is well built; everything has to be right!"

Roe has been influential with the men who work for him. Some have stopped smoking; they practice restraint in swearing; a number have started attending church. Some have made decisions for Christ. Two of his workmen, while building Central Assembly in Wichita last year, knelt in one of the new, unfinished classrooms and wept their way through to salvation. He always finds time for spiritual business.

Roe arises at five every Sunday morning to complete the study of his Sunday school lesson. He has done this each Sunday for more than three years. His lesson preparation includes study throughout the week, as far as possible, but he sets the early Sunday time aside.

Prior to teaching his class, Roe felt he was "doing nothing—sort of sitting on a fence." He made a decision and told the pastor's wife, "I want to teach the high-school class." She assured Roe his offer was an answer to prayer.

"I was aware that I was backward," he says. "I had never stood up before a Sunday school class—I was scared to death. This has been my work now for nearly four years."

Focus on "Breakthrough" at Sunday School Convention

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FRESNO, CALIFORNIA—The "Breakthrough" program of the Assemblies of God will be spotlighted during the regional Sunday school convention which begins Tuesday, April 10, in Fresno's Civic Memorial Auditorium.

The two-day, three-night event is the third of three regional conventions to be sponsored this year by the National Sunday School Department of the denomination.

Kenneth Schmidt, Hardy Steinberg, and Charles W. H. Scott will be the special speakers. They will emphasize the importance of evangelism in the Sunday school and will tell how each worker can have his part in helping

the local church achieve a "breakthrough" to greater success.

There will be 30 different workshop sessions, divided into three general sections: one for ministers, one for Sunday school teachers, and one for superintendents and other officers.

Three extra sessions are planned for early arrivals. On Tuesday afternoon delegates can attend workshops on crafts, writing, or Christian day schools.

Other features in the Fresno gathering will include numerous exhibits, where a counseling service will be available. Delegates will be able to pick up free materials and aids for their schools. There will be visual demonstrations and the premier showing of the new vacation Bible school filmstrip, "Muddy Feet."

Earlier conventions in the 1962 regional series were at Harrisburg, Pa.

Day by Day in Your Bible

Read It Through in '62



April 8—Begin 2 Samuel 17

April 14—Finish 1 Kings 13

His class meets every Thursday evening in the church. The members have divided into four groups, each with an adult sponsor. The evening is spent making calls for the class, visiting prospects or former visitors. One pre-Easter project included a personally written invitation to every high-school student in the city of Wichita. More than eight thousand personal notes of invitation went into the mail and the impact on the city was forceful. Central Assembly hears from this project to this day.

"One of the great thrills of my life was when Pastor Trimmer talked to me about building Central Assembly. This was my church and I wanted it to be the best." He accomplished this goal!

"I cannot outgive God," Roe says. "Everything I give, He gives back to me with interest."

"I seek God each morning of my life, read the Bible, and pray. It is my strength and encouragement—it is the first thing I do."

Christ's Ambassador Messner says, "I have never prayed for earthly goods. The Scripture verse that has directed my life, and which I firmly believe is the most important thing in my life, is, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God . . . and all these things shall be added.'"

(March 20-22) and at Oklahoma City, Okla. (April 3-5).

Pentecost Crusade

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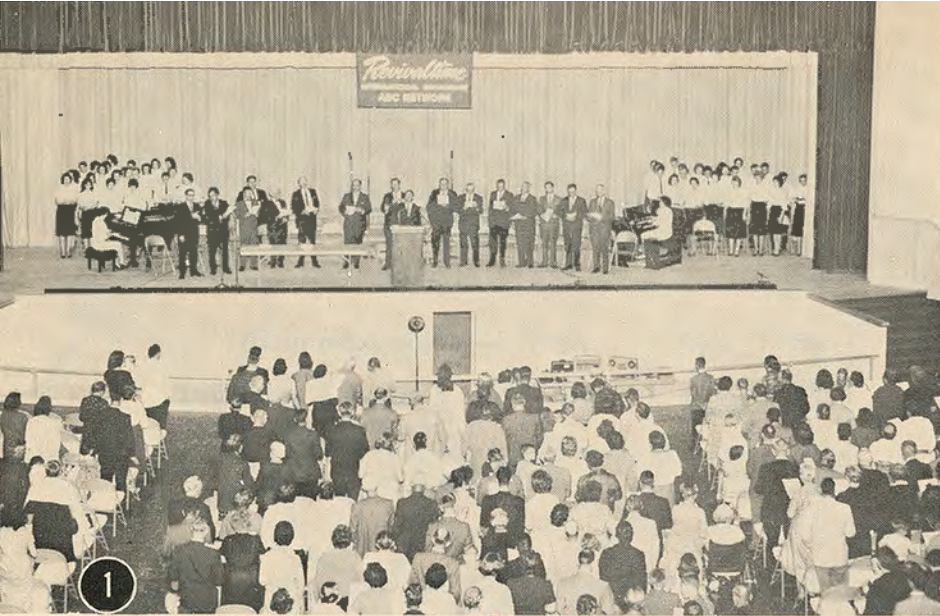
(APRIL 22-JUNE 10)

Spiritual preparation is essential to effective evangelism. Be sure to read Dr. Melilli's article on page four in which he enumerates the scriptural qualifications of a successful soul winner.



Theme: "Win New Friends to Christ"

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'ALL-OUT' EFFORT BY CRUSADE TO REACH PANAMA CITY

By CRAWFORD B. RAILEY
Presbyter, Section Eight, West Florida District



HIGHLIGHTED BY AN ORIGATION of the international broadcast, *Revivaltime*, an area-wide *Revivaltime* crusade was held in Panama City, Fla., February 20-25. The crusade was preceded by months of planning, preparation, and prayer on the part of the seventeen Assemblies of God churches of Section Eight of the West Florida District.

Pastors met weekly in united prayer meetings for the services. During the week preceding the crusade, each church sponsored daily prayer groups.

Then Burton W. Pierce, national secretary of the Men's Fellowship and Evangelism Departments, came for three nights of city-wide men's rallies to tie the men's personal work into the crusade. Brother Pierce continued to work throughout the crusade in personal work and preservice prayer

meetings. The pastors were unanimous in feeling that he made a great contribution to the crusade as well as to the local churches.

D. V. Hurst joined the team Saturday night for the climax of the men's rallies. He was a great blessing as he ministered in the area churches on Sunday and in a Christ's Ambassadors' rally Monday night. Throughout the campaign he served as coordinator of the many phases of the crusade.

The entire city, the mayor, businessmen, and news media representatives were very cordial in their reception of the crusade and its team members. The local newspaper gave front page coverage when the Honorable Joe E. Hutchison, mayor, welcomed C. M. Ward, *Revivaltime* speaker, to the city.

Week-night services were conducted

in the auditorium of the First Assembly of God, with radio station WPCF, ABC affiliate, broadcasting more than one hour of the service each night. Interest ran high during the entire meetings as thousands in the church and radio audiences heard C. M. Ward as he ministered with great anointing.

On Sunday night the origination of *Revivaltime* from the new Civic Auditorium in downtown Panama City climaxed the crusade. An audience of twelve to fourteen hundred gathered for the final evening to see for the first time a great, world-wide radio service originate from the West Florida District.

We shall long feel the influence of a *Revivaltime* crusade in this entire area!

REVIVALTIME, BOX 70, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



1. Panama City's new Civic Auditorium was the site for the final Sunday night service of the Crusade. Origination of Revivaltime broadcast was at 9:30 p.m.
2. Twelve to fourteen hundred gathered for the final service at the Civic Auditorium.
3. Evangelist C. M. Ward spoke each night.
4. Burton W. Pierce directed the training of men's personal worker teams.
5. D. V. Hurst offered the prayer of invitation.
6. A Revivaltime origination plaque was presented to Crawford Railey and O. L. Thomas, superintendent of West Florida District by D. V. Hurst.
7. Special music for the Crusade and the broadcast service was presented by an area-wide choir. For the broadcast it was directed by Cyril McLellan.
8. The mayor of Panama City presented the key of the city to Revivaltime Crusade team. Left to right: Crawford B. Railey, Burton W. Pierce, Mayor Joe E. Hutchison, C. M. Ward, D. V. Hurst, and Leone E. Mathis, city clerk and treasurer of Panama City.
9. Five large billboards located in strategic areas were donated to promote the Crusade.

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NATIONAL EDUCATION SECRETARY

Kalispell Assembly Sponsors Evangel College Scholarship

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—The Assembly of God at Kalispell, Montana, recently became the instrument to answer the prayers of a young couple who are students at Evangel College.

Phil and JoAnna Nichols, seniors at Evangel, are scheduled to graduate this May. Phil plans to enroll in seminary after graduation, with the goal of becoming an Assemblies of God chaplain in the Air Force. JoAnna, like Phil, is an honor student at Evangel, and is majoring in music.

When preparing to enroll for their last semester at Evangel, Phil and JoAnna found their savings had been depleted so that they lacked one hundred dollars of having enough to pay their tuition and fees. When it seemed they would have to drop out of college they made the situation a matter of special prayer.

Just in time, they received a letter from Kalispell. The Assembly, pastored by C. Merrill Johnson, had voted to enroll in the Evangel College Church Scholarship Plan. Through this plan a church or an individual may designate one-third of their monthly gifts to the college for a scholarship for a student of their choice. The Kalispell Assembly had selected JoAnna for their scholarship. Since the scholarship portion of their offerings had been ac-



Phil and JoAnna Nichols are seniors at Evangel College.

Southern California College Plans New Library

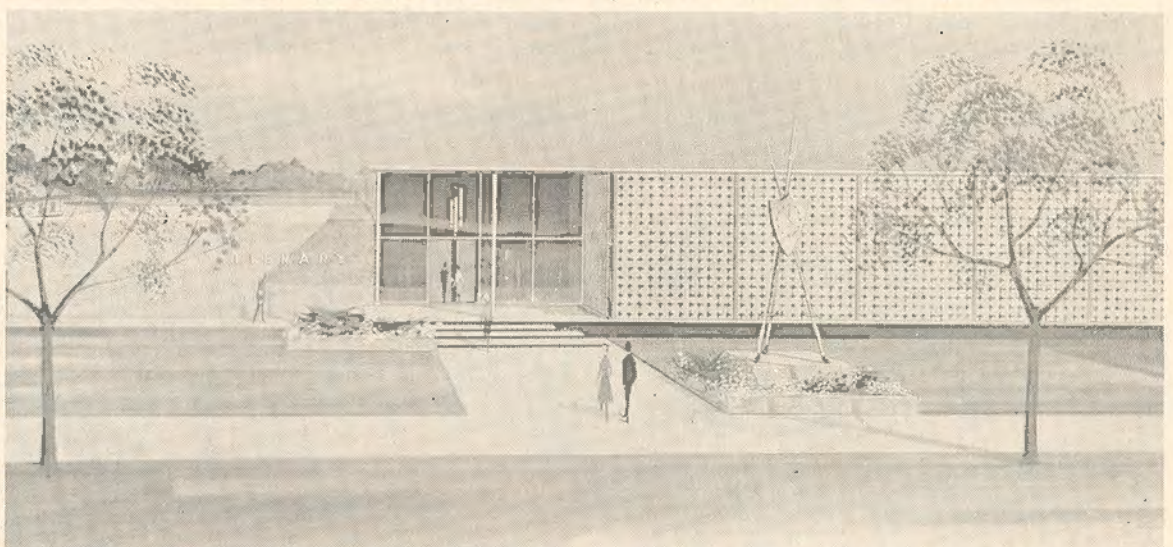
COSTA MESA, CALIF.—A new library estimated to cost \$150,000 was recently approved for Southern California College. In announcing the new project the Assemblies of God District Superintendent, L. E. Halvorson, pointed out that a new library was an important step in achieving Western College Association accreditation. Plans call for construction to begin in May.



L. E. Halvorson L. E. Halvorson is serving as chairman of the Fund-raising Committee.

Superintendent Halvorson said that the District can well be proud of the advancements of its college both spiritually and academically. "Recently," he declared, "I had

occasion to speak at the college. When I entered the chapel I found that many students were already gathered in prayer. I was informed that this spontaneous prechapel prayer time was typical of school life at SCC this year."



Architect's drawing of the library to be built at Southern California College.

cumulating for some months it amounted to one hundred dollars—just the amount needed so that Phil and JoAnna could complete their last semester.

There are now 144 Assemblies

of God churches and individuals enrolled in the Church Scholarship Plan, helping to make it possible for Assemblies of God young men and women to receive a Pentecostal education.

Bethany Bible College Enrolls Cuban Students

From Cuba to Miami, Florida . . . as refugees; to Bellflower, California . . . to find salvation; and to Bethany Bible College . . . to prepare for the ministry. This in brief is the story of Raul and Luz Foyo of Havana.

A one-time sales supervisor for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Cuba, Raul accompanied by his wife fled from their Cuban home to find refuge in the United States. The ever-increasing pressure from Castro's political regime made it impossible for them to continue in Cuba.

While in Miami, Luz Foyo who is a registered nurse assisted other Cuban refugees like herself at the Evangelical Refugee Center. Here she contacted Kathleen L. Belknap, secretary-treasurer of the Center, who is a minister of the Assemblies of God. Thus began the series of events leading to her conversion and that of her husband. They were invited to church fellowship functions where they noticed "the people loved each other and were not afraid of one another."

Before long a Christian businessman of Bellflower, California, offered to bring them to the West Coast, supplying them with housing and food until they could find employment. In a few weeks Raul read the Bible through, studied Revelation on his own, helped in two vacation Bible schools, and expressed his desire to study in some Bible College in order to prepare for ministry among his people.



Raul and Luz Foyo from Havana are now attending Bethany Bible College.

Today Raul, who has a degree in engineering from the University of Havana, is enrolled as a regular student at Bethany, while his wife is a special student.

With no assurance of financial backing, Raul works his way through college by washing pots and pans in the college cafeteria. But he says, "I am more happy washing pots and pans as a Christian than making \$600 to \$700 a month working as a sales representative under the Castro government. God is so good, so very good, to us!"

BBC HAS SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Paul E. Lowenberg, pastor of First Assembly of God, Topeka, Kansas, was the special speaker at the annual Spiritual Emphasis Week held on the Bethany Bible College campus March 6-10. The annual Pastor's Day was observed also on the campus on March 9 when approximately one hundred pastors were present. Cordas C. Burnett is president at Bethany.

Evangelism **BREAKTHROUGH**

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THOMASVILLE, GA.—A genuine old-fashioned Pentecostal revival has just been concluded at First Assembly with the E. J. Stufflebeam Evangelistic Party. The congregation rejoices over the individuals who were saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit, or healed.
—*Vester L. Raburn, Jr., Pastor*

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WHITING, IND.—Two recent revivals held at the Assembly of God here were especially blessed of God. The more recent was conducted by Evangelists Helen Reeves and Carolyn Robison, both CBI students. One individual who had been on the prayer list for some time received a glorious experience of salvation. Wonderful healings were also reported. A revival spirit continues in the regular services and new families are being reached for Christ. Earlier meetings by Evangelist and Mrs. Fred McDonald were also blessed of God.
—*M. H. Nolin, Pastor*

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DERMOTT, ARK.—A glorious visitation of the Spirit of God was felt during a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. A. G. Calaway of Newton, Tex. Each night God poured out His Spirit upon the services, resulting in at least 12 conversions, some Holy Spirit infillings, and a number of definite healings.
—*O. J. Crank, Pastor*

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PEMBROKE, BERMUDA—The Evening Light Tabernacle reports victory following a very successful two-week revival crusade with the Paul Olson Evangelistic Party of

Minneapolis, Minn. More than 100 people came to the altar to confess Christ as Lord and Saviour. Many testified to receiving a healing touch. The evangelistic party was interviewed and sang over Bermuda's television network. Pictures and reports of the revival appeared on the front page of the newspaper, and a half-hour of free radio time was given to the party. This publicity brought numbers of visitors to the meetings.
—*H. R. Thomas, Pastor*

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PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Just recently Evangelist and Mrs. J. C. Grady of Winchester, Ill., ministered in a two-week revival at Glad Tidings Assembly. Individuals sought God for salvation, and others were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit. Some wonderful healings were in evidence during the meetings also.
—*D. J. Geist, Pastor*

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IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.—An outstanding revival with the Ceylonese evangelist, Lloyd Perera, has just concluded at First Assembly of God here. The evangelist's thrilling testimony, "From Idols and Caste Systems to Pentecost," and his sound Biblical preaching with a rich anointing, brought the church into an old-time Pentecostal revival with the gifts of the Spirit in manifestation. Being a foreign national and a product of our own Assemblies of God missionary work overseas, the evangelist was instrumental in stirring the congregation with a greater vision for foreign missions. The Sunday school showed an increase of 25% and is con-

tinuing to grow. The last Sunday of the revival a children's church was organized with 47 in attendance for the very first meeting.
—*H. L. Cates, Pastor*

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OCEANSIDE, CALIF.—Attendance at morning and evening services has increased at the Assembly of God here following meetings with Evangelist Duane Parrish of Fresno, Calif. During the revival several were saved, some were refilled with the Spirit of God, and others were healed. Sunday school attendance reached a high of 204.
—*P. C. Walcher, Pastor*

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BOISE, IDAHO—D. C. Allen of Thermopolis, Wyo., was the evangelist in a recent two-week revival at Garden City Assembly. Ten individuals found Christ as Saviour and seven received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. A number more were refilled, and several were wonderfully healed by the power of God. A few days later the pastor baptized 32 in water. Previous attendance records were broken three times, both during the revival and following it.
—*Park Reed, Pastor*

—*Park Reed, Pastor*

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ST. JAMES, MO.—The convicting power of the Holy Ghost rested upon a two-week revival at the Assembly of God here conducted by Evangelist Jim Chandonnet of Burlington, Iowa. The attendance was the largest in many years. A young lad from Boys Town was saved through the ministry of this evangelist who had formerly trained for the Roman Catholic monastery.
—*T. Bluford Conway, Pastor*

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INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—The pastor said that in ten years of pastoral experience he never noticed such a revelation of the supernatural power of God in a revival effort as he saw during a three-week meeting just concluded by Evangelist and Mrs. John Higginbotham. Each night the Word became direct prophecy from the throne of God as hidden sins were exposed by its searchlight. A deepening in the life of holiness was noted.
—*F. O. Coats, Pastor*

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PIGGOTT, ARK.—First Assembly just closed a two-week revival with Evangelist Bonnie M. Ruble and her co-worker, Mrs. William Moss, of Mineral Point, Mo. Sinners were saved and three believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. God dealt with His people in the matter of holy living.
—*Opal M. Dillard, Pastor*

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Evangelist Ernie Eskelin (left) in front of the Pawnee, Ill. population sign with pastor M. C. Johnson



Large crowds attended the Eskelin revival held recently in Pawnee, Ill., in spite of the fact that the population of the town is only 1,000. This photo was made during the closing Monday night service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL NAE CONVENTION—April 10-12 at Denver-Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colo.

POTOMAC DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION—April 18-20 at Calvary Gospel Church, Arlington, Va. The Sunshine Party of Indianapolis, Ind., speakers.—by Frank C. Mays, district C. A. president.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—April 23-26 at First Assembly of God, Amarillo, Tex. Monday night district C. A. Rally. Bert Webb, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker. E. R. Foster is host pastor.—by Charles J. Eastes, district secretary.

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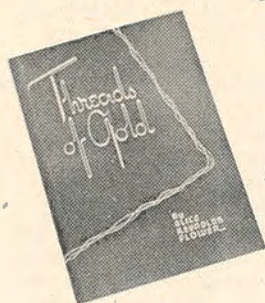
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Ariz.	Mesa	First	Apr. 4-22	Paul E. Riggs	V. L. Hertweck	
	Phoenix	First	Apr. 10—	Jimmie Mayo, Jr.	V. E. Shores	
	Phoenix	Glad Tidings	Apr. 10-22	Harlin Hines	David Geist	
Ark.	Mountain Pine	First	Apr. 2-15	Jackie & Peggy Nichols	Lyndale Harberson	
	Siloam Springs	First	Apr. 10-22	Leon Morrow	Lonnie Nelson	
Calif.	Ceres	Central	Apr. 15-29	Orville J. Painter	G. W. Alsup	
	Compton	A/G	Apr. 8—	David O. Bunch	Eric Wilson	
	Eureka	Bethel	Apr. 3-8	Christian Hild	Gene Riggs	
	Lodi	First	Apr. 11-22	Robert Watters	Gene Forrest	
	Modesto	S. Modesto	Mar. 25-Apr. 8	Marvin Schmidt	Clyde O'Shields	
	Red Bluff	Bethel Temple	Apr. 8-22	Walter & Ruth Lascelle	James A. Benney	
	Redding	Bethel	Apr. 11-22	Stanley P. MacPherson	R. T. Doherty	
	San Francisco	Glad Tid. Tem.	Apr. 4-9	Ernie Eskelin	Floyd Thomas	
	Colo.	Ft. Collins	First	Apr. 3-15	Lolita Thompson	J. C. Musgrove
		Greeley	First	Apr. 8-22	Musical Mathans	Harold Maley
Ga.	Pueblo	Central	Apr. 10-22	Don Hall	C. F. Ferguson	
	Columbus	East Highland	Apr. 11-22	Warren Litzman	Robert Jones	
Hawaii	Honolulu	A/G	Apr. 8-22	Musical Cavallinis	H. B. Headrick	
Idaho	Nampa	First	Apr. 10-29	O. E. Vaale	Warren D. Combs	
Ill.	E. St. Louis	State Street	Apr. 8-22	Woodrow Oxner	Otis Runyon	
	Lincoln	Faith	Apr. 10-22	Cox-Brown Team	Earl Cornelison	
Ind.	Ellettsville	A/G	Apr. 4-15	Harry V. Vibbert	Edward Helton	
	Michigan City	A/G	Mar. 27—	Wright-Meyers Team	Stewart H. Robinson	
	South Bend	Calvary Temple	Apr. 12—	Byron Lee Wright	Roy Wead	
	Terre Haute	First	Apr. 3-15	Bill & Mrs. McPherson	Wm. D. Saunders, Jr.	
	Washington	A/G	Apr. 11-22	Paul Hild	R. L. Covington	
Iowa	Farmington	A/G	Apr. 10—	Gene & Jeannie Hensley	G. E. Senf	
	Ft. Madison	Calvary	Apr. 1-15	Musical Vanderploegs	W. E. Risner	
Kans.	Marshalltown	First	Apr. 10-22	Arthur & Anna Berg	Warren LaRose	
	Augusta	A/G	Apr. 10-22	Jeremiah Hanley	Glendale Norris	
	Columbus	First	Apr. 10—	Stovall-Knouse Team	A. V. Schneider	
La.	Kansas City	First	Apr. 10-22	Watson Argue	U. S. Grant	
	Pomona	A/G	Apr. 8-20	Lambertson Evangelists	Roy Pick	
	Wichita	Glad Tidings	Apr. 10-22	Billy & Mrs. Guthrie	David Richards	
	Lake Charles	Glad Tidings	Apr. 3-15	Calvin Melton	Don McKinney	
	Sulphur	Southside	Apr. 8-15	Charles W. Hyde	D. W. Fontenot	
Md.	Brunswick	A/G Tab.	Apr. 8-22	Vernon & Malva Cardiff	James F. Short, Sr.	
Mich.	Lincoln Park	Bethel	Apr. 10-22	Wm. H. Kautz	Seth Balmer	
	Muskegon	East Broadway	Apr. 10-22	Jerry & Mrs. Roberts	E. E. Froats	
Minn.	Owosso	A/G	Apr. 10-22	Bob & Jeri Winford	Roscoe Berthume	
	Royal Oak	A/G	Apr. 3-15	Bobby Jackson	A. F. DiMusto	
	Sturgis	A/G	Apr. 10-22	Joel Palmer	Donald Matthews	
Mo.	Worthington	A/G	Apr. 10-22	Wm. L. "Bill" Stephens	John W. Everett	
	Carthage	First	Apr. 10-22	Lee & Bonnie Krupnick	G. R. Kelly	
N. J.	Kansas City	Maple Park	Apr. 15—	Ivan & Mrs. Kimmel	Howard Jones	
	N. Kansas City	First	Apr. 10-22	Arnold & Anita Segesman	R. A. McClure	
N. Mex.	St. Louis	* Trinity Tab.	Apr. 8-13	Bob Olson	Orville D. Persons	
	Elizabeth	Ebenezer Ch.	Mar. 21-Apr. 15	Sunshine Party	Frederick H. Huber	
N. Y.	Albuquerque	Highland	Apr. 10—	The Ken George Team	Robert Northrop	
	Hudson Falls	Gosp. Lighthouse	Apr. 1-15	C. Linfield Crowder	Robert Canterbury	
N. C.	Windsor	Bethel	Apr. 3-22	Peiffer-Harden Team	R. O. Denton	
	Akron	Cottage Grove	Apr. 10—	James Tucker	Eugene Speich	
Ohio	Bellevue	A/G	Apr. 10-22	G. A. & Mrs. Snavelly	Lindon Ford	
	Dayton	Central	Apr. 3-15	J. D. Wooldridge	R. M. Bocken	
Okla.	Barnsdall	A/G	Apr. 15—	Joey & Mrs. Laird	George Clements	
	Seaside	A/G	Apr. 10-22	David & Nona Grant	Monte Fast	
Oreg.	Sweet Home	A/G	Apr. 10-22	Ed Cole	W. P. Rutledge	
	Jeannette	A/G	Apr. 10-22	Roberta Lashley	Richard Barriss	
Pa.	Johnstown	Grace Pent.	Apr. 3-21	David & Mrs. Howe	E. S. Opendenoff	
	Wilkes-Barre	Pentecostal	Apr. 10-15	Bob & Pat Ludwig	Albert Lazar	
S. C.	York	First	Apr. 3-15	Wm. & Alverna Farrand	E. O. Leeper	
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and final authority is vested in the Pope.

Another possible source of authority in religious matters is *human reason*. This is found in Modernism. The modernist does not accept the miraculous elements in the Bible. He lifts himself above the Bible and reason becomes his god.

The third source of supreme authority in religious matters is the *Bible*. Belief in the ultimate authority of the Bible is the chief characteristic of evangelical Protestantism, and this is the position taken by the Assemblies of God.

There is a time in life for outside authority. We need outside authority during our days of immaturity. I tell my three-year-old not to put her hands on top of the stove, not because I expect her to understand why, but because at her level of growth she has no inward guide to safe behavior. But there will come a time when my child will know for herself that it's unwise to play "thermometer" with her hand. And there should come a time when a Christian learns for himself the reality of the things he has been taught.

If all we develop in our youth is a commendable ability to enumerate the beliefs of the Assemblies of God—we have failed. If we've given them doctrine without devotion—we've failed. If all they know is tradition—even though it be Pentecostal tradition—then we shall have problems on our hands. We must have spiritually mature youth—youth who, if they have learned nothing else from their church, have learned that it's not the church that saves, not even the Assemblies of God church.

Indoctrination, therefore, must be concerned not only with *content*, but also with *method*. We must show them not only *what* to believe, but *why* and *how* these things must be believed. That's the *principle*—the principle of how we should indoctrinate.

Now let me itemize a few specific

suggestions on putting this principle into practice:

1. I'd like to underscore the importance of *personal example*.

Maybe you've already heard this story about Charles Spurgeon, the great English Baptist preacher. Among his other duties he operated a preacher's school. He trained young ministers. Now Spurgeon had a peculiar mannerism in his own preaching style. Once I talked with an old man who had sat under Spurgeon's preaching and he confirmed the truth of this mannerism. When he preached, Spurgeon always had one shoulder lower than the other—tilted sideways. I suppose he found that was an effective posture for emphasizing a point.

Well, you can guess what happened. In pulpits all over England graduates from Spurgeon's college were quickly spotted: they preached with one shoulder lower than the other!

It's our job to so shape our lives that the copies will be clear—and Christian. And in this matter of being a *true* Protestant, may God help us to bend beneath the authority of the Scriptures. Young people are deeply impressed by example.

2. I urge wide use of *Christian literature*—all kinds of literature—books, magazines, pamphlets, tracts. My study of the cults has left me with one big conclusion: the cult that writes is the cult that wins. From this the church may learn a lesson.

Let's do all we can to get Christian reading into the hands of our youth. The *C. A. Herald*, *Campus Ambassador*, *Pentecostal Evangel*, and the many other publications which our church sponsors have a vital effect on our full-gospel youth.

And the tract! Let's bring back the tract. You know what I did the other day? I had just received one of those familiar-type envelopes with my department store bill buried beneath a pile of brochures—attractive brochures inviting me to add on to next month's

bill. I actually had to *hunt* for my bill.

So I came to a decision: if department stores can pack their bills among useless brochures, why can't I pack my check envelope with something decent? So I got a fistfull of neat-looking tracts. And now every time I send off a check to pay a bill I make sure whoever opens the letter will have to disentangle the check from a tract.

One good way then to draft our young people into the King's service is to load them with literature.

3. Then let's *really* get back to the *Bible*. You talk about reading the Bible, but let's let the Bible read *us*. We're working this year on the Bible-reading theme, "Read it Through in '62." Let's let the Bible read *us* through in '62 and in every subsequent year the Lord may give us.

There has to be more to reading the Bible than viewing so many chapters through sleepy eyelids. We must get God's Word on the inside—in the mind and the heart—so that it seeps through to the outside—into that life which is known and read of all men.

To do this, of course, demands Bible reading. That's what the program is for. But it also demands reading with understanding. "He that hath an ear, let him *hear* what the Spirit saith to the churches."

We must make the Word of God available, attractive, and relevant to youth. And that, in turn, involves first of all our own personal commitment to the Bible as God's Word for us.

We must therefore indoctrinate the youth of the Assemblies of God. This doesn't mean we're going to ecclesiastically brainwash them. It means instead that our own lives will clearly exemplify before them God's holy Word. They will then experience spiritual reality through our influence. They will learn from us the principles of making decisions that are Christian. They will copy our unflinching conviction that the Bible is God's Word and that it is our final authority.

We must, in short, either *draft* our youth or we will see them *drift*.

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