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



*Bring the children to Christ!*

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Christians in Congress

According to *Christian Life*, there are "considerably more than a hundred born-again Christians in the 82nd Congress of the United States." This disclosure should move us to pray the more for the national legislature.

## Lutherans and Television

The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, is undertaking what is described as by far the largest Protestant television program yet planned. The Synod has voted to spend \$750,000 to produce a series of 26 half-hour religious TV programs of a dramatic nature.

## Roadside Signs

The Methodists of South Georgia are tired of seeing so much liquor advertising. At their annual conference they decided to erect roadside signs throughout the state, depicting the harmful effects of alcohol and urging total abstinence.

## The Lutheran Hour

The weekly radio program known as "The Lutheran Hour" is showing an operating deficit of \$165,000. The Lutheran Laymen's League, meeting for a convention at Sioux City, Iowa, voted to raise \$250,000 by September to wipe out the deficit and provide the radio program with a financial reserve.

## Religious Tolerance in Israel

The Government of the State of Israel is following a commendably tolerant attitude toward all religions. Some people thought that when the Jews realized their dream of an independent Jewish state they would suppress all non-Jewish religious activity, but that has not proved to be the case. There is freedom of religion in Israel.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs, for example, issues a pamphlet called "Christian News from Israel," in which the Government presents the Christian activities in the land of Israel with absolute fairness.

Another example of tolerance is found in a Government booklet entitled, "Christians in Israel," which gives an up-to-date survey of all the religious groups, including Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, and Protestant churches. The material in this booklet is written by the leaders of the respective churches. For instance, there is a paragraph regarding

the Bible Evangelistic Mission, saying that it "represents some of the leading Pentecostal movements in various countries, and particularly the Pentecostal Jewish Mission. Its object is to preach the full gospel of Christ and to lead to the knowledge of Christ as the Saviour."

The building in which the Bible Evangelistic Mission carries on its work in Jerusalem is owned by the Assemblies of God. Let us pray that many, both of Jews and of Arabs, may be brought to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Separation of Church and State

The Attorney-General of the U. S., J. Howard McGrath, is being criticized for telling the National Roman Catholic Educational Association in Cleveland that there should not even be a fence between church and state, let alone a "wall of separation." They accuse him of betraying the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, which he is sworn to uphold.

## A Jerusalem Proclamation

The World Zionist Congress will meet in Jerusalem, August 14. The Congress will discuss the desirability of issuing a Jerusalem Proclamation to replace the Basle Proclamation—issued by the First World Zionist Congress in Basle in 1897—in view of the fact that the aim of the Basle Proclamation, the establishment of a Jewish state, has been achieved.

## The Bible in Gold Coast

The British and Foreign Bible Society plans to present a specially bound copy of the Fanti Bible to the new Parliament in Accra, in Africa's Gold Coast. At the initial session of the newly elected Parliament more than 75% of the members wished to take the oath on the Bible, though the country is only about 14% "Christian."

## Fulfilled Prophecy

The press carried another fulfillment of Bible prophecy recently. In Matthew 24:5 Jesus warned, "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ." The press story was that Argentina's Eva Peron has taken a further step in exalting her husband, and spoke of him as a god to the people of that country.

Daniel's story of Nebuchadnezzar had a similar episode. We wonder what will happen to Peron!

## A New "Denomination"

Radio gospel programs are a blessing to shut-ins, but to a great many able-bodied people they are just a poor substitute for church attendance. During a recent church canvass a woman was asked to what religious denomination she belonged. She replied: "My mother was a Baptist, and my father a Methodist. Speaking for myself, I'm radio."

## No Evolutionary Change

A recent item in *Life* entitled, "The Smallest Mammal," referred to a shrew, the descendants of which today weigh about eight ounces. The article stated: "The fragment proved that this tiny creature—like the opossum, the oyster, and the horseshoe crab—has run the gantlet of time without evolutionary change."

Comments Wilbur M. Smith in *Our Hope*: "Year by year indisputable evidence is turned up showing the utter baselessness of this whole nineteenth-century hypothesis of biological evolution."

## Advertising the Movies

Would your church be willing to spend twenty dollars for advertising, in order to get a thousand people to attend a particular service? The movie makers would. The motion picture industry spent \$66,750,000 in advertising in 1950. The average weekly attendance for U. S. theatres last year was 60,000,000 which means that for every paid admission there were two cents paid for advertising. We do not suggest that churches should copy the movie makers in their advertising methods, but perhaps if God's people would invest more heavily in radio evangelism, tract distribution, and other gospel enterprises they would see more people coming to Christ.

## Methodist Ministers and Tobacco

Fearful that an effort will be made to delete the tobacco question from the Methodist discipline, when the Methodist Church has its quadrennial General Conference in San Francisco next year, the Methodists of Minnesota have gone on record as saying:

"We view with deep concern, from a health, financial and moral point of view, the increase of the tobacco habit."

They voted to continue the practice of putting the following question to all candidates for Methodist ordination: "Will you abstain from the use of tobacco and other indulgences which may injure your influence?"

Another resolution called on Minnesota's 110,000 Methodists to use their "combined purchasing power" in favor of grocery stores, restaurants, and hotels where alcoholic beverages are not served or sold.

# The Miraculous Power of God

Bert Webb

*God said, Let there be light; and there was light. Genesis 1:3.*

LET ME ASK three questions: Is there any such thing as the miraculous power of God? Is there any need for such power? If there is such a thing and if there is such a need, how can we bring the miraculous power of God to bear upon that need?

The first chapter of Genesis tells us that God spoke the word and the Spirit moved and the worlds came into existence. Bible history begins with a miraculous manifestation of the supernatural power of God. Had it not been displayed, there would be no universe today. Out of nothing God spoke everything into existence. Had Jesus Christ not been miraculously raised from the dead, the Book of Revelation never could have been written; and if it were not for the Book of Revelation with its "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" we would be in the dark so far as knowing what the consummation of this present age is going to be. Had we not experienced the glorious moving of God's Spirit in our individual lives we would be lost today.

The answer to the first question, then, is obvious. There is a mysterious, supernatural, miraculous power that emanates from the very person of God that is real and glorious, and we need that power in our midst today.

It was my privilege to speak at a Youth for Christ meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. There were some 3,000 people present, and at the conclusion of the altar call a very old gentleman said to me, "Brother Webb, I would like to give you an autographed copy of my book." He identified himself as a Presbyterian preacher, and the book seemed to be a story of what God had done many years ago.

I said, "Thank you, I'll surely appreciate the book," and I put it in my brief case. I am ashamed to say that many weeks went by before I took time to read that book, because I felt that I was living in a glorious present experience and in the prospect of something better still and I was not so much concerned

over what God may have done in past years.

One day I was traveling with Brother Lawson, now Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, and I brought out that book. I ran across some things in it that thrilled my heart. I said, "Brother Lawson, listen to this!" And I began to read some of the history of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Over in Kentucky there was a crying to God by a number of people in a rural area. When the minister came to have communion on the appointed Sunday of the month, he preached and said, "Unless your heart is right with God you ought not to take communion." This old gentleman, the writer of the book, was a young man in that meeting. He recorded that a spirit of weeping seized upon the people and they began to run out of the building and into the nearby woods to pray. Soon the weeping and repentance in the woods had reached such proportions that the preacher ceased preaching and said, "We will not go on with the communion service until the people finish praying."

However, the prayer continued throughout the rest of the morning and throughout the afternoon. People went home and told their relatives. They came and fell under conviction, and for three days and three nights those Presbyterians prayed constantly. The glory of God was manifested and scores and scores of people at one time were

lying prostrate under the power of the Lord.

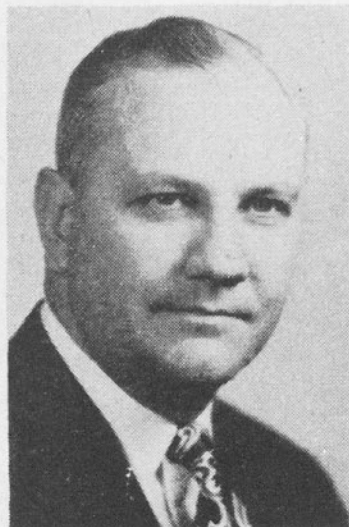
As Pentecostal people we would do well to pray down a renewal of the Holy Spirit's convicting power. Oh, that we who know the Lord would be seized afresh by God and be caused to lay aside everything and say, "Lord, here am I." We would do well to press into a new place of fellowship with the Holy Spirit. There is the supernatural! The Word is replete with instances where only the miraculous power of God answered the need of His people.

Moses, for example, became the deliverer of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, because of the miraculous demonstration of the power of God. Moses turned aside to see the bush that burned yet was not consumed. When God saw that Moses turned aside to see, He spoke to Moses. If you want to hear from God, my friends, take notice of what God is doing round about you. Then you will be in a fair way of hearing from the Almighty.

Moses turned aside to see this phenomenon. He supposed that the branches of the bush would drop away and the whole be turned to ashes. But to his amazement the bush burned on without being consumed. O God, give us Pentecostal people a conception of the moving of Thy Spirit, a fresh understanding, and a quick response to every indication of Thy divine presence.

This fall I shall have been an Assemblies of God preacher for twenty-six years. From the time I first came into this glorious Pentecostal experience I have lived in the experience of the moving of the Spirit of the living God. The same warmth of the Spirit still glows in my heart as I realize the possibility of greater things than we have ever known.

Every name of God by which He revealed Himself unfolded what He desired to be to man. With the name Jehovah-rapha came the revelation that He desired to be the Healer of His people. With each succeeding revelation of Himself, God showed His miraculous power to His people. Praise God for the revival of Divine Healing that we see in our land today. In spite of some exaggerated claims and some strange methods, I do believe that there are



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more people being healed now than at any time in the twenty-six years of my experience in Pentecost.

Thank God for each evidence of the supernatural in healing power, but I believe we would be wise to seek the Lord for a revelation of His power in other directions as well as in the healing of our physical bodies. For example, we need to pray for pungent supernatural conviction to come upon the people. And we still need pioneer preachers to go into new places not yet reached by the Pentecostal message and to prove what God can do.

You remember the experience of the young servant of Elisha when they were surrounded by the enemy at Dothan. The young man said, in effect, "It's all up with us. We might as well surrender. The enemy has surrounded us." But Elisha prayed, "Lord, open the young man's eyes; let him see the invisible hosts that are with us." A revelation of the supernatural was given to the young man, and he saw the mountain filled with the armies of God. Oh, it is a thrill to experience the supernatural power of the living God!

When Elijah's mantle fell, Elisha started back. I wonder if he did not feel like a young preacher just starting out in the ministry, who says to himself, "Let's see if it will work over here." Let us have faith to reach out and to believe God to roll back the hindrances and to give a marvellous answer to prayer. If you are a young preacher, and you never have gone to a community where there is no assembly and started from scratch, then you have missed one of the most thrilling experiences in life.

A young man had been after me for two years to leave Granada, Minnesota, and to come to Appleton, Wisconsin to hold a meeting. Elvin Ray and I, both single young men, said, "That's the will of God for us to go there." Finally I resigned my church and wrote to Appleton saying that we would come and hold a meeting. The young man wrote right back, saying, "We'll get a big tent and we'll look to God."

We arrived in due time to discover that the young man had moved to Chicago. The tent was at the freight house with nearly twenty dollars of demurrage on it. Twenty dollars was a lot of money then. My first impulse was to say, "We have plenty of places to hold meetings—we'll just go on our way." Then God whispered to my heart, "Didn't you say that this was My will?" So we went ahead and put up the tent. For three weeks we never had as many as forty-five people in a tent 50 x 70, a mere handful in that roomy tent.

I was doing the preaching, and I did pray, but much of the credit for the Appleton church, humanly speaking, goes to Brother Ray. When I said, "We might as well quit—three weeks and not a soul saved!" Brother Ray said, "Let's try to believe God." He went home that night to spend it on his knees. As he prayed God moved in my heart and we became greatly burdened. Others said, "We will pray."

One day a truck rolled up with five or six colored boys in it. One of them got out and came into the tent and said, "We'd like to sing in your meeting."

"Well," I replied, "we don't have much of a meeting for you to sing in. We'd be glad to have you, but there isn't much here."

He said, "We've had a meeting cancelled and we believe this is where we ought to be."

We put a notice in the paper, and had a good turnout. God gave a real break through and eventually there were sixty or seventy saved and a number filled with the Spirit. Out of the prayers of God's people a miracle came into being. A church was organized, and Brother and Sister Lindquist became the first pastors.

The Bible says that we wrestle against principalities and powers, against wicked spirits in heavenly places, but there is a power that can prevail against the enemy and it is ours for the taking. There is great opposition to the work of God all about us. The popular magazines of the day advertise liquor, beer, and cigarettes and make every conceivable suggestion to evil. There is an evil force that drives people to commit the most heinous crimes. Often those who are arrested for crime will say, "I don't know why I ever did such a thing; I seemed to be driven by a force that I could not resist." The devil is on the job today and if ever we needed the moving of God, it surely is now.

There is only one way, as far as I know, to bring the power of God into contact with the need, and that is for forgiven sinners, mightily anointed with the Holy Spirit, to become the instruments in God's hand to meet the need of a sinful world. It has pleased God to take ordinary folks with an extraordinary blessing and to reveal Himself through them to a world in need. God is not bound to any particular personality. He is not forced to use any select few. Wherever God's people are they can touch Him, and God, through them, can touch others.

I think that one of the most striking examples of contact with God is found in Genesis 15. Abraham said, "Lord, how shall I know?" He was in fellow-

ship with God, but on this occasion he wavered. He said, in effect, "Lord, I want to believe; help Thou my unbelief." Does that sound anything like your own condition?

What did God do with Abraham? He did not say, "Get away from me, you miserable backslider with no faith after all I have done for you." God took up Abraham's challenge and said, in effect, "If you want real assurance, go out and build an altar. Cut the sacrifice in pieces and lay each piece against another."

As soon as the sacrifice was in order, the fowls of the air came down to steal it away. No sooner will you determine to draw near to God than that "fowl of the air," the devil himself, will try to snatch away your determination.

How many times we have knelt in church or in private to say, "Lord, forgive my prayerlessness. Help me to be more faithful." We promised God we would pray more, and in thirty days we were praying the same thing. Well, God is working in us not only to will, but to do His good pleasure. You do not have to go on half defeated. In Christ there is victory. I believe that sanctification is progressive. I believe it is "from glory to glory." But, bless your heart, if you are following it (Heb. 12:14), one of these days you are supposed to catch up with it. There is a

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# Evangelize or Fossilize

J. Nelson Parr

ALTHOUGH THE Pentecostal revival started a generation ago, there are thousands of villages and towns where there never has been a Pentecostal meeting, and we are responsible for this tragic state of affairs. Woe unto us for our lethargy and complacency.

The Pentecostal preacher who can stay as pastor of an assembly and continue twelve or even six months without seeing souls saved, either in his assembly or in the virgin soil of the villages or towns surrounding his church, is not only dead; he has COMMENCED TO MORTIFY. He will soon be keeping company with the bones in Ezekiel's "boneyard."

Evangelization means winning souls, and if we do not win souls we shall fossilize. "Do the WORK of an evangelist," was Paul's injunction to Timothy, and the work of an evangelist is to "win souls" by proclaiming the evangel, and by intercession and travail.

## PALLIATION

To palliate our conscience, when souls are not won, with the sedative of God's promise, "My Word shall not return unto me void," is a despicable contortion of Holy Writ and an excuse for not travelling, weeping, crying, burning, and blazing with a divine intensity for those who are heedlessly rushing into the flames of an endless hell.

We may preach the Gospel, for that is the meaning of the word "Evangel," but God does not bless the Gospel when preached by cold, frozen, lukewarm, ice-berg lips. Neither is it academical, homiletical, analytical, or oratorical preaching which will bring sinners to feel that they are going to drop into hell fire any minute, but it is BLAZING, BURNING, FIERY, WHITE-HOT PREACHING\* WITH THE HOLY GHOST sent down from heaven.

It should be pointed out very emphatically that the text referred to above ("My Word shall not return unto Me void . . .") does not refer to the preaching of the gospel. The gospel must be preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, and if sinners are not saved then we must pray, travail, weep, cry, groan, and become violent in supplication and intercession until the altars or inquiry rooms are crowded with penitents.

## SOOTHING SYRUP

How is it that many of our members never bring a sinner to hear the gospel? Is it not because the pastor is failing to fulfill his vocation? How is it that some who very rarely win souls, console themselves with the soothing syrup of "I AM A TEACHER"? This attitude is due to a false interpretation of Ephesians 4:11, 12. The literal interpretation of that passage (and this interpretation is confirmed by eminent Greek scholars) is, "And He Himself gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists, and THE TEACHING PASTORS, FOR THE EQUIPPING OF THE SAINTS FOR THE MINISTERING WORK, resulting in the building up of the body of Christ."

Jesus was a Teacher but He was pre-eminently a burning, blazing, white-hot soul-winner. He was continually preaching the gospel, and winning souls every day. Jesus was continually teaching them, but pre-eminently He was teaching them how to win souls. The parable of the sower is an address on soul winning. The parable of the lost coin is a soul-winning message, and the same applies to the parable of the lost sheep. The parable of the good Samaritan is a soul-winning message. . . . "Go and do like-



J. Nelson Parr (center) is pastor of a thriving assembly in Manchester, England. The brethren standing with him are Wm. Burton (left) and James Salter, two well-known British missionaries.

wise." The parable of the great supper is a soul-winning message. . . . "Go into the streets and lanes and compel them to come in." His teaching was dominated by His blazing passion for the lost. Some who claim to be teachers are, unfortunately, floundering about in what they call "DEEP TEACHING," whereas if they were blazing with a consuming passion for the lost they would, in the words of Ephesians 4, be "EQUIPPING THE SAINTS" for the greatest business of all businesses, "THE SOUL-WINNING BUSINESS."

Some of these profound teachers never even give an address on soul winning; and if they do, it is like a shower bath of cold snow, because it does not come from a burning fire in their very bones.

Pastors, let us rise to our calling and remember that according to Ephesians 4 we must turn every one of our members into fiery, white-hot soul winners. If we are not doing this, we are failing to make full proof of our ministry.

## SHEEP AND LAMBS

How often we have heard the term, "Confirming the churches"! It seems to me that the majority of our members have become confirmed sterile sheep. They are certainly getting fat, but what good is a fat sheep if it does not produce lambs? The shepherd will not waste any further time upon it; the butcher is called, and it is soon hanging in the butcher's shop. Jesus will not tolerate lambless sheep. Did He not say of the fruitless fig tree, "CUT IT DOWN"? On more than one occasion the Saviour revealed His attitude towards barren Christians, who lack evangelical zeal and thus never win souls or even bring sinners to hear the gospel. Did He not say of the barren vine branch, "It is withered . . . cast forth, men gather them and they are cast into the fire and burned"? Did He not condemn the man with one talent for his failure to gain another talent or a few talents? What a revelation it would be if, in one of our conventions, all the Christians who had failed to win a soul during 1951 were asked to stand to their feet. Woe unto us! How can anyone claim to be filled with the Spirit, when he has not won one soul during the past seven months?

The individual or the assembly that fails to EVANGELIZE OR WIN SOULS, will certainly FOSSILIZE. They become "withered." Their testimony withers; their spiritual life withers; their Spirit-filled experience withers.

Let every pastor turn every member of his assembly into a blazing, white-hot soul winner who will snatch the lost as brands from the burning fires of a never-ending hell.

# A House Divided Against Itself

Howard C. Osgood

Field Secretary for the Far East

THERE IS NOT much doubt about it. The church in China is going through the darkest hours of its modern-day history. Behind the "bamboo curtain," at the mercy of the new government regime (and even "the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel"), the Chinese Christians are being forced to abandon all connection with the church outside China; forced to accuse their leaders and fellow Christians of insincerity; and forced to revise the teaching of the Word of God.

How do we know? Not by letters any more, for almost all of our former correspondents are now afraid to pen a letter to anyone outside China. To send or to receive such a letter is construed by the government to mean that the sender or receiver is conniving with foreign governments, plotting to overthrow the Communist regime, etc.

But there are still reliable methods. One is that of conversation with persons coming out of China, preferably Chinese. Another is that of reading newspapers published in China. A third source is other publications, such as *T'ien Feng*, the official church magazine under the Communists. These publications are smuggled out quite easily; some can even be sent out through the post.

Recently we did receive a letter from the Assemblies of God of a certain district, written evidently under duress, in which they said that under the new government they had become entirely indigenously, and wanted nothing to do with the organization outside China. They declared in the letter that we had taught them erroneously in times past, and that under their new leadership they were learning the true way to operate. We were not greatly troubled at the receipt of such a letter, for others have received them, too, and all are so similar that it is evident they are dictated.

It is by reading *T'ien Feng* (Heavenly Breezes) that one gets the clearest view. Here is pictured the awful view of the church destroying itself under the driving of the government. Says the government: "There is rottenness in the church. You must unite to drive it out. If you know anyone who has connived with foreigners or taught the doctrines of capitalism, you must accuse him at once so that he can be done away with." Thus begins the awful curse of accusation, one Christian telling what evil he knows about the other; and if no accusations are made, the government accuses you or your church of being in sympathy with America. You are thrown into jail, and the church may not hold meetings any longer.

Chinese who have been in America, or who have worked with Americans or other foreigners, are the ones in greatest danger. Some of these apparently have come out boldly, hurling violent accusations against others in order to try to clear their own skirts. Sadly we

report concerning Marcus Ch'en, widely known in China as a pastor, Bible teacher, evangelist and world traveler. He has denounced America and its "imperialism" and openly embraced the new tenets of Communism. All of this might be forgiven; but now he has accused a fellow Chinese and a fellow Christian, Pastor Joseph Ku. And today, Pastor Ku languishes in prison.

Pastor Ku formerly was a movie star. He lived a wild life. Suffering imprisonment at the time, which he well deserved, he was ministered to by Brother Mussen, a Pentecostal missionary, and was wonderfully saved. Later he was baptized with the Holy Spirit, and dedicated his life to evangelism. He suffered much persecution but maintained a beautiful spirit. Other suffering also came his way. His former wife and two children were aboard a steamer loaded with war freight during the war with Japan, which blew up. He lost his family, but he remained faithful to the Lord. He married again, eventually—a very sweet, Christian wife.

God has mightily used Pastor Ku. In Shanghai he held special meetings, attended by thousands. We have heard of those wonderful meetings from many sources. Hundreds were healed and filled with the Holy Spirit; and many, many took their stand for Christ. How we rejoiced as we heard the good news, confirmed again recently by one who came from there and who had talked with several of those who were healed, and had attended one of the meetings when 700 tarried for the Holy Spirit at one time.

But now? Marcus Ch'en has accused Pastor Ku, bringing up things from his past before his conversion, falsely stating things concerning him since his conversion. Pastor Ku has been forced to make a so-called "confession" and in this way a mighty servant of Christ has been brought low, a glorious voice muted. The "church" is calling for his execution! Some have reported him already shot.

This news especially grieves us because we know Pastor Ku so well and love him so dearly in the Lord. But what of the many others, similarly accused? Many of these also are in prison today, many have already been executed. And still the awful accusations go on.

A house that is divided against itself shall not stand. The Lord taught this, and the Communists know it very well, and they have devised a method by which they hope the church will destroy itself: let each accuse the other. How diabolically cunning! Just as soon as a missionary leaves, the leader who worked with that missionary is forced to accuse him. If he will not do so, the government in turn accuses the leader, and he is thrown into jail. No one is safe, but the ire of the government is directed particularly against the leaders. Some things are amusing—in a way. Even dead missionaries are ac-

cused! Great anathemas are read against the dead. Thus do the people prove that they hate even the memories of the missionaries who served in China years ago.

Let them say what they will against America, or against the missionary. But when they accuse one another, advocating the imprisonment or death of another Chinese of their own race and blood—do they realize that this is the beginning of the end? Pray for them, that they will realize this before it is too late, before they have destroyed the church with their own hands.

And let us in America take from this a lesson. How prone we are to gossip about one another, to tell the little, slighting thing about our brother, to call the attention of others to his faults. What is this but the beginning of accusation? In the Bible the devil is called the accuser of the brethren. Let us beware of taking the devil's place, lest some day the habit of accusation shall have grown upon us until we, too, are willing to accuse our brother at the request of the government, or to divert the eyes of men from our own sins by drawing attention to the shortcomings of others.

## Methodists Have 1,421 Overseas Missionaries

THE METHODIST CHURCH has 1,421 active missionaries serving overseas today—245 more than it had in 1946 when the Communists began tightening controls in China, it is announced by Jesse C. Engle, an executive of the denomination's Board of Missions and Church Extension. Two factors account for this, Dr. Engle says: the large number of young people who are volunteering for missionary service, and the transferring of seasoned missionaries from China to other parts of the world, especially to countries in which there are large immigrant populations from China. These countries include Malaya, Burma, Sumatra, Borneo, Indonesia, and the Philippine Islands.

"While almost all Methodist and other missionaries have left China," says Dr. Engle, "some because of Communist restrictions upon their work, and some because their presence would be an embarrassment to Chinese Christian colleagues who might be accused of 'association with enemies of the people,' the fact is that they left the work—the hospitals, schools, and churches—in trained and competent Chinese hands. The missionary may be out of China; but the Christian witness and service goes on."

—Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church.

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YOUTH RALLY IN MANILA

Our missionaries and Bible School students participating in a recent mass outdoor youth rally in Manila, Philippines. It was estimated that between 7,000 and 10,000 persons attended. Two trucks parked side by side formed the platform. At the microphone are two of our Bible School graduates.

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Connecticut .....	557.08	North Dakota ..	1,977.12
Delaware .....	521.63	Ohio .....	9,908.68
D. C. ....	633.87	Oklahoma .....	7,896.15
Florida .....	4,572.90	Oregon .....	6,044.26
Georgia .....	1,190.53	Pennsylvania ..	12,637.97
German Br. ....	302.47	Polish Br. ....	100.00
Hungarian Br. ....	166.87	Rhode Island ..	215.48
Idaho .....	1,113.32	Russian Br. ....	100.50
Illinois .....	7,729.16	South Car- olina .....	119.25
Indiana .....	2,852.19	South Dakota ..	1,293.69
Iowa .....	2,507.07	Tennessee .....	789.90
Italian Br. ....	910.00	Texas .....	14,430.53
Kansas .....	5,415.77	Ukrainian Br. ..	588.13
Kentucky .....	763.40	Utah .....	41.71
Latin Amer. Br. ....	182.30	Vermont .....	15.00
Louisiana .....	626.61	Virginia .....	1,192.38
Maine .....	117.73	Washington .....	16,076.17
Maryland .....	1,317.51	West Virginia ..	471.65
Massachusetts ..	1,168.50	Wisconsin .....	3,731.11
Michigan .....	8,336.46	Wyoming .....	273.74
Minnesota .....	3,802.93	Alaska .....	217.65
Mississippi .....	543.62	Canada .....	440.00
Missouri .....	7,605.97	Legacies .....	1,162.30
Montana .....	1,830.09	Foreign .....	809.96
Nebraska .....	2,708.38	Miscellaneous ..	30,458.59
Nevada .....	311.11		
Total Amount Reported .....	231,404.68		
District Fund .....	10,125.73		
National Home Missions .....	1,863.72		
Office Expense Fund .....	5,332.46		
Literature Expense Fund .....	46.80		
Given Direct to Missionaries .....	28,224.57		45,593.28
Received for Council Foreign Missions .....	185,811.40		
Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions .....	2,344.02		
Total Receipts for Foreign Missions .....	188,155.42		
Amount Received for Home Missions .....	11,220.92		

Gold Coast .....	6,454.09	Venezuela .....	1,894.75
Liberia .....	12,444.83	West Indies .....	11,480.81
Nigeria .....	5,117.45	Entertain- ment of mis- sionaries .....	2,315.25
Nyasaland .....	1,583.13	BGMC Material and Shipping Exp. ....	505.34
Sierra Leone .....	1,274.75	Chevrolet Carryall .....	1,659.05
Union of So. Af. ....	2,910.40	Deputational Exp. ....	986.02
Upper Volta .....	5,304.36	Insurance Ad- justments .....	119.50
China .....	5,393.21	Field Secre- taries .....	1,360.00
Fiji .....	835.82	Literature .....	695.21
Formosa .....	295.00	N. Y. Office and shipping Depart. ....	1,410.00
Hawaii .....	6,883.08	Refunds and Trfrs. to Other Departs. ....	4,955.71
Indonesia .....	3,371.67	Spanish Lit. ....	1,820.12
Japan .....	3,598.11	Speed-the-Light, C. A. De- part .....	866.00
Malaya .....	772.42	Gen. Trans. ....	467.52
Philippines .....	4,924.65	Retired Mis- sionaries .....	1,761.10
Samoa, Amer. ....	311.00	Miscellaneous .....	1,090.31
Burma .....	365.00	Total Distr. to Council For- eign Mis- sions .....	170,060.31
Ceylon .....	4,309.28	Non-Council Missionaries .....	4,286.44
India .....	25,126.47		
Egypt .....	4,220.08		
Europe .....	3,901.16		
Iran .....	140.00		
Israel .....	60.50		
Syria .....	855.64		
Sen. Amer. ....	6,722.69		
Mexican Work in U.S. ....	794.38		
Mexico .....	2,192.43		
Argentina .....	1,148.65		
Bolivia .....	1,607.00		
Brazil .....	4,530.44		
Chile .....	1,592.30		
Colombia .....	195.00		
Paraguay .....	286.50		
Peru .....	8,981.18		
Uruguay .....	678.00		
Total Disbursements .....	174,346.75		
Credited to designated Accounts .....	11,464.65		

TOTAL RECEIPTS .....	185,811.40
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Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Bruton, missionaries to Togo-Dahomey, arrived in New York for furlough on June 23.

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Alice Ruth Melching has arrived safely in Djakarta, Java, Indonesia.

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Misses Louise J. Davis and Norma E. Johanson of the Liberian field are at home on furlough.

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A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey C. Hale, missionaries to Sierra Leone, on June 28. Kenneth Dewey is his name.

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Mrs. Nettie Juergensen's new address is: 7-3 Chome, Amatsuka, Nishi Ku, Nagoya, Japan.

GIFT FROM CALVARY GOSPEL CHURCH, JERSEY CITY

WE ARE VERY grateful for the confidence of the members of the Calvary Gospel Church of Jersey City, New Jersey, in transferring to our Foreign Missions Department church funds amounting to \$16,000 accumulated during the operation of the Calvary Gospel Church, which at its disbanding are to be disbursed as follows:

The National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas, \$750; retired ministers, \$500; the Juneau Children's Home, Juneau, Alaska, \$100; Bibles and Gospels for Brazil, \$200; general relief for Brazil, \$750; buildings in Habana and Holguin, Cuba, \$500 each; Bible School building in Cuba, \$400; the Assiut Orphanage in Egypt, \$500; Hawaiian buildings, \$500; Hawaiian Bible School, \$400; Bibles and Gospels for India, \$400; general relief in India, \$1,000; Bible School in Ceylon, \$500; orphanage work in Jubbulpore, India, \$500; leper work at Uska Bazaar, India, \$500; Bibles and Gospels for Italy, \$1,200; buildings for Italy, \$2,750; training converted Catholic priests in Italy, \$250; Bibles and Gospels for Japan, \$400; buildings in Japan, \$1,500; Bibles and Gospels for Korea, \$500; general relief in Korea, \$1,000; Far East Broadcasting Corporation, \$50; work in Israel, \$250; and administrative expense, \$100.

We have been advised that an additional contribution will be made in the final settlement of affairs of the church, which money will be used to assist outgoing missionaries.

May God bless the friends of this Assembly who have contributed so generously to so many worthy projects throughout the world.

URGENT!

Many of our Assemblies of God brethren in Kansas and around Kansas City have lost everything they had in the late flood. Offerings to help may be sent to the Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, marked "Flood Relief."

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Verne A. Warner of the Dominican Republic field have a new daughter, Patricia Ann, born on July 5.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

June, 1951

Belgian Congo .....	3,088.50	Dahomey .....	5,004.45
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# SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

## ELIJAH TRUSTS IN GOD

### Lesson for August 12

#### 1 Kings 17:1-16

God raised up Elijah the prophet to warn sinful Ahab, to pronounce chastisement in the form of drought, and to endeavor by such means to bring the king and Israel back to God.

The name Elijah is said to mean, "My God is Jehovah," or, "My strength is Jehovah." Some think of God as One who strengthens; others think of Him as being Himself their strength. The one thinks of help from God; the other that *God Himself is his help*. It is in this latter class that we find Elijah.

#### 1. Elijah Warns Ahab

The home of Elijah was in Gilead, in the mountainous country east of Jordan. He lacked the culture that the schools in Jerusalem might afford, but he had no lack of spiritual fervor. In his approach to Ahab, without formality he said, "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." v.1. He had God's message and needed not to apologize. Let us not think, however, that we are to imitate Elijah. Because he was very brusk is no reason why we should be. Let Elijah be himself. Let us be what we are.

#### 2. Elijah Goes to Cherith

When Elijah had brought his message of drought to Ahab, the Lord made provision for the prophet during this period. "The word of the Lord came unto him, saying . . . hide thyself by the brook Cherith." vv. 2, 3. Then the Lord told him how he was to be sustained (v.4). It is believed that Elijah remained near the brook for a full year. During that time the Lord never failed him. What his daily provision was we are not told. All we know is that he was to drink from the brook and to be fed by the ravens. The lesson for us is that we are to be content with such things as God provides us, trusting Him for our daily bread, being assured that, as we are obedient, the Lord "will never leave us nor forsake us."

#### 3. Elijah by the Brook

God wrought a miracle in sustaining Elijah. Did His miraculous care become commonplace to him after a while? Were the water and food finally taken for granted and did the sense of appreciation become less? God help us when Divine manifestations no longer cause us to reverence Him. May they never lose their sacredness. If they do, we may find our brook dried up. Israel in the wilderness became wearied of God's miraculous provision. When the manna first began to fall

they rejoiced exceedingly. Later they loathed "this light bread" (Num. 21:5). The time came when the Lord let Elijah's brook dry up. How about our brook? How about our spiritual zeal, our love? Is Christian profession taking the place of sacred devotion and love for the souls of men? If God's grace ceases to be appreciated, its blessings will be withdrawn.

#### 4. Elijah Is Tested

When the brook dried up, possibly Elijah was faced with perplexity. Had he not gone to the brook at the word of the Lord? Was God still with him? Was he not God's prophet? Many questions could come to his mind. Is it not thus with us when God takes blessings from us on which we have come to lean? Because God has blessed, we are prone to think that the blessings will continue whether we are grateful or not, and whether we reverently seek God or do otherwise. When this attitude is taken, the blessings dry up.

#### 5. Lessons from the Testing

When God removes His blessings it indicates that He is speaking to us. We may have been living *in them*. God would have us live *in Him*. He remains, even though His blessings be withdrawn. "The just shall live by faith." He would turn us from things, and the worship of things, to Himself. When God let the brook run dry, He had new experiences for the prophet. He would have him leave the brook and go to Zarephath. Israel enjoyed their stay at Seir until God said, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough." Deut. 2:3. For Elijah to be obedient to this new call required that he walk the full length of Palestine, from the vicinity of Jordan to idolatrous Syria, and that he take this step in faith.

#### 6. Elijah Moves North

While Elijah resided near the brook he had absolutely his own way. None was there to interrupt him. It was a solitary life, but it was his own. In going to Zarephath matters would be different. Syria was the birthplace of Jezebel. The people were idolaters. Why should God send him entirely out of his beloved Israel and place him among strangers? Such questions are not easy to answer. God knows the "why" and it is for us to follow. We all have had times when our lives have hung on a question, "Lord, why is this? Lord, tell me why." The Lord did not tell Elijah why; He just said, "Go;" and Elijah obeyed. Thus "the just shall live by faith."

#### 7. Elijah Tested at Zarephath

God had told Elijah that at Zarephath He had commanded a widow

woman to feed him (v.9). While encouraging faith, this experience must have required humility. Zarephath means "a place of refining metals." God saw there was metal in Elijah which needed further refining. When He tests us it is for a similar purpose.

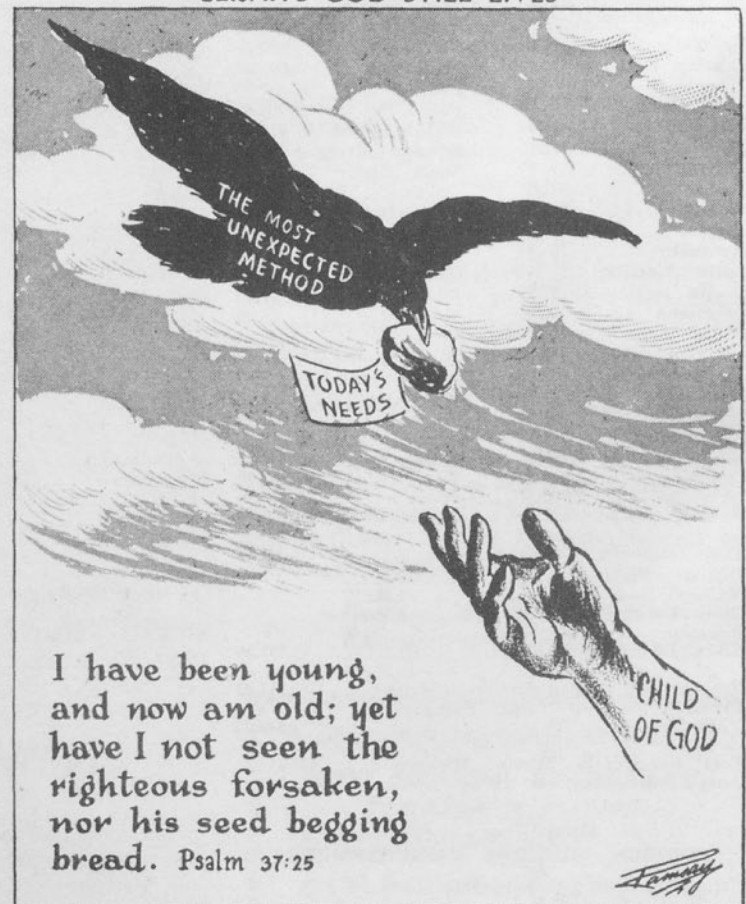
When the widow came out to whom Elijah was directed, behold, she was in dire poverty. Her condition could not have been much worse. Perhaps Elijah had thought it would be a widow with wealth that would sustain him. It must have been humbling indeed for a strong and well-fed man to ask a starving woman to give to him at a time when she was preparing for herself and her son the last that they had. Perhaps you say, "Elijah knew what God would do." I am not so sure of that. God usually meets us in our hour of need. Elijah knew this woman was to be his hostess, and as he ventured in obedience, faith sprang up. When the woman told him of her poverty, quickened faith said, "Fear not, make a little cake for me and your need will be supplied." We must not expect *great* faith before we take the *first step of faith*. It is as we move in faith that greater faith comes. As Elijah assured the widow, his own faith grew strong. May the Lord make us obedient to Him knowing that "the just shall live by faith."

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Micaiah's Truthfulness (lesson for Sunday, August 5). Lesson text: 1 Kings 22:1-10, 14-18.

On his deathbed, Tom Paine reportedly said: "I would give worlds, if I had them if the 'Age of Reason' had never been published. O Lord, help me! Christ, help me! Stay with me; it is hell to be left alone!"

### ELIJAH'S GOD STILL LIVES





# MISSIONS AT HOME

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## OUR FOREIGN LANGUAGE BRANCHES

Encouraging reports are coming from our Foreign Language Groups. S. J. Wasilenko, Superintendent of the Russian Branch, states that the Lord has richly blessed their group through this past fiscal year as never before. Special speakers for their annual convention were Fred Vogler, Home Missions Director, and T. R. Brubaker, Superintendent of the New York-New Jersey District.

### A PASTOR VISITS OUR OFFICE

A short time ago we were pleased to receive in our office Brother Mike Paveloff, pastor of our Russian Gospel Temple in Los Angeles, located at 207 South Townsend Avenue. Brother Paveloff told us of the fine church building the Lord has enabled them to obtain for \$5,000. It is valued now at approximately \$45,000. The main auditorium will seat about 200, and the young people's auditorium will accommodate about 100. The basement contains twenty-one rooms suitable for Sunday School use, besides dining room and kitchen. "God gave it to us," Brother Paveloff declares. The church was organized about eighteen years ago.

The Gospel Temple is one of our thirteen assemblies affiliated with the Russian Branch of the Assemblies of God.

Brother Vogler, when visiting their annual convention in Jersey City a few weeks ago, found the Russian Branch to be a progressive group of brethren who have caught the vision of enlargement, and states that they are hoping to establish several new churches within the coming year.

There are many communities in various parts of America where thousands of Russian-speaking people are concentrated. The children speak English, but the parents in many cases speak only Russian, and so it is neces-

sary for the services to be carried on in the Russian language.

A large number of the Russian-speaking people have been brought up in the Greek Orthodox Church, but Brother Paveloff and his wife were members of a church known as the "Russian Molakan Holy Spiritual Jumpers." It is reported that there are ten thousand members of the "Jumpers" in Los Angeles alone. Their creed is a mixture of Judaism and Catholicism. Their meetings are marked by much ritual, but undoubtedly the sect grew out of a genuine spiritual awakening which came to these people many years ago.

Brother and Sister Paveloff were saved from the spiritual darkness of the "Jumpers" seventeen years ago. They report that until about a year ago the outlook at the Gospel Temple was rather disheartening. The average attendance in Sunday School was only 35 to 40. But these past several months have been a period of blessed revival. The Lord has been saving many young people in the regular meetings, and others have been saved in special evangelistic meetings. As a result, they have recently had two wonderful water baptismal services, and their Sunday School attendance is averaging around 100 each Sunday.

God has been pouring out His Spirit in the meetings in a wonderful way. Many times it has been impossible for the pastor to deliver his sermon, for the Spirit has fallen upon the meeting, and the people have started to pray before the sermon could be given. As a result, many souls have been saved and many believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

Brother and Sister Paveloff request the prayers of the EVANGEL readers for the continued blessing of the Lord upon their church and upon all the Russian-speaking assemblies of the U. S. A.

### UKRAINIAN COUNCIL CONVENES

The Ukrainian Branch Council was held at Stamford, Connecticut, May 31-June 2. The ministry of J. R. Flower, our General Secretary, and Fred Vogler was greatly appreciated by the Ukrainian brethren.

The reports of the Ukrainian Branch Presbyters showed definite progress in the work of the Lord. Three new ministers were added to the Branch, and a new work opened in

Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Branch assumed the responsibility of financially supporting five missionaries among the Slavs in the D. P. camps of Germany, and is also sending gospel literature in the Ukrainian language to all parts of the world to refugee Ukrainians. The publishing of the twenty-page Ukrainian language periodical "Evanhelsky Palomnyk" is going into its eleventh year. The periodical has proven to be a distinct blessing in the field of evangelism among the Slavs. (Free sample copies may be obtained upon request. Write to the Ukrainian Branch, 9 East 7th Street, New York 3, New York.)

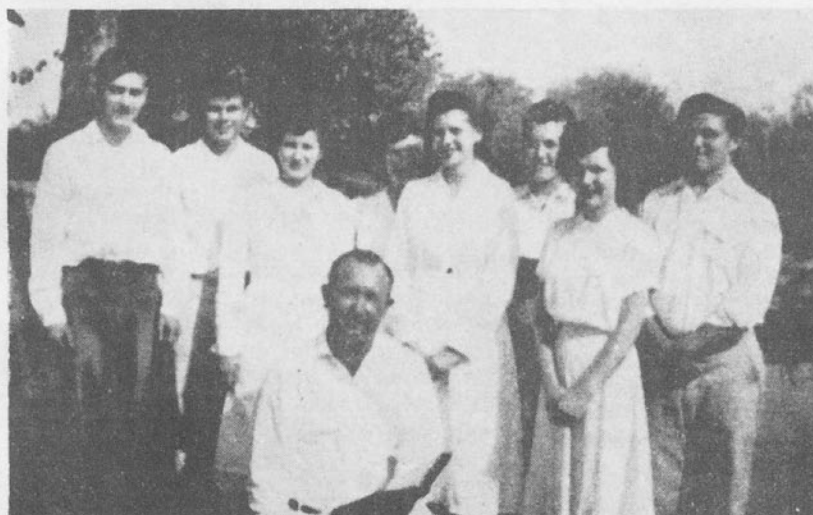
The conviction of the brethren in this session was that the time is very short, and the work yet to be done is great. The Branch passed several resolutions with the intention of encouraging ministers and assemblies to do more for the salvation of souls in the coming year. The brethren of the Ukrainian Branch sincerely ask an interest in the prayers of the saints.

### ITALIAN BRANCH COUNCIL

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Italian Branch was held in the Broadway Tabernacle, our Italian assembly in Paterson, New Jersey, May 26 and 27. The host pastor was Philip D'Angelo, and special speaker was Fred Vogler.

The Superintendent of the Italian Branch, Quirino Grilli, gave an excellent report concerning the growth of the Branch, and commended the various departments for their good work. The General Secretary, Anthony Piraino, also gave an encouraging report, showing that the increase of ministers and of co-operating churches is over 30%. Twenty-two ministers and eleven churches were added to the fellowship during the past year. At present there are eighty-six ministers and forty-six assemblies affiliated with the Italian Branch. Missionary giving for the year totaled \$10,773.96.

One outstanding forward step taken by the Italian Branch during the Council Meeting was the setting aside of a Field Secretary for ministry in Italy—Brother Anthony Piraino. The sum of \$1,550 was received in cash and pledges to assist him and Sister Piraino in undertaking this new work. New emphasis was placed on a Sunday School enlargement campaign. A Sunday School convention is being planned for this fall.

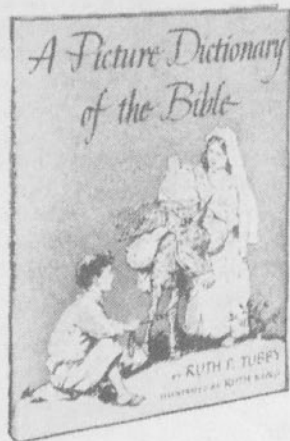


A fine group of Russian young people recently baptized in water in Los Angeles. Seated is their pastor, Mike Paveloff.



Annual convention of the Russian Branch of the Assemblies of God, assembled at Jersey City, N.J., in June.

Give Your Child



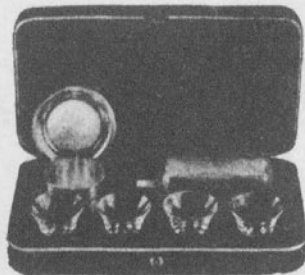
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# Well-Known Ministers to Speak at General Council

### ROBERT FIERRO

Full of zeal, able in handling the Word of God, filled with the burning love for souls, Brother Fierro will stir your heart with his C. A. message on Wednesday night, August 15.

God has made great use of Robert Fierro in mission work south of the border. Recently great salvation-healing meetings in Cuba with Brother Fierro caused tremendous crowds to gather and wonderful results to be attained. We believe that God will make his ministry a blessing to all who gather in Atlanta.

### AARON A. WILSON

A. A. Wilson has carried on an aggressive work for God in Kansas City for many years. His influence has been felt widely, and he has been especially successful in dealing with men. He has gone into prisons and jails to reach them. He has met them in the business world and uncompromisingly stood for the truth which he believed and preached.

He has a vision and a love for souls which drives him on to ever expand his program of evangelism in a needy city. At one time he preached in a wooden tabernacle. That proved inadequate and he built a larger and more permanent structure. Now he has plans to move to a new neighborhood and build an entirely new plant on a large piece of ground along one of the city's most heavily traveled boulevards.

### W. T. GASTON

Brother Gaston is the District Superintendent in Northern California and Nevada, and the District has flourished under his leadership in the past eight years.

It just happens that I never have heard W. T. Gaston preach. That is why I was delighted to learn that he is to be one of the night speakers at the General Council. His name was often heard in our family in Oregon after we came into Pentecost. He was speaker at our camp meetings and conventions. Just why I was always away from home when he was there, I do not know, but the family often talked about his sincerity, his sagacity, and his remarkable ability to reach down into the Word of God and bring forth just the right thought for the moment.

### C. C. BURNETT

Brother Burnett, an instructor at Central Bible Institute, is greatly respected by students and faculty, preachers and laymen alike. His penetrating messages highlighted with sparkling illustrations from the Word of God will edify and delight the General Council congregation. Formerly Brother Burnett was pastor of the Lake View assembly in Chicago, Illinois. He is becoming well known as a convention and camp-meeting speaker.

### JAMES HAMILL

Brother Hamill is one of the outstanding Pentecostal preachers in the South. Starting

in Mississippi, he blazed a trail from coast to coast in evangelistic work, settling down in pastoral work at various intervals. Those who know of the work he did as pastor in Hope, Arkansas, and in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, say he did a marvellous job. Since moving to Memphis he has built a magnificent house of worship and has built up the Sunday School until it has the second largest attendance in the General Council and is crowding Pastor Ott's church in Dallas for first place. Let us pray that many unsaved people from Atlanta and vicinity will come to the meeting on Sunday night to hear this fine Southern preacher and to give their hearts to Christ.

### GAYLE JACKSON

Gayle Jackson's message to the General Council should carry real challenge and spiritual impact. God is using him in great salvation-healing meetings today, and he comes fresh from the battlefield of spiritual wrestling against Satan. God is moving. Great things are being done. We rejoice in the wave of revival everywhere. We shall share in the thrill of the victories being won as we listen to Gayle Jackson on Monday night.

### RALPH M. RIGGS

Some years ago Brother Riggs was pastor at Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri. The work spread and other assemblies began to spring up all over the city. Then he went on to be District Superintendent of Southern Missouri, and now he is one of the Assistant General Superintendents with a nation-wide ministry. His portfolio is the whole activity of our educational program, and I have noticed that his work is having influence not only among our Assemblies of God constituency but also in the whole field of religious education today.

### MARTIN LUTHER DAVIDSON

I had the privilege of listening to Martin Luther Davidson during a revival campaign several years ago, and I shall not soon forget his preaching. God came down in our midst and walked around with us. The truth of the Word was made thrilling and soul-satisfying. Here was a man who could expound God's Word, bringing forth things both new and old to encourage and delight our hearts.

### ARNE VICK

Last year Arne Vick resigned from his pastorate in North Hollywood, California, and went to the land of India to spend six or eight months in evangelistic campaigns. He spoke to the Indian people through an interpreter, and God richly blessed and moved in his meetings. We are sure that he will inspire us to be more earnest, more dedicated, more faithful in the work of God than we have ever been before.

—by Hart R. Armstrong

# HEALED

If God has healed you recently, will you not write out your testimony and let us publish it so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch? Make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

## HEART TROUBLE

I had a heart attack three years ago. Seven doctors said I couldn't live. Three of them were in Memphis, Tenn., and three were in Camden, Ark.

On February 4, 1950, I was prayed for during the revival that W. V. Grant was conducting in Camden, Ark. I was healed, received the Holy Ghost, and delivered from the tobacco habit. Before I was healed I suffered continually and took medicine. Since I was prayed for I have been well and haven't taken a dose of medicine.—J. W. Hodges, Box 5837, Camden, Ark.

(Pastor A. W. Tanner, Camden, Ark. has endorsed this testimony.)

## RHEUMATISM

When my little girl, Retha Ann, was nine months old she became very sick with a high fever. She cried most of the time. When I would try to handle her, she screamed even louder. We took her to the doctor and he told us she had rheumatism in her legs, which was caused by her tonsils.

We had moved about 120 miles from our home church. I wrote my parents about the baby's condition. They went to our pastor, Brother Bowen, and his wife. They anointed a handkerchief and prayed over it. My parents brought the handkerchief to us and I pinned it to the baby's clothes. In three or four minutes she slid out of her grandfather's lap and stood up, something she had not been able to do for a week! The next day she was completely healed and used her legs as usual.

She is almost four years old now, and she has never been bothered with rheumatism since. We give all the glory and praise to God.—Mrs. Glen Bailey, Dickens, Texas.

(Brother and Sister Carl Bowen, Levelland, Tex., endorsed this healing. They were pastoring at Matador, Tex., when Retha Ann was healed.)

## HEART AILMENT

For some time I suffered with heart trouble. At first I did not know what it was. In the fall of 1945 I went to see a heart specialist. Dr. Burkelow of Rogers, Arkansas, who is now deceased, examined me. He told me that I had a heart ailment that no one could cure.

That night I attended a service at our church. Before the meeting began my wife told the pastor, Brother Ferren, what the doctor had said about my heart. He asked me to come to the altar for prayer, and then he called the saints to come and pray for me. The house was filled with the presence of God. Before the prayer was finished I felt the arteries of my heart expand, and what a

relief! I was free of the burden that had held me down so long.

The doctor had asked me to come back in three weeks. After he examined my heart again, he said, "There is not a thing the matter with your heart."

This healing took place five years ago, and not a symptom of the heart trouble has returned.—W. E. Brace, 211 E. Oak St., Rogers, Ark.

(Pastor B. Ferren, 319 W. Hunt, Paragould, Ark., verified this healing.)

## TUBERCULOSIS IN BOTH LUNGS

I received a wonderful healing almost 24 years ago, but only recently did I learn of what I was healed.

In the fall of 1927 after the birth of our fourth child I was in a weak, rundown condition. I had night sweats and chills. After sitting or lying still awhile I ached so much. It seemed as if the bones in my body ached. I was in this condition about three months.

One night prayer was offered for me at our church in Walthill, Nebr. When the people prayed for me I felt the touch of the Lord and was wonderfully healed. I often wondered

what I had, I felt sure it was something very serious.

Last fall, when the mobile chest X ray came to our town, my husband and I had our chests X-rayed. The tests disclosed that I had an abnormal condition of the lungs and I was advised to go to my doctor for a complete examination. I did this and two more X rays were taken. I did not receive an answer for a few months. Then my doctor told me that at one time in my life I had had tuberculosis in both lungs, but that it was now inactive. The X rays showed the spots where it had been.

I remembered the time I was so sick, and I told the doctor about this. He said, "That is when you had tuberculosis, and only by the grace of God are you here today." What a wonderful Physician is Jesus!

I was also healed of gall bladder trouble in 1942, after I had been told that I should have an immediate operation. I have never had another attack since prayer was offered for me.—Mrs. Blake Martin, Craig, Nebr.

(Pastor George Workman, Lyons, Nebr., verifies this testimony, stating that Mrs. Martin is strong and healthy today, and that she is living for God.)

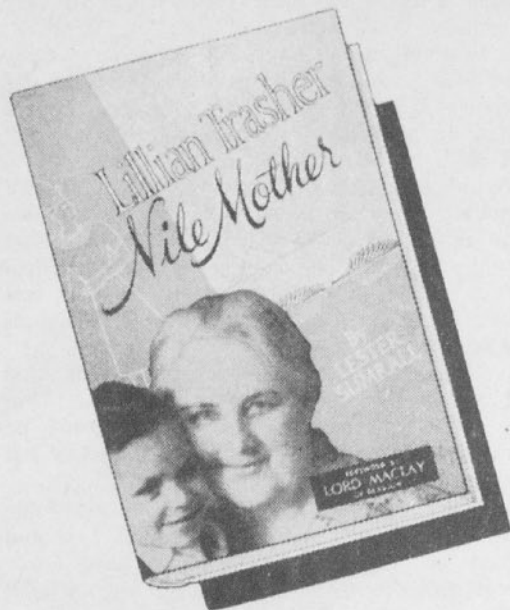
*and all that remains I want to be given to the Lord's work to be used to His glory.*

*Sarah N. Williams*

Her every intention was good. She had only one desire—that whatever remained when she was gone should go to Christian institutions. She did not foresee that complications would arise in the settlement of her estate that would completely frustrate her own wishes.

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# Lillian Trasher *Nile Mother*

By LESTER SUMRALL

FOREWORD

BY

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One of the monumental works of faith, courage, and persistence on the part of a divinely called handmaiden of the Lord is the Orphanage at Assiut, Egypt, founded and administered through the years by Miss Lillian Trasher, the Nile Mother.

This account of her life and of the founding, maintenance, and vicissitudes of the Orphanage is truly a most interesting and thrilling story.

It recounts "Mama" Trasher's early life, her call to Egypt, and the clear providences of God which led her to Assiut. It recounts life in the orphanage, its problems of supply and discipline, its escapes from annihilation, the Lord's preserving watch-care over it, the great spiritual revival which swept the children into the kingdom, transformed their lives, and gave many of them places of responsibility in the life of Egypt.

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"EGYPT is a land of wonders, but to me its greatest is Miss Lillian Trasher. . . ."

### WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA says:

"Lillian Trasher, founder of Assiut Orphanage; born in Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 27, 1887; daughter of William Reed and Jane C. (Hunt) Trasher; student God's Bible School, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1905-1906. Began career working in Miss Mattie E. Perry's Ehanan Orphanage, Marion, N.C., 1908-1910; sole founder and owner of Assiut Orphanage."

### U. S. WAR INFORMATION says:

The American Army's Office of War Information sent a photographer to the Assiut Orphanage to take some photographs in connection with a propaganda campaign to show the Arabic-speaking of the Near East, the nature of the social, educational and philanthropic organizations of Americans. This photographer said to Miss Trasher, "I should like to get one or two pictures." She said, "Come, I will show you the whole place, and you can take what you want." He took twelve pictures before he was through. He said to her, "This is by far the most interesting and best institution I have seen in the Middle East, and I have taken pictures of nearly all of them."

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## THE WATER OF LIFE

Mrs. Stuart Watt tells the following thrilling experience that came to her husband while he was engaged in mission work in Central Africa.

He was out on a mission tour, and thirty miles from the mission station, every water supply had failed and strength was exhausted. Twenty miles ahead was the nearest point where water could be obtained.

Two of the strongest natives were urged forward to obtain water and return, while the remainder of the exhausted party crawled forward in slow, painful stages of a few hundred yards. Thus stage after stage was made until the sun was high in the heavens, gleaming in all its tropical fury. As the hours passed the intense agony of thirst became more acute, the mouth foaming, and the tongue so clave to the palate that Mr. Watt could only speak with great difficulty. Eventually he could only make about a hundred yards at a time, with the aid of the men, who partially supported him. On his body he retained the barest clothing so that as little moisture as possible should be lost by perspiration.

At last he realized that the climax had come. To the native who kept by his side he gasped out: "Sudie, I can go no farther. If the men do not bring water, here I die."

He threw himself down under partial shade. Then with an effort he stretched out his hands to the burning heavens, and prayed to God for one drop of rain to cool his feverish body. While he was praying a little cloud appeared in the heavens. Borne by some God-directed current it came directly over where the missionary lay, and instantly there fell a few big, heavy drops. He pulled his vest widely open so that the large drops might fall on his heated breast. The drops increased in number until there was a little shower of rain.

To use Mr. Watt's own words: "I opened my mouth and thrust out my tongue to catch the precious fluid. In about five minutes or less the cloud was spent but I was revived. My clothes were quite wet on one side. I got up and felt greatly strengthened. I said to Sudie, 'Do you see what God has done for us?' 'Yes, master, I see it,' came his response. I was then enabled to proceed, in short stages, all that afternoon until sundown, when I met my two faithful porters laden with their water vessels."

How dependent we are upon an adequate supply of water. But we need the water that we cannot see, the water that Christ gives, more than we do the natural water that we recognize as so indispensable. It is the water of life, which is promised to every thirsty soul who is tired of his sin and will trust in the Saviour. And today the invitation goes forth, "Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

## THE MIRACULOUS POWER OF GOD

(Continued from page four)

place in God where everything else is swept away and He becomes all in all.

I am thinking of the church in St. Cloud, Minnesota, where it seemed that we could not go further. We had incurred obligations

which we could not meet at the moment. We concluded that we would go into debt no further, that we would pay what we owed; then, unless there was an answer to prayer, we would say, "We've failed here."

One afternoon about 2 p.m. I went into the study of that church. (There were others praying, but I am telling of my own experience.) I knelt down to pray and about 5:30 it dawned upon me that the afternoon had passed. I found myself lying prostrate on the floor. There were pools of tears there, and I felt so in the immediate presence of the living God that it seemed anything was possible. It would have been a greater surprise to me if something had *not* happened. Oh, that indefinable something that is communicated to the soul that is in touch with God!

The result? For three successive Sundays, in the midst of depression years, someone rolled up a wad of money each week—two twenties and a ten, in a little tight ball—and dropped it into the offering. That was the difference between going on and having to admit defeat. Friends, it meant a quickening of faith in God that nothing else would bring. It was not the money that meant so much, but the answer to prayer. That same mysterious supernatural power is still available to us; and, glory to God! I am sensing a moving of the Spirit that is heartening to my soul. All about us there is evidence of a stirring in answer to prayer. Take courage, friends. The God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, is our God today.

In conclusion, I present this thought. Abraham said, in effect, "Lord, give me a new touch, a new revelation of Your power." God said, "Do this." So Abraham laid the sacrifice in order, and the fowls swooped down to take it away. I have always imagined that Abraham took a club, and when one of the birds swooped down he made a vigorous pass at it. He took it upon himself to fight the devil, so to speak. Those birds, the type of the enemy, would have devoured the sacrifice he was offering to God. The Bible says that he fought them off until the going down of the sun. As he beat those birds away, there appeared a smoking lamp that passed up and down between the pieces of the sacrifice. A rather weird, unearthly experience. No hand held that lamp. It floated in the air. This phenomenon was the evidence of the divine presence.

Someone may ask, "What are you trying to say, preacher?" Just this: that, connected with the blessings of God, there is an opposing force seeking to rob us of them, and that with the blessings of God in answer to prayer frequently will come experiences of the supernatural that you have never known before.

I like to "remember the days of old." I like to look back to what God *did*, but recently I was reminded by Isaiah 43:19 that God cried out, "Behold, I will do a *new* thing." We are not tied to the old. We are joyously linked with the revelation of what God desires to *be* to us all *now*.

If there stirs in you a desire to be nearer to God; if there stirs in you a desire to be filled anew with the Holy Spirit; God will do it right where you are. Let Him fan that desire into a consuming flame. Whatever your need is, put yourself on record; drive in a stake of faith; believe God; and He will answer your prayer.

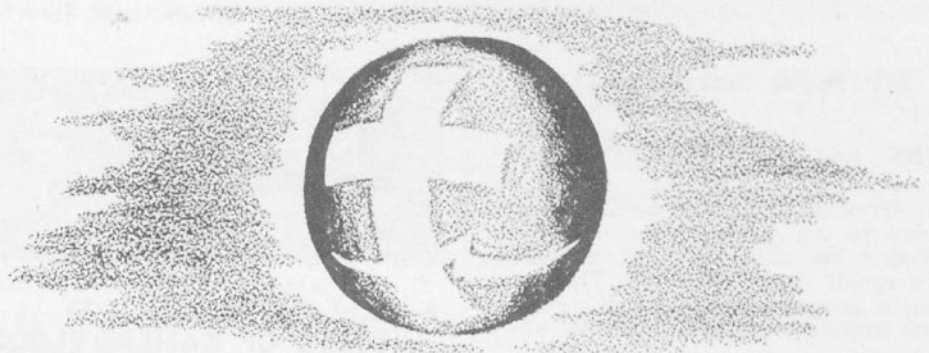
## THE CHUPPAH . . . by Ruth Specter

Used in the marriage ceremony of the Jews is a canopy or "Chuppah" of equal length and width, made of either silk or satin, supported by four staves (one in each corner) which four guests carry. Over the staves on the canopy there is printed one of the following phrases in Hebrew: "The Voice of the Bride, The Voice of the Groom, The Sound of Gladness, The Sound of Joy" (Jer. 33:11).

This Chuppah reminds the Jew of the litter in which the bride was carried in the processions of long ago. It also brings to remembrance the ancient tent life of Israel and stands as a picture of the future home of the couple. The groom (Chassan) is led

first under the canopy, and then the bride (Cholee) follows after.

Close the eyes of the natural man to this "Chuppah" and let the eyes of the spiritual man be opened! Read Rev. 21:16—"And the city lieth *foursquare*, and the length is as large as the breadth. . . . The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal." Yes, as the saints of God look upon the canopy of Jewish custom they can see the future home of the Bride and the Heavenly Bridegroom. Silk or satin can hardly compare to the materials of which that City is made, for "the building of the wall of it is of jasper: and the city is pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the



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city are garnished with all manner of precious stones." The number "four" signifies the world—"And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it."

Soon—soon, my brother and my sister, there will be heard the "voice of the Bridegroom," for He shall shout as the archangel. Soon—soon there will be heard the welcome call: "Behold the Bridegroom cometh!" Soon—soon the "sound of gladness" and the "sound of joy" will ring out, for the Bridegroom who entered first under the "Chuppah" is coming for His own!

Dear Lover Lord: Thy Bride which Thou hast purchased with Thine own precious blood is longing and yearning for the fulfillment of Thy glorious promise:

"I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, AND RECEIVE YOU UNTO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM THERE YE MAY BE ALSO."

Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus!



## A CALL TO PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF KANSAS FLOOD

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, July 16—The flood has taken almost everything here in Kansas City. Of course, we who are in the central part of the city are dry, but this flood is one of the major catastrophies in the history of our nation. It is estimated that a billion dollars in damage has been done here alone, not counting loss of life and the effects on the future of the city. One has to see it to realize the extent of the damage.

Our Assembly of God neighbors are hard hit. Pastor H. W. Barnett at Victoria Tabernacle in Kansas City, Kansas, lost everything. His house was completely submerged. His church was covered save for about five feet. He lost all his Sunday School busses. He got out with his car and one suit of clothes.

Mrs. Craige, pastor in the Argentine area of the city, was hit in the same manner.

Others in Kansas have suffered likewise. Pastor Oliver Hollis in North Topeka, where we just dedicated a new church a few weeks ago, lost practically everything. His house and church were practically covered with the flood waters.

There is much damage that has not yet been surveyed. We do not know how many members of our Assemblies lost their homes and their belongings, but it is a major tragedy.

At present the waters are receding, but the worst is yet to come for those who have to go back and see their mud-filled and water-ruined houses. Disease will be a thing to combat also. Please pray for the victims of this great flood.—Pastor U. S. Grant, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Seventh and Riverview, Kansas City, Kansas.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CATCH MISSIONARY VISION

HURLEY, MISS.—Our Assembly is blessed with a group of youngsters who have caught a real missionary vision and are doing something about it. Under the leadership of Mrs. Joseph Rubino and assisted by Mrs. Vernon Slider, they have organized a Boys' and Girls' Missionary Crusade.

Although they have been having children's church each Sunday for the past few years, the B. G. M. C. has put new life into their activities. They have a regular missionary offering each week. The children put in offerings which they have obtained by working, or by denying themselves some of the small luxuries so dear to the hearts of American boys and girls.

Sunday, June 24, was a red-letter day for them. They gave a special program in the afternoon for the purpose of promoting missionary work and dedicated it to their fathers and mothers. The program included group singing, piano and accordion numbers, Scripture readings and poems. The singing of the B. G. M. C. march, and a reading, "The Adventures of a Feed Sack," taken from a late Missionary Challenge, climaxed the service. At the close an offering was received to be sent to Mrs. Rex Jackson in Nigeria for the little African children.

This was a heart-touching service. We thank God for stirring the hearts of our children and causing them to feel the need of the work of the Lord in other lands.—Mildred Mizelle, Church Secretary, Magnolia Springs Assembly, Hurley, Miss. (Grady Mizelle is Pastor.)

## STUDENTS FROM COMMUNIST LANDS TO VISIT AMERICA

Evangelist Fred Squire and an international party representing England, Holland, India, and countries behind the Iron Curtain, will be visiting the United States for eight weeks, beginning September 12. The young people accompanying him are students at the International Bible Training Institute in England.

The party has a few vacant dates. Any church desiring a visit should write at once by air mail to: Fred Squire, I.B.T.I., Burgess Hill, Sussex, England.

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL MEETS IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS

The Women's Missionary Council of Texas District had its annual convention in Fort Worth in June, in connection with the District Council. All of the officers were re-elected for a two-year term, as follows:

Mrs. J. O. Savell, President; Mrs. M. B. Netzel, Vice-President; and Mrs. E. B. Crump, Secretary.

God met with us in our 8 a.m. prayer meetings. Our 16 Sectional Directors and 16 Secretaries had a business meeting prior to the convention. The annual program was on Thursday afternoon. Among those who took part were Mrs. W. S. Graham of Baytown and Mrs. Roy Steger, President of the Oklahoma W. M. C. Mrs. W. R. Steelberg brought the afternoon message, her subject being, "Woman, an Help Meet" (Genesis 2:20).

The annual report showed that in the year ending April 30, 1951, the Women's Missionary Councils of Texas District distributed 108,403 Evangelists and other religious papers, 75,028 tracts, 1,341 Testaments, 2,578 Gospels, and 872 story books. They held 1,479 prayer meetings, 500 prison services, made 17,087 hospital calls, 48,264 house-to-house calls, and 48,685 other sick calls. They gave out 61,214 garments, 4,541 pairs of shoes, 318 quilts, sent six boxes of clothing to veterans in Bible School, three boxes to displaced persons overseas, four boxes to National Children's Home, and 21 boxes to foreign missionaries.

The combined report of the local W.M.C groups showed that a total of \$62,774.05 was contributed during the year. Of this total, \$9,363.21 went to foreign missions, \$5,590.31 to home missions, \$12,269.10 for groceries given, \$13,647.96 for local church buildings, and \$7,974.31 for local parsonages.

In addition to the above, the District office of the W. M. C. disbursed \$6,711.51 during the year, including \$3,098.09 for the Vassar Nursery in India, \$1,400.00 for a lot for the District Secretary's parsonage, and \$1,017.53 for ladies' room at Southwestern Bible Institute.

The women are hoping to do more for God within the coming year.—Mrs. E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer of District W. M. C.

## AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

CHEYENNE, WYO.—In the past year and a half the First Assembly has enjoyed growth both numerically and spiritually, for which we praise the Lord. Our evangelists were: W. M. Stevens, Wilbur Ogilvie, Martin Luther Davidson, J. F. Sharp, William L. Andrews, C. Ely Persing, Star Thomas, and Gene Hogan. Many souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and miracles of healing have taken place. Many improvements have been made on our building, and the Sunday School reached a record attendance of 503 recently.—Joseph and Helen Dunets, Pastors.

E. ALTON, ILL.—Recently Alfonso Di Musto of Rushville, Ill. was with us for a three-week revival. The attendance was good and God's blessing so wonderfully came down in the services. Souls found Christ as their personal Saviour and many were filled with the Spirit. There were also a number of healings for which we praise God. We were much benefited by this revival.—A. I. Sherman, Pastor.

CANDO, N. DAK.—We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist Vernon D. Griggs of Hamilton, Mont. A number received definite healing. A lady whose organs had grown to her spine was healed. She testified to relief from backaches which she had had for 20 years. Another lady with arthritis reported steady improvement three weeks after she was prayed for. This has been the best meeting we have had in recent years.—L. I. LaMance, Pastor.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Evangelist L. C. Robie, long known as the Flying Parson, recently concluded a three-week Bible Victory Crusade in Grace Tabernacle. The Lord used our brother particularly in the ministry of divine healing. Quite a number testified to being delivered from various diseases. Souls were saved, backsliders restored, and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. To God be all the praise!—Joseph R. Flower, Pastor.

TENINO, WASH.—We recently concluded a three-week meeting with Evangelist Ferdie Jay of Wenatchee, Wash. His messages on faith so stirred the hearts of the people that they asked for services seven nights a week. Fourteen were saved and many were healed.

A man completely paralyzed by a stroke was instantly healed. He attended the meetings and testified to God's healing power. A woman was healed of a serious back injury and of intestinal trouble which had been pronounced incurable by specialists.

Souls are being saved and believers filled with the Holy Spirit in our regular services. John Stavros is Pastor.—Grace Mitchell, Church Secretary.

## COMING MEETINGS

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

GENERAL COUNCIL—Municipal Auditorium, Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 16—23, preceded by C. A. Rally on Wednesday night, Aug. 15. For reservations write Housing Committee (Grover Langston, Chairman), 380 Boulevard S. E., Atlanta, Ga.

KONAWA, OKLA.—Meeting in progress, Evangelist A. N. Burns, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Arvie Knight, Pastor.

MONROE, LA.—Central Assembly of God, Calypso and Hall Sts.; meeting in progress; Evangelist Roy Sapp and party.—by L. O. Waldon, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Lake View Gospel Church, Austin and Higgins Rd., Aug. 5—; Evangelist Darwin Heuser.—by D. H. Walterman, Pastor.

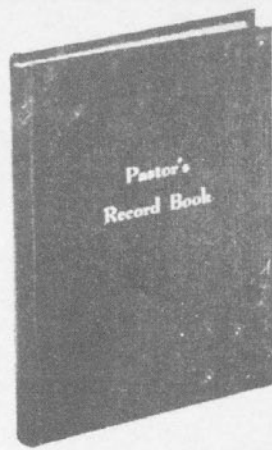
MIDDLETOWN, CONN.—Tent meeting in progress at Red Wing Lot. This is a pioneer work.—S. T. Regnier, Director.

AUSTIN, TEX.—White Stone Assembly of God (Near Leander), meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. B. M. McCutchen. (P. L. Moore is Pastor.)

MT. POCONO, PA.—Union tent meeting beginning July 26, Highway 611, next to Lackawanna R.R. Station; Evangelist H. E. Hardt. Services nightly 7:30 except Monday. Sunday services 2:30 and 7:30. Prayer for the sick.—by William Douglas, Pastor, Route 1, Cresco, Pa.

CUMBERLAND, MD.—Camp meetings nightly at 7:45 p.m., July 31—Aug. 12, Union Grove camp grounds, 5 miles north of city; Evangelist Bird Campbell of Missouri.—by Frank J. Fratto, Pastor, North Cumberland Assembly of God.

CHILLICOTHE, MO.—First Assembly of God, 815 Elm St., Aug. 5—; Joe Calabrese and Oran Duncan Gospel Team of Kansas City, Mo.—by Carl W. Oney, Pastor.



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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—Tent meeting in progress, sponsored by the First Assembly of God; Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph A. Wilkerson.—by Warren J. Piersol, Pastor.

LAKE GENEVA YOUTH CAMPS—Teen-age Camp, ages 14—18, July 23—28. Boys' Camp, ages 9—14, July 30—August 4. Girls' Camp, ages 9—14, August 6—11. Total cost, \$9.00.—Arvid Kingsriter, Director, Little Falls, Minnesota.

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, CAN.—Full Gospel Assembly, Charlotte Ave., meeting in progress; Evangelist Paul and Lucille Cantelon with Myrtle Hansen and Nadine Grice of Seattle, Wash.—by C. and S. Davis, Pastors.

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—Tent meetings in progress; A. A. Amerine, sectional presbyter, speaking each week night. We hope to establish an Assembly of God here; if you have relatives or friends in Smithfield, please send me their address.—P. F. Chambers, Pastor, 112 Oak St., Selma, N. C.

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

RADIO BROADCAST—"The Pentecostal Revival," station WVEZ, 690 kc., New Orleans, La. Sundays 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by First

Assembly of God, New Orleans.—by Phil Johnson, Pastor.

NOTICE—If you have friends in Los Alamos, N. Mex., the atomic city, we will be glad to contact them.—by Pastor Adrain Harper, Box 932, Los Alamos, N. Mex.

RADIO PROGRAM—"The Full Gospel Hour," station WJOL, 1340 kc., Joliet, Ill., Sundays 6:30 to 7 p.m.—by Allan G. Snider, Director.

## WITH CHRIST

As we go to press, word comes that J. R. Evans, formerly Secretary-Treasurer of the General Council, passed away on July 18 at Pinellas Park, Florida, at the age of 81. Further details concerning "Daddy" Evans will appear next week.

The Lord took Guy N. Nickell of Oakland, Calif. to be forever with Himself on June 27. Brother Nickell was ordained in 1914 and joined the General Council of the Assemblies of God in April 1915. He labored as a pastor and evangelist, working much of the time in neglected communities and among foreign-speaking people. Failing health kept him from preaching very much in recent years. He was 74 years of age.

# General Council Program

## A BRIEF PREVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS AT THE GENERAL COUNCIL WHICH WILL BE HELD IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

General Council Theme: The Second Half-Century of Pentecost

### VIEWS

—READERS WRITE

#### "Old Soldiers Never Die"

I want to tell you that I like some of your covers very much. "Old Soldiers Never Die" was magnificent, and I used it for a Memorial Day poster on the bulletin board at Central Christian church here, where I serve and worship. I am making similar use of the beautiful cover, "Come, Lord Jesus!" with the lovely poem on the inside page to go with it.—Grace Reese Adkins, Fayetteville, Ark.

#### How Is Your Church Listed?

For several months I have been enjoying the *EVANGEL* and seeing to it that various friends also receive it. There is one thing that should be brought to the attention of all your churches. Each church ought to be properly listed in the telephone book for the benefit of out-of-town visitors. On a recent visit to a very large city I hunted through the huge directory in vain, trying to locate the large Pentecostal church. I could not find the words "Assemblies of God," "Pentecostal," or "Holiness" anywhere. I learned later that the church was named "Glad Tidings," but how is an out-of-towner to know that?—Marian Townsend, Canterbury, N. H.

#### EVANGEL Articles Catalogued

The *EVANGEL* has been a constant source of blessing to me for quite some time. I have made a hobby of collecting every issue and placing the various articles under different titles or subjects. A small card index has served me well in keeping any and all desired information at my fingertips for instant reference.—Bernard Pizzimenti, Sharpsburg, Penna.

#### Tithing for Missions

I praise the Lord for all the good church buildings which the Lord is giving our assemblies in America, and I wish we could build just as many churches in the foreign mission fields. My heart has been stirred as I have read letters from missionaries in Japan telling of the need for church buildings. It must be discouraging for our missionaries to conduct street meetings, and to see hungry people drinking in the Word of God, and then to have no place to offer them as a place of worship later. Such is the case in Japan, according to the reports from our own missionaries.

If each church in America would set aside one tenth of its income for foreign missions, I believe our Assemblies of God missionary program could be expanded a great deal.

I belonged to a struggling little church in Idaho some years ago. We had few members, and little money. We needed a building but we couldn't start a building fund. We couldn't even pay the rent on the ramshackle building we were using!

One night during our annual business meeting a new member from another state suggested that all our members start tithing faithfully, and that the church should set aside one tenth of the tithes for foreign missions. We did this, and it seemed no time at all until we were able to build a lovely new church building without going into debt. As we became faithful to the Lord with our tithes, and as the church was faithful to remember the missionaries, the church prospered and grew.

Many churches and Sunday Schools do tithe all their income and give one tenth to missions, and I do not know of any place where this plan has been followed without prospering in every way.—Wilma Lindberg, Cupertino, Calif.

#### Wednesday, August 15

C. A. RALLY, 7:30 p.m., Robert Fierro.

#### Thursday, August 16

PRAYER MEETING, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 9:00 a.m.

GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTIONS

MESSAGE, 10:30, W. R. Steelberg, General Superintendent

DEVOTIONAL, 2:00 p.m., J. Neeley

PRELIMINARY ADDRESSES, 2:45 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION, 3:00 p.m.

C. A. VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE, 7:30 p.m.

A. A. Wilson

#### Friday, August 17

PRAYER MEETING, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 9:00 a.m., J. R. Flower

BUSINESS SESSION, 10:15 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 2:00 p.m., Sunday School Department

BUSINESS SESSION, 3:00 p.m.

C. A. VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE, 7:30 p.m.

W. T. Gaston

#### Saturday, August 18

PRAYER MEETING, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 9:00 a.m., J. A. Synan

BUSINESS SESSION, 2:45 p.m.

C. A. VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE, 7:30 p.m.

C. C. Burnett

#### Sunday, August 19

MEMORIAL SERVICE, 9:15 a.m.

Louis Turnbull

COMMUNION SERVICE, 10:15 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP, 11:00 a.m.

Ernest S. Williams

MISSIONARY RALLY, 2:00 p.m.

C. A. VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE, 7:30 p.m.

James E. Hamill

#### Monday, August 20

PRAYER MEETING, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 9:00 a.m., Mrs. Marie Brown

BUSINESS SESSION, 10:15 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 2:00 p.m., Women's Missionary Council

BUSINESS SESSION, 2:45 p.m.

C. A. VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE, 7:30 p.m.

Gayle Jackson

#### Tuesday, August 21

PRAYER MEETING, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 9:00 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSION, 10:15 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 2:00 p.m., J. B. Davis

BUSINESS SESSION, 2:45 p.m.

C. A. VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE, 7:30 p.m.

Ralph M. Riggs

#### Wednesday, August 22

PRAYER MEETING, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 9:00 a.m., E. A. Beck

BUSINESS SESSION, 10:15 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 2:00 p.m., M. Barfoot

BUSINESS SESSION, 2:45 p.m.

C. A. VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE, 7:30 p.m.

Martin Luther Davidson

#### Thursday, August 23

PRAYER MEETING, 8:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 9:00 a.m., Tom M. Miller

BUSINESS SESSION, 10:15 a.m.

DEVOTIONAL, 2:00 p.m., Bond Bowman

BUSINESS SESSION, 2:45 p.m.

C. A. VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICE, 7:30 p.m., Arne Vick



See you at General Council