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



*Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain;
so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them
showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.*

Zechariah 10:1

From Poverty to Wealth

ALEXANDER H. KERR WAS CONVERTED under the ministry of Dwight L. Moody at the age of fourteen. In 1902 he read a book entitled "Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright," by Bishop Allen. In his book, Bishop Allen referred to the vow Jacob made in Genesis 28, where we find the following words, "Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." He pointed out that years later this same Jacob returned to his home with servants and cattle in great abundance; he thus became one of the rich men of the East as a result of keeping his covenant of tithing with the Lord God.

With some doubts, but with a sincere desire to see whether God's promises are intended for people of this twentieth century, Mr. Kerr made a covenant to set aside a certain percentage of his income for the work of the Lord. At that time he had a mortgage on his little home, owed many debts, and was burdened with cares and worries. However, he determined to prove God, as did Jacob.

Within three months after Mr. Kerr began to tithe, unexpected and unforeseen blessings came to him.

That same year Mr. Kerr, with a very small capital but with strong faith in God's promises, organized the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Company, which became one of the largest fruit jar firms in the United States. The jars were manufactured for him in San Francisco. Mr. Kerr put practically every cent he had in the world into this fruit jar enterprise.

Then came the San Francisco earthquake! His friends came to him and said: "Kerr, you are a ruined man." He replied, "I don't believe it. God will not go back on His promises."

He wired to San Francisco, and received the following reply. "Your factory is in the heart of the fire, and undoubtedly is destroyed. The heat is so intense we will be unable to find out anything for some days."

What a time of testing this was! But his faith in the Lord never wavered. He stood unmoved on the promise in Malachi 3:11—"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

About a week after the earthquake and fire, a second telegram arrived, saying: "Everything for a mile and a half

on all sides of the factory burned: but your factory was miraculously saved."

Mr. Kerr immediately boarded a train for San Francisco. This factory was a two-story wooden building containing huge tanks where the glass was melted, which tanks were kept at 2500 degrees. Oil was used for fuel, and therefore this building was the most inflammable in San Francisco. But Mr. Kerr found that although the fire had raged on all sides of the glass factory, it had not touched it. The flames leaped around and over and beyond the building, burning everything in their path. However, not even the wooden fence surrounding the building was burned, and not a single glass jar was cracked by earthquake or fire! This was nothing short of a miracle of God's divine power in protecting this man who held his faith that God's

promises made to those who tithe would never be broken!

In 1912 Mr. Kerr wrote his first leaflet on the subject of tithing. Every case of fruit jars that left the factory contained one of these leaflets. He advertised to give them away to people who would judiciously scatter them—bearing the entire cost himself. From 1912 to the time of his death (Feb. 9, 1924) he had freely distributed more than five million leaflets!

Three weeks before he died Mr. Kerr addressed a church in Riverside, Calif. on the blessing of tithing one's possessions and income. Every business in which he was interested tithed. His returns were so great that he created a Tithing Fund and had it incorporated. His tithing gifts went around the world. He was deeply interested in missions, and also gave liberally toward the distribution of Testaments, Gospels, and religious literature.

He rose from poverty to wealth because he believed that God would honor His promise to pour out His blessings upon any man who would accurately and carefully set aside one-tenth of his income for God's work.

Maybe I'm Wrong

MAYBE I'M WRONG—BUT IF I AM, I'M happy anyway. I believe that there is only one best solution to the problem of life.

I have a friend who thinks I'm wrong. Once in a while we discuss it together. I won't say we argue, for there's no point in arguing over things of this kind. If you believe the Bible, no argument is necessary; if you refuse to believe it, no argument is adequate.

Anyway, we talk about it. He believes life would be better with no religion (I say, "How?"). He does not think the Bible was inspired by God (I say, "Have you read it?"). He says Jesus was a wise man—but not the Son of God (I say, "Do you know Him?"). He thinks salvation from sin is just imagination (I say, "Have you tried it?").

He also guesses there isn't any life after death—when you die, that's all. But I say there is a heaven, and a hell, too. Preparation for heaven means:

1. Believe Jesus.
2. Personally ask Him to forgive your sins.
3. Live by the Book.

Preparation for hell means:

1. Take the easy way.
- That's all!

I try to get my friend interested in eternity, but he acts as if there were not any.

Now, I feel that it's just as impossible for me to prove to him that I'm right about these things as to prove that the sun will rise tomorrow morning—and just as unnecessary. I could be content just to wait and see. Perhaps my friend is also content just to wait and see.

But you know, I've been thinking. . . .

One of us is wrong about eternity.

If I'm wrong, I have absolutely nothing to lose. Even my friend would agree that I'm at least as happy as he. I have the conviction of living with a purpose; I have a deep, inner happiness; I have a clear conscience; I have the thrill of looking ahead serenely, optimistically. If I'm wrong, my belief will have cost me nothing.

If he is wrong—dear God, what a mistake! He will have gambled his whole life on one desperate chance—and lost. If he is wrong about the Bible, about Jesus, about sin, about hell; if he is wrong, his belief, half-hearted though it is, will have cost him everything!

The friend I'm talking about is not invented; he is real, and there are others like him. Perhaps you're one. Somehow my heart won't let me just idly wait to see who's right, and that's why I'm writing this. Remember the gamble—everything to lose and nothing to gain. Why not come over where the odds are better? Think it over.—John Garlock,



SKYWATCHERS

CHARLES W. H. SCOTT

Michigan District Superintendent

IN MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT AMERICA, posters are being displayed in prominent places, appealing for civilian volunteers for the Ground Observers Corps. The upturned, searching eyes of a young mother appear in the sky above the picture of her wee son, who is holding a fluffy black-and-white toy dog. At the top of the poster, across the starlit sky, is printed this slogan, "Safe Because You Looked to the Sky."

World conditions indicate that if World War III should break out, our land would be threatened with an all-out atomic bomb attack from the skies. We have radar stations and other mechanical devices to detect the approach of an enemy, but our defense agencies know that this is not enough. Everybody must be watching the skies; hence the appeal for volunteers for the Ground Observers Corps.

During the past fifty years, Pentecostal preachers everywhere have called for men and women to become "skywatchers" by setting their affections on things above. Long before our Government issued the call for skywatchers, the Lord Jesus anticipated the situation that would exist in these last days and assured safety to all who would keep their eyes turned heavenward.

In Luke 21 He talked about world conditions that would prevail in the last days and He spoke of false Christs. He warned of wars and commotions. He foretold that nation would rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. He told about great earthquakes that would bring destruction in many places. He said that famines and pestilences would plague the earth. After further describing these future events, Jesus summed up the human reactions to all these happenings with the words, "Men's hearts [shall be] failing them for fear, and for looking after

those things which are coming on the earth."

But in the midst of this dark picture He offered a way of escape: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). In substance, Christ was calling for men and women of our day to become "skywatchers." In the face of the threats of Communism, atomic warfare, and moral and spiritual collapse, He says, "Look up!" Become "skywatchers!" Deliverance from these world conditions must be from above; it will not be the result of man's ingenuity.

"Skywatchers" of all ages have discovered that "salvation is of the Lord." They have seen again and again the visitations and manifestations of God's power on their behalf, and have found Him a present help in every time of trouble.

SKYWATCHERS FIND DELIVERANCE

As Joshua and the armies of Israel began the conquest of Canaan, they found themselves opposed by a confederation of five kings. But Joshua looked upward. And the record of the event (Joshua 10) shows how the enemies were defeated. "The Lord discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and . . . cast down great stones from heaven upon them." As Joshua became a "skywatcher," the Lord gave him victory over the enemy.

Today there is a confederation of five evil kings—pride, lust, passion, habit, and sin—to capture men and women and destroy their souls. In the natural, there is no escape from the tyranny of these powerful kings who reign over the flesh. But our God is still the great Emancipator—He has sent His Son "to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." The burdens of sin can be lifted, the load of care dispelled, and the anxieties of life eased when we look to Jesus.

SKYWATCHERS FIND POWER

On the Day of Pentecost a group of "skywatchers" were gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem (Acts 2). They had been there several days without visible results, but they were still alert. "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled

all the house where they were sitting."

These faithful followers of the Lord, who had been obedient to His command, were filled with the Holy Ghost and "began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." This was the Comforter, whom the Lord Jesus had promised to the disciples before He was taken from them (John 14:16). This was the power for service which He had promised them (Acts 1:8).

One hundred and twenty Christians filled with power to witness! It made such an impact upon the city that the religious leaders charged the disciples with having filled Jerusalem with their doctrine. Eventually the whole Roman Empire was shaken as this mighty visitation of the Spirit continued to spread and to fill every nook and corner.

This same power is available for every "skywatcher" today. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:4). If the Church needed the power of God to launch her ministry 2000 years ago, she certainly needs it for the consummation of her work in this atheistic and materialistic age. The history of this Pentecostal visitation shows that wherever the Holy Spirit has been outpoured in His fullness, revival fires have burned, miracles have accompanied the preaching of the Word, and multitudes have turned to Christ.

This Pentecostal experience in the life of the individual means power for service, and it gives a boldness for witnessing today just as in Peter's day. It is a restraining power that defends the believer from the things that had previously mastered him. And it is a constraining power that sends him running to others with the message of salvation.

SKYWATCHERS FIND HOPE

The blessed hope of the "skywatcher" is the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. But only those who have set their affections on things above will be ready to meet Him. In the coming conflagration only those will be safe who will have been raptured away. Child of God, you will be "safe because you looked to the skies," as the caption of the poster reads.

Just before the judgments of God are

poured out upon this earth, the Lord Jesus will return "in like manner" as He went away. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

The signs of His coming are all around us. Scripture is being fulfilled daily. The return of Jesus is the hope of the Church and of every believer. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he [Christ] is pure." It is incumbent upon us that we occupy until He comes, that we keep ourselves

from the lethargy and indifference of these days. We must be equipped with the whole armor of God, always ready for action.

One winter morning a few months ago I was scheduled to leave the Chicago airport for a flight to another part of the country. The day was dark and dreary. Sleet was falling. Dark clouds hung over the airport. When flight time came, we passengers took our places on the plane. After the pilot had made a safety check of all his instruments, we took off.

As we left the ground, we were plunged into the darkness of the overhanging clouds. Visibility was reduced to zero as the great ship sped through the air. But a few moments later we broke through the dense cloud banks and found ourselves

in the bright sunshine. The storm was now below us. On either side of our ship, as far as the eye could see, were rolling billows of white fleecy clouds, like frozen waves of a mighty ocean. We seemed to be in a beautiful new world, completely separated from the one we had just left behind.

One of these days, the Lord will return and the "skywatchers" who are looking for His coming will be caught up to meet Him, far above the storms, the clouds, the trouble and unrest of this old world. Christ will transport us into that place of many mansions which He said He was going to prepare for us. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

Ride On, King Jesus *No Man Can Work Like Thee*

Zelma Argue

"Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness" (Psa. 45:3, 4).

ONCE, SOME YEARS AGO, IT WAS MY privilege to hear Marion Anderson sing. The classical numbers which she sang I do not remember. But one number, which she sang as an encore, thrilled me so that I have never been able to forget it. This was a spiritual, and its theme was, "Ride On, King, Jesus, No Man Can Work Like Thee."

Recently God has been causing the above verses of the regal 45th Psalm to form a refrain of tumultuous joy in my soul, while before my view unfolds scene after scene of a King riding, His sword girded upon His thigh, executing His sovereign will in times of jeopardy, of peril, when all seems lost.

Throughout the pages of the Old Testament I see this One riding in might and majesty. I see Him perpetually at work, and no man can hinder Him.

When Abraham was summoned by the Lord to start out for an unfamiliar country, he left home, not knowing whither he was going. But he was content to dwell in tents and build only altars. "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). And I see One riding on ahead of Abraham, making a way for him when there seemed to be no way.

Jacob was fleeing for his life, and at night he lay down under an open sky, a stone for his pillow. But I see One riding, His sword upon His thigh, to open for him a way. This King gave Jacob

a vision of a ladder whose top reached the sky, angels of God ascending and descending thereupon.

Young Joseph was rejected by his own, sold into an alien country, falsely maligned, and forgotten in the dungeon by the one he had befriended. Then I see One riding in might, that sword still girded upon His thigh, appearing upon the scene to take action. In the morning Joseph was a prisoner. By evening he was washed and clothed, conferring with Pharaoh, preparing to save a nation in the time of need.

When Jochebed, mother of Miriam and Aaron, was caused to face the edict of death for the beautiful newborn infant Moses, she acted in a daring faith that has become a wonder down the ages. Nor was she forsaken. I see One riding to her defense, His sword of might upon His thigh; and He so alters and orders events that the very palace from which has come the edict of death, now is caused to shelter and nourish and train the child who someday should effectually proclaim to Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

When Saul's javelin, whizzing through the air on a mission of death, narrowly missed young David, the shepherd boy steadfastly stepped aside from any desire for vengeance or retaliation. In so doing, he made room for Another to come riding up in majesty and might. I see the King of kings take up that ruddy-faced shepherd lad whose very parents had overlooked him on the occasion of Samuel's visit, and place him upon a throne whose glory shall never end.

When three invading armies converged upon Judah at once, King Jehoshaphat

and all the nation stood before the Lord and prayed, "Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee." And they were not left alone, for One came riding to their defense, and that mighty sword became effective in creating havoc among the invaders, until they destroyed one another.

On and on we can go, as the followers in His army cry, "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed." Many, like Stephen, have

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been stoned or otherwise tormented or persecuted, yet they have left us abundant testimony that they were not forsaken. As Stephen was dying he looked steadfastly up into heaven and saw the Son of God standing there in glory to receive him. And thus, with face shining as an angel, he prayed for the forgiveness of his persecutors as his Lord had done; then "he fell asleep." Was all lost? By no means. The sword upon the thigh of the regal Rider was shortly to pierce the heart of one who held the clothes of those who did the stoning, and so operate that

Saul the persecutor would become Paul the preacher and would pick up the work laid down by Stephen.

Paul and Silas lay in the jail at Philippi, their backs bleeding from the lash and stinging from the salt wash. Yet they sang at midnight! And a mighty One came upon the scene. Surely the hoofs of His horse made the earth to quake, and the piercing of His sword caused the jailer to spring in crying, "What must I do to be saved?"

Later, Paul was to be imprisoned when
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brought Tony to the meeting. The evangelist had announced that every Friday night would be children's night, when he would pray especially for sick children, and that night (April 16) he prayed for Tony.

The next morning the excited mother called and said the boy was starting to walk! To prove it, she brought him to the service that night, and he walked across the platform.

His tongue was loosed at the same time, and the first thing he said was, "Jesus healed me." Now he drives his poor mother almost wild with his constant talking! Tony does not walk perfectly yet; he must learn by falls and bumps like anyone else learning to walk for the first time. But he can put his heels flat on the sidewalk.

This healing attracted much publicity in Grand Rapids; stories about him appeared in the local newspaper, and announcements were made on radio news reports.

A year ago there was a birthday party for crippled children. Tony and others were present, and the party was televised on a local program. After Tony's healing someone called the station to give them the good news. The cameramen came out immediately and televised him walking with his mother and playing in the yard. That same night the pictures of Tony were telecast again—first the scenes of a year ago, when he was a cripple, and then the pictures showing him walking and playing. What a wonderful contrast it was—and what a demonstration of God's love and willingness to heal crippled bodies today!

Tony and his mother are attending Woodmere Gardens Tabernacle now, and the people are thrilled to see the two of them coming up the aisle to the front of the church on a Sunday morning.

Tony, the "Miracle Boy"

THE CASE OF 8-YEAR-OLD TONY SASSO seemed hopeless. At least, the doctors could not do anything for him. This poor little victim of cerebral palsy had never walked since birth. His right arm was paralyzed, too. He tried to talk, but his speech came haltingly—first one word then another. He was unable to engage in conversation.

Tony was unable to stand without holding on to something or someone, and then only when his legs were covered with braces up to his hips. He had no sense of balance, and the doctors admitted that only God could give this to him. When he stood he could not put his heels on the ground.

Tony's mother, a Roman Catholic, called Harvey A. Krist, Pastor of Woodmere Gardens Tabernacle (Assemblies of God). She had seen an announcement that Evangelist Warren Litzman would soon be in Grand Rapids to hold meetings. She asked if she might bring her boy to be prayed for. That was in January, 1954.

Brother Krist and his wife called on Mrs. Sasso soon after that. She complained of severe pains in the back of her head and seemed ready for a nervous breakdown because of the strain in taking care of Tony. Before leaving the home, the Krist's prayed for her and shook hands.

A month or so later Mrs. Sasso called again and said that when the minister had shaken her hand (after praying with her) she had felt something go through her from head to feet. It scared her half to death, she said, but afterwards she found that she was healed. This incident must have helped Mrs. Sasso's faith for what was to happen to her little boy later.

The Litzman meetings in Grand Rapids were sponsored by the two Assemblies there. The meetings were begun on April 6, 1954, at the First Assembly of God and were to continue there for two weeks. Then there were to be three weeks of meetings at the Woodmere Gardens Tabernacle.

On Good Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Sasso



Tony had no sense of balance; the doctors were powerless to teach him to stand alone.



This is the way Tony's parents tried to teach him to walk, but all in vain.



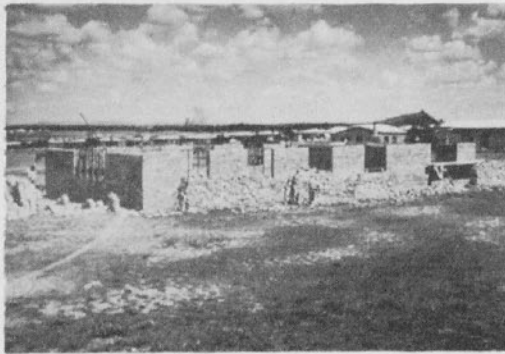
Now Tony can walk alone. He is shown on Sunday morning leaving home for church.

REVIVAL ACCOMPANIES BUILDING OF NEW CHURCH

Vernon Pettenger, South Africa



Christian men help mix concrete



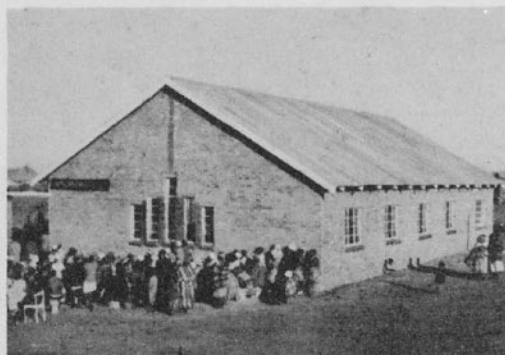
... the building begins to take shape



... Vernon Pettenger lays the bricks



Mrs. Pettenger and Hilda lead Sunday School



... 1,500 people throng at dedication.

IN APRIL 1953 WE BROKE GROUND for our new church building at Vereeniging, South Africa. We had no money, but God was with us and we knew that He would supply the need. Construction began last October, and through the sacrificial giving of our friends and churches the building was completed. On May 22, 1954, over 1,500 people were present when our Field Superintendent, Edgar Pettenger, opened the doors and prayed God's blessing upon the building.

Due to the large crowd we stayed outside for the dedication ceremonies. W. F. Mullin, Chairman of the Assemblies of God in South Africa, said a few words before Stephen Vandermerwe preached. It was a glorious service. Little did we realize how soon we would see a revival of great proportions.

One morning while working on the building I heard singing outside. I looked and there stood thirty small boys with their Nursery teacher singing, "The Love of Jesus Is Wonderful."

News of the revival has come to the ears of the authorities. The other day one official said to the chief of police, in my presence, "You will be out of a job soon because when these Assembly of God people come to a city all the rascals get converted."

It has been hard to estimate just how many people are being saved and healed in the revival because the crowds are so large, but every day we get reports of what God has done. A taxi driver told me how he had carried a crippled man into one of the meetings, and how when he came to get him later, the man had been healed and did not need his help. Another man pointed to a woman who was just going into the meeting, and said she had been blind and was led about but now she goes about alone.

A special Bible study was announced for all who wanted full assurance that they had been saved. By 2 p.m we could not get any more people into the building. Praise God for the hunger these new Christians have for the Word!

God has been using Phillip Molefe in these meetings. God saved him in 1949 from a life of stealing and gambling. While he was sitting in a police cell God started dealing with him, and after his release he found his way to an Assembly of God revival and was saved. Then God called him to preach. He entered our Bible School and studied under Fred Burke for a year. God bur-

dened his heart with the 180,000 people of the Vereeniging area and about that same time God led us to Vereeniging to start a new work; so for the past fifteen months Brother Phillip and I have been preaching the gospel together as God gives us strength.

Due to the revival, there was an urgency to complete the building and we had to get a loan for the purpose. We are also in need of more seats to accommodate the crowds. Anyone wishing to contribute to this worthy cause should send offerings marked "Vereeniging Evangelistic Center," c/o Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

FIELD SECRETARY SAILS FOR THE FAR EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Osgood are en route for Japan. They were to sail from Seattle on August 19. The Osgoods will be teaching in the Central Bible Institute of Tokyo, Japan, for a year. After that, as the Lord leads, they will visit the various Assemblies of God mission fields of the Far East. Their address will be: 430-1 San Chome, Komagome, Toshima Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Pray for this important area of the world so undermined by Communist propaganda, and so disturbed because of problems due to over population and economic adjustment following the war. Remarkable revivals are being experienced in the Philippines, Formosa and Korea. Pray that this great awakening may continue.



Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Osgood
Far East

REVIVAL MAKES HEADLINES IN SOUTH AFRICAN PAPERS

Natives surrender guns, knives to evangelist

Johannesburg Rand Daily Mail

MANY KNIVES, DAGGERS AND OTHER dangerous weapons have been voluntarily surrendered to a 25-year-old native evangelist, the Rev. Phillip Molefe, of the Assemblies of God, who has been preaching to congregations of 600 and more nightly in the Vereeniging area.

It has been estimated that he has been heard by more than 40,000 people in the Sharpe Native Township alone.

Natives from all parts of the Transvaal and the Free State have come to listen to him, and many conversions have been reported.

At a recent service a young native with a revolver in his hand made his way slowly through the crowded congregation and handed the weapon to Mr. Molefe.

He broke the silence which followed his act by declaring that, after hearing the preacher, he had resolved "to lead a good life."

The Assemblies of God recently opened a new church building in Sharpe Township and more than 1,500 attended the ceremony.

Evangelist Molefe began his mission two months ago and the building has already proved too small. Open-air services have become necessary and the evangelist's collection of dangerous weapons is assuming large proportions.

Said the Rev. Vernon Pettenger, a missionary of the Assemblies of God, "Mr. Molefe has been preaching for not more than a year. During that time he has had sixteen daggers and knives, thirty pieces of silverware, besides bicycle parts, clothing, purses, witch doctors' medicines, revolver, thirty-six dice, pipes and cigarettes handed to him by converted stotsis. Also a sword which was homemade and has a razor edge on both sides was yielded up."

Mr. Molefe has held nightly services at Sharpville for the past ten weeks. The attendance has been so large that the new church recently completed is inadequate already. The new church building is valued at nearly \$7,500.

Rev. Pettenger said that natives as far away as Bethlehem arrived by taxi to attend Mr. Molefe's services. Referring to the yielding up of the revolver, he said, "When incidents such as last night's occur, we feel that what we are doing is having its effect."

Rev. Pettenger reports that since returning to Africa he has been observing missionary methods very closely. He visited Rev. Bhengu over Christmas and was also present at his Easter Convention at East London. He had long talks with

Rev. Bhengu on ways and means of effectively reaching the Africans. Last year Phillip Molefe and he ran revival meetings for three months taking turns in preaching. This was in the old location where they had 100 to 150 persons present each night. From that meeting he was able to baptize thirty-one converts. However, this year he was not satisfied to carry on the same, so decided to operate differently when the new building was completed.

In this current revival he kept out of the meetings entirely, encouraging the native evangelist to lead the service. The missionary set the stage, getting the kerosene for the lamps, getting the batteries charged for the PA system. Phillip Molefe was placed in charge of the meetings, doing all the preaching and praying for the sick. Mr. Pettenger believes that he can have revivals like these in any center of South Africa. He has good African preachers, some of them much more capable than Phillip Molefe, waiting for buildings and facilities to handle the crowds.

The present revival has made a tremendous impression on the authorities. Especially has the incident of the gun made a tremendous impact on the officials, since it is a criminal offense for a black man to own a gun.

Recently Rev. Pettenger was called to the office of top government officials who told him that if he had use for a large piece of ground next to his new building, it might be obtained for his work. The missionary did not find it hard to make his decision on this matter, and expects in the near future to acquire this valuable piece of ground 225 ft. x 80 ft. as a gift from the authorities.

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This remarkable revival ought to stir our readers for it appears to be a genuine Pentecostal outpouring. God has opened wide the door for the gospel in this area and there is a ready response everywhere. Brother Pettenger says further, "We have an African preacher who would be able with God's help to have even greater revivals than we are experiencing now if we had the money and means to expand our work. The authorities are giving a strong recommendation also that the Assemblies of God be given a choice piece of ground in the New Springs location which will reach a population of approximately 150,000 in a few years' time.

There is still a balance of \$800 owing on the new building. Brother Pettenger is anxious that this be cleared off so that he can go forward in expanding the work.



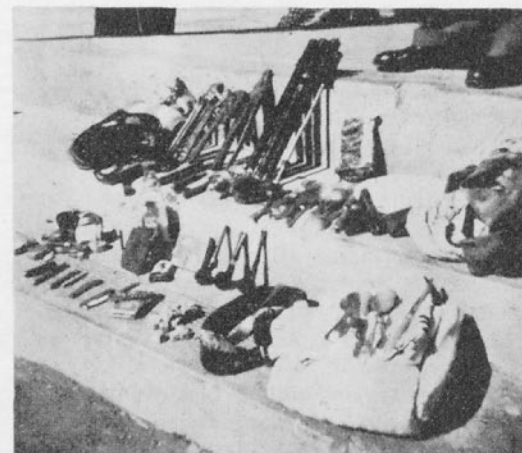
Brothers Pettenger and Molefe display gun



Phillip Molefe shows dangerous sword



Some stolen goods returned in revival



More stolen goods given at altar

SUNDAY'S LESSON

A PREVIEW OF NEXT WEEK'S LESSON BY E. S. WILLIAMS

A MIRACLE IN THE HEAVENS

Lesson for August 29

Joshua 10:7-14, 24, 25

When the kings in the land of Canaan learned that the Gibeonites had become allies of Israel, "they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city" (ch. 10:2). Then, led by Adoni-zedec, king of Jerusalem, they went forth to punish Gibeon for surrendering to Joshua. In their extremity, the Gibeonites sent to Israel for help, evidently in great haste. And Joshua, faithful to his covenant with Gibeon, sent the army of Israel to defend the city. The elders of Israel had made a mistake in entering an agreement with these people, but they would be faithful to their promise. God approved this stand and fought for Gibeon. Let us be careful to keep our word once we have made a promise, unless it would require us to do wrong. The Lord loves the man "that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not."

1. A DIVINE ENCOURAGEMENT

a. *Encouragement for Israel.* A very desperate situation faced the Israelites, for they were going to battle against the united forces of Canaan. Joshua may have been a little frightened, for he knew that this would be no little skirmish. But just as he and his men set out to assist Gibeon, the Lord reassured him, "Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand." Victory belongs to those who trust in Jehovah! They were on God's side, and so He was on their side! He promised to provide them help for the task. They put all they had into the battle, and then God became their sufficiency.

b. *Deliverance for Gibeon.* The threat of the Canaanite cities was even more serious for Gibeon than for Israel. She was probably completely surprised when her former friends appeared before her gates and began to attack; therefore her defenses were not prepared. And she was not sure that help would come from Israel, for she had obtained the alliance by trickery. After all, what consideration can slaves expect to receive? In their extremity they called on Joshua for help, and the God of Israel brought deliverance to these people. The Gibeonites had put their trust "under His wing," and He would not forsake them. No one, having put his trust in Jehovah, is ever disappointed.

c. *Help for Us.* If God came to the aid of Gibeon, will He not fight for us?

We who have obtained His salvation are promised a continual, glorious victory over our spiritual enemy if we will look constantly to Jesus (Rom. 8:33-39). In every battle of life, we know that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities... nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." If we "fight the good fight of faith," He will add His strength and the power of supernatural activity.

2. A MIGHTY MIRACLE

a. *The Miracle of Hail.* While the battle raged at Gibeon, the Lord fought for Israel. The Lord showered great hailstones upon the Canaanites (v. 11). Hail had been one of the plagues in Egypt (Ex. 9:22-25), and it will also be one of the judgments in the last days (Rev. 8:7; 11:19; 16:21). Hail in itself is not a miracle, since it can easily be explained as a result of nature. But when it attains such proportions as mentioned in the Scripture, and when its destructive force is hurled only at God's enemies, it is clearly a miracle. Miracles may either augment or diminish the forces of nature.

b. *The Miracle of the Long Day.* Many efforts have been made to explain what took place when "the sun stood still." This writer has found only one proper explanation: it was a miracle of God, a proof that He who had created nature is sovereign over nature. Why should the miracle of the long day so disturb us? It is true that it is among the most notable of miracles, but was it so much different from the rod of Moses being turned into a serpent, then into a rod

again? Or the swimming of the axe head in the days of Elisha (2 Kings 6)? Was not the feeding of the five thousand in the days of Jesus a feat just as far beyond the ability of man to explain? If we take the miracles out of the Bible, we will no longer have a divine Book.

c. *The Miracle Favorable to Gibeon.* The miracle was in behalf of Israel, but let us not forget that it was in the interest of Gibeon also. Those of this city had been reduced to slavery (ch. 9:27), but God, because of His covenant, would not forget them. They may have felt the inferiority of their reduced station in life, but God did not turn His back on them.

Some today look upon themselves as "inferior" to others. They feel that they are unable to do anything for the Lord. We would

encourage them to have faith in God: He can use even a worm to thresh a mountain (Isa. 41:14, 15). We are all children of the covenant in the commonwealth of the redeemed, and God is on our side. All have their tests, but He will give us victory if we put our trust in Him. God had to encourage even Joshua, saying, "Fear them not." Everyone has a certain sense of hesitation and shrinking, but Joshua stepped forth in faith and overcame the enemy. Too often we linger in doubt and fail.

3. A GLORIOUS VICTORY

a. *Israel Triumphant.* It meant much to Gibeon that they were delivered from the kings of Canaan who came against their city to destroy it. And it is a great victory for us when the Lord sends deliverance when we seem on the brink of disaster. Those who were sunken in iniquity were vanquished. God brought the forces of nature under His control and utilized them for the hour of battle.

But in a real sense this was the victory of Israel. The victory at Gibeon would prove to be a great incentive to the faith of Israel. If God would fight for them at Gibeon, they could certainly count on His fighting for them in further battles. The whole land of Canaan lay before them. They must win many contests yet before they finally had the whole land in control. In future battles they could remember how God helped them fight for Gibeon.

b. *The Canaanites Vanquished.* As the army was pursuing the enemy, Joshua was told that the five kings were hiding in a cave at Makkedah. Unwilling to stop the pursuit, he ordered large stones to

GOD'S HAILSTONES



be rolled against the entrance of the cave. The Israelites continued their chase until most of the enemy forces were killed and the rest had entered their cities. Afterwards they returned to the cave and brought out the kings. These leaders of the opposition received no mercy from the victorious Israelites. The conquerors placed their feet on the necks of the kings, signifying their complete humiliation. Then they killed them, and hung their bodies on trees until the evening. These kings had promoted the attack against Gibeon; now they must suffer for their sin. It was a demonstration of the truth that "God is not mocked." Physical suffering and death may seem severe, but what of the soul that must perish forever?

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Folly of Compromise (lesson for Sunday, August 22). Lesson text: Joshua 9:3-9, 11-16.

Ride On, King Jesus

(Continued from page five)

no earthquake would come. Yet the mighty Rider with the sword girded upon His thigh was to come to him and give him the wonderful Epistles. To John Bunyan in the Bedford jail He gave *Pilgrim's Progress*. And to Madame Guyon in jail such precious revelations came as recorded in these lines:

A little bird I am,
Shut from the fields of air;
And in my cage I sit and sing
To Him who placed me here.
Well pleased a prisoner to be,
Because, my God, it pleases Thee.

Again:

To me remains nor place nor time;
My country is in every clime;
I can be calm and free from care
On any shore, since God is there.

And now the scene changes.

The nations of the earth are awakening and arming. The climax of the ages is converging upon us. There are wars and rumors of wars, and knowledge is increasing. Many are running to and fro, as never before in history. We hear a voice from above: "Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe." Looking above, we see the temple of God open in heaven. Seven angels emerge, bearing the vials of the seven last plagues of the tribulation period. We hear a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth." As if in echo, we hear one of the authoritative voices from the Atomic Energy Commission exclaiming, "It could be that this 20th century, in the inscrutable will of God, will see the end of our human race. Man now has

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Enlargement Month will soon be here! October, the time for the annual Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, is less than six weeks off, and zealous workers in many Assemblies across the land are busily making their plans, organizing their forces, and ordering their supplies for an all-out effort to announce to every person in their community, "SUNDAY SCHOOL IS FOR YOU!"

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within his will the power to exterminate humanity."

But pause! What is this I hear?

I hear the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

What is this I see?

When hundreds of millions are under arms, and all seems lost, I see the heavens open, and a white horse emerges. He who sits thereon is riding forth in majesty. No man can work like Him. No man can hinder Him. Arrogance and violence will meet more than their equal. He will "ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness."

"I saw heaven opened, and behold a

white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns. . . . And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations. . . . And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:11, 12, 15, 16).

Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Thou hast ridden down the purple ages of the Old Testament days. Thou hast ridden in inscrutable wisdom and power through the New Testament days, and the days of the martyrs. Thou art riding still today, and wilt yet ride. Ride on, King Jesus; no man can work like Thee!

in administration which will strengthen the school.

Cordas C. Burnett has been named vice-president. Brother Burnett, after a successful ministry as pastor and evangelist, as well as camp and convention speaker, came to CBI in 1948 to join the faculty. He remained until May 1952 and left to assume responsibilities as pastor of the First Christian Assembly of God in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was able to increase substantially the size of the Sunday School and congregation as well as complete the erection of a new house of worship valued at \$370,000. In addition to other duties normally associated with the vice-presidency, Brother Burnett has also been named executive director of the campaign to raise funds for the W. I. Evans Hall, and he will be in charge of all public relations at CBI.

The loss of Dean W. I. Evans, whom the Lord called home in May, has been keenly felt, but the brethren have sought God's will in the choice of a successor and He has led them. Ernest S. Williams, for twenty years General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, has accepted an invitation to fill the position of Dean. Brother Williams has been associated with CBI for twenty-five years. Since 1949 he has been a member of the faculty. Known and loved by thousands in our constituency, Brother Williams brings to his new administrative post a wealth of wisdom and a spiritual leadership which all will appreciate.

To assist Brother Williams in the capacity of Assistant Dean will be Theodore Kessel. For many years Brother Kessel served as a pastor and district official in Illinois. During many of those years he also served as a superintendent of public schools in the southern portion of that state. Since 1948 he has served two of our Assemblies of God schools on the West Coast in an executive capacity. Brother Kessel's academic background and his grasp of the necessities of our Pentecostal Bible institutes will augment

Preparing for Another Good Year

Administration Expanded at Central Bible Institute; Campaign Under Way to Raise Funds for W. I. Evans Hall

FEELING KEENLY THE NEED OF AN institution for the training of ministers and missionaries, the General Council of the Assemblies of God, as early as 1919, authorized the establishment of an educational center. An unsuccessful attempt was made to establish an educational program at Auburn, Nebraska. Then in 1922 Central Bible Institute was organized.

At first the school met in the basement at Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri. By 1924 the Institute had a building of its own on a beautiful oak-shaded campus northeast of the city limits. Here it has remained for thirty years, while God has steadily enlarged its scope of ministry. The increasing enrollment necessitated repeated expansions in facilities: in 1934 the Administration Building was enlarged; in 1936 a new Boys' Dormitory (John Welch Hall) was completed; in 1939 the auditorium was built for Chapel; and in 1948 several temporary structures were erected to provide additional classrooms and dormitories.

Present plans (authorized by the General Council in session at Milwaukee) call for the erection of a new Administration Building to house the Myer Pearlman Memorial Library and a large number of modern classrooms and administrative offices. This building, to be erected at an estimated cost of \$385,000, is to be named the W. I. Evans Hall in memory of the late W. I. Evans, beloved dean of Central Bible Institute for more than twenty-four years. A bronze plaque recalling Brother Evans' devotion to the cause of training our Pentecostal youth

will be hung in the foyer of the new building.

CBI is dependent on the loyalty of its many alumni and friends to complete this Memorial Hall. Thus far, more than \$65,000 in pledges has been recorded, and slightly over \$30,000 in actual cash has been received. Although ground was broken during the 1954 Commencement exercises, the actual erection of the new building is being delayed until a larger share of the total cost has been received. (Friends are encouraged to send both their pledges and their contributions to the Treasurer, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri. Such gifts are deductible on Income Tax Returns.)

There are other signs of healthy expansion and progress at Central Bible Institute. Among these are some changes

APPOINTED TO NEW POSTS AT CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE



C. C. BURNETT
Vice-President



E. S. WILLIAMS
Dean



T. A. KESSEL
Assistant Dean

greatly the fine faculty and staff of CBI.

Recently the Illinois District Council in session voted to close Great Lakes Bible Institute after almost twenty years of operation. In the same action it was agreed that GLBI should merge with Central Bible Institute. This is the third such institution to merge with Central Bible Institute. Bethel Bible Institute of Newark, New Jersey, and South Central Bible College of Hot Springs, Arkansas were the other two. Hardy W. Steinberg, a graduate and former faculty member at CBI, has served as president and dean of GLBI for the past four years. He will return this year to Springfield to teach a number of Bible and theology classes, and will serve the Institute as Dean of Men.

Augmenting these changes, several other shifts in administrative personnel have taken place. Ottie Gaugh, formerly president of South Central Bible College at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and a member of the faculty of CBI last year, has been named Registrar. Brother Gaugh acted in this capacity during the spring term and demonstrated keen insight and ability in those fields associated with the registrar's office. Brother Gaugh's executive experience has already won for him recognition as an able administrator.

Fred Lessten, Dean of Men since 1949, has been appointed Business Manager of the institution. In addition to caring for the business administration he will also be in charge of the Practical Works Department and of all employment portfolios. Brother Lessten's pleasant, friendly attitude as Dean of Men won the hearts of the students, faculty, and staff at CBI, and it promises to serve him well in his new position of Business Manager.

Nicholas Nikoloff, formerly executive head of two Assemblies of God schools in the Eastern states, and a member of the faculty at CBI these past two years, has been named Director of the Religious Education Department. He takes the place of J. Robert Ashcroft, who is on leave of absence serving the denomination as Secretary of Education.

These administrative changes, together with the addition of several new instructors, promise one of the best years ever at CBI. From all indications the enrollment will pass the 625 mark, the largest ever (with the exception of the first two post-war years). The spiritual tide of CBI has always been high. With the devoted efforts of its faculty, staff, and students and the prayers of its alumni and friends, CBI anticipates a great 1954-1955 school year.

Laziness has caused many a young man to backslide, and many a preacher to lose his anointing. "He that snoreth in the time of harvest is a son that causeth shame" (Prov. 10:5, Spanish Version).

Whom the Parent Loves

Bess A. Olson

SUSANNA WESLEY WAS THE MOTHER of nineteen children, two of whom it has been said they "changed the course of history."

Though some died as babies, her famous son, John, spoke of thirteen around her at one time. Yet biographers have remarked upon their good behavior, and Mrs. Wesley herself said, "That most odious noise of the crying of children was rarely heard in the house."

Had she been asked her secret of successful child rearing, no doubt she would have answered firmly, "Discipline!"

Susanna Wesley believed in and practiced discipline such as is little known in our day. Her children respected and loved her devotedly. They were living examples of the scripture, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

The fact that children need a firm hand upon them is becoming more and more recognized. Authorities are agreed that the appalling rate of juvenile delinquency is due principally to lack of control. Parents accuse the school system of laxness while the school hands the blame back to parents where it primarily belongs, for it is the home training that counts for most in the long run.

A young teacher, after a few years' trial, left the school for other employment. She told me, "The children know no restraint at home, and the parents will not allow us to correct them. I just can't take it!"

"I love him too much to punish him," is a popular attitude. However, the Bible says, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth" (Hebrews 12:6). Love values. Children without discipline grow up like weeds. Valuable plants are pruned.

A venerated minister confessed that in his youth a very strict father had not spared the rod. Years later the young man wrote a letter of gratitude to his father. He said, "But for your firmness with me, I believe I should be in the penitentiary today."

Strong words! But he knew his own heart and its tendencies that were checked by a loving father's correction.

Even though "unrestricted" children may grow up to be respected citizens, their lives are hampered by lack of discipline in youth.

Joyce admitted, "My parents almost never said No to me." As an active church worker in later life, her battles were many. Wanting desperately to please the Lord,

to "yield the peacable fruits of righteousness," she often found it almost impossible to give up her own way. Many of her heartaches and trials might have been avoided had she heard the word No more often as a child and learned to give way to others.

Susanna Wesley said, "I call cruel those parents who permit their children to get habits which they know must be afterwards broken."

Fully as harmful as overindulgence, however, is the careless, inconsistent discipline practiced by too many parents. A small child is confused when something is refused one time and allowed another. An older child learns to take advantage of unstable authority, sometimes resorting to deceit.

"Let me have a nickel for some candy," Bobby demands.

"Not today," answers Mother.

"But I want some!"

"I said No!"

But Bobby continues to insist. Finally, "worn down," Mother gives in. Or—as has happened—Bobby goes to the store and gets the desired candy from a clerk who knows the family. Mother pays the bill but does not punish. In the meantime the child has learned that there is more than one way to get what he wants.

Perhaps Bobby may not grow up to be a criminal. More than likely, though, he will not be above playing tricks to outwit the government, making clever (?) business deals, taking advantage of fellow workers.

Even in the church we see Bobby's and Mary's using ruses to work out their own wishes, to the despair and discouragement of others. As children they have learned from inconsistent discipline to use subtlety to their own advantage.

In the matter of consistent discipline, a united front is essential. Even if parents do not agree, it is better, at the time, for one to give way to the other and later to iron out differences in private, than for the child to see lack of harmony between his sources of authority.

How quickly children learn to play one parent against the other—to weigh the strength of one's Yes against the other's No. "United we stand, divided we fall," was never more true than between parents in the matter of child rearing. "A house divided against itself shall not stand" (Matthew 12:25).

On the other hand, effective discipline

ought never to coerce. A child who constantly hears the word No builds up a resistance against it which may develop into rebellion. Conscientious children fail, too, and a harsh, censorious spirit may do them much harm. "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged" (Colossians 3:21).

Discipline, then, should be definite, consistent and united, administered in love and understanding, as our Heavenly Father's is to us—"for our profit." It must be backed by example; we ourselves must be subject to God, "as obedient children." Uncontrolled parents cannot hope to discipline their children.

I shall always remember the testimonies of two men. One told of coming home under the influence of liquor and hearing his young son say, "Mother, when I grow up, I don't want to be like Daddy!" The heart-stabbing words became the means of conviction leading to the man's salvation.

How different the picture shown by the other testimony! "I was at home for nineteen years. Not one day, during that time, did my parents fail to take me to the throne of grace at the family altar."

What a memory! What an example! How natural for children to yield to authority united in one purpose, to "bring them up the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4), daily seeking guidance from Him.

General Douglas MacArthur recognized this. He said, "By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact; but I am prouder, infinitely prouder to be a father. . . . It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me, not from the battle, but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father, who art in heaven.'"

CHILDREN HEALED

I wish to give my testimony in appreciation of what the Lord has done for us. My four-year-old son had fallen arches. His feet were entirely flat. In the service at Kitzmiller, Md. on March 10, 1954, I asked Evangelist J. Higginbotham to pray for him. He removed the built-up shoes which he had worn for several years, and to my amazement, the Lord immediately put arches in his feet. I love the Lord, but I'll admit this was quite a surprise to me. This is absolutely a miracle, and I give God the glory for it.

Several days after this healing we bought him a pair of regular shoes the same size as the built-up ones, and they were much too large—the arch had drawn his foot up and made it smaller. I praise the wonderful power of Jesus. He can do anything. When we trust Him, He answers prayer.

Another son nine years old had im-

paired vision. There was such a burning in his eyes he could hardly do his school work. He often cried with the intense burning, but he has never had this discomfort since Brother Higginbotham prayed for him. Praise Jesus, the wonderful deliverer.—Mrs. N. B. Via, Elk Garden, W. Va.

(Endorsed by C. H. Keller, Pastor, Assembly of God, Kitzmiller, Md.)

SPECIAL OFFER

We offered a special price of \$2.00 per hundred copies on the "Revival Issue" of the Evangel which was published early in June. A few thousand copies are still available at this very low price. The material in this special "Revival Issue" is not dated. It includes excellent articles by R. M. Riggs, Martin Luther Davidson, Ernest S. Williams, Lorne F. Fox, and a number of outstanding stories of Divine Healing, revival, and answers to prayer. Order a quantity for general distribution in your community. Minimum order is 100 copies. Send cash with order and we will prepay the postage.



JOSEPHINE E. TURNBULL CALLED HOME TO BE WITH HER LORD

Josephine Turnbull, wife of Louis F. Turnbull, went to be forever with her Lord on Sunday, July 25, 1954. Sister Turnbull had not been well since breaking her hip about two years ago. She was 74 years old.

Mrs. Turnbull and her husband were foreign missionaries with the Christian and Missionary Alliance for many years. Both received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1906 while serving in India. They continued with the Alliance for some time, but became affiliated with the Assemblies of God after returning to America.

In 1922, while assisting her father, G. N. Eldridge, and her husband in the ministry at Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, Sister Turnbull was ordained a minister in the Assemblies of God. Through the intervening years she has had a rich ministry. She ministered in the Sunday morning services at Bethel Temple almost constantly until her illness about two years ago. She possessed outstanding spiritual gifts, and her expositions of Scriptures were always edifying. She was truly a "mother in Israel."

"DADDY" HANSON CALLED HOME

Carl M. Hanson, 88, of Braham, Minn., one of the esteemed pioneers of our movement, was called home to be with the Lord on June 28, 1954. "Daddy" Hanson, as he was affectionately known to a host of friends, served as the first District Superintendent of the North Central District. He was elected to that office in 1922 when the District was organized at Brainerd, Minn.

He received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1900 and had been a gospel preacher since 1893. It was in the home of the maternal grandparents of G. Raymond Carlson, the present District Superintendent, that he first witnessed a person receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. That service, in the year 1896, was to have been for only a Saturday after-

noon but it continued through the following Monday, day and night. Many were saved, and many were slain by the power of God, including one young lady who spoke in other tongues. As Brother Hanson witnessed the experience of this young lady he felt that surely "this is that." He received the experience for himself in 1900.

He was ordained a Pentecostal minister in 1909 under W. H. Durham. He became affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God in 1917.

Funeral services were held in the Minneapolis Gospel Tabernacle on July 1 with Frank J. Lindquist in charge and other ministers assisting. Brother Hanson is survived by his wife, four sons, and two daughters, including Anna Charlotte Berg of Sioux Falls, S. D. A memorial cottage is being erected at Lake Geneva Camp to be used by the Minnesota District Superintendents in the years to come.

LARGE CROWDS GATHER AT WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT CAMP

MARIANNA, FLA.—Large crowds attended the West Florida District Camp and Council to hear the guest speaker, J. O. Savell and Jesse Smith.

On Tuesday evening, \$881.00 was brought forward in a penny march offering for Home Missions. Then on Wednesday evening, Charles Greenaway presented the challenge of Foreign Missions and an offering of \$532.00 was received.

Wiley T. Davis was re-elected to serve as District Superintendent. O. L. Thomas was returned to the office of Assistant Superintendent, and G. H. Blair was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer on a full-time basis.

Charles Raley resigned from the office of Sunday School Director, because of ill health, and Fred Hadley was elected to that post. Clayton Wilkinson, C. A. President, had accepted a pastorate in Tallahassee, Fla. and Wesley Weekley was chosen to serve as C. A. President in his place. Sister Nettie M. Gatlin was re-elected as District W.M.C. President.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

OSARK, ARK.—Evangelist Frank Thomas of Meridian, Miss. just closed a successful meeting at the Oak Grove Church. Around 16 were converted, numbers healed of various diseases, and seven were baptized in water.—W. F. Snow, Pastor.

GOODING, IDAHO—In June we had a three-week meeting with Evangelist Ted Silva and family. Souls came to the altar, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. We had the largest crowds since we have been here.—B. B. Robeson, Pastor.

OKEECHOBEE, FLA.—We had a ten-day meeting with Evangelist Inez Smith. Fourteen were saved, and there was a real revival atmosphere in the hearts of our people. We have invited Sister Smith back for another meeting.—Ray E. Lantz, Pastor.

LA PORTE, IND.—For two and a half weeks in May, Evangelist and Mrs. R. A. Frump of South Gate, Calif. were with us. Thirteen were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was revived.—James A. West, Pastor, Pentecostal Assembly of God.

SLATON, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Alsop of Oklahoma were with us for three weeks. Our church was blessed by their anointed preaching and singing. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Clarence Glaze, Pastor.

SEMINOLE, TEX.—For three weeks, Tommy Jo Barnett and Donald Brassfield of Kansas City, Kans. were with us. Fifty were saved and 13 baptized with the Holy Spirit. Many outsiders attended the services, and our church was strengthened.—Ted Vassar, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—We had a meeting with Evangelist Bob Sheran of Hollywood, Calif. Brother Sheran was a real inspiration to our people. He encouraged them in handing out hundreds of tracts and we made many new friends. Several knelt at the altar for salvation.—J. L. Boulware, Pastor.

HANCOCK, MD.—For six nights Evangelist T. J. Kerfoot of Baltimore, Md. was with us, and the Lord mightily blessed his ministry. Several prayed through to salvation, 22 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and a number testified to bodily healing. The revival spirit continues in the church, and in almost every service someone receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—W. C. Blewitt, Pastor.

ARCHER CITY, TEX.—We enjoyed a meeting with Evangelist Sidney Martin of Fort Worth, Tex. The Sunday School record was broken the last day of the meeting with 202 present.

A little over a year ago, a man in our town felt that God wanted him to purchase a new parsonage for us. This was an answer to prayer, as the gift came just when we were borrowing the money for this purpose. This man did not know of our plans to buy.—Halbert E. Allen, Pastor.

LIVE OAK, CALIF.—We are thanking the Lord for the new church He has given us. On October 10, 1953, we began to tear down the old frame building which had been built almost forty years before. Two months later the concrete was poured for the floor of a new building. In April, 1954, we had our first service in the new building, with 307 in Sunday School.

This building is 38 by 95 feet, about three times the size of the previous building. It has a seating capacity of 450 when the balcony and overflow are used. And a remodeled Sunday School annex, an apartment for evangelists, a nursery, and a C. A. chapel all contribute to the efficiency of our church.

All the labor was donated by the congregation, and there is only about \$4,000 indebtedness on the building.—J. A. Rogers, Pastor, Full Gospel Pentecostal Church.

CHECOTAH, OKLA.—We had a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the meeting with Evangelists W. V. Grant and Dean Underwood. God certainly answered the prayers of the people who had been praying for months. The blind saw, the deaf heard, the dumb spoke, and the lame walked.

A lady, who had not walked without her crutches for 16 years, was healed. Another lady walked unaided for the first time in seven years. Both live here in town, and both are able to do their own work. Another lady, who had a business in town, testified that a cancer fell off her face after we prayed for her.

Hundreds of people came to the prayer tent for salvation, and a large number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Not only Checotah, but also many surrounding towns and communities received benefit from this meeting.—W. E. Cagle, Pastor.

MEAT CAMP, N. C.—We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist Charles E. Strauser and wife of Coatesville, Pa. The power of the Holy Ghost was manifested in a marvelous way. Souls were saved, and three received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. There were testimonies of healing of stomach ailments, heart trouble, eczema, and arthritis.—W. W. Winebarser, Church Secretary. (Elwood McCleary is Pastor.)

PASADENA, TEX.—Evangelists Ralph and Allene Wilkerson of Tulsa, Okla. were with us for three weeks during the month of May. There were 24 filled with the Holy Ghost, a goodly number saved, and several healed. Brother Wilkerson's dynamic preaching and Sister Wilkerson's good music helped to bring lasting results in this meeting.

For several months there has been a revival spirit in our church. Since last November over 100 have been filled with the Spirit, and many have been saved.

Last summer J. W. Eaves of Channelview, Tex. preached for us with Ralph Leatherwood directing the singing. After this, John James and his sister Katie of Riverside, Calif. were with us for two weeks. They all labored faithfully, and God blessed their work. In January Brother and Sister E. R. Anderson of Fort Worth, Tex. were here for three weeks. The Bible preaching and the children's services were very profitable and added momentum to the revival. The revival continues with good results in all the services.—J. R. Goodwin, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

MEDARYVILLE, IND.—Mrs. Emma Dickerson of Elizabeth, N. J. was with us for three weeks in June. Her ministry was a great blessing. About 15 came forward to be saved or reclaimed. One was filled with the Holy Spirit, several were healed, and others delivered from tobacco and drink.

One outstanding case was that of a man who had been to the altar several times previously for salvation, but had never seemed able to pray through. Sister Dickerson cast out the demons of drink and tobacco, then he prayed through to an experience of salvation. He had cancer of the left lung and had been dismissed from the hospital after he refused to let them operate. We prayed for him on Friday. He returned to the hospital for X rays the following Tuesday, and the X rays showed only a small cloudy area. The doctors were surprised at the improvement in his condition.

The last Sunday of the meeting, 11 followed the Lord in water baptism. Six new members were added to the church. Provision has been made to complete the interior of our building and arrangements made for the purchase of a parsonage next door to the church. We are thankful for what God has done in our midst.—Robert Mayfield, Pastor.

COALINGA, CALIF.—It is a joy to report the thrilling times we have had since early this year at the Coalinga Assembly of God.

Ordinarily we have only two or three evangelistic meetings a year, but we felt definitely led this year to have a number of meetings one after the other. As a result, we have reaped a spiritual harvest. We began in January with Evangelist William F. Kirkpatrick of Modesto, Calif.; then Brother Howard Carter came for a week of Bible studies. This was followed by a three-day meeting with Hal Herman.

Evangelist Jack Epperson was with us in a refreshing meeting and organized our Men's Fellowship, which has been a great success.

Evangelist Irl Walker of Portland, Ore. came for a meeting. The Lord blessed us in such a wonderful way that we continued an extra week.

In May, Evangelist Bruce Warner of Fresno, Calif. was with us for a Youth Crusade. About two dozen young people have been saved or reclaimed. A goodly number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We received around 24 into church fellowship, and water baptismal services are becoming quite common. Our hearts are overflowing with thanks to God.—A. H. Drake, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 18 days before the date which appears upon it.

DAYTON, OHIO—Sept. 5—19; Kindschy Evangelaires, Denver, Colo. (I. W. Phillips is Pastor.)

SAULT SAINTE MARIE, MICH.—Assembly of God, Aug. 24—Sept. 5; Evangelist I. E. Ade.—by Carl B. Johnson, Pastor.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Grace Assembly of God, Sept. 7—; Evangelist and Mrs. Michael Mastro. (Melvin P. Smith is Chairman.)

FREDERICKTOWN, MO.—Assembly of God, Annual Homecoming, Sept. 5. Services all day. Floyd Heady, guest speaker.—L. R. Hampton, Pastor.

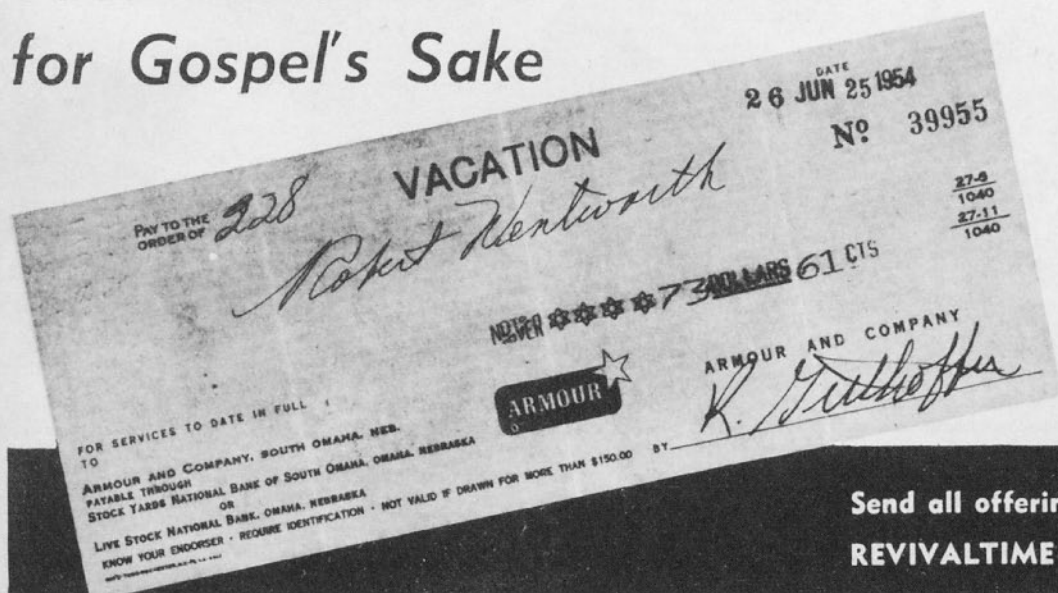
WELLSBORO, PA.—Union tent meeting, Aug. 8—29 or longer; Evangelist J. B. Woolums, Carlisle, Pa.—by Peter Bedzyk, Chairman.

FORT WALTON, FLA.—First Assembly of God, Aug. 23—Sept. 5; Evangelist Robert Spence, Montgomery, Ala.—by R. A. Turton, Pastor.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Assembly of God, Aug. 24—; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (Claude R. McKeel is Pastor.)

YAKIMA, WASH.—West Side Assembly of God, 701 South 3rd Ave., Aug. 29—Sept. 12; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr.—by H. M. Barfoot, Pastor.

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A PRISON WITHOUT WALLS

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Pastor, England, Arkansas

In the spring of 1953 George W. Hardcastle, Arkansas District Superintendent, invited me to present the prison work of the Assemblies of God at the annual meeting of the district presbyters. Among the many ministers who attended there was Pastor Joe W. Adams from England, Arkansas. I became acquainted with him, and a short while later went to minister in his church.

Brother Adams and I contacted the Tucker Prison Farm, which is located about thirteen miles from England. The superintendent of the prison allowed us to interview the inmates. After we presented the need, he permitted us to start a Bible class. Under Brother Adams' supervision this class has had unusual growth. Brother Adams' whole-hearted desire is to lead prisoners to Christ, and the men have a great deal of confidence in him. We are thankful for this. It seems that the Lord is blessing him with fine results in his work among the prisoners.—Arvid Ohnell, National Prison Representative, Assemblies of God

One night as I was preparing to conduct the Bible class on our Tucker State Prison Farm I noticed a man whom I thought I knew. Upon talking with him, I ascertained that his wife and children had attended Sunday School and church services at my former pastorate. That man was in prison, having received a life sentence for the slaying of his wife.

Again I was surprised as I approached the door of the barracks. There was something familiar about the man who was standing there. Oh, yes, I had visited him at the county jail. He, too, was a "lifer." As he walked to the cell block, he said, "Preacher, remember me when you pray."



Joe W. Adams

Just last Sunday afternoon while speaking to the Alcoholics Anonymous group at the prison, I saw several of the men lift their hands, indicating that drink was a major factor in their becoming criminals. It made me realize again that drink is one of the most devastating and debilitating hindrances to human character and morality. At this same meeting one of the inmates spoke from the sincerity of his heart, telling his fellow prisoners, "Fellows, if we don't intend to be different when we leave here, we may as well stay here, because we will soon be back."

Several months ago Arvid Ohnell, our National Prison Representative, visited the Arkansas State Penitentiary. Brother Ohnell came to give spiritual help to some of the prisoners at Tucker Prison Farm who were taking correspondence courses furnished them through our National Home Missions Department. Captain Bert Blayton, Superintendent of the Tucker State Farm, cordially received Brother Ohnell and me upon our visit to the prison.

Hearing the rattling of cell doors, and seeing the cold steel bars, and the guards holding loaded revolvers, made me realize

immediately that the prison world was different from the one to which I was accustomed. It was not long, however, until I began to realize more vividly the tremendous opportunities of witnessing behind prison bars.

Since that first visit to the Tucker Prison Farm I have had the privilege of teaching Bible courses to the men behind the bars. The class has already grown to five times its original size and continues to increase. Several of the fellows have

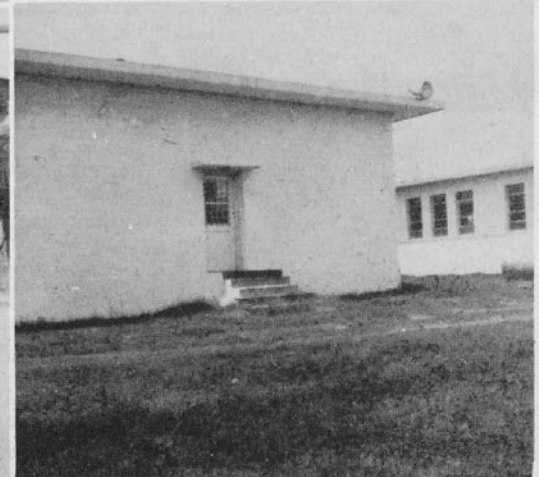
already received certificates for having completed their Basic Bible Course; these were furnished by the Prison Division of our National Home Missions Department. It has been my pleasure to distribute tracts, EVANGELS, and Bibles in the prison.

Men from all walks of life are serving time in the Tucker Prison Farm for crimes too numerous to mention. God's love is so tender that it can touch the heart of a child, and yet so strong that it can go behind prison bars and melt the hearts of criminals. May God enable us to deliver His wonderful gospel message in such a manner that it will make a profound impact upon these prisoners and set them at liberty from sin.

Early this morning there was a knock at my door. Upon answering the door, I invited into the living room a man who just last week wore prison garb. Today he is a free man. He dropped by to tell me that he was on his way to his home in a distant state. His last words to me as he left on his journey were, "Continue to go see the boys at Tucker Prison."

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BURNHAM, MO.—Aug. 22—; Evangelist Dwayne Friend, Dawson, Mo.—by Wayne Hayes, Pastor.

VALLEJO, CALIF.—North Vallejo Assembly of God, Aug. 15—29; Evangelist J. F. Pepper, San Pedro, Calif.—by Gerald Fischer, Pastor.

DURANGO, COLO.—Aug. 29—Sept. 12; Evangelist Dewey L. Heath, Pampa, Tex. (Roy A. Robins is Pastor.)

SCOTTDALE, PA.—Assembly of God, Aug. 22—Sept. 5; Evangelist Mildred S. Kimel, Alexandria, Va.—by H. Paul Robinson, Pastor.

HUGO, OKLA.—Section-wide tent meeting, Aug. 31—; Evangelist Velmer Gardner and Party, Presbyter of Section 3 in charge.

ATLANTA, GA.—Assemblies of God Tabernacle, Aug. 15—30; Evangelist and Mrs. Jesse Ray, youth and children's workers. (George Klarman is Pastor.)

MEETING CANCELLED—Union tent meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. W. B. McKay in Meadville, Pa., announced to begin Aug. 13, has been cancelled.—by William J. Farrell, Chairman.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—Assembly of God, Aug. 22—Sept. 5; Evangelist and Mrs. Louis Draper, Poplar Bluff, Mo. (R. C. Wetzel is Pastor.)

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, Aug. 18—Sept. 5; Sunshine Party (Bruce Thum and Charles Verness), Covington, Ky.—by Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

DUNN, N. C.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Aug. 29—Sept. 12 or longer; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Davenport, Iowa.—by Robert Palmer, Pastor.

PLAINVILLE, KANS.—Area-wide tent meeting, Aug. 20—, for two weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Earl Brotton, Lamar, Colo. (George Barber is Pastor.)

DALY CITY, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Aug. 22—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bobby Ray, Denver, Colo.—by W. P. Rutledge, Pastor.

GLENROCK, WYO.—Assembly of God, Aug. 29—; Evangelist and Mrs. Wendell Reed, Denver, Colo.—by J. E. Overstreet, Pastor.

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—First Assembly of God, Aug. 29—; Evangelist and Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Prichard, Ala.—by C. G. Owen, Pastor.

WEST PLAINS, MO.—Assembly of God, Sept. 5—19 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. K. H. Lawson, Springfield, Mo.—by E. L. Hance, Pastor.

WALDRON, ARK.—Assembly of God, Sept. 5—; Evangelist Rose Mary Brooks, Van Buren, Ark.—by Wayne Taylor, Pastor.

HARVARD, ILL.—Assembly of God, Aug. 31—Sept. 12; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh, Jacksonville, Fla. (C. R. Liddle is Pastor.)

LARAMIE, WYO.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 1152 N. 3rd, Aug. 8—; Evangelist Wendell K. and Verla Reed.—by R. L. Kay Jr., Pastor.

NEWBERN, TENN.—Union Grove Assembly at Churchton, Aug. 8—; Evangelist Reba Roberts of Oklahoma.—by E. T. Echols, Pastor.

QUINCY, ILL.—Bethel Temple, 12th and Jefferson, Aug. 15—; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Davenport, Iowa. (O. E. Carter is Pastor.)

ST. LOUIS, MO.—South Side Assembly of God, Aug. 15—29; Evangelists Fred and Gladys Voight, Durant, Fla. Evangelistic services for children also. (Paul Brewer is Pastor.)

EDENTON, N. C.—Assembly of God, First and Bond Sts., Aug. 31—Sept. 12; Evangelist and Mrs. W. F. Voodre, Durant, Fla. (James H. Anderson is Pastor.)

TYLER, TEX.—Tent meeting, Aug. 22—; Evangelist Gladys Pearson and party of California.—by R. R. Odom, Church Secretary, First Assembly of God. (B. L. Greene is Pastor.)

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no announcements of Coming Meetings in the issue of September 19. If you plan to begin a meeting before September 26, please send the announcement to the Editors at once. Notices must reach the Editors by Tuesday, August 24, or they will be too late to appear in the issue of September 12.

CARLSBAD, N. MEX.—Riverside Assembly of God, 1209 W. Church at Olive St., Aug. 18—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (Jack Fellers is Pastor.)

FRESNO, CALIF.—Union tent meeting, Fresno Fairgrounds, Aug. 15—Sept. 6; Evangelist Clifton O. Erickson, Springfield, Mo.—Sponsored by Fresno Pentecostal Fellowship.—by Claude Weaver, Chairman.

WINNIPEG, CANADA—Biennial General Conference of Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada will convene in Galvary Temple, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sept. 15—22. Walter E. McAlister, Gen. Supt., will preside.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—We plan to open an Assembly of God in Kodiak, Alaska. We would like to have the addresses of all residents who might be interested in this church.—Charles O. Hirschy, 2221 Second Ave., Ketchikan, Alaska.

NOTICE—We are beginning a new Assembly of God in Manchester, Tenn. If you have friends working at A. E. D. C. or living in the Manchester-Tullahoma area, please send us their addresses and we will be glad to visit them.—Robert R. Webb, 738 Oak St., Manchester, Tenn.

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