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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Liquor Preferred to Prayer

According to recent press reports, U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie is thinking of abandoning the plans for a prayer room at the United Nations headquarters now under construction. At the same time it is revealed that elaborate plans are being made for setting up a bar where liquor can be served.

Protestant Broadcast in Italy

A senator in the Italian Government recently demanded that a stop be put to the "devious Protestant propaganda which offends the Catholic religious soul of the Italian population." The reference was to a 15-minute Sunday broadcast sponsored by the Protestants. The Broadcast Control Commission ruled, however, that the Protestant broadcast should continue.

Religious Freedom in Sweden

Legislation recently adopted by the Parliament of Sweden greatly improves the situation for the Free Churches of that country. When the legislation goes into effect, the members of Free Churches will be able to leave the State Church without losing any of their citizenship rights. The Free Churches in Sweden altogether have about half a million members and some 90,000 of these are Pentecostals, but nearly all of these retained their membership in the State Church because of legal requirements.

International Citizenship

Three months ago the World Organization of the Teaching Profession met on the Island of Malta, and according to *Our Hope* the delegates cast an approving vote for a new organization, to be called "The World Confederation of Organizations of the Teaching Profession." It will include the National Education Association of the U.S.A. and will represent about 1,300,000 teachers.

The fundamental purpose of this organization is to study ways for guarding democracy and for *improving international citizenship*. When more than a million teachers, day after day, constantly teach the children that the only hope for mankind is a common citizenship of all nations, the Christian can see in the Book of Revelation a record of current events. The next generation will not have world union forced on them by the Antichrist; they will be shouting for a world government and a world ruler as the "way out" of their troubles.

Christians in Korea

It is less than a hundred years since the gospel of Christ was taken to Korea; yet according to Dr. George S. McCune of Union Christian College, Korea, there are more Christians in Korea today than there were in the Roman Empire one hundred years after Christianity began.

"The Only Big Shot"

Some people think the path of crime is a short cut to becoming a "big shot." A convict in prison recently declared that it is not so. California has a radio program called "A Dollar a Minute," where a person can purchase a minute of time for a dollar, and this convict invested a dollar to say: "The only big shot is the person who carries a lunch pail and goes home at night when his work is finished, and doesn't have to worry about being locked in a cell."

Broadcasters Meet in Manila

Missionaries from nine countries attended a seminar on Christian broadcasting at Manila under the auspices of the Far East Broadcasting Company. Purpose of the seminar was to discuss the problems of Christian broadcasting in Southeast Asia and to "find ways to meet the menace of Communism" in that area.

Reports read at the seminar said that Communism represents a threat in some degree to each of the countries represented and can only be offset by proclaiming "the truth as it is in Jesus Christ." The countries include Malaya, Indonesia, Burma, Siam, the Philippines, and Japan. F.E.B.C. broadcasts gospel programs in more than thirty languages.

Testaments for School Children

The Gideons and others who distribute New Testaments for school children meet with many problems. In some places they are forbidden to give away Testaments on school property. In other places they are opposed from other directions. One of the teachers in a Colorado school told what happened recently when New Testaments were given to the pupils. The very next day the priest invited the boys and girls to a movie he had arranged, and the price of admission was one New Testament. Later, many of the Testaments were found torn upon the streets. Yet in spite of discouragements the good work goes on. It is a fruitful work and we ought to pray for it.

Wrong Source for Sermons

Said Ernest Lefever, a Yale University student, at a Methodist conference in Lafayette, Ind.: "More Protestant ministers today read the *Reader's Digest* than read their own religious journals. They preach from their pulpits a *Reader's Digest* morality—an unholy conglomeration of Dale Carnegie success, Norman Vincent Peale happiness, Rotarian good will, and Mr. Milquetoast timidity."

Returning to Israel

A ship recently docked at Haifa with 600 Moroccan Jews on board. The immigrants were well prepared to start life anew in the Promised Land. They had brought along 3600 chickens, 150 goats, 350 turkeys, ducks and geese, and numerous dogs. It must have reminded the Israelis of Noah's ark. When the whole managerie reached the reception camp, the chickens were on the beds and the people on the floor. The chickens insisted on resting on something above the ground, and since there was nothing else but the beds available, the Moroccan Jews made room for their feathered friends!

Did You Know . . .

That Americans are giving a thousand times as much money for war purposes as for missions? The Protestant churches of America are giving about one-twentieth of their church offerings to foreign missions, or about \$50 million. The U. S. Government is spending \$50 billion for war purposes—a thousand times as much.

That the annual interest on America's debt is equal to all contributions to foreign missions for 100 years, at our present rate. The war debt is over \$250 billion and 2% interest amounts to \$5 billion per year.

That North America, with less than 10% of the world's population, accounts for 45% of the world's national income? If the world is going to be evangelized, the Christians of North America will have to pay most of the bill.

That the amount of money given to the Protestant churches of America would be eight times as much, if all their members tithed? About one-third of the population claim to be members of Protestant churches, and the total income of the American people in 1950 was \$239 billion; whereas all gifts to all Protestant churches for all purposes amount to only a billion dollars.

That America spends twice as much on liquor as on all religious and philanthropic purposes? The liquor bill is \$8 billion per year and contributions to religious and philanthropic causes total only \$3½ billion to \$4 billion annually.

SPIRITUAL PRECIPITATION

Bracy I. Greer

For He maketh small the drops of water; they pour down rain according to the vapor thereof. Job 36:27.

THIS SCRIPTURE explains a principle of God's method of working both in the realm of nature and in the realm of grace. The heavens give rain according to the vapor that the sun draws up and forms into clouds. Likewise God rains grace upon us in proportion to the praise and prayer that rises from our lives.

The word "precipitation" means to bring to a climax. We see the clouds in the air as they gather, and we know it is going to rain. The very atmosphere becomes damp and cool. We call that precipitation because it is bringing the rain to a climax. Soon the clouds will break and down will fall the showers. Before we have that refreshing rain, nature has to accumulate the vapor through magnetism of the sun. She reaches down and gathers up the little drops and forms them into clouds. The amount of rain that is poured down depends on the amount of moisture that is gathered up.

This is also true in the spiritual realm. Before we can have that rain of God's blessing there must be a vapor. A vapor of praise and prayer must go up to God from our hearts. We must create an atmosphere for God to work in. God runs His great universe according to order. He sends the spiritual rain according to the atmosphere and attitudes of our lives. When we sacrifice, God can take that vapor of sacrifice up into clouds which will come down in showers of blessings.

At Nazareth, Jesus could not perform many miracles because of their unbelief. He sought their faith that He might form it into showers of blessings and healings. He could do no miracles because there was no faith. Where there is no vapor, there is no rain. "For He maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapor thereof."

There are two attitudes that men hold toward God today. The first is the attitude that God is sovereign in the matter of blessing. This attitude is that God will bless if He wills to, and that man has nothing whatever to do with it; that God heals, and saves, and blesses whom

He will, and when He will, and man has no part whatsoever. But if this were true, everyone would be saved. While it is true that God would have all men to be saved and come into the knowledge of the truth, yet He has subjected His sovereignty to the will of man. "Whosoever will, let him come unto me, and drink." "If any man will to do His will, he shall know of the doctrine." God does not unlock the clouds unless there first has been a vapor, neither does He bestow His blessings until man becomes willing to receive His blessings.

You can create an atmosphere in your life for God to work in, or you can refuse to do it. If you refuse, the blessings will not be in your life. Not because God is not willing—it is your attitude that hinders God. No vapor—no rain!

The second attitude that men hold toward God is that He is just not working in the realm of grace as He once did. They say God has become Emeritus. Emeritus means some one who is still honored as head, but is not active. But God still works in nature according to His rules. It is still true that if the sun draws up a vapor God will form it into clouds and pour it down again in rain. I believe that God still works in the realm of grace according to this same principle. If God receives the vapor of faith from our lives He will heal and save and bless as much as He did in the first century. "According to your faith be it unto you." "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." God is not Emeritus.

He is still very active, still giving grace for grace. He gives the grace of heaven for the grace of our hearts. Rain for vapor. Salvation for repentance. Healing for faith. Blessing for blessing. If you will bless the Lord as did the Psalmist, He will bless you.

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I want to remind you of four things that will precipitate the blessing of God in our lives. The first thing is GIVING. "Give, and it shall be given unto you." The Lord said it is more blessed to give than to receive. If you will give your life to God, He will provide your money! The reason God cannot get some people's money is because He has not got them. If you give to God, He will give to you. Show me a man who is giving his life, time, and money and I will show you a man who is receiving spiritual blessings. His soul is like a watered garden. Some people say, "I wonder why God blesses that individual so! It seems as if he is blessed all the time." God blesses a man in proportion as a man blesses God. Giving precipitates blessing.

You notice the little stream or brook that runs happily along. The pool says to the little brook, "You are giving everything. Why don't you be like me? You had better save something." The little brook does not even answer. It just skips along on its way to the sea. God draws it up again by the magnetism of the sun and forms it into clouds. God breathes upon the clouds and they go inland to drop their treasure upon the hilltops. Then the little brook gets plenty more to give. The old pool just sits in one place and becomes stagnated. But the little brook goes happily along giving and giving. God is giving back and it is always fresh and wonderful. Nothing comes near the pool but snakes and frogs. The trees grow along the banks of the brooks and lock their boughs overhead. The birds come and sing. The cattle come and drink of the refreshing stream.

This is the picture of our lives. If you give, God will give back to you. Your life will be full of the blessing of God. But if, like the old pool, you never give out anything you will finally become dry and insipid. You must lose your life to find it again. You say, "I haven't been blessed lately." Maybe you haven't been sending up any vapor.

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BRACY I. GREER

This article is the substance of a sermon given at the Ohio District Camp Meeting this summer. Brother Greer is Pastor of the First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Streets, Dallas, Texas.

"NOT CAVING IN"

Loyal A. Miller

And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint. Luke 18:1.

ACCORDING to Robert Young, the word "faint" here may be translated, "to turn out badly," "to despond," "to be greatly worried," or "to cave in."

1. "Men ought always to pray and not to turn out badly." The story is told of a young African lad who after his conversion to Christ had a well-beaten path into the bush, where he prayed. Later he quit coming to services and grew cold towards God. Upon examination it was found that his path into the bush was grown over with grass. He had let down in his prayer life and, as a result, had *turned out badly*. May God help us in these days to allow nothing in our busy schedule to hinder our prayer life. There is no substitute for prayer. Let us therefore pray lest we *turn out badly* in our Christian experience.

2. "Men ought always to pray and not to despond." The greatest preventive against despondency is prayer. Prayer brings us into a close fellowship with Him "who doeth all things well," who makes all things work together for good to them that love Him. Prayer gives one the assurance that "the Lord will perfect that which concerneth us," and that "He which hath begun a good work in us will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Oh, that every desponding soul might know the power of prayer!

3. "Men ought always to pray and not to be greatly worried." These are days when "men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." The antidote for this anxiety is prayer. "Be careful (anxious) for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God; and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

4. "Men ought always to pray and not to cave in." A "cave-in" is caused by a lack of inside resistance to outside pressure. This is the cause of a "flat tire." The puncture has let out the inside resistance to the outside pressure; consequently there is a cave-in. The

New Testament word "affliction" in Mark 4:17, 2 Cor. 4:17, etc., means *pressure*. Prayer will keep up the inside resistance to this outside pressure.

Many today are caving in under the tremendous pressure brought to bear upon them in these last days. They seem to have no inward fortitude. The secret of an inside resistance to this outside pressure, I sincerely believe, is prayer.

How sad if Jesus, when He comes, should find our inside resistance to the outside pressure lacking, so that we should not be found of Him in peace, without spot and blameless! "Watch therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." Remember—"Men ought always to pray and not to cave in."

On the Cover Page

The Central Assembly of God in Houston, Texas, had its beginning in the fall of 1929. Without membership, and with little finance, but with a vision of what faith can do, Pastor J. W. McClellan led in the erection of a house of worship at 2310 Keene Street.



W. A. Wilkerson

Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit under the ministry of Brother McClellan, who continued as pastor until 1935 (except for a brief intermission in 1933).

The assembly was blessed with the ministry of a number of good spiritual shepherds, including J. C. Miner, G. W. Hardcastle, Marvin L. Smith, James Wilborn, and W. C. Shackelford.

It was under the leadership of G. W. Hardcastle that construction of the new church building was begun in the spring of 1948. The main auditorium, including balcony, will seat approximately 800. The old building is used for Sunday School and will accommodate about 500 pupils.

W. A. Wilkerson was called to Central Assembly in April 1951. He and his wife left the evangelistic field to enter this pastoral ministry, and in these past six months God has given them much spiritual fruit. The main floor has

been filled nearly every Sunday night and souls have been saved in the old-fashioned way.

The full-time ministry of Brother and Sister W. A. Winter in the Music Department is a blessing to the church. The Christ's Ambassadors, the Women's Missionary Council, and the Sunday School staff have all also been instrumental, under God, in bringing about the progress and growth which Central Assembly is now enjoying.

An Indian's Discovery

An old Indian chief was told of the Saviour, but he said, "The Jesus road is good, but I've followed the old Indian road all my life, and I will follow it to the end." A year later he was on the border of death. As he sought a pathway through the darkness, he said to the missionary, "Can I turn to Jesus now? My road stops here. It has no path through the valley."—Selected.

There is a tremendous need in this nation. As a matter of fact, I think the nation is too far gone to be saved, and the only thing we can do is to save as many people as possible—pluck as many brands from the burning as possible.—Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Heathen are true to false gods, while many professing Christians are false to the true God.



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Lights and Shadows on the Pilgrim Way

Another in a Series by A. G. Ward

I WANT to tell you how my heavenly Father did some very *little* things in response to the faith of a young preacher whose heart was set on walking the Pilgrim Way and being loyal to God at any cost.

I think we often despise little ministries; we all want to do something great, but often a "little thing" well done brings great blessing to others. One day a little girl who lived in Boston ran into her home and excitedly said to her mother, "Oh, Mama, Mama, I met Dr. Gordon."

Her mother asked, "What did he say to you, my dear?"

The child replied, "He never said a word; he just beamed on me."

God did a great thing when He kindled the fires of the sun, but was it not equally great when He lit the firefly's lamp and, for that matter, just as wonderful when He adjusted the mocking-bird's throat to its musical scale? If you cannot preach a great sermon or sing to the thrilling of a large audience, you can at least "beam" on some little child who may live next door to you, or say a kind word to some lonely heart.

There are so many helpful things to do
Along life's way,
Helps to the helpless if we but knew
From day to day.
So many troubled hearts to soothe,
So many pathways rough to smooth,
So many comforting words to say,
To hearts that falter along life's way.

Here is a lamp of hope gone out
Along life's way,
Some one stumbled and fell, no doubt,
But brother, stay.
From thy store of oil refill,
Kindle the fire that smoulders still,
Think what Jesus would do today,
For one who had fallen beside the way.

I had not been long in the "Pilgrim Way" when I felt a strong urge to withdraw from the Methodist ministry. Everything was going well. My brethren were kind to me; the prospects seemed bright; but I felt God had spoken to my heart and I must obey. I did not reason with flesh and blood—had I not given my word that I would be true to the "Pilgrim Way" no matter where it might lead? I stepped out, not knowing whither I was going, nor what even the immediate future held for me. I had not had much experience but I was sure I had heard my Father's voice. Soon I was without funds.

At this time Edmonton was only a small town of some three thousand souls. While in Edmonton I met a young Scotchman, who was selling Bibles and religious books. Among other books he had a copy of J. Campbell Morgan's *True Estimate of Life*, paper bound. It



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sold for fifteen cents. Oh, how I wanted that little book, but I could not afford to buy it and I did not betray my great desire. I simply handed it back to my friend and became resigned to do without it.

Later I moved down the country and was with some Holiness friends for a time. After several weeks the same colporteur came to the very place where I was staying—some hundred miles from Edmonton. Without knowing how greatly I longed for the above mentioned book, he took it out of his stock of books and gave it to me.

"A mere *happening*," some one says. You are free to accept that explanation if you choose to do so, but I shall always believe it was my Heavenly Father who directed him to give it to me.

At another time when in a book store I came across two volumes by John Fletcher which I very much wanted. The price was four dollars and fifty cents, a small fortune to me in those days. I knew I could not afford to buy them, and later while in prayer I said, "My Father, you know how very much I would like to have those books; if you want me to have them, would you please either cause someone to buy them for me or have someone give me enough money to purchase them."

Later that evening a neighbor lady came to our door and asked my wife if she would mind giving a drayman a cup of tea. She explained that he was bringing a load of wood to her house when the load had upset. He had brought part of it, and must return for the rest. She was going out, but felt the man should have something warm to drink and a bite to eat. Mrs. Ward gladly consented to do as the lady requested and so a little later the strange drayman came in for his cup of tea.

We chatted with him, and he enjoyed his lunch. When he was leaving he put his hand in his pocket and took out five dollars which he handed to me "to help along in our good work."

Oh, how my heart rejoiced! Surely God wanted me to have those books; but to make doubly sure, the next morning before going to the book store I prayed again. This time I said, "Father, if you really want me to buy those books with the money the drayman gave me last night, then, when I ask the book dealer the price, please have him say four dollars, instead of four dollars and fifty cents." An hour later when I asked him, that was exactly what he said! Once again my heavenly Father had undertaken for me in a very little matter.

In the early years of the Pentecostal Movement I did not receive any stated amount for my services. We never took up an offering for ourselves. We believed (perhaps we were mistaken), that God wanted us to pray in whatever we needed. Certainly we learned many precious lessons during those years. We were living in a rural community and ministering to a very fine class of people. Some months they gave us nine dollars, some months seven, and I remember one month they did not give us anything. Both butter and milk were cheap, but even so, we could not afford to buy them.

Then a strange thing *happened*. Mrs. Snider's cow got sick unto death. She began to pray that God would heal her cow. While she was praying a voice said to her, "If you will promise Me that you will give the pastor two pounds of butter and three quarts of milk each week, I will heal your cow." The dear lady promised and her cow got better. Mrs. Snider kept her promise, and out of the butter which she so faithfully delivered week after week, my wife managed somehow to pack away enough to do us during the winter months. So God provided us with butter the year around.

For many years past we have not been so short of funds, but those were wonderful days—days we would not care to omit from our lives. Such experiences as I have related above made God so very real to us, that with the passing of time and greatly increased responsibilities, it has never occurred to us that God would not provide for us. We have believed that it was just as

easy for God to send us thousands of dollars as it was for Him to give us a fifteen-cent book, or two pounds of butter each week.

In the early days of our married life, we were living in a house which we heated by a small stove, which burned one scuttle of coal each day. One morning I gathered up the last of the coal. It was just enough to fill the scuttle, enough to provide heat for the day. No one knew of our need, and no one gave us any money, but the next morning I took my scuttle and started out to the empty bin. Oh, the joy, when I got there, to find another scuttle of coal—and the next morning another, and the same each morning while the need continued. The angel who delivered a scuttle of coal each night while we slept must have enjoyed his ministry. When I get to glory, if I can contact him, I'll surely thank him for his kindness to us at that time.

I needed a new suit, but felt I could not afford one. Then the phone rang and a poor lady asked if I could meet her at a certain corner in the city. I agreed to do so and hurried to the appointed place, wondering what her trouble might be. Imagine my surprise, on arriving when she gave me fifty dollars as a personal gift, the price of a suit, plus the tithe. God is faithful. It is always safe to trust Him. He cannot and He will not fail us, nor disappoint any who dare to trust Him implicitly.

In the earlier years when I found myself heading for wit's-end-corner I was frightened, but for a long time now I have rather enjoyed it, for I have learned that our heavenly Father never asks us to stand there alone. He always precedes us to that otherwise lonely spot and stands beside us all the time we are there. Oh, how delightful it is to be alone with God, even at wit's-end-corner.

Some years back I had a very serious illness; among other parts of the body so sorely afflicted was my nose. Again and again it had to be poulticed and later lanced, so much poison came from me that way. One night, as I sat on the side of my bed before retiring, I felt like a disappointed child. I remember saying, "Father, if You never heal my nose, I will not complain. You have been so very good to me that I refuse to find any fault, but I would love to feel Your

healing touch just once more. I would be so glad if You would heal my nose." Then I retired.

The next morning my wife said to me, "Dad, I believe your nose is healing." I was about to look in the mirror when a voice said, "Can't you trust Me?" In just a little while my nose was perfectly healed. As the years passed, I testified to this in many of our meetings.

I had gone to a certain city to hold a meeting, and to my great distress on Saturday evening, preceding my first Sunday in that Assembly, I found the old trouble in my nose had returned, and once again it had become a running sore. Before retiring that night I said, "Father, if You can get any glory out of this, then Thy will be done," but I laid my hands on my sore nose in Jesus' name and prayed for God's healing power. Once again my covenant-keeping Lord came to my help and my nose was healed.

More recently, while under a very great strain, I began to suffer much pain physically. Later I was chatting with a splendid Christian doctor. When I told him my trouble, he said, "It is a repair job you need; I will operate without charge." Immediately my mind recalled the Scripture which I had found years before which says, "God is the place of repair for His people" (marginal reading), so I felt if any repair work needed to be done I had better turn it over to the Lord. The pain continued. Sometimes it was very severe. I prayed much; early and late I was spreading the matter out before the Lord and seeking His will for me.

Then a remarkable thing *happened*. Miss Bernice Lee (formerly of India, now of Oakland, California) wrote me. She said, "It is early morning and I am sitting before the Lord. Nearby (I always keep it close at hand) is a letter which you wrote to me years ago when I was in India. In this letter you stated that God is the place of repair for His people, and you say, 'Are you worn physically? Do you feel as though the battle has been well-nigh too much for you, as though the voyage on the sea of life had well-nigh wrecked your little vessel? Dear fainting heart, Jehovah waits to be gracious. Let Him put you in repair. He can do marvels in repairing worn-out bodies; in restoring

worn-out bodies; in injecting new hope into the hopeless; in giving new moral tone to the life; and in causing you to feel afresh that to side with God assures one of ultimate and eternal victory.' "

Thus my own words, written years before to a tired missionary in India, were returned to me as healing balm for both my tired mind and my worn-out body. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and it shall return unto thee after many days."

*Who walks with God must take His way
Across far distances and gray,
To goals that others do not see,
Where others do not care to be.*

*Who walks with God must have no fear
When danger and defeat appear,
Nor stop when every hope is gone;
For God, our God, moves ever on.*

*Who walks with God must press ahead,
When sun or cloud is overspread;
When all the waiting thousands cheer,
Or when they only stop to sneer;*

*When all the challenge leaves the hours
And naught is left but jaded powers;
But he will some day reach the dawn
For God, our God, moves ever on.*

WATER IN THE WILDERNESS

Isaiah wrote: "In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert." How easily possible it is for God to bring such a prophecy to literal fulfillment is shown by a news item that comes from Australia.

A party of explorers recently spent seven days in a strange new world—a remote area where a vast inland sea suddenly has replaced a barren desert. The explorers told a story of spray-capped breakers and tides surging 70 feet above what was 4,000 square miles of salt-caked sterility lying 39 feet below sea level in Central Australia a few months ago.

Lake Eyre, the new inland sea, appeared for the first time in living memory after heavy floods. The explorers brought back photographs of a salt water expanse reaching to the horizon. The lake already was bounded by luxuriant vegetation, the explorers said, and gulls and terns were flying overhead.



FIRST ASSEMBLY IN HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

The First Assembly of God church, at Edwards St. and Berniece Avenue in Hattiesburg, Miss., was built in the summer of 1919. J. L. Roseberry, a local preacher, turned the first shovelful of dirt. W. G. Mizelle, Sr., was acting pastor at that time. The church has twelve Sunday School rooms. Just recently the interior was redecorated and furnished with new pews. Troy Helms is now pastor.



EAST PINE ASEMBLY IN HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

This brick building of the East Pine Assembly of God in Hattiesburg was completed in December, 1945. Frank H. Beard was the first pastor. Equipped with comfortable pews and a beautiful grand piano, it was paid for in two years and two months. God used J. L. Roseberry and his co-worker, J. H. Herring, to establish this church. J. M. Cockerell was recently called to be pastor.

"The Recompense of the Reward"

THE SEQUEL TO "THE SONG OF THE TAILLESS BIRD"

J. Narver Gortner

IN THE SONG written by Hezekiah Butterworth, "The Bird With the Broken Pinion," are these words,

"Each loss has its compensation.
There is healing for every pain,"

and the words are true—but they are true relatively, not absolutely. There are losses for which there is no compensation—the loss, for instance, of the soul. For such a loss as that there is no compensation, and there can be none. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" It was a question our Lord asked when He was here in the flesh. There can be but one answer, and that answer is obvious. The whole world is a lot more than any man has ever had, or ever can have, but were it possible for a man to acquire it by giving his soul in exchange for it, it would be a bargain far worse than Esau made when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Concerning him we read that "he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Heb. 12:17).

For the loss Esau sustained by selling his birthright there was no compensation.

But, relatively speaking, the assertion that "each loss has its compensation" is most certainly true. Take the case of Moses. As a result of the choice he made in Egypt when he "refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter," he lost the opportunity to become the king of Egypt—but, if losing this opportunity was a real loss, think of what the compensation was. We read that when he made the sacrifice that resulted in this loss of opportunity "he had respect unto the recompense of the reward" (Heb. 11:26). And what a reward it was! It was not temporary in its nature. It has been paying dividends ever since, and will continue to do so as long as eternity shall last.

Paul suffered a loss—in fact, many losses—when he became a Christian, not being "disobedient unto the heavenly vision." He lost his official position in the Jewish Sanhedrin, of which he appears to have been an honored member. He lost his reputation. In fact, to use his own words, he "suffered the loss of all things"; but consider the compensation which he sums up in that significant and all-inclusive phrase, "the excellency of the knowledge of Christ-Jesus, our Lord." Paul deliberately chose a course that necessitated the loss of all things that prior to that choice he had regarded as of great value, and from that time forward, like Moses, he "endured as seeing Him who is invisible," having "respect unto the recompense of the reward."

Our Lord, too, when He was here in the flesh, a man among men, suffered great loss. His losses were climaxed by the perfidy of Judas, the disloyalty of Peter, His abandon-

ment by the disciples when "they all forsook Him and fled," and finally by His cruel treatment at His trial (which really was not a trial but a colossal sham, like the so-called trial of Naboth in the days of Elijah and Ahab). But the compensation is summed up in the language of Scripture, "For the joy that was set before Him [He] endured the cross, despising the shame" (Heb. 12:2).

Many losses, however, are sustained by God's saints who cannot see how there can possibly be any compensation. Think of what Job went through. He could not see, as he was passing through the "furnace of affliction," how he could ever be compensated. But read the last chapter of Job, and consider the fact that his patience and endurance have been an encouragement and inspiration to suffering saints all down through the centuries, and doubtless will continue to be until the end of time. He did not know why God was letting him suffer, but God knew—and now Job knows, too, and he is not sorry that the Lord so highly honored him by permitting him to be put into the furnace of affliction. It is not everybody that God can trust as He trusted Job. Oh, suffering saint, it may be that God is making of you "an example of suffering affliction and of patience" (James 5:10).

Our readers doubtless remember the article that appeared on June 24 entitled, "The Song of the Tailless Bird." Some time after the article appeared, Sister Kennedy, the bird's mistress, made the discovery that her pet was getting a new tail. One day a little later, one of our retired missionaries, Sister Bessie Gager, who is here in the Home at Pinellas Park, Florida, came to me and said enthusiastically, "Oh, you must add a verse to that poem you wrote, for the bird not only has a new tail, but has a better tail than he had before. The other tail had one white feather, and it was at one side, but this new tail has the one white feather right in the center; so it is much more symmetrical than was the tail the bird lost."

Does this not suggest to us that we may be amply compensated for losses we sustain? And should we not, like the tailless bird, rejoice even though we may not see what the final result is going to be, believing that all things are working together for our good; namely, to the end we may be conformed to the divine image? Rom. 8:28, 29.

I agreed with our Sister Gager, and so I added this verse to the lines entitled, "The Song of the Tailless Bird":

*The tailless bird, whose song I heard,
Is tailless now no more;
His new tail better is than was
The tail he had before.
So don't be glum, if thou has some*

THE ROCK THAT NEVER ROCKS

There is a Rock that shields the flock
Of Christ, our Shepherd Lord,
And in that Rock there is a stock
Of grace and power stored.
It was a rock that Moses smote,
And Israel's thirst sufficed,
And I have read how Paul has said
That smitten rock was Christ.

There is a Rock where ships may dock,
That are by storms distressed.
And in its shade, for safety made,
All may securely rest.
The storms may sweep the restless deep,
No sun nor stars appear,
But those who refuge seek in Christ
Shall neither faint nor fear.

This old earth in its orbit rolls
Around our central sun,
And nations rage, and fiercely wage
Wars that are lost or won;
The kings and captains come and go,
Dictators rise and fall,
But Christ, our Rock, no quake can
shock,
For He is Lord of all.

And in the shelter of this Rock
I safely hide each day;
'Twas cleft for me that it might be
My refuge and my stay.
The storm may break, the earth my
quake,
The Rock remains the same,
And in its shelter safe am I—
Emmanuel is His name!

—J. Narver Gortner

*Afflictions to endure,
But joyful be; they'll work for thee—
God's promises are sure.*

They certainly are sure. They cannot fail, for they are the promises of an unfailing God. So let us be like the tailless bird that sang his happy songs as lustily and loudly after he had lost his tail as before. His loss proved to be for his good. And ours, if we are God's children, will prove to be for our good. God is conforming us unto the image of His Son, and when this conforming process shall have been completed and we are presented before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, without spot and without wrinkle, how our hearts will rejoice that we were taken through the conforming process down here, even though at the time it may have seemed to be grievous. Heb. 12:11; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Rom. 8:18.

*We may not know why we must so
Much pain or grief endure,
But no mistakes God ever makes—
Of this we may be sure.
God would conform His saints unto
The image of His Son:
So all things tend unto this end,
Until the work is done.*

A "bit of love" is the only "bit" that will bridle the tongue.

Missionary in a Pink Housedress

Dorothy C. Haskin

"CONGRATULATIONS, you're a grandmother," said the voice on the other end of the phone.

Puzzled, Rosa Osterlund frowned. She had recognized the speaker, not as one of her own children but a friend she had led to the Lord. "What do you mean?"

"I just led three young girls to the Lord and you're their spiritual grandmother."

Rosa smiled, thankful that her work of winning souls to Christ had gone a step farther. Mrs. Gust Osterlund has seen her witness from her home in Los Angeles circle the globe.

Due to her personal work and informal Bible classes, hundreds have been saved, half a dozen young men have entered the ministry, and missionaries have gone to Mongolia, the Congo, Bolivia, and Japan. Neighbors, who have moved, have started similar groups all over the United States. One woman started groups in three different cities.

Quite a record for a woman who is "only" a housewife, has raised three children, and insists that she is not a Bible teacher!

During most of the years of her witness, Mrs. Osterlund was a frail woman with wavy, light brown hair and rosy cheeks. In her pink print dress she looked like a typical American housewife, but her spirit was glowing. She has a forthright, intense disposition that, when possessed of a truth, demands she do something about it.

In a residential district of sprawling Los Angeles, she found her mission field. Typical of her witness was her back fence talk to her neighbor, Nellie Morton. Rosa often mentioned the Lord, and one day Nellie bowed her head and accepted Him as her Saviour. As a result, five members of Nellie's family, including a nurse, were saved.

Of course, it all started with Rosa's own conversion. She grew up in a Christian home and attended a conservative church, but she grew to be fifteen without anyone taking the trouble to tell her that she personally needed to accept Christ. Her mother rented out a bachelor apartment to a young man named Gust Osterlund. He was a new convert and full of zeal. One day when Rosa was practicing the piano, Gust enthusiastically talked to her of her need of a Saviour.

At the time, she was too proud to let Gust know his words affected her; but that night, when she was standing in front of the mirror brushing her hair, his words came back to her. Convicted of her need, she bowed her head and accepted the Lord as Saviour.

Later she married Gust. They were regular in their church attendance, active in the different organizations, and considered by many to be model Christians—but God had a wider field for them.

Rosa was busy with her housework and

three children. When Betty was eight, Bob two and a half, and Marilyn only six months, Rosa suffered a nervous collapse. As she lay in the shadow of death she realized that at the judgment the Lord wouldn't ask her how much lace there was on her pillow slips but how many she had told about His redeeming work.

She promised that if He would spare her to bring up her child she would witness for Him. Her idea of witnessing was solely that of going to the "bums" on skid row. While waiting to be strong enough to do this, she gave tracts to her milkman, iceman, and neighbors.

In those days there was no Child Evangelism program. Here and there a Bible school student held a class in someone's home. A woman in whose home a class was held had to give it up, so she asked Rosa to let her house be used. Rosa felt that after her promise to the Lord she must say "Yes." But the young teacher couldn't control the children; they sat on the mantel and broke Rosa's window. The teacher was so discouraged she gave up the class, and Rosa felt relieved. The children, however, kept coming. Of necessity Rosa got out a Bible story book and told the children a story.

They kept coming until over seventy were enrolled—and the attendance of the two classes, divided into age groups, averaged fifty-two. Rosa had a giant on her hands! One reason came to light when a public school teacher told her, "I never keep the children after school on Tuesday because your Bible class has made such a difference in my discipline problems."

Best of all, there were boys like Billy. He came with his shirt tail hanging out and sat in the back, wiggling, until Rosa felt that he didn't get a thing out of the lesson. But he always came; and one day he stayed after class to tell her that he wanted to believe in Jesus. Her first convert!

After that he brought his two brothers to class, and they accepted the Lord Jesus Christ. Rosa began praying for his parents, knowing his need of a Christian home. In time, the entire family believed and began to live for Christ.

And there were boys like Freddy. He listened while she told of John baptizing Jesus. The next Sunday, early, Rosa's door bell rang and she went to the door. There was Freddy, dressed in his best. He said, "I have come to be baptized."

Touched by his simple acceptance of what he had heard, she led Freddy into the living-room and explained to him that he must believe. Later, arrangements were made for him to be baptized and he led his entire family to the Lord.

All this time Rosa was not strong. She felt that the noisy children were too much of a strain. She had no help with the class; she played the piano for the songs, told the story, prayed with the children and—she "wasn't a Bible teacher, anyway." She protested to the Lord that she couldn't go on.

The Lord reminded her of her promise. Startled, she realized this was His work for her. Until then, she had thought of the children's work merely as something to fill in until she was strong enough to go to skid row; but no, this neighborhood was the mission field He had chosen for her!

After that, she cut corners in her housework, putting her witnessing first. As soon as a child was saved, he was invited to stay after class and pray for his parents. It burdened Rosa's heart to see the dear children saved and sent home to live where their stand was not understood and they were not encouraged to grow spiritually. She was looking for a way to remedy it when, through Lolita, there came an added impetus.

Marilyn Osterlund, Rosa's youngest girl, had met Lolita Funder in kindergarten and brought her to the class. When Lolita asked her mother if she could go with Marilyn, Ella Funder couldn't understand why any woman would bother about another woman's children, but she let Lolita go.

Lolita learned to love the Lord and tried to witness to her mother. Once she sang, "What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus." Her mother asked a friend, "What does she mean by that?"

The friend didn't know, and little Lolita sobbed because her mother didn't understand.

Lolita attended the Bible class for three years. One day Rosa came to the last story in the book, the vision of heaven in Revelation. Lolita listened with rapture on her face. Within a week she was taken ill and rushed to the hospital. There, she told her sobbing mother, "Don't try to hold me. I'm going to be with Jesus," and she died murmuring His name.

The next week, at the class, Rosa told the children about Lolita's being with Jesus, and twenty of them accepted the Lord. To Ella Funder, Lolita's death was sorrow unto



Lolita Funder



despair. She had the desperate feeling that Lolita had something she didn't have and that she would never see her child again!

Almost as desperate was Rosa with her burden to reach the mothers. Her sister, Joy Ridderhof, had gone to Honduras as a missionary, and Jim Carder had gone to Venezuela, so Rosa invited her neighbors to tea to pray for the missionaries. To the second meeting she invited Ella Funder. And thus Rosa's witness extended to the mothers, and continued down through the years.

The meetings were always informal. Rosa insists, "I never did anything but arrange the chairs, put out the song books, and greet the women at the door." She doesn't mention how much she prayed, or how quick she was to point them to the Lord. The women sat around cozily in Rosa's pleasant living-room, read a chapter of the Bible, and discussed what it meant until one after another became Christians. Then, in turn, they won their friends. Ella Funder found the Saviour whom her daughter loved, and has become a specialist in children's work, a teacher of teachers.

That still left homes divided, as the husbands and fathers were unreached. Urged by the wives, Gust and Rosa started an evening meeting for the men, on the same order as the afternoon meeting. Only now they gathered around a table, read the Bible and talked about it. Young babes in Christ, only a few weeks old, often taught the lesson with a quick word of help from Gust when they were stuck. Husband after husband was reached for the Lord.

Howard Funder was saved and no longer had time to play bridge. Elizabeth and Vernon Martin, with whom the Funders had formerly made a foursome, were curious about the change, attended the meetings and were saved. One brought another. Among the men saved was Jack Epperson, who now conducts a men's fellowship which averages 400 in attendance and who has been invited all over the United States to show others how to conduct a men's fellowship meeting.

Rosa Osterlund insists that this witness which has spread from her living-room to all parts of the world is strictly the Lord's doing, but others know it is God's answer to a woman who obeys Him.

Typical of whole families saved through this witness would be the Algot Carlsons. Mr. Carlson used to drive his family to church and sit outside reading the newspaper during the services. His son attended the Osterlund class and night after night he asked, "Are you saved, Daddy?"

Rosa Osterlund was directly instrumental in bringing most of these friends to Christ.

The question bothered Mr. Carlson until, on Palm Sunday, this forty-eight-year-old man, six foot three and weighing 265 pounds, went to church with his family. At the close of the sermon, he walked down the aisle and announced that he wanted to be saved. It was a conservative church and it was years since anyone had walked down the aisle. His doing so caused a revival! Mr. Carlson stopped smoking and became treasurer of the church. All because a Pentecostal housewife in a pink dress saw that her neighborhood was a mission field.

MISSIONS AT HOME

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Foreign Language Groups in U.S.A.

SIGNED—BY A NUMBER

Do you ever wonder if the literature you provide through your offerings for prison work is really appreciated by the boys behind the bars? Then you'll want to read this letter we received from Captain J. Phillips, Protestant Chaplain in the Washington State Penitentiary. Captain Phillips writes:

"We here at the penal institution of Washington have been receiving your paper (THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL) regularly, and as Chaplain, it has been upon my heart to gather the testimony of appreciation for your Christian Literature contributions to the inmates of this institution, from each one personally. I am listing only the number of the inmate after each testimony.

"These words are personally given and sincerely meant. May they give you an idea of the marvelous scope of your work."

Here are some of the testimonies, signed only by a number.

" . . . We have a number of Christian men here in all stages of the Christian walk, and

these Christian papers are especially helpful to us. Many who are not Christians read these papers and the babes in Christ can find instructions concerning the first principles of Christianity. Those who are deeper in the knowledge of truth can find edification. We wish to express our sincere thanks to those who are sending this Christian literature. May God bless and richly reward you for your great work."

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the Christian papers I have been receiving regularly for the last few months. I received many blessings from the reading of these papers. I am a prisoner in W.S.P. and have been saved since I came here. I am requesting the prayers of you good Christian people, and may God grant you many blessings for your kindnesses to us."

"I was most happy to receive the religious literature sent to us from your Christian Publishing House. My friends and I truly do enjoy the things we find in reading these publications. The Scriptural outlines and suggestions encourage us to read our Bibles more. Please continue to send them to us for our enlightenment, and—'Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.'"

"You will probably never know the true blessing you are giving us here at W.S.P. by your kind contribution of Christian Literature. Many of us have turned in desperation to Christ as our last hope for deliverance from sin. In our liberation we hunger for the written word of others who have known the great release from sin that we now know. Some day the sweet voice of Jesus will praise you for your kindnesses to us."

"Here where there are so many experiences told and retold of the workings of the devil in men's lives, it is indeed heart-warming and soul-winning to read the works of God in the various Christian publications which are given to us here at W.S.P. Our deepest gratitude and sincerest thanks to those to whom we are indebted for this kindness."

When we see what is being accomplished and how deeply these men appreciate the literature, we feel we must not curtail our ministry in this direction. You can help us keep our Pentecostal literature in state penal institutions. We depend upon you for offerings, as these boys depend upon us for the literature. Let us not fail them.

Offerings should be designated for "Prison Work," and addressed to the Home Missions Department (Fred Vogler, Director), 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri.

KEEPING THE LORD'S DAY

A Sunday-keeping workman had been summoned repeatedly to report for duty on the Lord's Day. He repeatedly refused to comply. One day the foreman snarled:

"Your Bible says that if an ass fall into the pit on the Sabbath you are to help the poor brute out."

The answer was: "Yes, but if the ass got into the habit and fell into the pit every Sabbath, I'd either fill the pit or sell the ass."

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

JOASH BECOMES KING

Lesson for November 18

2 Kings 11:1-12, 17, 20

Our lesson begins with Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, king of Judah, whom Jehu slew (Ch. 9:27). She was a daughter of King Ahab of Israel who had married Joram, king of Judah (Ch. 8:16, 18). Coming from a wicked, although royal family, her influence for evil was great over her husband. What power a woman has either for good or for evil!

1. An Ungodly Usurper

All the evil qualities of her mother Jezebel seem to have been reborn in Athaliah, even the willingness to murder innocent persons that her aims might be accomplished. When she learned that her son Azariah was dead, she seized the throne, and to accomplish her purpose she had all the royal heirs destroyed. What curse unholy ambition can be! What length it will go to secure its aims!

This lust is not confined to earthly rulers; it is a wickedness that at times invades even the church. There have been those who would gladly see others trampled down that they might ascend. People seek for place and sometimes become almost ruthless in their desire to promote themselves. Paul suffered greatly from such. We fear that some become so blinded by personal ambition that they think they are doing God service in the unholy and un-Christian things which they do. May God help us that whether we eat, or drink, or whatsoever we do, we may do it all to the glory of God.

2. Apparent Success

For six long years Athaliah had things her own way. How securely she was seated on her throne. She could readily think, "Behold, I sit a queen and am no widow." Then came her sudden destruction. With what vengeance ambition is sometimes struck down. Think of the miserable death of Mussolini, and the tragic end of Hitler. If we take the humble place and are then promoted, we will do harm to none and be approved of God. In the parable given by Jesus we learn that the same ambition which filled the heart of Athaliah is in the hearts of many, although not so cruelly developed (Luke 14:7-11).

Athaliah thought herself secure, not knowing that secret forces were working of which she had no knowledge. She thought she had destroyed utterly the royal heirs. Little did she know that one from among that number had been preserved, and that her ambition was leading to her own destruction as she had destroyed others. Let us learn from this to "take heed unto our ways," for "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

3. The True King Preserved

Joash was the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, who had been slain. He must have been only an infant when Jehosheba hid him in an inner sanctuary of the temple. Jehosheba was a sister of the slain king Ahaziah. She was therefore of the royal family. Through marriage she became the wife of Jehoiada the priest (2 Chron. 22:11). While she was a sister of Ahaziah (v. 2), thus making her the aunt of Joash, some commentators believe she was the daughter of another wife of King Joram than Athaliah. This being true, she would be the half-sister to Ahaziah.

Being daughter of king Joram, sister to king Ahaziah, she naturally would wish to preserve a rightful heir to the throne if she could. Being married into the priesthood gave her excellent opportunity for this, since only the priests were allowed within the temple proper. There the child spent his early life under the influence of that which was good and the teaching of the priest of the Lord.

4. The True King Revealed

The record reveals how carefully Jehoiada planned the crowning of the king. Even the time for the crowning was planned. It was to be on a Sabbath, when all in Jerusalem would be most largely gathered for worship (v. 5). We may well believe also that the priests had been given information for some time before to trustworthy persons who, with him, had the conviction that the usurper must give place to a rightful heir.

Our lesson speaks of "Compassing the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand" (v. 8). Where may we believe these weapons had been hidden? Verse ten reads, "And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give King David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the Lord." If we may rely on the writings of Josephus, he says that David had provided an arsenal for the temple, out of which Jehoiada took those arms. We quote: "And Jehoiada, having opened the arsenal in the temple, which David had prepared, he divided among the centurions, priests, and Levites the spears and quivers, and all other kinds of weapons which he found there." These were weapons which David had put in the temple for use in protecting it should such ever be needed.

5. The True King Crowned

Surrounded and properly protected, Joash was brought "along by the altar and the temple" (v. 11), crowned, and given "the testimony." One writer comments, "This was his scepter." Given the testimony

meant that he was to govern Judah with principles and guidance that God had provided in the "law of the Lord." If the nations of today were guided by similar principles, what a different earth this would be.

The king being crowned, and the anointing oil of consecration being poured upon him, the people present rejoiced, clapping their hands and saying, "God save the king!"

What consternation this occasion brought to the wicked usurper who had thought herself so securely seated on the throne. Hearing the applause and the shouts, "God save the king!" she hastened to the temple to see what it was all about. As she beheld the young crowned king and heard the rejoicings, she rent her garment and cried, "Treason, treason." But who was it that had committed treason? Was it not she that had ruthlessly slain that she might usurp power? Little did her cries avail her. Sentence against her evil work was now to be executed. Forced from the temple, she was destroyed. Thus came to an end unholy ambition as set forth in this ungodly woman.

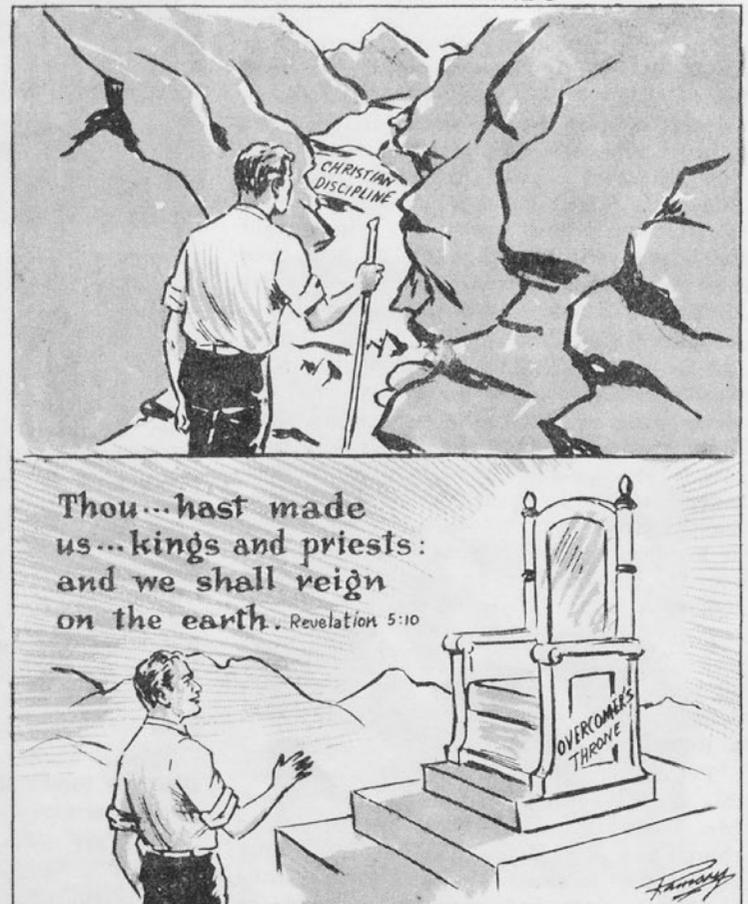
THIS WEEK'S LESSON

God's Judgment on Ahab (lesson for Sunday, November 11). Lesson text: 2 Kings 10:15-28, 30.

THE PURPOSE OF A SERMON

The head of a National Advertising Agency said not long ago: "Advertising seeks to tell people something that they do not know: to convince them of something they do not believe: and to arouse in them a desire for something they do not possess." That is a good definition of the purposes of preaching.

WHERE THE PATH LEADS



This Is God's Hour in Formosa!

Dick Hillis

JUST NINETY MILES off the coast of China is the last Chinese stronghold of democracy, the Island of Formosa, with ten millions of people, and God is doing wonderful things. I believe it is the greatest miracle of the age. He is the Lord of the harvest and He has prepared a harvest there exceeding that perhaps of any other land. I give you an eyewitness report of what is going on over there. I believe it is the strategic land of the world. In the first place, it is strategic because there is religious liberty there.

The Generalissimo and Madame Chiang have given it a religious liberty which is known in very few lands. I have a little pass that permits me to go into any barracks, any military hospital, any school, on to any street any place and preach the gospel at any time. You can't do that in America. I cannot say that the government of Free China is a Christian government. I can say that it is certainly pro-Christian and in the pro-Christian government there are wonderful Christians.

We had the privilege of having dinner with Madame Chiang in her home and for two and one-half hours the conversation was about spiritual things. She led the conversation, told us something about her prayer group and what they were doing. They have a group of about thirty women who gather on Wednesday for prayer. They pray until about 11 a.m., then they spend a time in Bible study with Dr. Chen, the Chief of Chaplains. They spend the afternoon discussing what they can do.

You see, "Faith without works is dead." They not only pray, but they work. They already have chaplains in the army, navy and air force for the first time in the history of China, and they are hoping to have twenty chaplains that they themselves pay for, before the end of 1951. And not only that, but they put New Testaments by the beds in the thirty military hospitals on the Island. They help to get the job done.

Madame Chiang said, "I used to be concerned with the Christianization of China; now I am concerned about the personal salvation of souls." Isn't that wonderful? She said to us, "Men, I want you to be careful about hand-raising, because if men really don't come to God but just raise their hands, then afterwards they go back into sin and they dishonor the Lord and disgrace His church." That's real spiritual perception.

We had dinner with Governor Wu. He also is a Christian man and he has a wonderful Christian wife. He said, "I used to be a Christian in lip . . . now I am a Christian in life." He said, "God has a lot to do in me yet . . . but He's working on me." I like that, too. ". . . a lot to do in me. . . but He's working on me." God is working with this Christian Governor. His wife meets with

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Madame's prayer group, and she teaches two Bible classes. We met many of those in high places who love the Lord Jesus Christ and are interested in getting out the gospel.

We had the joy of taking a ton of Gospel records out there. We put them in every radio station. The radio programs over there are terrible. There is just one thing I like about them. When they have nothing else to play, they put on a gospel record. You can hear gospel records all times of day now.

Then we went to a very fine Christian woman down in Taichung, and Mrs. Han, whose husband used to be minister of finance, said to us, "We have music appreciation courses here, and if you get me some records, we will put them on." So every day in the high school they have music appreciation using gospel records! Isn't that wonderful? I wish we could use gospel records in our music appreciation classes in our American high schools!

Formosa is a strategic land because God is working among government officials and I believe that righteousness exalteth a nation. Israel turned from God and sought help from Syria, and Israel went down and almost blacked out for 2,000 years. America grew weak and turned to Soviet Russia, and America is on the skids . . . unless she repents and turns back to God. I think the mightiest army in all the world is no protection unless God be with her. But out in Free China they are turning to God. That is our great hope.

The miracle is not only going on among government officials, but it is also going on among the aboriginal people. An aboriginal woman, wonderfully saved a number of years ago, studied the Bible a little while, then went back up to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the hills. The Japanese police said, "You cannot preach. If you preach, you will be thrown into prison."

But she said, "I have higher orders."

They said, "Never mind; if we catch you preaching, you will be thrown into prison."

She said, "You won't catch me."

She traveled by night up into those native, aboriginal villages. Then the evening of the second night she sent her runners to gather in the people, arriving back in her village at one o'clock in the morning. From one to three by tallow candlelight they would study the Word of God together. What a hunger for the Word of God! Then at three o'clock while it was yet dark, they would go back so that when day dawned and the Japanese police checked, everybody would be doing his work in the field.

As a result, when Missionary Jim Dickson returned to Formosa, he found several thousand aboriginal people had turned to Jesus Christ. Like a great snowball, the work of God, a Pentecost in the hills, had been carrying through and today over 150,000 of those aboriginal people of Formosa have turned to Jesus Christ—one of the mightiest harvests of this generation.



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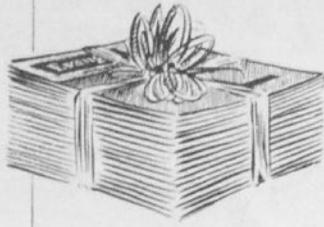
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They put on the back of the little Gospel of John the name of the church, the time of the services, and a little welcome. Then they gathered their believers together and said, "The Lord sent His disciples out two by two. I guess we should do that too." But some of the people said, "We do not know how to do that. What if a Buddhist asks us questions we cannot answer?" But they went out two by two, and in a few short weeks the Christians in the little Formosan churches, untrained, untaught, and yet willing, had gone to 40,000 separate homes to tell them about Jesus Christ.

What would happen if the Christians in America were aroused to go out two by two to introduce men to Jesus Christ? I would say that every church would be packed at every service. God does not expect that there should be any drones in His beehive. Every member of the body of Christ should be doing something. The Christians of Formosa have awakened to their opportunity.

There is one other miracle that is taking place, and I want to tell you of that miracle. Some three million people from the mainland of China, loving liberty more than all they had at home, left home and land and everything they had and fled to Formosa. They are the Mandarin-speaking people, the religious, the educational, the military and the political leaders of the great nation of China. There they are—over on the Island of Formosa. They're desperate, disillusioned, hungry . . . hungry for what? Hungry for God. And a harvest is taking place among them and God is at work.

We were in the city of Tainan. It was my privilege to be at the dedication of a church that will hold 300 people. Do you know where that church came from? Let me tell you the story.

A man by the name of Gin, a very wealthy banker from China, lived with his family in one of the inland cities. One day his son, eight years of age, came in and said, "Daddy, I've found Jesus as my Saviour." The man grabbed his son and said, "Son, listen. We're educated, we're wealthy, we're not superstitious. Forget it. You're not to go to Sunday School any more." That little boy never went again to Sunday School.

Then came Communism. They fled to Formosa. They started their banking business again, and then suddenly the mother grew sick. Every doctor was sought which money could provide. None could help. Then the little boy, now ten years of age said, "Daddy, if you find God, God will help you."

This man went out to look for God. He walked the streets of Tainan and other cities of Southern Formosa for sixty-one days, looking for God. During that time he found five churches, but they were Formosan churches and did not speak his language. And no one seemed to help.

Then one day while riding a train he saw a man reading a book. He read its title—"Soong Jing," the Holy Scripture. He asked the reader, "Can you introduce me to God?"

The young man replied, "I'll be glad to introduce you to God." They spoke the same language and there he led him to Jesus Christ.

It was my privilege three months after Mr. Gin was saved to be at the dedication of a church that he himself had built. He took his entire life's savings, bought the finest lot in the city right next to the big bank, and there he built the little church. He said, "I determined that no one else from the mainland (among our three million Mandarin-speaking people who cannot hear the gospel in their own language unless there is a church built)—should ever say, 'I looked for God for sixty-one days. We built a place where they could find God.'"

At that dedication service twenty-two found Christ as their personal Saviour. Why? Simply because a man was willing to give his entire life's savings. He did not give out of the abundance of what he had, but his entire life's savings, to build a place where men can find God.

Another miracle is taking place in Formosa. An evangelistic team gave us a lot of decision cards gathered in their many meetings with the students, soldiers, and factory workers. We determined to follow through and find out whether they meant business or not. So two or three weeks later—giving them time to cool off and to study through the Gospel of John which they had received—we sent them a little letter folder. In it are sixteen questions concerning the Gospel of John.

If they meant business, they were going to study it through and return it to us. Then **they would get** another set of sixteen questions and so on until six lessons had been given. Then with the third lesson they got four verses of Scripture to memorize. By the time they had finished all of them they would have memorized thirty-six verses of Scripture. Only a person who means business is going to memorize thirty-six Scripture verses and answer sixteen times six questions from the Gospel of John.

But listen . . . these are being returned to us at the rate of 200 a day. The mailing list must reach over 12,000 of those who indicated their desire to accept Jesus Christ. I believe Formosa is the only land in the world where an evangelistic team has had to get together and say, "Lord, show us how to make an invitation hard enough to keep people away from the altar."

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If these three million Chinese in Formosa can be reached I believe that God will give them an opportunity to go back to China as ambassadors of Jesus Christ to carry the glorious gospel to every town, village and hamlet and do what no other missionary force could ever do. This is God's hour on the Island of Formosa. This is our responsibility, but this is also our hour of opportunity.

Paul said, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body . . ."

whether it be good or bad." Beloved, that is a meeting from which there will be no absentees. You must be there. What have we done to get the gospel to the "untold millions . . . still untold?"

A PRAYER

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In December, 1950, my oldest son, Buddy, had severe pain in his ankles, and then the pain moved up into his knees, pelvis and back. He could not stand or walk at all. We knew it was another attack of rheumatic fever, as he had an attack in April, 1948, and was out of school five weeks. We prayed for him and he received some relief.

I had been preaching Christ as our Healer, and I did want to trust God to heal him. Buddy was thirteen years old and he was saved and had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I felt that he should decide for himself whether he wanted a doctor or wanted to trust the Lord for his healing. I was very happy that he chose to trust the Lord.

I took him twice to Atlanta, Georgia, and Pastor Ralph Byrd prayed for him. God wonderfully healed him, and he lost only nine days of school. He has not had another attack to this day (October 9, 1951). Praise the name of the Lord.—Pastor J. H. Blanton, Hogansville, Ga.

SEVERE ARTHRITIS

For twelve years I suffered with arthritis. At times I could not use my arms, and I could not turn myself in bed. My doctor said there was nothing that could cure me; all he could do was to give me temporary relief. My husband took me to a hot well and they treated me for three weeks but I obtained no relief.

Then a friend invited me to the meetings at the Assembly of God church where E. L. Slavens was preaching and praying for the sick. I have trusted in the Lord for some time and so I went to the meetings. Evangelist Slavens prayed for me and I was instantly healed. I could not raise my arms above my shoulders, but after prayer I was able to put my arms all the way up.

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(This testimony was endorsed by J. M. Buck, pastor of the Assembly of God at Paducah, Texas, seven weeks after the healing occurred. It was also signed by J. J. Bidley, Mrs. Latimer's Baptist pastor.)

ARTHRITIS

I suffered with pains in my legs and back, and at times the joints in my arms also hurt. The pain seemed to travel from one joint to another. Sometimes my legs and back hurt so much I could not walk without limping.

This had troubled me for two years or more. I did not go to a doctor, as I have been trusting the Lord since He saved me ten years ago. He has healed me of many different ailments, and I felt that He would continue to heal me.

When we were having a healing service at our church, I felt led of the Lord to go to a doctor first for an examination, and then ask for prayer. The doctor told me that I had arthritis.

The Lord healed me while the evangelist was praying for me. That was almost two years ago and I am still healed today.—Mrs. Carl Monson, Crosby, N. Dak.

(This healing was verified by Pastor Edward D. Kidroske of Crosby, N. Dak.)

DIPHTHERIA

When our daughter, Joan, was five years old she became very sick. Before we could get a doctor a large knot formed on her throat, just under her jaw. The doctor said she had an advanced case of diphtheria. By the next morning (Sunday) the swelling had spread to her face and neck until they were twice their normal size. She was unable to swallow, and her neck was stiff and very painful.

Sunday afternoon the doctor called in a well-known child specialist. He said the hardness and swelling were rare and indicated that poisons were raging through her system. Paralysis of the throat was about to seize her. The disease was too advanced to save her. He insisted that we take her to the hospital, as she should be fed through a tube.

We gathered the family together for prayer. My husband had been working night shifts, seven nights a week. We lived in the country, and we could not go to church. Gradually we had grown cold and indifferent. As we knelt in our home, I somehow felt that if we repented of our backslidings the Lord would heal our little girl. My husband began to pray, but it sounded so cold and formal. Soon his voice broke and we cried out to God in unison. The comforting presence of Jesus moved into the room, and we were assured that Jesus would heal Joan. There was an afternoon service at the church, and they were standing with us in prayer.

When word came that the hospital room was ready, my husband said, "Tell them to cancel all arrangements. The Lord is going to heal her."

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regular doctor came. He admitted that there was a very slight change in her blood count temperature, but would not give us any hope.

Later in the evening as I was sitting by her bed Joan gasped, "Mother, I'm hungry." At first that struck terror to my heart because she could not swallow. I heated some beef broth and placed drop after drop on the tip of her tongue, and she swallowed it! I also gave her a small glass of pineapple juice and some milk.

Two hours later she whispered, "Mother, I'm starved." I fed her again as I had before. That night she slept until two o'clock and turned over on her side by herself for the first time.

Monday morning the doctor was surprised that she was able to eat, but did not give us any encouragement. The school nurse came that day and begged me to change my mind and send her to the hospital.

Tuesday morning, when I removed the wet towels and hot water bag from her throat, the swelling had gone down almost half. She could sit up and turn her head. The doctor was amazed! I asked him if I could give her solid food. He said, "Yes, if you can get it down her." She began to eat baked potatoes, applesauce, and poached eggs.

The same morning the doctor said, "I believe you can hope now. She has a chance of getting well, but that swelling and hardness still worries me."

We sent word to our pastor to pray for this condition. Wednesday morning the swelling had all disappeared from her face and neck leaving only a small lump. She was so bright and cheerful and could talk easily.

The doctor was almost as happy as we were. He said, "There is no use of my coming back; you can care for her yourself. She is going to be well, but that knot on her throat will burst and leave a running sore probably for months."

I replied, "No, it won't, for Jesus healed her and He will complete the healing." Later the lump just slowly disappeared!

People throughout the community heard of this three-day miracle. Many times strangers approached me and asked if this was the little girl who was healed.

God was so merciful to us at this time. I received such a revelation of His love

that for months afterwards I was moved to tears at the thought of it.—Mrs. Floyd Wallace, R. 6, Box 291-A, Dayton, Ohio.

(Pastor Paul J. Emery, Dayton, Ohio, has endorsed this testimony. He states that Joan and her parents are faithfully serving the Lord.)

SPIRITUAL PRECIPITATION

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II

The second thing is FAITH. Faith precipitates healing. Before the Lord healed a person He would ask, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" He always looked for an exertion of faith. If they had the faith to believe, they would be healed. When He saw their faith He said, "Take up thy bed and walk."

In Matthew 8:17 we read, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." There is healing in this scripture if you will believe. Let faith go out. Create an atmosphere of faith and God will work. God wants the vapor of faith to be there. If you will give God the faith God will give you the healing. You have not because you ask not.

Of course, there are cases when saints are being tested, but just keep on believing—deliverance will come. Then there are cases when saints are being chastened of the Lord, but FAITH will win out in every case. God is going to bless you after He gets through correcting you.

In the large healing meetings people are healed because faith is emphasized. The air is permeated with faith and expectancy. The vapor goes up to God and people get healed. But you do not have to wait for the special meetings. God will meet faith any time, anywhere He finds it. I like special meetings, but we should emphasize faith in all our meetings. Then we would have the same results in the regular program of the church.

You do not have to wait for the "special meetings." God blesses according to the vapor. My prayer is, "Lord, let the vapor go out today." Believe the Word of God. Let your faith rise to God like a vapor, and you can be healed right now—right where you are. God always responds to faith. God wants to take the vapor of your faith and let the blessing fall on you. "For He maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapor thereof."

III

The third thing is PRAISE. Praise precipitates blessing. If you want the blessings of God, you can get them the same way the disciples did—by praising the Lord. Before the day of Pentecost they were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. They were creating an atmosphere for God to work in. They were ten days in that upper room. God was gathering up the vapor of praise; then He sent the rain. The day of Pentecost fully came. There was an outpouring of the Holy Ghost from heaven.

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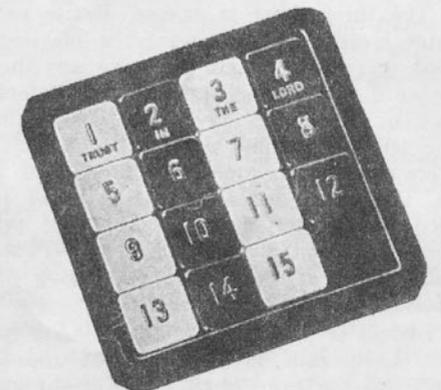
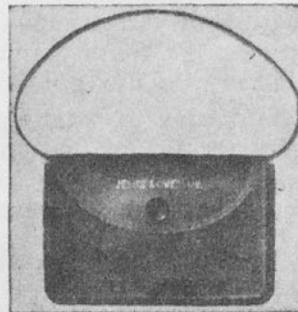
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clouds of wrath, and fiery judgment will rain down on the defenseless heads of men and women who have grieved God with their deeds.

We know that we can lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven; but it is also true that we can store up wrath in God's vaults of heaven that some day will be returned to us in the form of judgment and righteous indignation from the Almighty. Note Rom. 2:5, "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God."

Is wrath accumulating against you in heaven? Every day that men live in rejection and impenitence, their wicked works are causing God to become more angry. Soon the cloud of God's wrath will be completely filled and that wrath will break through upon you; for "He maketh small the drops of rain. They pour down rain according to the vapor thereof."

In January 1916 the size of the paper was increased from eight pages to sixteen. In 1919 the name was changed from "Christian Evangel" to "The Pentecostal Evangel" and it has carried that name ever since.

The official files of the Evangel begin with January 1916 and they are complete up to the present date, except for the following issues:

"The Weekly Evangel"

- March 17, 1917
- May 12, 1917
- March 16, 1918
- May 4, 1918
- May 18, 1918

"The Christian Evangel"

- July 13, 1918
- April 5, 1919

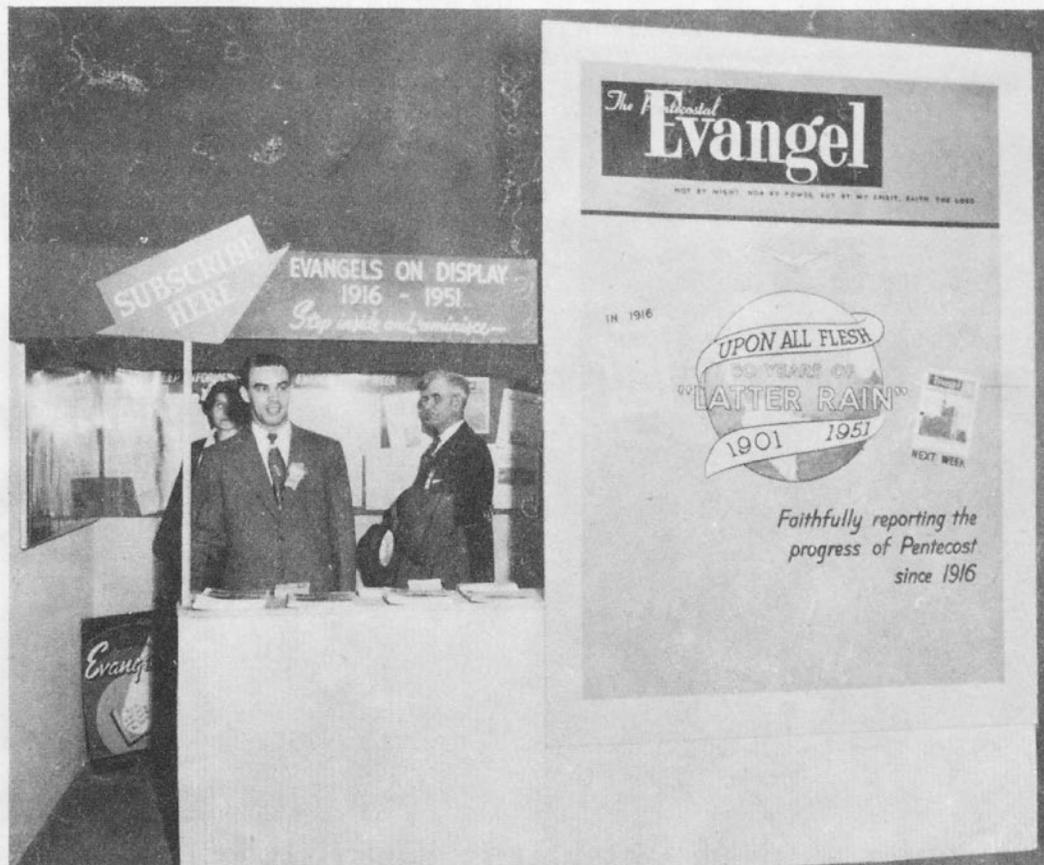
"The Pentecostal Evangel"

- October 25, 1930
- September 1, 1934

From time to time a number of friends having partial files of these old papers have been kind enough, on hearing of our need, to give us some of the copies we needed for our official files. Possibly there are others who could help us. If you can supply a copy of any of the above-mentioned issues will you kindly wrap it carefully and mail it to **The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.** Your kindness will be very much appreciated.

We would like to extend our files back to the beginning of the century, as far as possible. There were a large number of Pentecostal papers published in the early years between 1901 and 1915, which we would like to have. We have only a very few copies of "Word and Witness" on file and we have no copies of "The Christian Evangel" prior to 1916.

If you have some old papers, perhaps you would like to add them to our central file in Springfield so that all who wish to have access to them may have the opportunity. We are always happy to make our files available to any who are doing research on the history of the Pentecostal Movement, and it is for their sake as well as our own that we are publishing this appeal for old copies of Pentecostal papers. Our thanks again to each friend who has helped us in this way in times past, and also to those who will be kind enough to respond to this appeal.



OLD PENTECOSTAL PAPERS NEEDED FOR OFFICIAL FILES

Many visitors at the General Council in August and at the National Sunday School Convention in March saw the Evangel booth (shown above) and enjoyed the display of old Evangels. They noticed that some of the papers were called "Christian Evangel" and some were called "Weekly Evangel."

Old-timers will recall that one of the well-known Pentecostal papers in the early days of the Latter Rain outpouring was the monthly called "Word and Witness," edited by E. N. Bell. When the General Council was organized in 1914 the monthly paper "Word and Witness" was a medium of news among the Assemblies of God everywhere. E. N. Bell, the editor, was named Chairman of the General Council.

Another paper that was widely circulated at that time was the "Christian Evangel." The

editor of that paper was J. R. Flower, and when the General Council was organized in 1914 Brother Flower was chosen to serve as General Secretary.

Brother Flower and Brother Bell pooled their printing equipment and set up a little publishing plant first at Findlay, Ohio, and then in St. Louis, Mo., which was named the Gospel Publishing House. "Word and Witness" was discontinued and the name of the weekly was changed from "Christian Evangel" to "Weekly Evangel." This change was made necessary by the fact that another paper was already being published at St. Louis under a similar name. When the General Council headquarters and the Gospel Publishing House were moved to Springfield, Missouri, in June 1918, the name of the paper was changed back to "Christian Evangel."

"I NO HEATHEN"

A Chinese applied for the position of a cook in the house of a family who were members of a fashionable church. Said the lady to the applicant, "Do you drink whisky?"

"No, I am a Clistian man."

"Do you play cards?"

"No, I am a Clistian man."

He was employed and gave great satisfaction. Some weeks later the woman gave a euchre party and wine was served. The Chinese served the guests without comment, but the next morning he said that he was leaving.

"Why, what's the matter?" his employer asked.

He replied, "I Clistian man. I tell you so. I no heathen, I no work for heathen."

You can always find excuses for not doing the things you do not want to do.

MISSIONS ABROAD

NEWS OF OUR MISSIONARIES



Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kennedy (above) sailed for Sierra Leone, West Africa, on October 8.

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A daughter was born on September 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Merlin I. Lund, missionaries to Transvaal, South Africa. Sheryl Lynn is her name.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lowell E. Dowdy (above) sailed for Chile on October 8. They formerly served the Venezuelan field.

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Wilkie of Bolivia, South America, returned to the States a few days ago.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Ahlberg (above) took ship for Japan on October 14.

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A letter from Florence V. Christie and Karlene M. Burt, dated October 12, advises that they have reached Egypt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tucker, stationed at Gombari, Kibali Ituri, Congo Belge, Africa, send news of the birth of a daughter on September 27. She has been named Carol Lynne.

November 11 has been set aside as MEN AND MISSIONS DAY this year. Thousands of churches throughout the United States and Canada will be observing the day. The theme, very fitting for a time such as this, is "Christ or Chaos."

POWER

A. T. Pierson testified: "For 16 years I preached the Gospel with all the logic and eloquence I could muster. The results were disappointing. An evangelist came to our city. Hundreds were swept into the Kingdom. I saw that the secret of his power lay in his possession of the Holy Spirit. After praying that I might receive this power, it came to me on November the 15th. In the following 16 months I made more converts to Christ than I had gained in the previous 16 years."

Souls cannot be won without sacrifice.



WHAT WILL OUR MISSIONARIES' CHRISTMAS BE LIKE?

Day in and day out our missionaries spend themselves giving out the gospel message in halls and on street corners, making new contacts, distributing literature, encouraging Christians, praying for the afflicted, visiting the sick, and looking after the physical needs of the people. They give of their time, their strength, their understanding, and often even of their earnings to the last penny (and their allowances never have been great) without a murmur. It is for Christ that they minister thus.

We are approaching the holidays. Our missionaries will go straight through the holiday season with their sacrificial ministry. The time of the birthday of our Saviour is one of the best periods for driving home the gospel message. They will seek to make Christmas a joyous occasion to the nationals, as the missionary is doing in the Brazilian

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HOW TO LEARN TO PREACH

The Pilgrim reports Harry A. Ironside as a young preacher visiting the aged Alexander Fraser and listening enthralled as one truth after another was opened up from God's Word by Mr. Fraser, until he could restrain himself no more and cried out, "Where did you learn these things?"

"On my knees on the mud floor of a little sod cottage in the North of Ireland," replied Mr. Fraser. "There, with my Bible open before me, I used to kneel for hours at a time, and ask the Spirit of God to reveal Christ to my soul and to open the Word to my heart. He taught me more on my knees on the mud floor than I could ever have learned in all the colleges and seminaries in the world."

sick room shown in the picture, BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MISSIONARIES THEMSELVES? What will their Christmas be like?

You can have a part in making the missionaries' Christmas a happy one this year. It has been the custom in years past to send each of the missionaries \$10 for Christmas and each missionary child \$5. The offerings mean much to them, but spread over the fellowship they mean such little sacrifice on any one's part. It is the only time during the year that the missionaries are remembered in a personal way.

Won't you mail a Christmas offering today, to show your appreciation for what the missionaries are doing to hasten Christ's return? Mail your offering to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, marked "Christmas Offering."

An Offer of Love

ABOUT THREE generations ago in our New England state which bears a French name, Maine, lived a farmer who had two boys: Joe was fourteen and Tom was about two years younger. One of Tom's tasks was to let down the bars when the cows came from the pasture into the barnyard to be milked, then to put them up while they were being milked, and down again, and up again when the cows returned. There were four handlings of the bars every morning and four every night.

Tom thought that was rather too much. He was a student of economy in administration like some other boys of various ages, and he sometimes left the bars down when they ought to have been up. Sometimes the cows would get out and do a bit of damage; and there would be a storm in the house.

This happened a good many times. At last the father said, "Tom, the next time you leave those bars down, I will whip you, and you will know you are being whipped." So Tom was good for a while. But time dims the vision, and it dimmed the vision of the whip to Tom's eyes. One twilight he left the bars down when they should have been up, and the other stock came through and did a lot of damage. The father's face was clouded. Nothing was said that night. The next morning after breakfast the father went down into the lower field and was turning some hay over when the older boy, Joe, went to speak to his father.

The father did not see Joe at first, so Joe waited deferentially. By and by the father said, "Well, Joe, what is it?"

And Joe, embarrassed, said, "Father, I don't want Tom whipped."

The father said, "I must whip Tom; he has done wrong, and he must learn to obey. There cannot be strength without obedience."

"Well, Father," said Joe, shifting his weight from foot to foot in his embarrassment, "did you not read at family prayers, 'He was wounded for our transgressions?'"

The father looked up and said, "You have a good memory, boy. What are you thinking about?"

Joe, flushing, said, "Well, Father, I will take half of Tom's whipping."

"No, I cannot let you do that," said the father. "Tom has done the wrong."

Then looking keenly at Joe, under his shaggy eyebrows, he said, "Did Tom send you here with that suggestion?" He knew Tom's characteristics. But Tom was not in the thing this time.

"Go and fetch Tom," said his father. Joe round Tom on the front porch of the little white farmhouse, with his schoolbooks. But he was not studying the books; he was studying futures.

"Tom, Father wants you down in the lower field," said Joe. When they reached the field they found their father leaning on his hayfork, wrapped in thought. Joe said, "Father, here is Tom." Tom's face was a study; it was bitter. In boy talk he was "fighting mad."

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Thanksgiving, Nov. 22.....	Psalms 116
23	Psalms 139
24	Psalms 23
Sunday, Nov. 25.....	Psalms 34
26	Psalms 46
27	Deuteronomy 5:1-24
28	Joshua 1
29	Isaiah 55
30	Micah 6:1-15
Saturday, Dec. 1.....	Matthew 25
Sunday, Dec. 2.....	John 1:1-17
3	John 3
4	Matthew 5:1-26
5	Matthew 5:27-48
6	Matthew 6
7	Matthew 7
8	Luke 8:1-21
Universal Bible	
Sunday, Dec. 9.....	Psalms 119:1-16
10	John 14
11	John 15
12	Luke 15:11-32
13	Ephesians 4
14	II Timothy 2
15	Revelation 22
Sunday, Dec. 16.....	Romans 12
17	I Corinthians 13
18	I Corinthians 15:1-34
19	I Corinthians 15:35-58
20	Galatians 6
21	Philippians 4:1-13
22	James 1
Sunday, Dec. 23.....	Luke 2:1-20
24	Matthew 1:18-25
Christmas, Dec. 25.....	Matthew 2:1-15

Your church may obtain a supply of bookmarks listing these passages by writing to the American Bible Society, Dept. U., 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

The father said very gently, "Tom, do you remember at prayers this morning I read, 'He was wounded for our transgressions'?"

Tom was plainly taken off his guard. That was a surprise attack and he had no defense at that point. He flushed and said, "Yes, sir." "What does that mean, Tom?" said his father.

The boy flushed again, and said, "Well, sir, I suppose it means that—that—Christ died for us."

"Well, Tom, Joe says he will take half your whipping," said the father. You ought to have seen Tom's face now, all changed, all softened.

He swung on his heel and threw his arms around Joe's neck and said, "No, Joe, you must not do that." Then he turned to his father and said, "I know I have done wrong, sir. I am ready for the whipping now."

But the father's eyes were not very clear nor his voice very steady, as he said, "Well, boy, there will not be any whipping just now. But, Tom, remember, the next time the bars are left down, Joe's offer holds good. You may go now."

Before they went Tom did something very unusual for old New England; he said, "Father, may I kiss you?" Then the boys went back to the house.

It was Tom himself from whom I got this story, when he had reached manhood. Tom said the bars were never left down again. Joe's offer, Joe's love, held Tom steady at the bars.

How are the bars with you? Jesus did not offer to take half our whipping. No; He took all of it. "He was wounded for our transgressions." Only when it grips you that He died for you will you hold steady at the bars. —*American Tract Society.*

RULES FOR READING

1. Never lose a valuable fact or a good thought. Make a note of it, preserve it, and put it into shape for future use.
2. Never read a vile, coarse, worthless book. Time is too short; character too priceless.
3. Never pass by a word, a reference to historical or scientific fact, or anything else worth knowing, until it is understood.
4. Mark your books in margins by single, double, or triple lines according to importance. Underline phrases or sentences. On fly leaves, make a brief index of valuable parts.
5. Read some books that tax all your power; and some unattractive ones to call forth concentration.
6. Let reading be varied. Turn from doctrine to history or biography. This gives rest to the mental powers.
7. Buy only those books which you wish to keep as a permanent possession.

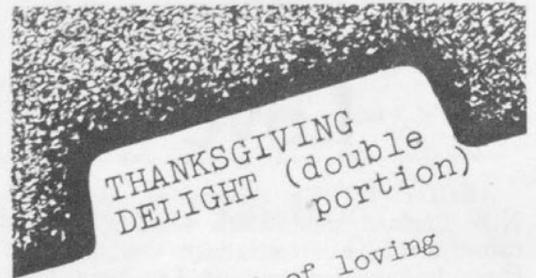
—A. T. Pierson.

IT'S LOVE THAT WINS

Some Christians turn people away from the Lord by the harsh attitude they take toward those who indulge in worldly habits. An incident in the life of Wesley suggests a better way.

John Wesley, accompanied by an itinerant co-worker, was invited to lunch in a Methodist home. The itinerant was a man of very plain manners, and he noticed that the host's daughter, a beautiful girl who had been im-

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pressed by Wesley's sermon, wore a number of rings.

During a pause in the meal, he took hold of the girl's hand, raised it, and called Wesley's attention to the gems. "What do you think of this, sir, for a Methodist's hand?"

The girl turned crimson. Wesley noticed her embarrassment; and though his aversion to all display of jewelry was well known, he smiled kindly and said, "The hand is very beautiful."

The young lady came to the evening service without her jewels, and became a firm Christian. It's love that wins. We cannot compromise with worldliness, but it is possible to love the sinner without loving his sin.—Selected.

A WISE CHINESE ANSWER

A Chinese believer was visiting a missionary whose views were somewhat liberal. The missionary was talking about the miracles recorded in the Bible, and he asked his visitor how he could prove that these narratives of miracles were true. The Chinese believer replied: "To a child of God there is no need to prove them true, and one who is not a true child of God would not believe you if you did prove them true."

WHEN THE CLIMAX COMES

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.

It would be hard to find any passage in the New Testament containing stronger words than found in the original of Luke 21:36, our Lord's warning to His own concerning the last days.

"Watch ye"—not the usual word, but one meaning "sleeplessness—being constantly alert." The same word is used in Mark 13:33 and Ephesians 6:18.

"Pray always"—a word meaning "the most urgent form of supplication," and this "all the time."

"That ye may be accounted worthy to escape" (lit., "clean away from"—to get away from the place of danger) "all these things that shall come to pass" (lit., "just when about to come to pass") "and to stand" (a word meaning "to be stationed") "before" (lit.,

"in front of," or "in the presence of") "the Son of man."

Here is a mighty call to prayer to all true believers, with assurance that, when the climax comes, they will be snatched away from the scene of peril.—Keith Brooks.

NEWS

WISCONSIN OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

The business sessions of the recent District Council meeting in the Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District were blessed by unity and fellowship in Christ. In the elections, nearly all the officers received well over a two-thirds majority of votes on the nominating ballot.

The following men were chosen to serve as District officers: Robert Spencer, Superintendent; E. A. Beck, Assistant Superintendent; L. E. Curtis, Secretary; and Robert Dorn, Treasurer.

John Wannemacher was returned to the office of District C. A. President, and Mrs. E. A. Beck was re-elected to serve as District WMC President. George Hillestad, who is credited with an excellent record as District Sunday School Director, announced that he would not be able to serve another term in that office, and E. F. Erdmann was chosen to fill his place.

O. W. Apple, F. E. Sarbo, D. H. Heuser, N.

L. Shotwell, W. Anderson, and W. E. Wood were named Sectional Presbyters.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

GRAND ISLAND, NEBR.—In October we had Evangelist Earl Larson of Culbertson, Nebr. with us for three nights. Six were saved and there was a real reviving among the saints. There were a number of healings. Brother Larson brought anointed messages on salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—H. D. Champlin, Pastor.

DAINGERFIELD, TEX.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist C. E. Barr of Granite City, Ill. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. The attendance was unusually large each night. A number came to the altar for salvation, and several came for a deeper experience in God. The Sunday School reached an all-time high.—Derwood Jumper, Pastor.

ANTLERS, OKLA.—God visited this town in a wonderful way in a meeting with Evangelist R. W. Holmes. Fifty-five testified to salvation, and many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Many were instantly healed. Cripples who had not walked without their crutches for years were healed. They left their crutches at the tent. The attendance was larger than we have ever seen in Antlers.—L. J. Choate, Pastor.

BAY CITY, TEX., Oct. 16—We are now in a meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Loyd Evans of San Antonio, Tex. Several have been saved and a number filled with the Holy Ghost. There has also been a number of remarkable healings, and some who were bound by habits were delivered. We are in the third week of the meeting and God is still pouring out His Spirit upon us.—B. A. Reeves, Pastor.

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CHARITON, IOWA—We had a meeting (July 22—Aug. 12) with Evangelist and Mrs. Robert G. Hanson of Minneapolis, Minn. Interest was very good, and many strangers were in the services. Souls were saved, several were filled with the Holy Ghost and one was refilled. Many people were healed.—Merlin N. Steen, Pastor.

FREEPORT, PA.—The Gospel Tabernacle recently enjoyed a time of Pentecostal refreshing under the anointed ministry of Evangelist Lillian Rahner of Plainfield, N. J. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the sick were healed. The attendance was excellent throughout the meeting. Plans are under way for the construction of a new church.—Charles Shaffer, Pastor.

STAYTON, OREG.—We had an eight-week meeting with Evangelist G. W. Hocker. God met with us in an unusual way. Nine were saved, eight were filled with the Spirit, and four backsliders returned to the Lord. A large number were refilled or healed. The outstanding thing about this meeting was that all but two who were saved were also filled with the Spirit. We had a water baptismal service and 10 were baptized. We praise the Lord for this meeting.—P. C. Walcher, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, MINN., Oct. 13—For the past two weeks our Sunday School workers have enjoyed the teaching ministry of James D. Rider. The course this year consisted of two subjects: one on *Methods of Teaching* and the other on *The Life and Teachings of Christ*. Over 40 certificates were awarded at the close of the meeting.

In less than three years our Sunday School has enjoyed a 45 per cent gain. This year we are praising God for a Gold Crown school.—W. F. Harding, Pastor.

GREER, S. C., Oct. 16—We had a wonderful two-week meeting. Our pastor, L. D. Staton, began the meeting and he was assisted by ministers from various assemblies. A young man from Bob Jones University, who has received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, spoke one night. Another student received the Baptism last Sunday night at the church. A backslider was wonderfully reclaimed, and a number received healing. One man came with a determination to receive and he was baptized with the Holy Spirit at 3 a.m. We had 158 in Sunday School last week.—Mrs. Edith Wilson, Church Secretary.

ALBANY, N. Y.—The full gospel people of the New York Capitol District will not soon forget God's visitation to them through the anointed preaching of Evangelist Rudy Cerullo. Many who attended this meeting held in the Fourth Presbyterian Church recalled the Raymond T. Richey meeting of 27 years ago. Still more fresh in the minds of the people was the Nankivell meeting of a year and a half ago. In these two meetings God blessed with signs and wonders, but it was not until this campaign that the full gospel churches of Albany and other cities within a radius of 40 miles banded together to sponsor a united effort.

Night after night as the Word was preached, faith rose in the hearts of the people. Many who thought the Capitol District too hard soon changed their minds as the uplifting messages of Brother Cerullo were delivered.

The greatest result of these meetings was the reviving and stirring of God's people. For one week preceding the meetings a prayer meeting was held every night in each of the co-operating churches. During the campaign two all-night prayer meetings were held.

Each night as the prayer lines were formed God reached down with healing virtue. A girl who had a bad case of stuttering for 12 years was delivered. A young lady who had a growth on her chest found that it was gone by the end of the service. Cases of high and low blood pressure were brought to normal. Inward complications of various kinds were operated on by the Master Physician. A woman suffering with arthritis regained the use of the fingers of her right hand. Another lady was healed of a painful ulcer in her nose.

A number came forward for salvation and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit the last two days of the campaign. The eight co-operating pastors were stirred to take advantage of the privileges of their Christian calling in a greater way.—Morris S. Williams, Chairman (Pastor of the Albany Assembly).

FERNDALE, MICH.—We had a tent meeting with the Velmer Gardner Evangelistic Party. Normally tent meetings here at this time of the year would be unsuccessful, but all the participating churches were benefited, and a great many people were helped spiritually and physically. Many testified to healing. One Sunday night about 50 came for salvation. This was the crowning night of the meeting.—B. L. Bresson, Pastor, Ferndale Assembly.

FREDERICK, OKLA.—We had a meeting with Evangelist Harvey D. Anderson of Waxahachie, Tex. Five were saved, one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and three were baptized in water. Some testified to healing.

Brother Anderson is one of the oldest ministers in our movement and his messages meant so much to our church. The Christ's Ambassadors sponsored a radio program during this meeting.—C. M. Rhodes, Pastor.

CARLSBAD, N. MEX. Oct. 16—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist R. M. Thompson of Fort Worth, Tex. God poured out His Spirit in a way that I have not seen in 15 years. Some nights Brother Thompson did not preach as the Holy Spirit moved in our midst and people came to the altar to seek the Lord. Twenty were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

We accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly here about seven weeks ago. The Sunday School has increased from 132 to 224. Sixteen have been saved in the regular services. We have a radio program over station KPBM, 740 kc., Sundays at 9 a.m.—R. B. Ring, Pastor, 105 N. Cypress, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

DOVER, PA.—During the past year we have enjoyed the rich blessing of the Lord. Evangelists Arthur Davies, Harold Zuch, Lillian Overstreet, and Edwin Schmid (District S. S. Director and C. A. President), were among those who ministered to us in special meetings. All were made a great blessing to the assembly. Souls were saved, others filled with the Holy Ghost, and sick bodies were healed.

We conducted the first VBS in this community. The enrollment was 131 and the daily average attendance was 98. Edith Armstrong and Catherine Pentz of Waynesboro, Pa. were in charge. We give all the glory to God for all He has done in our midst. Forrest and Rachel Nelson are the pastors.—Glenn Firestone, Church Secretary.

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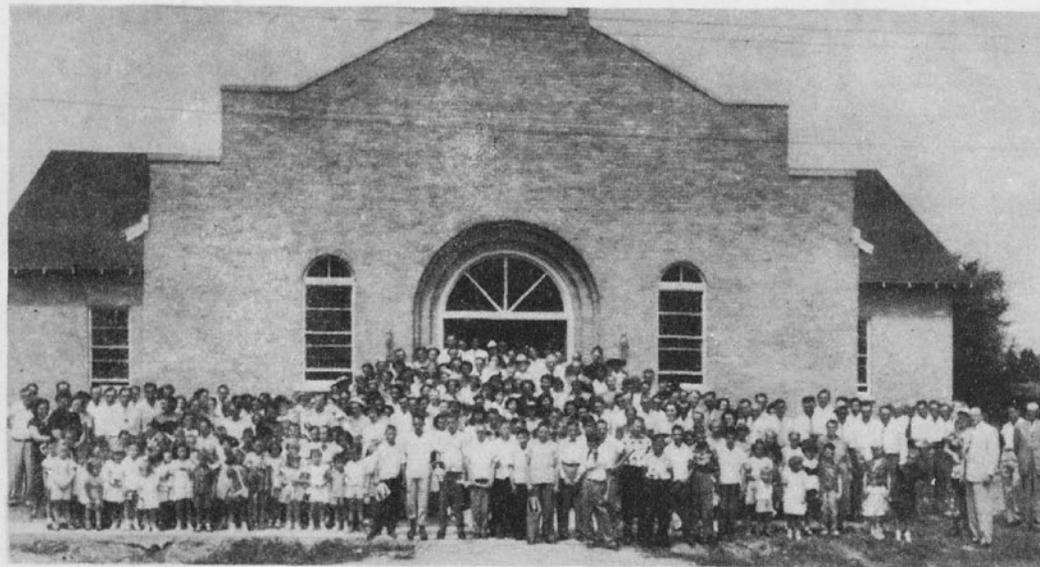
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FAIRFIELD, TEX.—J. O. Savell, Texas District Superintendent, was guest speaker at the official church membership opening (October 2) of the Highway Chapel which is located on the grounds of the Daniel Memorial Orphanage. There were 17 charter members. Talmage Butler is pastor. The average Sunday School attendance for September was 94. There is a revival spirit among the children in the Home. Annual Homecoming, November 1 to 3.—Mary Ruth Baker, Secretary.

ATLANTA, GA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Raymond T. Richey held a series of meetings in Georgia following the General Council. They were with Pastor Johnnie Robinson of the Capitol Avenue Assembly for eleven nights. God answered prayer and the sick were healed. It was the first time Brother Richey had been in Atlanta since his great meeting here 28 years ago. Many people were present who attended the meetings then held in the City Auditorium.

They had service one night at Rome with Pastor Verna Flanders, and one night at Columbus with Pastor G. P. Hertweck of the East Highland Assembly.

Brother Richey was a great inspiration to me personally. My fellowship with him these few days has completely revolutionized my prayer life and ministry. My faith has become steady and solid. My heart is not only hungry to preach the Word now, but I must see it confirmed. God only does this in answer to prayer. My duties as District Superintendent are many and my life is a busy one, but I am taking more time to pray now than I have ever done in my past life. Prayer is more to me now than just a necessity. It has become a joy and pleasure.—Robert C. Jones, Georgia District Superintendent.



NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT WARREN, ARKANSAS

The above picture was taken at Warren, Arkansas, the day on which our new Assembly of God building was dedicated. There were 316 at Sunday School and the majority remained for the morning services and enjoyed a basket lunch. David Burris, our District Superintendent, preached in the morning and dedicated the building to God. O. E. Gaugh, Executive Vice-President of South Central Bible College, preached in the afternoon service which was climaxed with the laying of the corner-stone.

The evening services were conducted by Evangelists Jimmy Johnson and Jimmy Bryan, who had been with us for a two-week revival. These young men really did some good work with us, and their ministry was appreciated by the entire church.

We began the construction of our new church February 21 and finished August 1. There are 4,000 square feet of floor space and it is arranged so that almost every foot can be utilized at all times. All class rooms can be thrown open to enlarge our auditorium when needed. We do thank the Lord for this new building. We want it to be a soul-winning station and we solicit the prayers of all.—H. J. Murry, Pastor.

SCRANTON, PA.—We had a ten-day meeting with Chester Jenkins of Moosic, Pa. Ten came forward for salvation, six backsliders were reclaimed, and two young people were filled with the Holy Spirit.—J. F. Balliet, Pastor, Full Gospel Church.

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.

WALLACE, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Nov. 6—; Evangelist C. M. Smitley, Springfield, Mo.—J. C. Garrett, Pastor.

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, 12th and El Paso Sts., Nov. 18—; Evangelist W. V. Grant.—by Louie Shultz, Pastor.

AURORA, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Nov. 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. R. S. Barnes.—by E. Krishman, Pastor.

BURLINGAME, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Bayswater at Lorton Ave., Nov. 11—; Evangelist L. H. Bacheller.—by Leonard and Frieda M. Palmer, Pastors.

SAN PEDRO, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Dec. 30—; (not Nov. 4 as previously announced) Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper. (Ralph I. Salzman is Pastor.)

MONTE VISTA, COLO.—Youth Revival at the Assembly of God, Nov. 4—18, Evangelist Ralph Ennis, Waxahachie, Tex.—by James D. Gitchell, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave. N. W., Nov. 4—18; Lester Sumrall, South Bend, Ind.—by Lloyd Christiansen, Pastor.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—Revival Tabernacle, 1103 N. Bryan St., Nov. 4—25; Evangelist Joe Stumbaugh, Tulsa, Okla.—by T. A. McDonough, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 18—; Sunshine Evangelistic Party (Evangelist and Mrs. Bruce Thum and Charles Verness). (U. S. Grant is Pastor.)

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 11455 Burbank Blvd., Nov. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley MacPherson. E. J. Robison is pastor.—by Ken Lawson, Secretary.

Near SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK.—Meeting in progress at Pleasant Hill, Ark., 12 miles northeast of Siloam Springs. Evangelist Charles Friend, Colcord, Okla. in charge.

ARIZONA C. A. CONVENTION—First Assembly of God, Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 21—23. Gene Martin, San Diego, Calif., guest speaker.—by Willis K. Hirschy, District C. A. President, 2201 E. Fillmore, Phoenix, Ariz.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEETING—Assembly of God in West Prestonsburg, Ky., Nov. 22. Services 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Meals and rooms provided. Special invitation to all ministers, missionaries, and officers of Kentucky District.—by G. R. Fannin, Pastor.

SIoux FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, 13th near S. Phillips, Nov. 12—25; Evangelist Paul Hild. Tri-State C. A. Rally and Fellowship Meeting, Nov. 12. A. M. Alber of Iowa, speaker at 2:30 p.m. Dinner served by ladies of the church at 5 p.m. Arthur F. Berg is Pastor.—by Lawrence B. Larsen, Assistant Pastor.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JOINT C. A. CONVENTION—Fresno, Calif. in the Civic auditorium. Nov. 23—25. Paul R. Gaston, main speaker. Paul Bruton, speaker for Speed-the-Light Rally. C. M. Ward, speaker in Court House Park mass meeting at close of C. A. parade.—by Wesley P. Steelberg, Joint Convention Secretary.

INDIANA S. S. CONVENTIONS—West Terre Haute, Nov. 26 and 27. South Bend, Nov. 29 and 30. Conventions in charge of Lester Sumrall, newly appointed State S. S. Director. Guest speakers from National Headquarters. Conventions begin on afternoon of first day with three services on second day.—by Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

DES MOINES, IOWA—First Assembly of God, Nov. 13—Dec. 2; Evangelist W. M. Stevens.—by Z. E. Miles, Pastor.

PAWNEE, ILL.—Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Evangelist D. C. Ogden, Memphis, Tenn.—by D. B. Jagers, Pastor.

PAMPA, TEX.—First Assembly of God, meeting in progress; Gardner Evangelistic Party of Washington. (J. S. McMullen is Pastor.)

TRENTON, MO.—Nov. 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Doyle, Sunnyvale, Calif.—by E. W. Kelly, Pastor.

VALLEJO, CALIF.—Nov. 25—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. F. Pepper, Findlay, Ohio. (Joseph L. Gerhart is Pastor.)

COULEE CITY, WASH.—Grace Full Gospel Church, Nov. 6—; Evangelists James and Maurine Isaacs, Pasadena, Calif. (B. P. Wilson is Pastor.)

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Evangelistic Temple, Nov. 11—25; Evangelist Eddy Anderson, Providence, R. I.—by Ralph Bender, Pastor.

BEAUMONT, TEX.—Glad Tidings Assembly, Nov. 11—; Evangelist Clyde C. Goree.—by A. G. Wilburn, Pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PA.—Nov. 20—Dec. 9; Evangelist Fred D. Drake, Buffalo, N. Y. (Ray S. Armstrong is Pastor.)

MERIDIAN, IDAHO—Assembly of God, Nov. 6—25; Evangelist Ferdie C. Jay, Wenatchee, Wash. (Charles Slaughter is Pastor.)

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 14—25; Evangelist Aletha Jean Sturtevant.—by R. E. Silvers, Pastor.

FORT WAYNE, IND.—Assembly of God, 2329 Winter St., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. T. L. Vibbert. (Paul Paino is Pastor.)

WILDER, IDAHO—Fellowship Meeting of Boise Valley Section, Nov. 15. Services 10:30 a.m., 2:30, 7, and 8 p.m. C. A. Slaughter is Presbyter.—by Bennie R. Harris, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, NEBR.—City Auditorium, Nov. 14—25 (not Nov. 4—16 as previously announced); Evangelist Clifton O. Erickson.—by C. T. Beem, Pastor, Box 246, Columbus, Nebr.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Calvary Pentecostal Church, Cor. Pennsylvania Ave. and Franklin St., meeting in progress; McColl-Gerard Evangelistic Party.—by Fleming Van Meter, Pastor.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Faith Tabernacle (formerly Southside Assembly), Cor. Farragut and Olevia Sts., meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. B. M. McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (L. Wayne Pitts is Pastor.)

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Missionary Convention, First Assembly, 24th and Grand Ave., Nov. 18—25. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe of South Africa and Marguerite Flint of India, speakers. Dedication of new Sunday School building, Nov. 24, during all-day meeting. Speakers, W. R. Williamson, 10 a.m.; Marguerite Flint, 2:30 p.m.; W. I. Evans, Dean of C.B.I., 7:30 p.m. Basket dinner.—by Hilliard Griffin, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESSES

Joseph E. E. Dube, R. 2, Box 181B, Houma, La. "Accepted pastorate of Bayou Blue Assembly."

T. O. Thomas, 634½ N. Center, Terre Haute, Ind. "Re-entering evangelistic field."

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Pastor A. V. Hendrick, 111 Prince St., Americus, Ga.

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Pastor and Mrs. Jimmy N. Phillips, 106 South Ave., Clifton, Tex.

Ted Stephens, 1001 North 14th, Enid, Okla.

Pastor Roy J. Davidson, 1340 Minnie, Port Huron, Mich.

Wesley Wibley, 136 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Mich. "Pastoring First Assembly."

Evangelist and Mrs. George E. Brown, 1450 Kelly St., Springfield, Oreg. "Re-entering evangelistic field."

Pastor Albert A. White, 922 A. St., or Box 693, Galt, Calif.

Mrs. Drucilla Hall Whitten, Route 3, Leachville, Ark.

Harry Clarence Meyer, 1015 S. Nelson, Pampa, Tex. "Pastoring Bethel Assembly."

J. L. Boulware, 408 E. 8th Ave., Hutchinson, Kans. "Accepted pastorate of First Assembly."

Miss Lunda Hall, 327 N. Fisher, Jonesboro, Ark. Pastor Orville Grace, Box 115, Grand River, Iowa.

Pastor Jack Morgan, 7894 Church St. or Box 274, Millington, Tenn.

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Elbert Jackson, Gilbertown, Ala. William L. Devereaux, 207 N. Seminole, Okmulgee, Okla. "Pastoring First Assembly."

Pastor W. J. Lewis, 209 S. Chatham, Austin, Minn.

W. F. Garvin, 2003 E. 12th Pl., Tulsa 4, Okla. Clifford Truitt, 1945 Main, Carthage, Mo.

Pastor J. L. McClintic, Box 777, Herlong, Calif. Pastor Kelsey C. Prinzing, 315 E. Walnut St., Lodi, Calif. "Pastoring First Assembly."

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Edwin Burris, 609 N. Detroit, Russellville, Ark. E. A. Lundblad, 1616 Thomas Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

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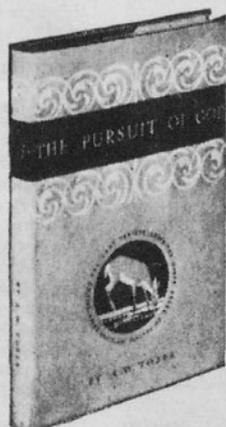
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