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

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Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Proverbs 14:34

Dome of the Capitol at Washington, D.C., seen through the columns of the U. S. Supreme court Building (photo by Phil Gendreau, N. Y.)

These Perilous Times

W. T. Gaston

● THAT WE are now living in perilous "last days" foretold by our Lord and His apostles is so generally accepted by those who read this paper that there is little reason for setting forth the ever accumulating evidence. Familiarity with the prophecies relating to the end of the age and the blessed hope of the church should provoke watchfulness and sobriety, together with sustained vigilance in prosecuting the work of the Lord in the great world field. This is the normal fruit of balanced prophetic preaching. However, I might add, in all candor, that ill-considered, speculative, bombastic bungling in this field has added materially to the confusion of a bewildered age.

The aftermath of the most insane war in history presents world problems that stagger the imagination. The pagan philosophies of the God-hating, Bible repudiating forces that recently brought our civilization to the brink of disaster are still to be reckoned with. These same concepts of life and government are now sponsored by wolves who parade in democratic clothing; but they are the implacable enemies of all that our boys fought to preserve. Huge armaments are retained, and the race for more destructive means of warfare goes on apace while uncounted millions shiver with cold and pine away with hunger. Saddled with debt, threatened with bankruptcy, and plagued with taxes, a badly battered world, stubbornly refusing discipline, gambles, guzzles, and frolics as her evening sun sinks toward the horizon of impending judgment.

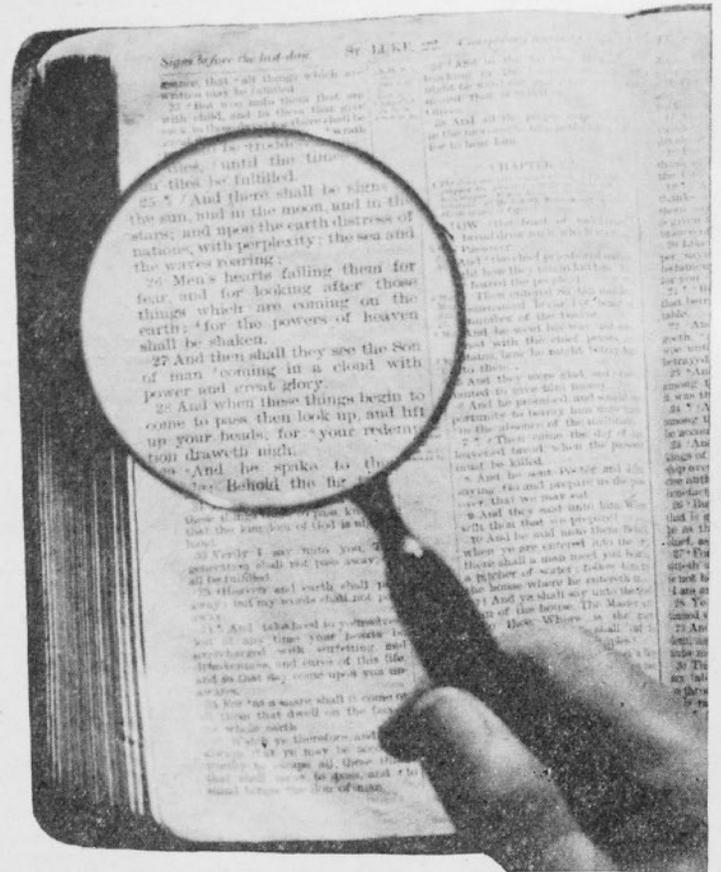
The religious outlook, too, is confused. If we say the world should turn to religion, then we are confronted with the question, Which religion? The sobering truth is that religion in our day is mixed up with most everything in the world, and most everything is mixed in religion. If the world should suddenly decide to try the watered-down formula of "Christendom" so-called, the concoction would act only as a sedative.

That the great apostasy of the last days is upon us is not questioned by spiritual men. In many historic seats of learning, built and nurtured to great strength by consecrated believers of the yesteryears, blatant unbelief sits unquestioned today. These clever Philistines, who spearheaded the attack on Christian orthodoxy, are now ably assisted by a horde of mild-mannered liberalists who have infiltrated an ever in-

creasingly large number of the pulpits of the land and now seem firmly rooted in what a few years ago was evangelical soil. Little wonder, therefore, that millions now worship at the shrine of science and interpret the warm wonders of the Bible and historic religion in terms of natural phenomena. Oh, that our beloved country could awake to see that the same termites that undermined and wrecked the old world are now slowly eating away the foundations of our cherished Christian democracy.

This brief sketch of world chaos is not overdrawn. Should we enlarge the picture, it would serve only to deepen the shadowy outlines. We dare not shut our eyes to these unpleasant realities, and, like the false shepherds of Israel, cry, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace. Yet I would point out this heartening truth: all pictures are made up of lights and shadows. And I have been waiting until now to say something about the danger zone through which the student of prophecy and the times must pass. If we dwell too long on dark things, we are apt to develop a pessimistic outlook, and unwittingly add to the gloom of an already overburdened age. I have heard preaching that sent me away saying to myself, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me?"

There is no doubt that good men and strong have been overburdened with an exaggerated sense of the extent to which sin reigns in this world. David once became so agitated over the prevalence of lying men, that he said in his haste, "All men are liars." He was evidently on the right track, but he carried things too far. Elijah was once so overwhelmed by the appalling apostasy of his day that he complained to the Lord, "The children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets, and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away." This was indeed a distressing picture, but the desert preacher found out that he had made it seven thousand times



worse than it was.

If our spirit and our preaching tends to get more heavy than "we or our fathers are able to bear," then let us take time out to think of the millions in our day who have not bowed the knee to Baal, nor have they sacrificed one single fundamental of the faith of our fathers—to think of the goodness that never finds its way to the front page—to think and speak of things that are honest, pure, and of good report that so often pass unnoticed, but about which the great apostle has told us to think. Phil. 4:8. This will put essential spiritual ballast in the vessel to keep it on an even keel in choppy seas.

Verily, in these perilous times we need unwavering faith in God and in the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. We need eyes to see the beautiful in God's world. We need desperately to be filled with God's compassion until we can see the diamonds in the rough. We need faith in the potency and adequacy of the Christian gospel—a balanced gospel—that thunders at sin and warns of judgment, yet is gloriously attractive with vibrant joy and radiant hope. If these things be in us and abound even as the shadows thicken about us, we shall be more than preachers of doom; we shall be builders of His everlasting kingdom, happy in the assurance of His eternal lordship and of our heirship with Him.

From the busy tasks and heavy burdens of the long night of toil and watching, let us constantly lift our eyes to

the far horizon where the soft glow of the rising sun of a new day is even now streaking the eastern sky with delicate amber. Tyranny and oppression shall soon be gone. The muffled sobs of the world's oppressed shall soon die away

to be heard no more forever. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4.

midst of great wrath, and that the Holy Spirit perhaps is being withdrawn from the earth) are causing the life and ministry of many to be barren and fruitless. When expectation fails, effort and desire die. Why strive for that which is unobtainable? So the man of God who imbibes this idea sinks into spiritual lethargy and becomes a timeserver without vision.

O Lord, Revive Thy Work!

S. S. Scull

● **ARISE, SHINE**; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee." Isa. 60:1, 2.

"And the angel of God which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: and it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these; so that the one came not near the other all the night." Ex. 14:19-20.

I think the reason many do not believe for a great revival in these last days is because of a misapprehension of the nature and unlimited character of God. We limit Him in keeping with our own limitations. We cannot do two things opposite in their nature at the same time, therefore we think God cannot do opposite and contradictory things at the same time. But God is absolutely unlimited and can do opposite things at the same time as the above scripture shows.

In Isaiah the people are commanded to arise and shine because the glory of the Lord is risen upon them. At the same, it is declared, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people. Observe it does not say darkness merely, but something special in the way of darkness, and over the people a thick heavy darkness; but at the same time the light and glory of the Lord shall shine upon His saints so that kings and Gentiles will be attracted by that light. Two completely contradictory things at the same time!

Again in the case of Israel and the Egyptians, the cloud that overshadowed Israel by day and glowed like fire by night, this cloud stood between the hosts all that night of fear. To the Egyptians it was a cloud of thick darkness, and to the Israelites a cloud of light. The same cloud at the same time had opposite effects. So those who have no expectations of revival say that

God's judgments are in the earth, and His wrath is being poured out upon a guilty world; therefore we cannot expect great mercies.

Then there is the expectation held by many that The Holy Spirit is to be taken away from the earth. I heard a good evangelist say some years ago that she felt the Spirit was already lifting and little could be expected in the way of salvation of souls. I believe this view to be entirely erroneous. It is based on a single passage of scripture, 2 Thess. 2:7. Here the plain teaching is that the manifestation of the wicked one, the Beast, the Antichrist, is being held back or restrained, until in the time and plan of God that *restraint* will be removed (taken out of the way).

The Holy Spirit cannot leave the earth. He fills all space in God's universe. He is omnipresent. It is said in natural science that "Nature abhors a vacuum," and the God of nature and of grace undoubtedly abhors a spiritual vacuum. If the Holy Spirit be taken away, who sustains the two witnesses in Revelation 11? Who raises their dead bodies? Who sustains the woman in the wilderness for three and one-half years? Who sustains the martyrs who lay down their lives rather than take the mark of the Beast? Souls will be regenerated during the awful reign of the Antichrist and there will be saints here on earth when Jesus comes to establish His kingdom.

These two ideas (that God is limited and cannot show great mercy in the

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

2 Chron. 7:14.



I cannot imagine a condition more appalling or more pleasing to the enemy of all righteousness than this. If the devil can lull us into a state of spiritual coma and rob us of vision, then we will perish together and hell will hold jubilee.

But God's nature has not changed. He is still the lover of sinners. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We have not reached the end yet. God did all that Divine Wisdom could do when He gave us the Sacred Scriptures, all that Divine Love could do when He gave us His Son, but He has not yet done all that Divine power *can* do. However, *He will*, and that may be when He pours out His Spirit upon all flesh. This has never yet been done. He *fulfilled* this promise *in measure* at Pentecost, but it is yet to be *filled full*.

The mightiest things God has ever done are before us. Let us rouse ourselves from our lethargy and join prayer with all the saints of God the world around who daily call upon God for rain.

The clouds are big with rain, and Heaven is bursting with power. Let us be in expectation, for it is better to expect something and not receive it than to expect nothing and get what you expected.

We have a great God. Let us expect great things from him. He will not fail us.

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ABOUNDING LIFE IN CHRIST

Have done, O ye people of God, with spasmodic "spurts." They are immeasurably below the exigencies of the occasion. They are unworthy of the soldiers and servants of the Lord God Almighty. Let there be, instead of a brief-lived galvanic energy, the abiding power of God the Holy Ghost—in full possession of the entire being, and working out the divine will in all the activities of the daily life.

Oh, for the abounding life! Then will surely follow the abounding love, and joy, and brightness! Then, too, the abounding devotion to Jesus, and eagerness for service, and courage in obeying His commands! Then, also the abounding self-denial, and liberality, and personal exertion in the cause of Christ.—J. T. Wenford.

God's Impending Storm of Judgment

● DURING THE latter days of the recent World War we received a letter from a correspondent in Great Britain who wrote: "As I was strolling along I heard a tiny girl singing, 'God is still on the throne,' and my heart took courage." The Masoretic rendering of Psalm 29:10 is: "The Lord sat enthroned at the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth as King for ever." Since the Lord eternally reigns, there is not the slightest cause for any of His children ever to worry. He ran this universe before we arrived on the scene, and He is capable of carrying on after we depart. So let us not be fretted with care but abounding with thanksgiving.

Singing in the Storm

The 29th Psalm begins with a call to praise: "Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." In the 5th chapter of Revelation, as the judgments of God were about to be ushered in, the seer heard the host of heaven and the redeemed of earth alike giving praise to Him who was about to manifest His wrath. They knew that a judgment-cleansed world would result from His clearing-up storm of judgment.

Knowing that our God doeth all things well and according to His own infinite wisdom, we can give Him glory and worship Him. We do not need to fear the impending judgment, for have we not found in Christ "an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest"? Isa. 32:2. Our song is, "Thou (O Christ) art my hiding place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble; Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance." Psalm 32:7.

When God Speaks

The next verse declares, "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth." In Heb. 12:26 we read of that voice which once shook the earth, and the prophecy: "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." Only the things that cannot be shaken will remain when He utters His voice in judgment, for it is written: "In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear (literally, terror) of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth." Isa. 2:20, 21.

The seer of Patmos tells us of "seven thunders" that are coming, but he was

made to seal up the mystery of these seven voices. Rev. 10:3, 4. Later, as the seventh angel poured his vial into the air, "there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great . . . and every island fled away, and the mountains were not found." Rev. 16:18, 20. In the coming judgment we shall see a repetition of the plague of Egypt when "the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field." Ex. 9:23-25.

Bringing Down the Proud

The Psalm continues: "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters" ("the waters which thou sawest . . . are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues"—Rev. 17:15). "The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn." When God gave Solomon wisdom, he "spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that

springeth out of the wall"—from the mightiest to the lowliest. God will bring down all the proud and mighty ones, for it is written: "For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon everyone that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: and upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, and upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up. . . . And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day." Isa. 2:12-17.

God's Lightnings

"The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire." In the Scriptures we see that God's lightnings accompanied His rain. "He maketh lightnings for the rain; He bringeth the wind out of His treasures." Psalm 135:7. In two places the prophet Jeremiah tells us, "When He uttereth His voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and He causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; He maketh the lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of His treasures." Jer. 10:13, 51:16. The purpose of His lightnings and rains and wind are seen in the verse that follows. "The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh." This, according to the Jewish scholar Delitzsch, can be understood to mean: "Jehovah's roaring, namely, the thunder storm, makes the wilderness to whirl, inasmuch as it drives the sand in whirling columns before it." The wilderness is thus plowed up by God's mighty winds, and then as the rains descend upon these dry lands they cause the desert to blossom as the rose.

Two other things we see resultant from this storm: "The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve." So there will be increase in the wake of this judgment. "And discovereth" (literally, "strippeth") "the forests." In many places in Scripture men are likened to trees. There will be not only the breaking of the proud cedars, but the stripping of other trees in the forests (even the trees of the Lord's planting, Isa. 61:3), that He alone shall be exalted in that day.

"And in His temple doth every one speak of His glory." Or, as one version renders this, "Every whit of it uttereth glory." As we read in the last five Psalms, eternal *hallelujahs* will ever be ringing out from the whole creation to the Lord of glory.

An Ark in the Storm

Then the Psalmist reminds us of the flood in Noah's day, "when the Lord sat (Continued on page six)

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The Hands on God's Clock

Coulson Shepherd

● "WHAT TIME is it, Son?" a father asked his little four-year-old.

"The little hand is between 11 and 12, and the big hand is on 10," the child answered.

"Oh, I didn't know it was that late," replied the father.

Most people do not know how late it really is, and have so little discernment that they cannot do as well as the little four-year-old who at least can tell where the hands are. With all of our knowledge and worldly wisdom we cannot tell time.

The birds, animals, and even fish put us to shame, for they can tell time.

The nightingale, born on an English hilltop, flies to Africa, to the right place, at the right time. It is not driven by hunger or cold, for if it stayed until hunger or cold came it would be too late. Cage a nightingale, and it will beat its wings against the bars when the time comes to go. *It can tell time!*

The bobolink makes the fields of northern United States ring with melody during the summer. But long before the cold weather sets in, he starts for the pampas of Southern Brazil, five thousand miles away. Down there he remains for five months. Then suddenly he begins the long trek north. He's never early, never late. *He can tell time!*

Like these birds, animals can tell the times and seasons, and even fish manifest a rare intelligence along this line.

Dumbest Creatures Can Tell Time

I live on the South Shore of Long Island about two blocks from the Great South Bay. About two nights before the full moon in June on the flood tide "horsefeet," or as they are called by some, "horseshoe crabs," come out of the bay. The following night many more appear, but on the full moon on top of the high tide they are on the beach piled up two and three high. This is the only time in the year these sea creatures, known to be among the lowest forms of animal life, come up on the beaches and banks to spawn. Farmers can go to the Bay in trucks on that particular night and know they can load up with these "horsefeet"

to fertilize their lands. I always get some to enrich the soil for my garden on that particular night. How do these ugly-looking things, with no intelligence at all, know that particular date and hour in June? "Poor fish," we say, but these creatures can do more than many intelligent humans can do. *They can tell time!*

How do the birds of the air, the animals of the earth, and the fish of the sea know when it is time to do these things? We say, "instinct"! But what is instinct? Ah, their Creator tells them. The God who tells them how to tell time will also tell us how to tell time if we will only listen to Him.

God says, "It is high time you thought on your ways and turned to Me," but man says, "There is plenty of time; I want to have some fun first."

God says, "Today is the day of salvation, today be ye reconciled to Me," but man says, "Let us eat."

God says, "Now is the time to be forgiven, to be saved," but man exclaims, "Let us drink and be merry."

Is it time to jest in the death chamber?
Is it time to sleep when the ship is afire?

Is it time for pleasure when a loved

one is dying? Is it time for carousing when the enemy approaches?

Much less is it time for trivialities of life when God's midnight hour is about to strike and your soul is not saved!

What time is it? How late is it? Let us allow God to tell us as He tells the birds, the animals, and the fish. He speaks to us and teaches us only through His Word, the Bible. He tells us His clock has three hands. One points to the Church, another to the Gentile nations, and the big hand points to Israel.

Weather Forecasts

How very clever we are. We can predict and foretell the weather a day, and sometimes, we think, many days in advance. Professional weather forecasters claim that they are 85% correct. When it is evening, we say, "It will be fair weather: for the sky is red." And in the morning, "It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering." "O, ye hypocrites," said the great Creator, "ye can discern the face of the sky, but ye cannot discern the signs of the times." Matthew 16:1-3.

Here on Long Island, we know the red sky in the morning causes our baymen to take warning, but the red sky at night is their delight. We know that when the stars seem extra large and bright, we are in for "weather." Ring around the moon means storm ahead. One star in that ring tells us the storm is one day off, and two stars warn of a storm two days off. And if a rainbow appears early in the morning, you can count on a storm by that evening. Beware when the "sundog," that bright spot next to the moon that looks almost like another moon, looks down at you, for this is a sure sign of a bad storm.

Yes, our Lord was right; we can discern the face of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times!

The time is short! What time is it? How late is it? Where are the hands on God's clock?

The Little Hand—the Church

The little hand points toward the Church. What does that tell me? The history of the Church is foretold by our Lord in chapters 2 and 3 of the Revelation. The Church has passed through the Ephesus period, the Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira and Sardis periods, and we are now in the last two periods—Philadelphia and Laodicea, which run concurrently. So we are in the last period of the Church Age. It is long after "eleven o'clock"!

WORLD OF TOMORROW—GOD'S VERSION



"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." 1 Timothy 4:1-3.

"This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."

All of this is written about people in the Church—false professors, for hear this next verse: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

The personnel and the program of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and the World Council of Churches, especially their recent radio program "One Great Hour," are a fulfillment of these Scriptures.

Another Hand—the Gentile Nations

The helplessness and hopelessness of the United Nations Organization are evidences that Gentile world supremacy is drawing to its close. The stage is about set for the times of the Gentiles to be fulfilled.

News dispatches about the Israeli government state that they are setting up various ministries of government in Jerusalem, and that the heads of this new government are determined to make Jerusalem the capital of their nation.

Jerusalem has been in control of Gentile nations since the days of Nebuchadnezzar, about 2500 years ago. We are witnessing strange and wonderful happenings. We marvel with awe at these breath-taking events which make Spirit-taught Bible students wonder how near we are to our Lord's "until" of Luke 21:24: "And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled!"

Yes, this hand too points close to midnight.

The Big Hand—Israel

Now what about the big hand of God's clock? Where does it point? It points to the Jew! "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Matthew 24:32, 33.

We do not believe that the happenings in Palestine this past year and a half are the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as respects the Promised Land and their glorious future, but we must believe that God is using this Zionist movement and the two world wars to get the Jewish people in the Land. The present Israeli administration is determined to end the Diaspora (dispersion). God said to European modern Pharaohs, "Let my people go!"

They are going: they are on the march and their goal is Palestine. The Lord God said 2500 years ago: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

"In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

"Therefore, behold, the days come saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land." Jeremiah 23:5-8.

What a significant prophecy! What time is it? The little hand of God's clock pointing to the Church, another hand to the Gentile nations, and the big hand to Israel, show us that it is very late, later than any of us realize. Truly the day is far spent, the night is at hand. May we not be wise in our own conceits, but learn from God, as do the birds, the animals and the fishes what time it is.

If you are unsaved, it is high time to awaken out of your sleep and heed the Gospel, the glorious good news that, in spite of the fact that we are sinners, God so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son. Believe the record that God gave of His Son, who died for our sins and was buried and who rose again the third day according to the Old Testament Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5:11, 12.

If you are a Christian, set your house in order, so that you will not be ashamed at His coming. May the Spirit of God so awaken us to the lateness of the hour that we will watch and be ready, and with the apostle Paul be able to say: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.—*Message to Israel.*

The Scriptures give four names to Christians—saints, for their holiness; believers, for their faith; brethren, for their love; and disciples, for their knowledge.—*Christian Digest.*



GOD'S IMPENDING STORM OF JUDGMENT

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enthroned at the flood" (verse 10, Masoretic rendering). Every imagination of the thoughts of men's hearts in those days was only evil continually. The earth was corrupt before God, and filled with violence. Such, as Christ warned us, will be the condition of the earth at His return. But even in those evil days of Noah's generation there was an ark built, a provision of grace for those who believed the word of warning that God gave. However, when He came in judgment in those days, there were but a few in whom faith was found and who availed themselves of His provision of safety. And when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth? Will men turn away from the preaching of the message of the Blood of the Cross—the only means for the remission of sin—as they turned away from the preaching of the gospel in Noah's day?

When those forty days of the incessant rain of judgment came, those in the ark rode safely above it all. As one has said, "Though the ark was rudderless, God guided it. As the waters subsided, it found a resting place on Mount Ararat."

A Substitute

Thank God that there is an ark, a hiding place in the coming storm, in the One who bore the judgment of God in our place. In that wonderful Calvary Psalm (the 69th), we hear the Son of God, whom we recognize as the spokesman, saying: "I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow Me. . . . Let me not sink: let Me be delivered from them that hate Me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow Me, neither let the deep swallow Me up." Psalm 69:2, 14, 15. At Calvary all the waves and billows of God's judgment came on the holy, sinless Substitute, in such overwhelming power that He died for our sins. But inasmuch as innocence was found in Him (Dan. 6:22), God raised Him from the dead. He is our ark of safety in the days of impending judgment. To all His Noahs, who walk with Him, He says: "Come thou and all thy house into the ark."

Uninterrupted Peace

The Psalm closes with the storm subsided and the Lord sitting King forever. And this consoling word is brought to His saints: "The Lord will give strength unto His people: the Lord will bless His people with peace." The Psalm that begins with "Glory to God in the highest," ends with "Peace on earth, good will to men." And it is written of Him who sitteth King forever, "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." Isa. 9:7.—S. H. F.

RUSSIAN INTEREST IN PALESTINE

The Russian legation in Tel Aviv has ordered the registration of all Soviet citizens in Palestine. The Russian Government is expected to take over extensive landholdings of the Russian Orthodox Church in Palestine formerly controlled by the Czarist government, worth \$4,000,000. These include the "Russian compound" in Jerusalem, and large monasteries on Mount Olivet and at Ain Kerem.

According to *Slavic Evangel*, the Soviet Union is expected to open a consulate in Jerusalem soon. Those who know the Scriptures can understand Russia's interest in Palestine.

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

WINNING YOUTH FOR CHRIST

The "Youth For Christ" movement began only five years ago, yet it has reached 1,450 cities, towns and villages across the United States. In addition, there are 550 regular rallies in 54 other nations. It is estimated that up to a million young people are reached every Saturday night through these gospel rallies.

AN IMMIGRATION RECORD

Never since the days of Joshua have the Jews entered Palestine in such large numbers as today. More than 220,000 entered Israel during the first year of the new state, it is reported by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, which is raising \$250,000,000 to send the immigrants to Israel and to settle them there.

BENELUX A FACT

Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg are to be economically united on July 1, 1950, it was agreed by the prime ministers of the three countries in a recent four-day conference. During the year before that date, trade among the countries will become progressively more free, and commercial and monetary policies will be systematically co-ordinated. Said Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium: "Benelux has now become a fact."

COUNCIL OF EUROPE FORMED

The Council of Europe was formed in London during the first week of May. Each of ten member nations will send one delegate to the Council, and besides this there will be a Consultative Assembly. The first meeting of the embryo parliament is to be held at Strasbourg, France, this summer. The nations in the Council will have a common defense system and a measure of economic unity, according to *The Bible and the News*.

This seems to be the response of Western Europe to the impassioned speech made by Winston Churchill at Zurich, in 1946, when he called for a United States of Europe. The Council of Europe is a big step in that direction, and serves to accentuate the trend toward World Federation as outlined in Revelation 13.

SILENT PRAYER FOR U. N.

Citing the fact that "many hundreds of letters from individuals and organizations" have urged a religious emphasis in the deliberations of the United Nations, Secretary-General Trygve Lie has proposed that there be an interval of silent prayer at the opening meeting of each session of the U.N. General Assembly.

If his proposal is accepted, the President, after calling the General Assembly to order, will announce: "The Assembly will remain silent for one minute, which is dedicated to silent prayer and meditation and to the memory of those who have died for United Nations ideals."

During the silence, the Christians could pray to God, the Moslems could pray to Allah, the Hindus could pray to Krishna, and the Communists could fume and fret! It would be a very weak gesture of recognition toward the Creator, but at least it would be a gesture.

AMONG THE ARAB REFUGEES

The American Bible Society has appropriated \$1,400 for distributing God's Word among the 700,000 or more Arabs who fled from their homes in Palestine during the Arab-Jewish war. An article in the *Bible Society Record* tells of the hardships some of these refugees endured during the severe winter of 1948-9, in Lebanon. Three or four families sought shelter in one tent, or in crowded tenements, or even in holes in the rocks. Homeless, stripped of practically all their possessions, they wait and wonder what the future holds. They need our prayers.

IRRELIGION IN PALESTINE

Organized religion plays no part at all in the majority of the *Kvutzas* (communal colonies) in Palestine, according to Robert Gamsey, editor of the *Intermountain Jewish News* of Denver, reporting on his travels in Israel. "There are very few synagogues and those, too, are only for the old people who adhere to the traditional religion." Some of the *Kvutzas* are strictly orthodox, but "they are in the decided minority" although all make big festivals of Jewish holidays. Only a remnant of worshipers are left—but these shall be delivered in the day of the Lord, when they call on His name. Joel 2:32.

AMERICANS SHOULD BE THANKFUL!

The late Robert Ripley, of Believe-It-Or-Not fame, made the following statement:

"A Russian citizen may not own land; may not be tried by a jury; may not choose his own job; may not absent himself from work; may not strike; may not picket; may not employ labor; may not travel; may not own jewelry; may not ring a church bell; may not be friends with a foreigner; and is forbidden freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and freedom of the press."

Pray for the people of Russia—and at the same time give thanks to God for the liberties enjoyed in the United States, especially religious freedom. Remember also to pray for all who are in authority, as the apostle said. 1 Timothy 2:1-6.

WE'RE CRAZY

Dr. George A. Buttrick, formerly president of the Federal Council of Churches and now a director of that broad-minded body, has written a book in which he practically asserts that those who claim to believe in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures are off in the upper story. Says he:

"Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend: there is treason in the camp. Probably a few people who claim to believe every word of the Bible, really mean it. That avowal held to a flat logic risks a trip to the insane asylum."

We believe in the literal infallibility of the original Scriptures, so we must be crazy, in Dr. Buttrick's estimation. But we're in excellent company, for the Lord Jesus Christ asserted that even the jots and tittles of all the words of Scripture are divinely inspired! Matthew 5:18.

WHAT LINCOLN SAID

In my judgment the greatest Anglo-Saxon of the race was Abraham Lincoln, and he is constantly quoted as having said that the true ideal was "government of the people, by the people, for the people." Is that what he said? This morning I took time to look up the Gettysburg speech, and I will give you its closing sentences:

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, *under God*, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

When next time you quote Lincoln, do not omit his phrase, "*under God*." "Government of the people, by the people, for the people," is futility; it will issue in tyranny; but government of the people *under God*, by the people *under God*, for the people *under God*, that is Theocracy.—G. Campbell Morgan.

FASTING AND PRAYER

When war was made upon the American colonies, our forefathers recognized their own feebleness and appointed a day of fasting and prayer. The American Congress officially proclaimed Friday, May 17, 1776, as "a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer; that we may, with united hearts, confess and bewail our manifold sins and transgressions, and, by a sincere repentance and amendment of life, appease His righteous displeasure, and through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, obtain His pardon and forgiveness; humbly imploring His assistance to frustrate the cruel purposes of our unnatural enemies; and by inclining their hearts to justice and benevolence, prevent the further effusion of kindred blood"

The God who heard our fathers and answered their earnest prayers 170 years ago waits to be gracious to the people of America today, if they will but humble themselves and ask Him for mercy and help in our national problems.

A NEW COLOSSUS OF LIBERTY

The Statue of Liberty, given by the French to America in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of American independence, presents an imposing sight to incoming ships at New York. It stands approximately 300 feet high. In the Statue's uplifted hand, lighted from within, is a torch. She holds in her other hand a tablet that merely reads, "July 4, 1776." Upon the pedestal of the Statue are these famous words:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost
to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

It is proposed that a Colossus of Moses, the Law Giver, be erected in the Harbor of Haifa, to be paid for by contributions from the American public. The idea is proposed as a gesture of goodwill from a great and prosperous republic to a weak and struggling one. It is proposed further that on this Jewish Statue of Liberty should be inscribed the same words as on our own—words written, it is pointed out, by a Jewess.

How Our Age Will Close

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

● WE ARE again gathered around the Bible to learn as best we can what it has to say concerning the days in which we live. There are those who think that through education the world will be brought into a state of brotherly love out of which men shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. It sounds beautiful and we like to hear the beautiful. Unfortunately the beautiful thoughts entirely fail of realization.

The Bible tells us that wicked men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived: that in the last days perilous times shall come. Then it tells of a decided departure from God—not necessarily a departure from notions of religion, but from a sense of responsibility to the living God for our actions in life. Concerning this Jesus was specific. He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the coming of the Son of man." He said it shall be "as it was in the days of Lot," also. Now let us get a central truth in this connection. The same day that Lot went out of Sodom the fire of God destroyed the city. Then the Bible says, "When they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape." This world is going to be caught unprepared when the judgments of God fall.

Now for a word to those who profess the religion of Christ. "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." This spiritual coldness is evident today. Where are the revival fires? Thank God they are burning in some places. But, generally speaking they are gone out. Has not religion largely deteriorated into cold form? Are not the hearts of the many without fiery zeal? The call of God comes to those who are saved: "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." We must arouse ourselves. This requires effort. God's promises are to the faithful. "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved."

Our age will close in monstrous deception. "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Through demon power even fire will be called down from heaven by one who, God says, in the last days will be the false prophet. The age will end in all deceivableness of unrighteousness. The whole world will wonder after the last world ruler that the Bible calls the Beast.

Having warned us, the Bible exhorts, "Watch ye, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh." God help you, my friend, that you be not deceived. Be not carried away with divers and strange doctrines. Believe the warnings of Scripture and earnestly seek God. Take Jesus as your Savior and Lord, for in Him and in Him alone is safety.

How I wish I were able to lay before you all the truths of the Bible, but this seems impossible in the short time we have in a brief radio message. We are as certain that the world is hastening to its ruin as that we are here. We warn, we intreat, we urge our hearers to seek God; and to those who are saved we exhort, "Hold fast the profession of your faith without wavering." There is hope. It is in Christ. The whole world is not going to be saved, but individuals who accept our Lord Jesus shall be. Are you saved? Do you have assurance in your heart that you are accepted as a child of God through faith in Jesus? Let us pray together, and, if you are not prepared to meet God, give your heart to Him now.

(All correspondence and offerings toward the support of "Sermons in Song" should be addressed to the Radio Department, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.)

TO HONOR GYPSY SMITH

A memorial stone is being placed at the foot of the tree in Epping Forest, England, under which Gypsy Smith was born; and a service in his honor is planned for July 2. The Gypsy might prefer that it be placed at the spot where he was born again, for that is the event that counted more to him!

"NICE BUBBLE, GRANDPA"



The Mossi With the Smile

John F. Hall

French West Africa

● "WHO is that Mossi worker who always has a smile?" was the question asked us by a visiting missionary. He had been impressed with the friendly spirit of a man though he could not converse with him. We who speak this smiling worker's language have benefited in many ways from his born-again, consecrated life. He is from a small town four miles from Ouahigouya—and shortly after his conversion he was "small boy" to the Mossi preacher who sent him on errands and on long trips by bicycle to buy merchandise.

Faithful at Gardening

Shortly after we settled in Ouahigouya, Boaŋga, the "man with the smile," volunteered as gardener. That is the hardest job of all mission workers in Upper Volta, for during the seven months' dry season the water is drawn from the well by hand, carried in two five-gallon tins, and emptied into a sprinkling can for watering the garden beds. Though light and tall, he stuck to his job despite the weariness which often showed in his carriage. Eager for the things of God, he would often come with his Mossi New Testament after hours and sit down near us, and ask for explanation of various passages he had marked in his private reading. Sometimes when I was very busy with lesson preparation or writing in the evenings he would come and greet me politely and sit down on the floor of my "study." When asked if he had come for something, he would smile that big, pleasant smile and say, No, he did not want to bother me; he just wanted to be near me, because he loved the Lord and loved to be in my presence as I was a father in the Lord.

Baptized in the Spirit

His heart became so hungry for the Baptism that he often spent time alone in the adobe chapel seeking the Lord. We could hear his muffled voice pleading before the Lord in the compound chapel. One day when we returned from a trip he came running to the gate with the good news that while praying in the chapel during our absence the Lord had filled him with the Spirit. From then on the radiance continued and he has conscientiously tried to keep the glow—to keep from any incident which might mar his fellowship with the Lord, with his missionary-friends, and with his own Mossi fellow-Christians.

Preaching in the Market

Boaŋga was faithful in going out witnessing and accompanying me to preach in the large Ouahigouya market. With the introduction of a phonograph and the records made in the Mossi language,



Boanga and his bicycle

the crowds increased and we put the phonograph on top of one of the grass shelters used by traders in the market so larger crowds might hear. Boaña preaches the gospel with less wandering from his subject than the average Mossi preacher.

A Sacrificial Decision

One month before we left on furlough he announced that he was leaving the garden work to enter the ministry. That meant a sacrifice to him, as our Ouahigouya workers depend on receiving tithes of the people, which sometimes amount to much less than the monthly wage paid by the missionary to his employees. They supplement their income with farming, leather-work and weaving cloth, awaiting the time when the tithes shall suffice fully.

A Hard Pull

Then came the war, and after our departure on furlough there was no other missionary to reside there. Boaña with his little family was left alone on the station as caretaker and local pastor, as well as host to the outstation workers at their monthly gathering. Finances were at a low ebb during this time but the Lord met every need.

His testimony was encouraging as to how the Lord met their needs as they arose. At one time he made some leather purses. He knew that he as a novice did not do as good work as professionals; but he offered the lot to a local trader, and to his surprise and joy the trader paid him more than he asked. This is an almost unheard-of thing with natives, whose very life is argument and barter on every deal.

As is so often the case during hardship, the enemy comes in with a test. The Jesuit priest dropped around and said I was never coming back. He told Boaña he had just as well come to them for teaching now. He said, "Thank you, but I have sufficient teaching." Praise God, he had the entire New Testament in his mother tongue, which we missionaries have translated, and of which the American Bible Society has printed five thousand copies.

The Joyous Reunion

One thing that is embarrassing at times is that when we arrived, he hugged me (white man fashion!) and kissed my neck. The Mossi people ridicule the customs of missionaries, especially that of kissing Pentecostal fashion, so Boaña runs quite a risk of disfavor by his

own people in this demonstration of affection. The letters he writes are characteristic of the man, and his expressions of love touch our hearts and cause us to tuck them away for future reference.

Foithful in Prayer

When any child of ours falls sick, he comes and kneels by the bed, and while laying a hand on the sick one prays tenderly and simply. He and other such men of God are responsible for some of us still being alive, for the promise that "the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up" holds good even for simple-hearted black men in Africa.

A Frenchman's Testimony

A captain in the French army, holding an official position in the town where we were stationed, one day said to me: "I'd like to know more about that young man of yours named Boaña. I have called him in at various times and questioned him, and tempted and tested him in various ways, and he is so different from the other Mossi. I have never caught him in a lie nor in deception and immorality like the general run of Mossi. Where did you ever find such a man?"

I replied, "Captain, we didn't find him; Jesus made him that way by His transforming power, and we have others like him." Yes, praise the Lord, it isn't education, industry, agriculture, arts and trades that comprise the Great Commission, but the straightforward order to preach the Good News; through that the Holy Spirit works in the hearts and lives of our African peoples. The gospel of Christ, when accepted whole-heartedly, produces such men as Boaña, "the Mossi with the smile," who in turn is doing so much to bring by word and life the same message of the transforming power of Jesus Christ to his own people.

Marcus Grable Resigns as Head of Sunday School Department; Paul Copeland Takes Over.

Fifteen years ago Marcus Grable came to us in response to an invitation extended to him by our Executive Presbytery to head a newly organized Sunday School Promotion Department. His equipment consisted of a table, chair and typewriter. It was a small beginning; up until this time little had been done in this field, but our brother went to work.

If the full history of the development of our Sunday School Department and Sunday School work on the field under our brother's leadership were written, it would take a small volume; but perhaps it will suffice to say that the work has grown until now there are nearly thirty employees in that department at Springfield, in addition to a large staff of Sunday School representatives and workers promoting Sunday School work all over the nation.

At the time of the National Sunday School Convention in 1948 Brother Grable began to show the strain of the work, and his health began to break. At times he seemed to be better and we were encouraged; but this spring our brother reached a place where he felt he could no longer carry on, and so resigned. I am sure we all deeply appreciate the many years of earnest and faithful work our brother has given to the thousands of Sunday Schools in our fellowship, and our prayers shall follow him that God may richly bless him in days to come.



Brother Grable hands the keys to Brother Copeland

While we will greatly miss our brother, we feel God has gone before us in providing for the office, and we are happy to announce that Paul Copeland of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has accepted an invitation to take over the leadership of this department. He will assume his duties about July 1. For a number of years Brother Copeland has ranked among our best Sunday School workers. He has done an outstanding work in the organization and development of Sunday Schools in the Oklahoma District, and has the confidence and respect of our Sunday School workers throughout the entire fellowship. We feel he is well qualified for this new responsibility, and we covet your prayers in his behalf as he comes to us and to you at this time.

—G. F. Lewis

Secretary of Publications.

A LIQUOR-DRUGGED AGE

America is spending four and a half times as much money for liquor as in 1934, the first year of Repeal. During 1947 the national drink bill was nearly ten billions of dollars (9,640,000,000). The Government Excise Department estimates that the sales of bootleg liquor reached \$18,000,000 during the same year. Surely this is a liquor-drugged age!

The trend toward addiction to intoxicants reminds us of Revelation 9:21, which pictures conditions during the Great Tribulation. Referring prophetically to the people who shall live during that period, it is written, "Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." The word which we translate "sorceries" is the Greek word *pharmakeion*, which means "drugs," and the connotation is that of inordinate drug addiction, of which drunkenness is a part. No doubt the wickedness of men during that time will be the worst ever known. We can escape those days and be lifted out of this awful world before that Tribulation breaks, if we are ready to meet our Lord Jesus Christ when He comes to catch away His blood-washed people.

Servants of God

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Isensee, Peru

● WITH TWO WORKERS we recently visited Otuzco, which is about a four-hour drive from Trujillo, where we are stationed. Otuzco is in the mountains. A Baptist mission was there for a number of years, but the workers became discouraged, and abandoned the work. The people of the community gathered from all directions for our open-air service. The response was so great that we repeated the visit a week later. Many with tears in their eyes listened, and raised their hands for prayer. We found a great demand for literature.

The lieutenant governor of a distant town chanced to attend our service the second time we visited Otuzco. He gave us a cordial invitation to carry the gospel to his village, and promised us his protection.

At Chocope, which we also visited, we started to open a service, but were rudely interrupted by a policeman who insisted that we leave. The crowd was clearly disappointed. A woman then arranged for us to go to her mother's home to continue the service. There was a time of testifying and singing at the home. Later we also visited the daughter's home. Her husband was almost persuaded to give his heart to God. When we were ready to leave the wife invited us to return, saying, "The house is large and we can celebrate services here." We are thankful that we now have entrance with the gospel into Chocope.

Last week we took some of the workers from Chimbote to visit places they ordinarily are unable to visit for lack of means of transportation. We visited Vinzos, Rinconada, Santa Clara, Tambo Real, Santa, Jimbes, and San Jacinto. The road to Jimbes was the worst that we have ever traveled in Peru. We were stuck twice, once in the afternoon, and again on the return trip after midnight. The first time a truck with eight men came along. The men helped to lift us out. The road on in to Jimbes was covered with huge boulders, which made traveling extremely dangerous.

We held an open-air service in Jimbes, and found the people attentive. They bought all the literature we had with us, including Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions, and begged for more and for us to return.

From Jimbes we went to San Jacinto for an evening service. When we were ready to return home we discovered that we had stayed too long. The gates of the ranch were closed at eight o'clock, and it was then eleven. The gate keeper could not be persuaded to make an exception of us. He was unmoved, seemingly, by anything we said. He ruled that we would have to remain where we were until eight o'clock the following morning. Finally we said to him, "Sir, we are servants of God and we believe in prayer. Our God has answered many prayers for us. If you will open the gate we will pray that God will not let anything happen to you." With those words he lifted his hat in reverence and unlocked the gate. We went on our way, but in a few minutes were stuck in the mud the second time.

It was then past midnight, as we mentioned earlier. At that late hour there was no chance of anyone coming along to help us. Every method we knew to get out was tried, but to no avail. Finally we determined to make just one more attempt and, if we failed, to stay in the mud hole until morning when we would be able to obtain help. The Lord must have sent angels to assist us for, from the beginning of the attempt, the car went steadily forward.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

May, 1949

Alabama	937.39	Louisiana	539.25
Arizona	595.00	Maine	174.64
Arkansas	2,188.80	Maryland	751.18
California	18,937.84	Massachusetts	1,540.24
Colorado	2,073.03	Michigan	5,510.52
Connecticut	647.23	Minnesota	6,437.33
Delaware	764.23	Mississippi	515.19
District of Columbia	862.64	Missouri	9,546.55
Florida	6,079.75	Montana	1,358.55
Georgia	1,428.33	Nebraska	2,344.63
German Branch	484.92	Nevada	158.88
Hungarian Branch	1,075.77	New Hampshire	38.13
Idaho	953.62	New Jersey	2,653.67
Illinois	5,939.06	New Mexico	589.61
Indiana	1,920.09	New York	6,490.73
Iowa	2,581.81	North Carolina	105.61
Kansas	4,485.77	North Dakota	1,625.37
Kentucky	625.88	Ohio	9,038.22
Latin American Branch	161.33	Oklahoma	7,690.50
		Oregon	5,703.33
		Pennsylvania	5,863.75
		Polish Branch	2.45

Rhode Island	270.82	Virginia	765.77
Russian Branch	18.00	Washington	10,992.97
South Carolina	92.24	West Virginia	512.90
South Dakota	449.02	Wisconsin	3,893.75
Tennessee	493.08	Wyoming	234.75
Texas	14,241.67	Alaska	88.15
Ukrainian Branch	231.29	Canada	3,014.01
Utah	49.11	Foreign	241.08
Vermont	50.00	Legacies	1,373.85
		Miscellaneous	34,313.74

Total Amount Reported	192,747.02
District Fund	9,747.29
National Home Missions	1,724.18
Office Expense Fund	4,226.06
Literature Expense Fund	113.47
Given Direct to Missionaries	15,149.44
	30,960.44

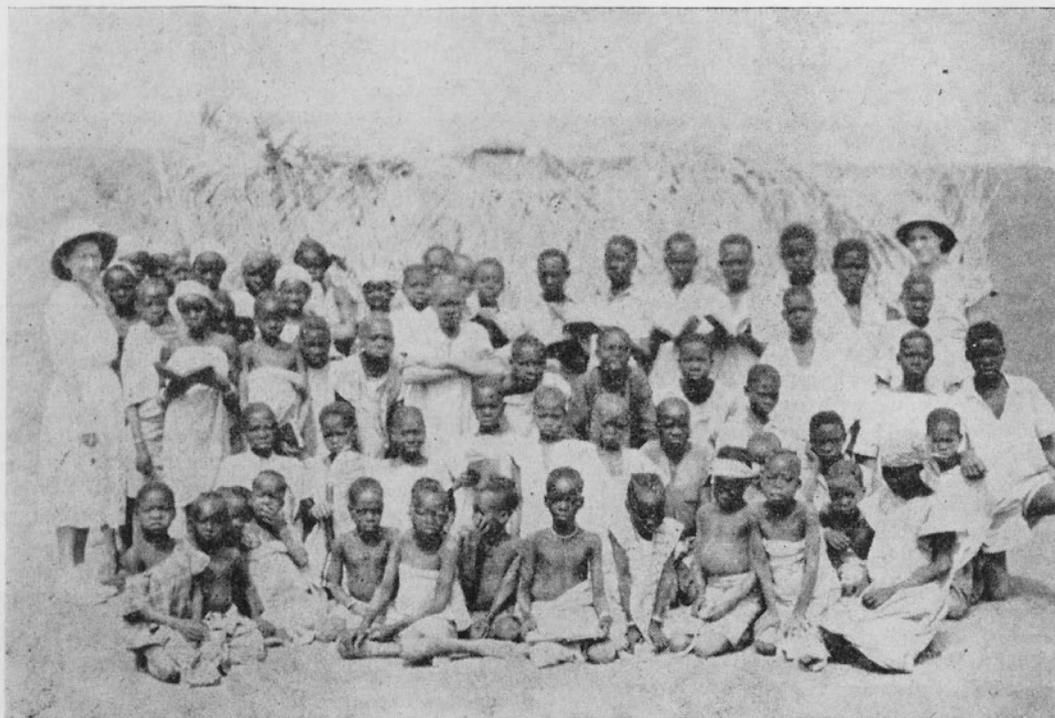
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	161,786.58
Amount Received for Home Missions	8,406.16

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

For May, 1949

Belgian Congo \$	2,763.50	Chile	2,201.00
Dahomey	4,077.81	Colombia	427.00
Egypt	4,020.07	Paraguay	1,668.00
French Togo	227.62	Peru	3,970.00
Gold Coast	5,051.26	Uruguay	806.79
Liberia	6,597.88	Venezuela	3,285.69
Nigeria	5,626.21	British West Indies	2,959.83
Nyasaland	945.00	Burma	729.50
Sierra Leone	816.00	Fiji Islands	631.50
Union of South Africa	4,435.88	Hawaiian Islands	1,191.65
Upper Volta	7,348.35	Japan	1,948.17
China	14,660.10	Malaya	1,535.17
Ceylon	2,139.35	Netherlands East Indies	2,203.00
India	31,452.96	Philippine Islands	2,225.48
Europe	10,455.17	Samoa	245.27
Palestine and Near East	2,762.01	Retired Missionaries	1,172.03
West Indies	7,016.02	Entertainment of missionaries	3,354.59
Mexican Work in the United States	406.40	General Transportation	12,430.73
Mexico	1,430.65	Non-Council Missionaries	6,124.17
Central America	7,752.10	Miscellaneous	8,349.33
Argentina	3,153.60		
Bolivia	888.00		
Brazil	3,157.45		

Total Disbursements	184,696.29
Charged from Hold Accounts	22,909.71
Total Receipts	161,786.58



Part of the seventy boys and girls who attended a cool-season Bible School held early in the year for the Yako and Ouahigouya sections of Mossiland. The boys and girls lived on the compound for three weeks. During the final week of the School classes were also offered for adults. Ministers and their families, and national workers walked miles to attend. Miss Mabel Schaeffer (left), Mrs. Russell L. Schirman (right), and Mr. Schirman (not shown) conducted the school.

Fifty Leading Churches in Per Capita Giving to Missions

We are listing below the fifty leading fellowship churches in per capita giving to missions in 1948. It is recognized by the department that the figures are not entirely uniform as some of the churches have undoubtedly sent in their average Sunday School attendance, some their church membership, and some their average church attendance. (It is the last figure which is desired by the Foreign Missions Department.) It is hoped that in future reports more accurate figures can be given.

CHURCH	LOCATION	PASTOR	PER CAPITA
Bethel Temple	Turlock, California	Robert Carrington	\$116.45
Finnish Pent. Assem.	Naselle, Washington	Niilo Seppala	82.38
Grace Full Gospel Church	Coulee City, Washington	B. P. Wilson	72.15
Assembly of God	Stonelam, Colorado	Kenneth Bethowver	70.74
Assembly of God	Astoria, Illinois	Earl Stambaugh	63.99
Calvary Tabernacle	Chicago, Illinois	Loren Doss	62.85
Assembly of God	Sunburst, Montana	G. W. Jernberg	62.81
Trinity Tabernacle	Goose Creek, Texas	Clyde C. Goree	62.79
Assembly of God	Milford, Nebraska	Eugene Bishop	62.13
Assembly of God	Buhl, Idaho	C. A. Beebe	60.09
Assembly of God	Berkeley, California	Estebah Sancedo	58.42
Full Gospel Church	Acme, Washington	L. E. Spencer	58.17
Full Gospel Tabernacle	Big Spring, Nebraska	F. D. McClellan	58.14
Full Gospel Tabernacle	Spanaway, Washington	S. R. Weddle	56.60
Assembly of God	Clovis, New Mexico	Roy Stewart	55.40
Assembly of God Tabernacle	Slayton, Minnesota	Delbert Tarr	54.27
Full Gospel Assembly	Monticello, Minnesota	Harry J. Petersen	54.06
Glad Tidings Tabernacle	New York City, N. Y.	Marie E. Brown	53.82
Stone Church	Chicago, Illinois	Ernest Sumrall	53.79
Assembly of God	Coalinga, California	R. L. Ward	52.12
Assembly of God	Bates, Oregon	Ernest C. Knull	52.12
Assembly of God	Dallas, Oregon	Otis Triplett	51.22
Assembly of God	Garden City, Kansas	L. Glen Ahlf	50.15
West Side Pent. Church	Cleveland, Ohio	Clyde Bowman	50.12
Gospel Tabernacle	Paynesville, Minnesota	Thomas G. Skoog	50.00
Pentecostal Church	Cleveland, Ohio	Dewey P. Holloway	49.50
Central Assembly of God	Denver, Colorado	Charles Blair	59.02
Full Gospel Tabernacle	Saco, Montana	W. C. Robinson	48.70
Assembly of God	Minatare, Nebraska	Elmer R. Burry	48.61
Assembly of God	Jewell, Kansas	Preston Hollis	47.82
Church of the 4 Fold Gospel	Battle Creek, Michigan	A. L. Hoy	47.80
Assembly of God	Baker, Oregon	Walter E. Smith	47.51
Assembly of God	Sweet Home, Oregon	William R. Munger	47.39
Gospel Tabernacle	Sauk Centre, Minnesota	Verne B. MacKinney	47.36
Gospel Tabernacle	Milan, Wisconsin	W. F. Grams	46.79
Assembly of God	Turner, Oregon	Mrs. Ethel Gutekunst	46.38
Assembly of God	Alvin, Texas	Ocie J. Herring	46.36
Christian Assembly	Abbotsford, Wisconsin	George Samuelson	45.77
Glad Tidings Assembly	St. Petersburg, Florida	K. I. Wright	45.72
Assembly of God	Kingman, Arizona	G. A. Pletcher	45.49
Full Gospel Assembly	Colfax, Washington	Ralph E. Mader	45.30
Bethany Chapel	Oakland, California	Mary, Ida, & Sarah Hitchcock	45.16
Assembly of God	Briscoe, Texas		44.46
Assembly of God	Union Gap, Washington	Clifford Hobson	44.28
Assembly of God	Ypsilanti, Michigan	D. G. Foote	44.00
Blake Community Church	Burwell, Nebraska	F. L. Sabotka	43.63
Bethel Temple	Dayton, Ohio	Paul J. Emery	43.58
Fleece Gospel Tabernacle	Cando, North Dakota	C. L. Strom	42.92
Assembly of God	Madison, Wisconsin	W. L. Williams	42.26
Assembly of God	Westerville, Nebraska	Darrell Morehouse	42.19

News Notes

Miss Victoria L. Schott, missionary to the Dominican Republic, returned to the States the first of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Goudie, and Mr. and Mrs. David E. Wakefield, who left the States in April for Nigeria, have arrived safely on the field.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Nicodemus, mis-



Mrs. Louie W. Stokes
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sionaries to Bolivia, have returned home for their furlough.

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Mr. and Mrs. James W. Nicholson, ministers co-operating in missionary work in Cuba, returned to the States in June.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louie W. Stokes sailed for Argentina June 2.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. McNutt, of the Gold Coast, have returned to the States.

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Passengers returning to the States on the AMBASSADOR from the Pentecostal World Conference in Paris were: Thomas R. Brubaker, Atwood Foster, Henry B. Garlock, V. G. Greisen, Delbert E. Gribbling, Ray Hughes, Ray Jackson, Omer Jarrell, Hugh Jeter, Thomas Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones, Virginia Jones, J. P. Kolenda, Noel Perkin, W. H. Robertson, J. O. Savell, J. C. Slager, Fred Smolchuck, William F. Van Winkle, S. H. Wilson, and I. S. Hugo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Devin, of the Netherlands East Indies, have arrived in the States.

New Recruits Wanted for India

We have been receiving most encouraging news concerning the good work our missionary, Carl S. Butler, is doing in Calcutta, India. Souls are being saved, believers revived, and many are being added to the church, but a new recruit is needed immediately to assist with the music—a trumpet. It may be that someone has a good trumpet, which he seldom uses. Won't you let that trumpet go out as a new recruit to India to be used for the glory of God?

Miss Martha Schoonmaker has recently given her accordion for the use of the church at Bermo, Bihar, India, and is in need of another for her village work. Perhaps you could help with this need.

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An account of marvelous miracles, outstanding conversions, remarkable zeal for God, and a growing Indian Church—such is this story of God's visitation among twenty-five different Indian tribes in and around Phoenix, Arizona. The report comes from Mrs. Clarence Washburn, upon whose heart God has laid this ministry to the neglected American Indians. She writes:

"This seems to be God's time for a special visitation to the Indian people. For some months past and continuing on, the revival fires are burning. Even young people and small children have been filled with His Spirit, and tell of visions of heaven and hell. This is the way it began:

"Less than ten months ago we opened our Indian Assembly in the Christ's Ambassadors hall at the First Assembly of God in Phoenix. We drove their Sunday School bus to the Government Indian School to bring the students to the services on Sunday afternoons. Three other cars went elsewhere about the city gathering in the Indian folk. Twenty-two tribes are enrolled in the Government School, and others are sent to the Sanatorium and hospital. We have ministered to twenty-five different tribes in this Government Hospital. At present eleven tribes are attending our church. They all speak English except the very old ones. Our first Indian converts came from those who were saved and healed while on hospital beds."

"He (Andrew) Findeth His Own Brother"

Just as Andrew's natural impulse was to find his brother, Peter, and bring him to Christ, the natural impulse of these Indian people, when they have found the Savior, is to win their tribesmen to Him also. Sister Washburn continues to relate:

"A woman of the Pema tribe was healed of rheumatic fever, and was successful in leading more than thirty of her tribe to the Lord. Eleven of them have now received the Holy Spirit.

"In addition to the regular Sunday services in the C. A. hall and in the homes of the Indians in Phoenix, we are having services on three reservations each week. When the hospital patients seek God and are healed and return to their reservations, they send for us to come to them for 'more Bible,' as they say. We feel that no road is too long, and no sacrifice is too great when they beg for a missionary to teach them. We usually take other saved Indians along, for their shining faces and burning testimonies mean far more to these hungry hearts than the 'Paleface talk.'

"A Pema woman from the Laveen Reserva-

tion lay dying of a broken neck in the hospital. A heavy cast and straps held her in the bed so that she could look only at the ceiling. Brother and Sister Johnson came upon her while making regular calls in the hospital. She realized her need and was afraid to die. They prayed for her salvation, and then asked God to spare her life for the sake of her family. Although the doctors gave them no hope for her, God did the impossible. She was healed and sent home a well woman. Testifying to God's saving and healing power, she gathers her friends and neighbors into her home for services, and we are having regular meetings with them.

"A young man of the Maricopas, crippled in his legs from polio, was prayed for, and that night in his own home on the Lehigh reservation he felt new life come into his helpless legs. He called his mother and told her he was healed so that he could ride a bicycle. They sent for us to come for a meeting in their home. What rejoicing we found when we arrived! He is making his consecration, asking God to use him in the ministry to his needy tribe.

"The Saltriver reservation has also opened to the Pentecostal message through another who was saved and healed in the hospital. How simply these dear Indian people accept and appreciate God's wonderful Word.

"We are earnestly praying for a church building here in the Indian section of Phoenix, where we may gather these dear hungry souls and minister to them. We also need a building which can be used as a commissary, as so many of these people do not have work, and there are so many little children who are in need. We give out clothing, food and Bibles as we are able to get them. They are so thankful for anything we can give. God has wonderfully given us the congregation, and we are believing Him to give the church building also."

Packages of clothing or other provisions should be sent to the Home Missions Depart-

ment, Fred Vogler, Director, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri. We forward all offerings 100% to the field as designated.

Among the Assemblies

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—We recently closed a splendid revival meeting with Evangelists Helen Earley and Marjorie McCulloch. At this writing, our Sunday School is averaging 191. Recently we had 356 in attendance. The good work of the former pastors, M. W. Wilson, M. M. Brewer, and G. H. Hollister, has contributed to the growth of Tri-City Park Church.—R. D. Shaw, Pastor.

SUMMERFIELD, LA.—God has been visiting the Holly Ridge Assembly of God with a mighty moving of the Holy Ghost. He began to move in the regular services by filling hungry hearts. We just closed a 2-week revival meeting with Evangelist Willie Wiggins of Houston, Texas. Eighteen were saved, 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and many testified to having been healed. Twenty followed the Lord in water baptism. We have taken in 18 new members. Our church has been revived and is going forward for God.—Mrs. Vashti Smith, Pastor, Route 2, Bernice, La.

WAYNOKA, OKLA.—Our spring revival closed recently with James Frazee of Gallup, N. Mex., in charge. God met us night after night. Much good was accomplished for the needs of the church. God proved His healing power again in this meeting, many testifying to having received healing. The earnest preaching of Brother Frazee will long be remembered.

Three years ago I was sent here by the District Board to care for the church during an emergency, the former church building having been destroyed by fire. At a recent meeting the church elected new officers, and called me to serve as pastor for an indefinite term.

We have constructed a new church basement, and are starting on the walls of the new church. We hope to have it constructed this year. We welcome visits from ministers and friends.—N. B. Rayburn, Pastor.

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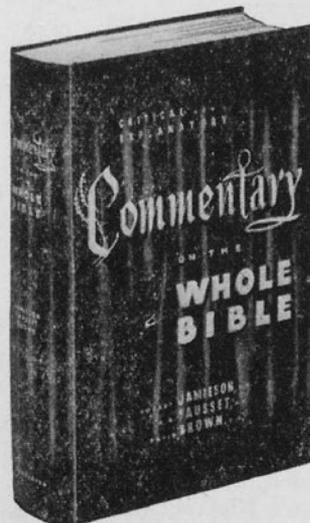
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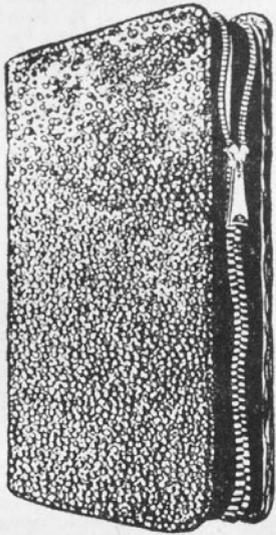
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SHAWANO, WIS.—God has been very gracious to us here in Shawano. During the past months He has poured out of His Spirit, and some 30 have received the Baptism. Others have been saved. It is most interesting to note that great changes have come in the lives of those who have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This has been the most genuine revival I have seen in many years. We feel that it was the answer to prayer that has gone up over a long period of time.—N. L. Shotwell, Pastor.

DE KALB, TEXAS—We have recently had Evangelist and Mrs. Willis E. Berry of Ft. Worth with us in a great revival meeting, in which we enjoyed many rich blessings from the Lord. Our previous Sunday School record of 138 was broken on the second Sunday when 172 were present. The following Sunday there were 190 present. We thank the Lord for Pentecostal fires of blessing. Souls were saved and believers baptized in the Holy Ghost. Testimonies of healing were given. We had overflowing crowds the last two Sundays, which indicates a need for further expansion in our building program. Special children's services each night brought an enthusiastic response from the children.—B. O. Smith, Pastor.

CRESTON, IOWA—Sunday, May 24, we commenced a revival meeting with R. E. Silvers, an Indian evangelist from Colorado Springs, Colo. God put His stamp of approval on the very first service by baptizing two people with the Holy Ghost. The meeting lasted four weeks. Fifteen were known to have received the Acts 2:4 experience, many were refilled, and quite a number saved. Our own little girl, just 6 years old, was filled with the Holy Spirit. Several testified to having been healed. Brother Silvers is a fearless, uncompromising, Holy Ghost preacher. Only about two nights did we get home before twelve o'clock. We consider this meeting to be the most profitable in our three years in Creston.—C. A. Nicholson, Pastor.

COALINGA and GARVEY, CALIF.—After almost four years of pastoring in Coalinga, we have resigned and accepted a call to the pastorate in Garvey, Calif. God has blessed our ministry in Coalinga. The Sunday School has almost doubled; the church attendance has doubled. Many have

been saved and filled with the Spirit. We give the glory to the Lord. During our stay at Coalinga, we had several evangelists. Among them were Tom Myers, Brother and Sister Clapper, Sister Watkins, Paul and Betty Wells, C. A. Rich, the Blair Trio, Brother and Sister Paul Boyer, Martha McLain and Naomi McWhinnie, and A. A. Allen. We thank God for all these good evangelists. The Lord has blessed in a financial way. We were able to make several improvements on the church amounting to almost ten thousand dollars, and were able to pay for them all. The church property is free of indebtedness. Our hearts would be made sad because of leaving these lovely people. were it not that we feel that we are in the will of the Lord.—Pastor and Mrs. Robert Ward, 2641 Jackson Ave., Garvey, Calif.

POLISH BRANCH COUNCIL

The Polish Branch of the Assemblies of God held their Fifteenth Annual Council Meeting in Detroit, Mich., at the new church building of the Polish Full Gospel Church; N. Stecewicz, host pastor.

The Word of God was ministered by the brethren of the fellowship, and the visitors and members of the local church were greatly edified. The Lord manifested His presence in a very precious way, and the convention closed Saturday evening with a very blessed communion service. S. Karolski remained after the convention for special revival meetings.

The following officers were elected: T. Wojciechowski, Superintendent; N. Stecewicz, Secretary; A. Jasinski, Treasurer; J. Nykiel and A. Siczko, Presbyters; J. Nykiel, Editor, "Dobry Pasterz" (Good Shepherd).

There is quite an awakening among the Polish people here in the United States and also in Canada. Many requests come in for Polish Bibles and literature from all over the world. K. Fugowski, recently returned from his second trip to Poland, brought a good report of the work in Poland and told of the great hunger there for the gospel. Our missionaries from South America, Brother and Sister Stawinski, will be visiting the churches here. They are a blessing to the Polish work here in the States, and we rejoice that the Lord has blessed their ministry so wonderfully in Paraguay.—N. Stecewicz, Secretary.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—July 6-17; Chas. Hurst of Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist. A. L. Wolfe is Pastor.

LOMITA, CALIF.—June 19-July 3; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Evangelists. Children's revival also. Eugene Williams is Pastor.

WILMER, ALA.—Tanner Williams Assembly, June 26-; Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler. Lucine Hart is Pastor.

CORNING, CALIF.—Full Gospel Assembly, West and Butte Sts., June 14-; Evangelist Floyd R. Hoole, speaker.—Joseph Harper, Pastor.

COTTONWOOD, CALIF.—Meetings in progress; A. R. Faust of Southern California District, Evangelist. E. M. Halsey is Pastor.

SEAL BEACH, CALIF.—Dedication of new auditorium, July 10. District Superintendent F. C. Woodworth, afternoon speaker. District Secretary L. E. Halvorson, night speaker.—A. K. Knowles, Pastor.

COVINGTON, IND.—Covington Gospel Tabernacle; July 10, for 3 weeks or longer; Leonard Page, Greenville, S. C., Evangelist.—B. R. Minton, Pastor.

CZECHOSLOVAK CONFERENCE

The First Czechoslovak Pentecostal (Assemblies of God) Conference will be held at 3030 Cortland St., Chicago, Ill., July 1-4. For further information write Pastor L. W. Huba, 3030 Cortland St., Chicago 47, Ill.

WYOMING CAMP MEETING

The Annual Wyoming District Camp Meeting will be held in City Park, Glenrock, Wyo., July 12-22. W. M. Stevens of Denver, Colo., guest speaker.—J. E. Neely, District Superintendent, 1614 East Second St., Casper, Wyo.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT CAMP

Southern Missouri District Camp Meeting, Lake of the Ozarks, near Eldon, Mo., June 30-July 10. Fred Lohmann, Bible teacher, Jesse Smith, Camp Evangelist, R. Bond Kemp, C. A. Vesper Speaker. For information write Assemblies of God Camp, Rocky Mount, Missouri.

NORTHERN NEBRASKA CAMP MEETING

Northern Nebraska Camp Meeting, Bakers Grove, one mile south and one mile west of Ainsworth, Nebr., June 26-July 4. David Hastie, Springfield, Mo., speaker. Cots and tents rented on grounds; rooms may be secured in town. Bookstand and lunch stand on grounds. District Superintendent M. F. Brandt in charge. For further information write Pastor B. H. Armes, Ainsworth, Nebr.

KANSAS C. A. CONVENTION

Kansas C. A. Convention, General Assembly of God, 2225 E. Central, Wichita, Kansas, July 4-6. Opening rally, July 4, 7:45 p. m., with Convention speaker Gene Martin of San Diego, Calif., speaking. Other speakers will include District Superintendent V. G. Greisen, J. Boyd Wolverton, Melvin Brewer Jr., and others. For reservations write Rooms Committee, 1009 S. Broadway, Wichita, Kansas.—Paul Witten, District C. A. President.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CAMP MEETING

SHERBURNE, N. Y.—The Mountainview Gospel Camp of the New York-New Jersey District will be held July 22-August 7. H. B. Kelchner of Flintstone, Md., camp evangelist, Nicholas Nikoloff, Dean of Metropolitan Bible Institute, Suffern, N. Y., camp Bible teacher. For further information or reservations write Pastor Frank Reynolds, Box 127, Canandaigua, N. Y.—Norman Love, Secretary.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Annual Camp Meeting of the Rocky Mountain District will be held at the District Headquarters on the Camp Grounds near Denver, August 2-12. W. I. Evans, Springfield, Mo., morning Bible teacher; B. Owen Oslin, Ft. Smith, Ark., evening evangelist. For reservation information write District Secretary, R. G. Fulford, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in the Civic Auditorium, Seattle, Wash., Sept. 8 to 15, 1949. It will open with a C. A. Rally on Thursday night, Sept. 8, and close with a grand fellowship meeting on Thursday night, Sept. 15. For information concerning accommodations, write R. F. Ashworth, Housing Committee Chairman, 648 West 80th St., Seattle 7, Wash.

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TRI-STATE CAMP MEETING

Tri-State Camp Meeting, Bristol, Va., July 1-10; Floyd E. Heady, St. Louis, Mo., principal speaker. Services 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Those who plan to attend should write Pastor A. L. Chadwick, Box 414, Bristol, Va. Telephone North 105-J.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—South Bend Gospel Tabernacle commences its all-summer, city-wide tent revival, June 26. Speakers: A. J. Schoeman, South Africa; Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak.; Leona Sumrall, Springfield, Mo.; and others. Tent at Haney Ave. and S. Michigan St. Neighboring churches welcome.—Lester F. Sumrall, Pastor.

LATIN-AMERICAN CAMP MEETING

The Latin-American District Camp Meeting will be held at Chama, N. Mex., July 12-19. Speakers:

Robert Fierro, H. C. Ball and Sunshine Ball.—Joseph Giron, Secretary, 3900 Clifton St., El Paso, Texas.

MENA, ARK.—City-wide Revival Meeting. City Auditorium, July 5-31. Sponsored by the Assembly of God, the Pentecostal Church of God, the Free Pentecost Church, and other churches. Christian Jewish Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla., speakers.—Floyd Ashpole, Pastor.

HUNTINGTON LAKE, CALIF.—Family Camp, held at Lakeview Lodge, in High Sierras, 65 miles east of Fresno on Highway 168, July 2-9; L. R. Keys, San Francisco, speaker. Pastor H. Benson Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moyer of Fresno will assist. Bible study, rest and recreation for the entire family. For information and reservations address Lakeview Lodge, P. O. Box 7, Fresno, Calif.—Floyd L. Hawkins, Committee Chairman.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

The Western North Carolina Camp Meeting will be held at Cullasaja, N. C., July 3-17. Thomas B. Don Carlos, evangelist; Andrew Stirling, Bible teacher; Ben Dickson in charge of C.A.'s, and Violet Bluhm in charge of children's services. Rooms in homes. Meals on camp grounds. For accommodations write Fred Sorrells, Cullasaja, N. C.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT CAMP AND COUNCIL

The West Florida District Camp Meeting will convene on our Blue Springs Camp Grounds, Marianna, Fla., July 25-Aug. 3, followed by the District Council August 4-5. Gayle F. Lewis, Springfield, Mo., and R. C. "Keetah" Jones, Atlanta, Ga., guest speakers. For further information write G. H. Blair, District Secretary, P. O. Box 465, Marianna, Fla.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The South Carolina District Council will convene June 27-29 at the First Assembly of God, 1412 Richland St., Columbia, S. C. Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent, special speaker. Rooms furnished as far as possible. Hotel reservations made by request. For further information write Pastor J. C. Hunnicutt, 1414 Richland St., Columbia, S. C.—C. L. Duck, District Secretary.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

Seventh Annual Camp Meeting of the New Mexico District, Mountainair, N. Mex., July 15-24. Aaron A. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., morning and evening speaker. Visiting and District ministers will speak in the afternoon services. Cafeteria on grounds. For further information write District Superintendent H. M. Fulfer, Box 353, Mountainair, N. Mex.—Irvin E. Smith, District Secretary-Treasurer.

GOOD SAMARITAN CAMP MEETING

Good Samaritan Camp Meeting, between Hammondsville, Bergholz and Salineville, Ohio, July 20-31. Look for signs along country roads. J. G. Warton, evangelist and Bible teacher. A. Woluewich, song leader and in charge of young people's services. James Hengoid, pianist; Mrs. Hengoid will conduct children's church. Cafeteria in dining hall. Rooms, tents, and cottages for rent. For further information write A. B. McCausland, Route 1, Hammondsville, Ohio.

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ARKANSAS DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Arkansas District Camp Meeting will be held at Ozark-Lithia Camp Ground, 9 miles from Hot Springs, Ark., on Highway 7, July 13—22. Speakers: Evangelist Bracy I. Greer and Evangelist T. J. Jones. Three services each day. D.V.B.S. for the children.—H. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

OLD-FASHIONED CAMP MEETING

(Near) FAIRFIELD, TEXAS—Old-fashioned Pentecostal Camp Meeting, beginning July 13, on grounds of Daniel Memorial Orphanage, about 15 miles east of Fairfield. Services morning, afternoon, and evening in 60x90 tent. Speakers to be selected by pulpit committee from the brethren attending. Tents, cots, and meals available but campers should bring linens, pillows and bed covers. For information write Daniel Memorial Orphanage, Fairfield, Texas.—J. B. Daniel, President.

WISCONSIN-NORTH MICHIGAN COUNCIL AND CAMP MEETING

The 16th Annual Wisconsin-North Michigan District Council and Camp Meeting will be held at Spencer Lake Bible Camp, 5 miles south of Waupaca, Wis. Speakers include T. J. Jones, Clifton Erickson, and Tom Johnstone, Camp Meeting, July 28—August 7. Preceding the Camp Meeting will be the annual business meeting of the District Council, July 26—27. For further information write B. E. Stroud, Waupaca, Wis.—L. E. Curtis, District Secretary, 1208 Twelfth St., Monroe, Wis.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Northern California and Nevada District Camp Meeting will be held at Bethany Park, 7 miles north of Santa Cruz on the Los Gatos Highway, July 1—17. D. H. McLaughlin of Tacoma, Wash., camp evangelist; W. I. Evans of C. B. I., Springfield, Mo., Bible teacher. Missionary Day, July 10. Missionaries will receive a cordial welcome and accommodations will be provided.—R. J. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer, 1475 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif.

EASTERN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

GREEN LANE, PA.—The 30th Annual Eastern District Camp Meeting, July 15 to August 14. Prayer Conference, July 15—16. Home Missions Day, July 31. Eastern Bible Institute Day, August 6. Foreign Missions Day, August 7. Speakers: Ralph Jeffrey, Maryland; B. E. Mahan, Washington, D. C.; Edgar Bethany, Georgia; and others. Paid workers wanted, men and women, including waitresses and experienced chefs; apply to Manager, giving age and pastor's recommendation. Write for camp folder.—Byron D. Jones, Manager, 79 Mary St., Ashley, Pa.

MONTANA CAMP MEETING

The 14th Annual Camp Meeting of the Montana District will be held at Glacier Assemblies of God Bible Camp, July 1—10. J. Wright Follette, Bible teacher; Robert F. Fierro, camp evangelist. Camp located ¼ mile north of Highway 2, at Hungry Horse, Mont., 11 miles west of Belton (west entrance to Glacier Park). Closest point on Great Northern Railway is Columbia Falls, Mont. Intermountain and Grayhound buses stop on the highway. For further information write Lyle B. Spradley, District Secretary, P.O. Box 1549, Great Falls Mont.

BLACK HILLS CAMP MEETING AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

Black Hills Camp Meeting and Bible Conference, Assembly of God Camp Grounds, Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, S. Dak., June 24—July 4. J. B. McIntosh Camp evangelist. John Johnson, Camp Bible teacher and Missionary speaker. M. M. Brewer, C. A. speaker. Services daily, 9 and 10:30 a.m., 2:30, 6:45 and 8 p. m. Accommodations include dining hall, lunch stand, cabins and camping space. For further information write W. E. Cummings, District Superintendent, 410 East Sixth Ave., Mitchell, S. Dak., or R. C. Zink, Caretaker, Assembly Road, Rapid City, S. Dak.—W. E. Cummings, Superintendent.

OHIO STATE CAMP, BIG PRAIRIE, OHIO

Main Camp, June 27—July 10. Chas. E. Butterfield, morning and night speaker. Gay Benson, afternoon speaker. For reservations write C. W. Hahn, 1184 E. Third St., Salem, Ohio.

Girls' camp, July 12—19. Boys' camp, July 19—26. Lou Bina Stoner and Edwina Pollock, children's workers. Write District Office, 110 Buckeye St., Dayton 2, Ohio, for application blanks for the Girls' or the Boys' Camp.

Youth Conference, July 30—August 6. C. C. Burnett, evening speaker. Make application to Ruth Ridgeway, 148 Grove St., Marysville, Ohio.—Paul J. Emery, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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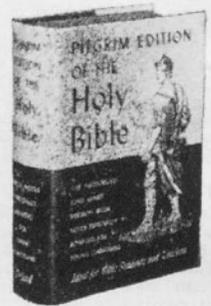
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Sectional Councils for Arkansas District: Section 4, July 6, Black Oak. Section 1, July 28, Rogers. Section 10, Aug. 1, Benton. Section 3, Aug. 8, Tuckerman. Section 8, Aug. 11, Parkin.—H. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Mountainair, N. Mex. "We have accepted the pastorate here. Council ministers passing through are welcome."—R. A. Hunter.

WANTED—Pentecostal help, nurses etc., for Pentecostal nursing and old folks' home. Very urgent. Contact Klinger Nursing Home, Aurora, Nebr.—J. M. Cummings, 603 K St., Aurora, Nebr.

BROADCAST—"Youthspiration," a program of melody, music and message, Sundays 6:30-7:00 p.m. Station WJVA, 1580 kilos., South Bend, Ind.—Lester F. Sumrall, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 641, Jennings, La. "We were chosen pastors of this fine Assembly of

God, March 14, 1949."—Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur C. Bristol.

Notice—"Have been re-elected pastor of the Assembly of God, 752 California Ave., Beaumont, Calif., just 1½ blocks north of Highway 99. Council brethren, drop by as you go through."—George Stenhouse.

OPEN FOR CALLS Pastoral

Joseph A. Filardo, 6326 Fifth Ave., N. E., Seattle 5, Wash.—"Open for pastoral calls, small churches. Willing to help wherever a small church needs pastoring. Licensed with Northern California District for one year; graduate of Northwest Bible Institute. Talented in music."

Evangelistic or Pastoral

G. W. Alsup, P. O. Box 172, Sapulpa, Okla.—"Open for evangelistic or pastoral calls. In the ministry 15 years; ordained in Oklahoma District. Reference: V. H. Ray, Superintendent Oklahoma District, or Robert Goggin, Secretary Oklahoma District. Wife and I sing and play."

STORM LAKE BIBLE CAMP
Storm Lake Bible Camp, West Central District, July 13-24. Arthur S. Arnold of Los Angeles, Calif., camp speaker. Raymond Wiley, C. A. vesper speaker. For reservation write G. H. Millard, 1301 Third Ave. E., Fort Dodge, Iowa.—Stanley H. Clarke, District Superintendent.

TENNESSEE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMP
Boys' and Girls' Camp of Tennessee District, Bethesda Camp Grounds (our District camp) near Nashville, Tenn., June 25-30. Ages 7 to 15. Competent teachers and speakers.—H. E. Darnell, Camp Director. P. O. Box 385, Madison, Tenn.

TENNESSEE DISTRICT CAMP MEETING AND COUNCIL

Tennessee District Camp Meeting, August 9-18, Bethesda Camp Grounds, near Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee District Council will convene the last three days of the camp. Special days for C.A.'s and W.M.C.'s. Wesley R. Steelberg, guest speaker for Camp Meeting and Council. W. G. White, District Superintendent.—H. E. Darnell, District Secretary, P. O. Box 385, Madison, Tenn.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

Oklahoma District Camp Meeting, District Camp Grounds, 4½ miles north of Capitol Building, on Highway 66, Oklahoma City, Okla., July 12-21. F. C. Cornell, former Superintendent of Oklahoma District, morning and evening speaker. Other speakers in afternoon services. Meals at reasonable rates. (The date was originally July 5-14, but on account of repairs and remodeling the building was not available until the 12th.) For information write District Superintendent V. H. Ray, or District Secretary Robert E. Goggin, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.

GEORGIA CAMP MEETING

Second Annual Georgia Camp Meeting, District Camp Grounds, Jenkinsburg, 4 miles from Jackson, Ga., June 28-July 8. Wm. F. McPherson, evening speaker. Jonas D. Miller, Bible teacher. Opening service Tuesday night. Plenty of dormitory space, also private home, hotel, and tourist rooms. Three meals served in camp dining-room each day. Write Keetah Jones, 848 Piedmont, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., for reservations and other information.

The Georgia District is sponsoring three other camps this summer—Boys', Girls', and Youth. They begin July 11, July 18, and July 25, respectively, and run for one week.—Elmer Green, Secretary.

MICHIGAN MINISTERS' SEMINAR

FA-HO-LO PARK, GRASS LAKE, MICH.—Fourth Annual Michigan Ministers' Seminar, August 8-12 and 15-19. Faculty includes C. W. H. Scott, Principal; R. Elmer Baker, Arthur S. Graves, and C. P. Melvin. Cost, \$12 per week or \$20 for entire time. Mail applications to Michigan District Council, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.—D. G. Foote, Secretary-Treasurer.

MICHIGAN CAMP MEETING

FA-HO-LO PARK, GRASS LAKE, MICH.—Thirteenth Annual Michigan Camp Meeting, July 23-August 7. Bert Webb, Superintendent Southern Missouri District, evening speaker. Arthur Graves, Principal Southeastern Bible Institute, morning Bible teacher. Special new afternoon feature: "Training for Service" Course for Sunday School workers, taught by Paul Miller, Director Teacher Training Division, National Sunday School Department. For reservations contact Michigan District Council, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.—D. G. Foote, Secretary-Treasurer.

MICHIGAN BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMPS

FA-HO-LO PARK, GRASS LAKE, MICH.—Boys' Camp, July 9-16; Girls' Camp, July 16-23. Ages 10-14, inclusive. Directors: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. H. Scott. Religious instructors: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearsall. A time of spiritual instruction and delightful recreation for boys and girls. Entire cost only \$14.50. Mail applications to Michigan District Council, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.—D. G. Foote, Secretary-Treasurer.

MICHIGAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

FA-HO-LO PARK, GRASS LAKE, MICH.—Fifth Annual Youth Conference, August 8-19, under direction of State C. A. President Arnold Q. Hashman. Evening speaker, Paul Hild. Other faculty members: R. E. Baker, C. P. Melvin, and Arthur S. Graves. Cost, \$22 for entire time; 5 days or more, \$2 per day. Mail applications to Michigan District Council, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.—D. G. Foote, Secretary-Treasurer.