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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Governor's Views on Israel

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland was honored with a dinner following his return to Baltimore from a visit to Israel. He told the 350 Jewish leaders at the dinner that "Israel is destined to be a leader in the entire Near East in the promotion of the arts of peace, in scientific progress, and in democratic living."

He declared that Israel's two chief needs at the present are peace with her neighbors, and investments from abroad. "I found the people of Israel profoundly grateful to our Government for the measure of assistance they have been given," he said, "but of equal importance with financial help would be the steady continuation of friendly pressure by our Government to bring about a direct meeting of the Arab nations and Israel to conclude a lasting peace. Under the present conditions of armistice—but not of peace—with armed guards facing each other across the border, and no peace between the countries, not only Israel but her neighbors suffer."

Potash Works To Open Soon

The Israel Government is determined to reopen this summer the potash works at Sdom (the Biblical Sodom) on the southern tip of the Dead Sea. By now the new fifty-mile road should be completed, linking Sdom with the Mediterranean coast. The potash works has been closed since the outbreak of the Arab-Jewish war. In 1947, the last year of normal production, over 100,000 tons of potash were exported, earning the country well over \$7,000,000. Potash is used in the manufacture of explosives, as well as for fertilizer. By exporting this commodity the Government hopes to obtain much-needed foreign exchange.

Church Equipment Exhibited

An International Churchman's Exposition was offered at the International Amphitheater in Chicago the last week of May, and the directors were so pleased with the results that they plan to make it an annual event in Chicago.

All kinds of church equipment were on display, and more than 18,000 people visited the exhibits.

The International Church Buildings Forum was joined with the Exposition, and the "Hall of Church Design" proved to be very popular. At times people were standing three deep before some of the 145 panels showing floor plans, exteriors, and interiors of new churches. These designs were submitted by 46 architects from 20 states and Hawaii.

Manager of the Exposition is Marcus W. Hinson, 19 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill. Dates for next year have not yet been chosen.

Jerusalem a Growing City

The area of the city of Jerusalem was doubled this spring by the extension of its boundaries to include a number of outlying suburbs. The Jewish population of the city has increased from 100,000 to 160,000 in the past four years.

Agriculture in Israel

More than 950,000 acres, which is almost 18% of the territory of the State, is now under cultivation in Israel. This is over one-third of the total cultivable land of the country. The rural population is expected to double within the next three years. With 600,000 people farming (about 30% of the entire population) Israel then will have a greater agricultural populace per capita than Holland, Denmark, or Switzerland.

Oil Drilling in Israel

Oil drilling in Israel will start some time this year, it was disclosed in a newspaper dispatch from Paris. Frank Kaftel, president of the New Continental Oil Company, told a Reuters correspondent that there may be "more oil in Israel than in Iraq." The first borings will be in the vicinity of Haifa. The prophecy concerning one of the tribes of Israel, that Asher should "dip his foot in oil" (Deut. 33:24), takes on new meaning.

Israel's Nationality Law

Israel's nationality law went into effect June 14, and all Jews who were residing in Israel on that date were automatically granted citizenship. American Jews found themselves possessed with dual citizenship. The American Government has no objection, as long as they do not swear allegiance to the Government of Israel and do not vote in Israel elections, but in doing these things the American Jews will automatically renounce their American citizenship.

An Israel official described the new nationality law as "one of the most liberal pieces of legislature ever passed by any government on the subject of immigration, citizenship, and naturalization." He pointed out that the new law made return to Israel by Jews as easy as possible, and it does not force citizenship on any foreign national, but gives nationals of other countries equal rights with Jewish citizens, including Arabs. He declared that Arabs may apply for naturalization without discrimination or difficult requirements.

"Radon" in Israel

Radioactive elements have been discovered in the Hot Springs of Tiberias. These are seventeen natural hot springs located on the west shore of the Sea of Galilee, a short distance south of the city of Tiberias. Remarkable curative properties have been ascribed to these springs since Roman times. Recent tests have disclosed that the springs contain a high concentration of the radioactive gas "radon," the Israel Institute of Technology reports. An American nuclear physicist has been directing research on the project for two years.

Jewish Custom to Be Revived

The ancient Jewish custom of reading the Torah (Law of Moses) at the end of a sabbatical year will be revived this autumn in Israel. When the Temple was in existence, the people of Israel used to gather in the courtyard during the Festival of Succoth (the Ingathering of the Firstfruits) while the king read aloud from the Torah, as directed in Deuteronomy 31:10-13. During the dispersion the custom was discontinued, but it will be revived this year, the first sabbatical year since the creation of the new Jewish state.

Bible Conference in Jerusalem

A Bible conference was held recently in Jerusalem, the first in the new State of Israel. There were about 500 scholars in attendance, most of whom were teachers. Lectures were given on the Bible with a special lecture on the recent discoveries of Old Testament scrolls in the area of the Dead Sea.

This conference probably was a far cry from other conferences held in Jerusalem in apostolic times, which we read about in the Book of Acts, chapters 2, 11, 15, etc., but nevertheless it is heartening to know that so many Jewish teachers are studying the Old Testament. "These are they which testify of me," said Christ, referring to the Old Testament Scriptures.

Liquor and a Champion

Heavyweight boxing champion "Jersey Joe" Walcott and his manager have filed a million-dollar suit against the Calvert Distilling Company over alleged use of Walcott's photograph in whisky advertising. The suit claimed the advertisement caused Mr. Walcott "shame and humiliation," and harmed his value as a boxing attraction and his standing as an example to American youth.

The Indwelling Power of Pentecost

Marie E. Brown — A Meditation on Psalm 29

PSALM 29 is called "The Pentecostal Psalm." It exhorts us:

"Ascribe unto Jehovah, O ye sons of God, ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength. Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name; worship Jehovah in the beauty of holiness." (Marginal reading, A. S. V.)

Here is Pentecost, indeed, for Pentecost means the glory of God's power and the power of God's glory. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you and enters into you, as He came in that upper room, filling the house where they were sitting and filling those who were sitting in the house (Acts 2:4), causing them to "speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave utterance . . . the wonderful works of God" (v. 11), you too will know both the glory of God's power and the power of His glory, and will worship Him.

We have worshipped the Lord in holiness and have thought we were doing quite well, but how many worship "in the beauty of holiness"? There were garments of "glory" and "beauty" worn by the high priest as he ministered in the sanctuary. God has made us priests but He does not ask us to wear special garments. We have been redeemed by the precious Blood of the Lamb, and our beauty of holiness is that inward purity and outward witness of a life wholly given to the Lord.

It is this that makes distinct from all others the life of the person who has received his Pentecost. No one can yield his life wholly to the Master without the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Look at the disciples of our Lord. Even while they were with Him, the self-life was uppermost—trying to spare the Lord His cross, sleeping when He asked them to watch and pray, denying Him at the most crucial time, forsaking Him, and wrangling, even at the last supper, as to who would be the greatest among them. But look at those same disciples after Pentecost. The Spirit's power had taken full possession of their lives. Signs and wonders followed their ministry (as well as persecution and

martyrdom). They had no fear now. There was no looking for the first place. They were humbled and yielded, for the Holy Spirit had come in to stay.

You ask, Is this last Pentecostal outpouring the same as at the beginning of the church? I am sure of this one thing: the Holy Spirit is just the same, and when He can find disciples who will give Him their all, His power will be the same.

The life that is filled with the Spirit will bear the fruit of the Spirit. "By their fruits ye shall know them." What is this fruit? It is "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22, 23). It is this "beauty of holiness" that God desires.

The Spirit-filled life is one of true worship. "True worshippers," said Jesus, "shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth (life)" (John 4:23). We are to serve, it is true, but worship must come first if our service is to be acceptable. "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God," said Jesus, "and him only shalt thou serve" (Luke 4:8).



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In our Authorized Version we read, "Give unto the Lord. . . ." Three times in this Pentecostal Psalm the word is repeated—"Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name. . . ." The threefold repetition suggests a threefold giving. We give our spirit, soul, and body to Him. When we give our spirit we give just one-third of the whole. God wants the soul, as well. The soul has to do largely with the self-life. It is here we find the "old nature" which is to be crucified so that Christ may be enthroned. God also wants the body—"a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" (Romans 12:1). Is the claim unreasonable? No, it is "your reasonable service." You are giving this threefold gift to God in order that you may give unto Him the glory that is due His name—in order that in the beauty of holiness you may give Him your heart's adoration and affection. This will be with you "a spiritual mode of worship" (Romans 12:1, Weymouth's Translation).

It is then we hear the seven voices of God. Our life His temple now, He has a right to His sanctuary, and we hear His voice.

"The voice of the Lord is upon the waters" (v. 3). Waters are symbolic of people and of people's troubles. The Spirit's power is in the voice of the Lord, speaking peace to the troubled soul. He often speaks to us in our troubles so as to lift us up and out of them. Listen to Him! His voice stilled the troubled waters of the Sea of Galilee for His frightened disciples, and He will speak peace for you.

"The voice of the Lord is powerful" (v. 4). Dynamic! When He speaks, let all the earth be silent. "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God" (Psalm 62:11).

"The voice of the Lord is full of majesty" (v. 4). Kingly! Has the voice of the Lord as sovereign found in your heart the response, "My King"? If it

has, then He is enthroned in your heart, and you, His willing and obedient subject, are giving to Him glory, and power, and homage—the fruits of Pentecost.

"The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars" (v. 5). It is a figure of bringing low the lofty and proud. It is hard for proud hearts to break, to go under, but God will work His work of grace in the hearts of all who will heed His voice.

"The voice of the Lord divided the flames of fire" (v. 7). The cedars, having been brought low, having been broken, now are set on fire. To the hundred and twenty in the upper room there appeared cloven tongues like as of fire, which parted asunder and sat upon each of them. When a cedar starts to burn you have a hard time putting it out. Likewise the fire of the Spirit—God's fire will burn up all that is combustible of the flesh. He asks for an offering made by fire, a whole burnt offering. When God gets the whole, He reduces it to a little heap of ashes, and in exchange He gives you beauty for ashes.

But that is not all. While the voice of the Lord is breaking the cedars, and burning them up by dividing flames of fire, He is also shaking the wilderness. *"The voice of the Lord . . . shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh"* (v. 8). "Kadesh" means "sacred"—a "sanctuary." We hear people say, "I was sanctified once, but I lost the experience." God is shaking our dead experiences in order that He might give us real ones. God wanted to take Israel into the promised land at Kadesh but they refused through unbelief. Let us learn from their mistake. Let us give to God all there is of us, and then let us take from Him all He has for us. Pentecost comes after you get into the promised land, away up at old Hebron (the place of fellowship with God) and at Timnath-Serah (the place of shining light). Here a new day dawns.

Then we hear the last voice of the seven. *"The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve . . . and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory"* (v. 9). The hinds are sure footed, swift and untiring, and can go over the rough, steep mountains with ease. Constantly in flight, they bring forth their young with difficulty—but God makes them to calve. When Pentecost is in your soul God will make you like the hinds. That hill of difficulty? That insurmountable obstacle? You will go over them all, bearing fruit even into the uttermost

parts of the earth, making disciples of all nations, preparing them for the coming of the Lord.

The Psalm ends with a blessed scene of peace: *"The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace"* (v. 11).

Will you have this "Pentecostal Psalm" made real in your life? You can, by giving yourself wholly to the Master. Give Him your spirit, soul, and body—and He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Acts 2:37, 38.

Sin Is Exceeding Sinful

Mark A. Hinman

THE EAR can become so accustomed to certain noises that it will scarcely notice them. It happens that our town is in the landing and take-off pattern of a large Navy Air Base for jet planes, and the planes fly in quite low over our home with a great engine roar. Some friends who were spending several days at our home were greatly disturbed by the noise. Being from a comparatively quiet city, they were not accustomed to such noisy nights and they lay awake all night—they could not sleep for the roar of the planes. But the noise did not bother me. I had grown so accustomed to it that I hardly noticed the sound of a single plane.

We may become so accustomed to living loose lives that we no longer feel any twinge of conscience. We may be so used to seeing other professing Christians doing things which are definitely out of line with the Scriptures that we simply say, "Oh, well, I guess it isn't very wrong; everybody's doing it!" It is surprising what one can do with his conscience once he trains it!

God wants us to get back to our early view of sin. At conversion our conscience was tender and we were afraid of the slightest sin. We had a holy

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timidity, a godly fear lest we should offend the Lord. But perhaps we have not kept that holy timidity and godly fear nurtured and cultivated by worship, prayer, and reading of the Word of God, and gradually we have begun to permit the first ripe fruits of the Christian life to be removed by the rough handling of the surrounding world, so that today we look on sin lightly; we minimize its sinfulness; we overlook its potentialities. Light thoughts of sin lead God's children away from fellowship with Christ.

The apostle wrote, "Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful." Romans 7:13.

Christian friend, beware how you think of sin! Take heed lest you fall little by little, until you are completely captured by that from which you were once delivered. Sin—a little thing? It is poison! It is deadly! Little? It is the little foxes that spoil the vines. It is the tiny coral animals that build the rock in the ocean which can wreck a giant ocean liner.

Do not the little strokes of the axe finally fell the mighty Douglas fir? Will not the continual dropping of water wear away the stone? Beware of sin. It was sin that girt the Redeemer's head with thorns and pierced His heart. It was sin that made the Son of God suffer anguish, bitterness, and heartbreak. If you could weigh the least sin on the scales of eternity, you would fly from it as from a deadly serpent. You would abhor the least appearance of evil.

Look upon sin as that which crucified the Saviour, and you will see sin as it really is—exceeding sinful. If you are partaking of any sin, I beg of you to flee from it. Flee to Christ and ask forgiveness. He is your Advocate with the Father, and through Him you can be cleansed. Only clean Christians can live in true fellowship with God. Sin—in any form, in any guise, in any degree—is exceeding sinful.

Despise not the advice of older Christians. Mark Twain said: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant that I could hardly stand to have him around. Then I got to be 21. I was astonished how much the old man had learned in seven years."

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Smooth Stones

Ralph W. Harris

ONE SUNDAY morning during a vacation period, some years ago, we gathered about fifteen children from the cabins near ours for a Sunday School period, and told them the well-known and well-loved story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17). In the course of the story we mentioned that David chose five smooth stones out of the brook for ammunition in his sling.

The thought of those smooth stones stayed in our mind, and as we meditated the Lord taught us some precious truths.

A PARALLEL

In this passage is a picture of an age-old struggle. Goliath, the giant, is typical of Satan, our arch-enemy who bellows out his challenge, "Give me a man that we may fight together." David, the shepherd boy, is a type of Christ who answered Satan's challenge and won a glorious victory. Let us examine the parallel.

Notice the champion for the enemy—Goliath, a giant, bigger, stronger than any warrior in the camp of God's people. He is well prepared, well trained, "a man of war from his youth (verse 33). He has all the equipment needed for either defense or attack—a spear, a sword and a shield. No wonder his appearance struck dismay and terror into the hearts of his foes, so that they fled before him.

What a picture of Satan, experienced, crafty, powerful! We must remember that he is an old hand in this conflict between good and evil. He is more than a match for our strength. Through the centuries he hurled his challenge, asking for God to produce a champion with whom he could fight. Finally, in the person of His Son, God answered that defiance.

"Give me a man!" In response to that challenge, God sent His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin. David is here a type of Christ; and what the older brothers of the Law and man's own efforts could not do, God did through His Son. Again notice the parallel—that David was despised by his brethren; that the prize was a bride, great riches, and freedom for his father's house (verse 25). Furthermore, David had

to go down into a valley to win the victory. He used a seemingly foolish weapon, defeated the enemy with his own weapon, wrought a complete victory over the opposing forces, received a great ovation as he came home, and finally was crowned king.

Likewise Jesus, though despised and rejected, won a glorious victory. By His Calvary victory He is winning a Bride, the Church; a treasure, "for the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field"; and freedom for His people, for "whom the Son sets free is free indeed." He went down into the valley of death to achieve His victory; used a seemingly foolish means, the cross; and with Satan's own weapon of death defeated him. No wonder the hosts of heaven came out to meet Him, singing in praise, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in." And though our King is still exiled and not recognized by some, there is coming a day when "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

THE STONES

But let us notice the means and the method of victory—the stones. Just as David utilized a very simple means to defeat the enemy, so Christ needs something He can use to strike a death-blow to the devil. And you and I can be stones in the hand of the Master to achieve this purpose.

The only requirement of these stones was that they be smooth. David did not need precious stones, rubies, diamonds or other gems. For his purpose they would be no more valuable than common stones. Nor did he need large stones, nor beautiful. These qualities would add nothing to their value. He looked merely for stones which were smooth. Why? For the same reason that cars are streamlined—so that he could get maximum speed out of them and facility in leaving his sling. There would be no protruding surfaces to turn the stone from its course.

For His great purpose of defeating Satan, Jesus does not need precious stones, people who have a lot of wealth. Nor does he need big stones, people with prestige and a sense of importance. Neither does He need beautiful stones,



David at the brook

people who have great ability or talents. All He needs is simple, plain, ordinary stones like you and me—provided we are *smooth* stones.

SMOOTHING THE STONES

How did David's five stones become smooth? They had been lying in the brook which ran through the valley. Those stones had not always been smooth. They had become that way by the action of the water which knocked them around, against great rocks, and carried them over the gravel in the bed of the stream. They had been smoothed by their contact with other stones, and by the constant wearing of the water itself. Some of them had come a long way, driven by the current. It had not been a pleasant process. If they had been human beings, some of them would have grumbled and complained and questioned why this had to happen to them, and whether all this was necessary. But if they had known from the beginning the wonderful purpose God had in mind for them—that one day they would be used to gain a notable victory—they would have been glad for the knocking around, and mingled with the rippling song of the stream you might have heard the strains of the chorus, "It will be worth it all. . . ." The stones might have taken as their favorite verse a paraphrase of Romans 8:28, "All things knock us around for our good, for we have been culled according to His purpose."

GOD'S PURPOSE

Listen, Stones. God has a purpose for our lives. He wants to use us for His glory, to gain a victory over Satan. He does not choose us to display us on a shelf. He wants to prepare us for a place of usefulness in His hand.

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It takes time, as it did for the stones in David's day. It may take years of preparation, the day-to-day wearing of circumstances, to make us fit for God's use. Don't be in a hurry. God is wearing off some corners of self-effort, dependence upon self, that might throw you off course. Perhaps you have wondered why you get knocked around in your encounters with others. You are puzzled over the clashing of personalities, the thwarting of your ambitions, the frictions that arise, the rebuffs, the criticisms. It's just one stone knocking against another, smoothing off the corners, chipping off the characteristics which are not like Christ. And remember, while that other stone is knocking some chips off you, you are doing the same for him! Perhaps the pastor is one rock which is being used to smooth you up a little. A deacon or a Sunday School teacher may be another. Or God may use the gravel of the little annoyances, the petty troubles which come to all. Or it may be the constant attrition of the swift current of life in today's complicated world.

GOD'S PART

Here is some encouragement. You say, "Well, it doesn't look as though I'll become completely smooth until I reach heaven." Perhaps not. I don't suppose David's stones were perfectly rounded, though they had to be quite smooth. God can use us even if we are not perfect. All that was required of those stones was to be smooth and yielded to the hand of David. He supplied the power and direction, for the stone had no power or will of its own. Take courage, Stones. Jesus will provide the power, for He says, "Without Me ye can do nothing." And He knows exactly where to send us to fit in best.

Have you put yourself in the hand of the Master? Are you submissive to His will? If so, you can consider the place where you are right now His chosen place for you. Do what you can and all you can in that situation where you now find yourself. Then, in His time and His will, He will direct you elsewhere.

The victory over the enemy took just one stone. Though David needed only one, he had four others in reserve in case the first one failed. God is not dependent upon you, for He has others He can and will use if you fail; but you are all He needs to gain a glorious victory. If you will endure the wear and tear, the friction and knocking around needed to streamline your spiritual life, and will then lie restfully in the Master's hand, He will use you for a notable victory to bring happiness to your heart and glory to His name.

Turn in your Bible to Ezekiel 16:49, 50 and you will discover the sins of Sodom. It is revealed here that there was pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness. Then turn to Revelation 3:17 and you will see the sin of the Laodicean church, the church period in which we are now living. Note the striking comparison. When any people get to the place where they feel they have need of nothing, they are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." May God help us to keep the fire of His Holy Spirit burning in our hearts, and to be active in His service, and very dependent upon Him at all times.

MISSIONS AT HOME

New Fields . . . Deaf Mutes . . . Prisoners
Jews . . . American Indians . . . Alaska
Foreign Language Groups in U.S.A.

THE ALASKA CONVENTION

"This has been the largest and the best!" was the remark heard over and over again during the Alaska Convention, held June 3-8 at Bethel Tabernacle in Juneau. Harold I. Maley was host pastor to the fourth biennial gathering.

The last official count of ministers, workers, delegates, and visitors present was 148, and the closing day of the convention saw the local Sunday School record broken with 202 present. The roster revealed that there were representatives present from all but three of our 21 Assemblies of God churches in Alaska. In order to accommodate the crowd, it was necessary to utilize the chapel of the mortuary near by.

In spite of crowded conditions, the host church was able to place all out-of-town guests in homes about the city. All the delegates thoroughly enjoyed the time of fellowship about the noon meal which was served each day by the women of the host church.

There was a good spirit on the part of all which added much to the success of the convention. Whether in the devotional meditation in the morning, in the business meeting during a debate, or during the glorious evening services, there was a prevailing sense of unity which made everyone sorry to see the convention close.

Distances are great in Alaska compared to areas covered by a district council (except in Texas!). Some of the delegates travelled over a thousand miles in order to enjoy the privilege of fellowship with those of like

precious faith. Some had been saving money for two years in order that they might attend this truly Pentecostal gathering of saints in the capital of Alaska.

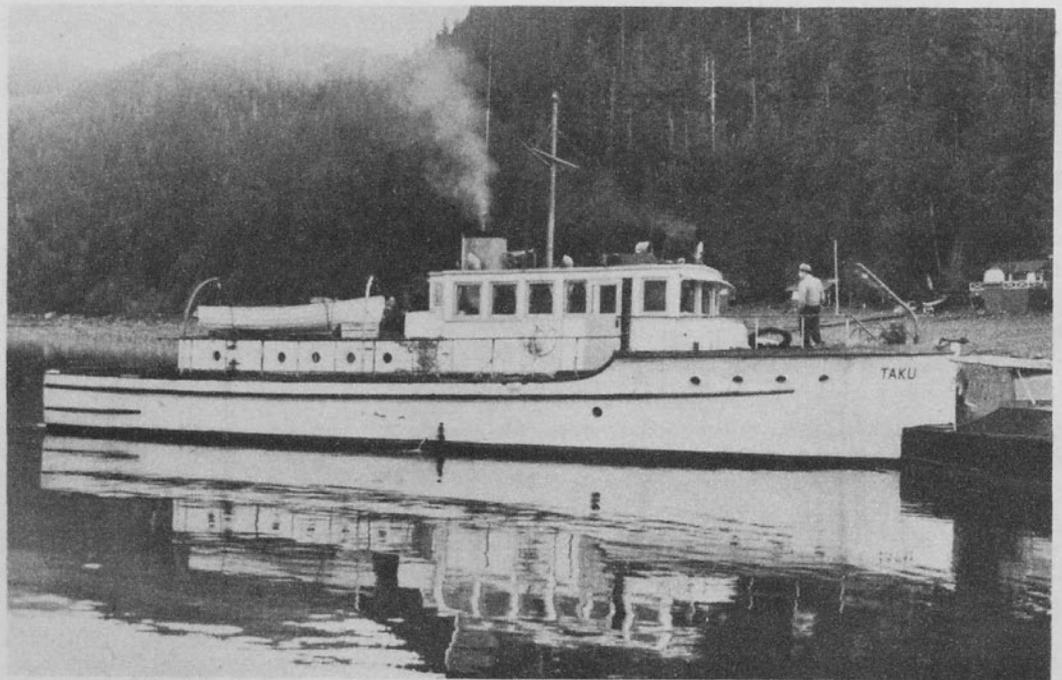
One of the highlights of the Convention was the street meeting. Every evening (except one when it rained too hard) a group of workers gathered in downtown Juneau to sing, testify, and exhort. Under the capable supervision of William Gunn, pastor of the Wrangell Assembly, the gospel went forth for God's glory.

As a little means of relaxation, on Saturday afternoon all the delegates drove out to Mendenhall Glacier. This is one of the most noted beauty spots of Alaska and is situated just fifteen miles from Juneau.

Delegates attended the convention from Anchorage, Aniak, Chugiak, Cordova, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, McGrath, Nome, Palmer, Pelican, Petersburg, Seward, Sitka, Valdez, Wasilla, Nenana, and Gustafson. The Mayor of Juneau said in his official welcome to the convention that we had churches in some towns he had not even heard about. In reply, Fred Vogler, Director of the National Home Missions Department, stated that in addition to the 21 churches, there are children's homes operated by Assemblies of God workers in Aniak, Palmer, Juneau, Valdez, and Wasilla. He further stated that we have four airplanes operating in connection with our missionary endeavors. The planes are stationed at Fairbanks, Aniak, McGrath, and Fort Yukon. In addition to these, we have two cabin cruisers which help greatly in reaching the more sparsely settled and inaccessible areas.

Nineteen new workers were appointed during the convention, and three ministers were ordained. This brings the total number of workers in Alaska to 98, most of whom are self-supporting.

Wonderful growth among our churches is being evidenced on every hand. Juneau, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Ketchikan are our largest churches at present. The first three named are averaging over 100 in Sunday



Fifty-five-foot cabin cruiser recently purchased for year-round gospel work along the Alaska coast.

School, with Ketchikan pushing steadily toward that mark. Almost all of the churches are having to expand their buildings because they have outgrown their present space and facilities. Incidentally, the Assemblies of God have more churches and more people attending them than any other denomination in Alaska!

A revival spirit prevails throughout Alaska. Now is the time to go forward on this last

frontier of the North American continent. Thank God for what has been accomplished, but there are many more souls to be won. Let us continue to pray and give to see Alaska's thousands brought to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ before He comes!

—Reported by Harry M. Myers, Field Secretary of the National Home Missions Department.

How Prayer Changed 100,000 Lives

Kenneth Taylor

Four, six, eight, or even ten hours a day John Hyde prayed for the souls of men with such earnestness that at the age of forty-seven he died as a direct result of this tremendous burden of prayer. But because of his prayer, revivals came that swept 100,000 souls into the kingdom of God.

"Praying" Hyde—for so he was called by his fellow missionaries in India—began this ministry of intercession in preparation for a great conference of missionaries and Indian pastors scheduled to meet in 1904 at Sialkot, India. The church life in the Punjab was far below the Bible Standard. Few were being saved among the Christless millions. John Hyde and a friend decided that this would not be merely another conference, but that they would wait upon the Lord until torrents of blessing should fall.

Thirty days before the conference began these two men set themselves apart for prayer. Day and night they prayed. After seven days a friend joined them, and for twenty-one days these three prayed, day and night. When at last the conference began, the power of God was there. As a result of that conference literally thousands were prayed into the kingdom.

Through the next six years John Hyde was

led increasingly into a life of watching and praying for others. Sometimes he found it impossible to conceal his mighty burden for lost souls and it was evident to all that he was bowed down with mighty travail of soul. But all this time, although he ate and slept little, he was bright and cheerful, welcome wherever he went. Children loved him and were happy when he came to stay in their homes.

Then the time came when he began to pray definitely that one person would become a Christian each day as a result of his witness. He felt fully assured that God had heard this prayer. Sometimes it meant long journeys, nights of watching, prayer and fasting, pain and conflict—yet he was never disappointed.

But he was not satisfied. The voice of the Lord seemed constantly to say, "Other sheep I have. . . ."

The following year John Hyde asked for two souls a day. Eight hundred souls were gathered in that year.

Once again he laid hold upon God. At length he received the assurance of four souls a day.

The horror of sin seemed to deepen upon him. The long, sleepless nights of prayer and

weary days were written deeply upon his face. Yet his figure was almost transfigured as he addressed great conventions, the glory of God lighting his every feature so that many hardly recognized him.

If during this time at the close of any day four souls had not been brought into the fold, at night there was such a weight on his heart that he could not eat or sleep. Then he would ask the Lord to show him the obstacle in him to this blessing. Invariably he found that it was the want of praise in his life. Confessing his sin, he sought the spirit of praise; and as he praised God, people came to him and the claimed number of saved was completed.

Finally this intense life of prayer began to affect his health. Suffering from a burning fever and an increasing pain in his chest, he continued his night watches. When at last he went to a doctor, the man was shocked. "I have never come across such a bad case as this," he said. "Your heart has been shifted out of its natural position on the left side to a place on the right side. It will require months and months of strictly quiet life to bring it back to anything like its normal state."

Returning home to the United States to die, he happened to be in Shrewsbury, England, at the time of the opening of the Chapman-Alexander evangelistic meetings. Later Dr. Chapman wrote: "We believe in prayer as never before. The audience was very small; results seemed impossible. Then I received word that an American missionary was about to pray down God's blessing upon our work. He was known as 'Praying Hyde'. Almost instantly the tide turned. The hall was packed and my first invitation meant fifty men for Christ." After that the Spirit was present in such power that all barriers were broken, hindrances removed, and sinners were crying for mercy and being saved.

A few months later, John Hyde was dead, having burned out his life in agonizing prayer for lost men. But as a result of that prayer, a hundred thousand souls were brought to the Lord Jesus Christ. What a glorious death to die!—*Selected.*

For a dollar you can order the Evangel for two friends. See back page.



Sunday School time at Juneau on the closing day of the Alaska Convention. Visiting ministers and delegates swelled the attendance to 202, breaking the local Sunday School record.

Repenting "to the Bottom"

W. W. Simpson, Northwest China

WHILE DOING missionary work in Taochow, now Lintan, Kansu, Northwest China, in 1905 I met a Chinese by the name of W——, a graduate of a Confucian school.

W—— became interested in the gospel message and began coming to my home for careful study. He soon confessed faith, was baptized and became a teacher in one of our schools. Later he was accepted by the Christian and Missionary Alliance as an evangelist.

W—— was a poet by training and natural ability. He worked with us on hymn translations and composed some songs himself.

In 1908 the Holy Spirit was outpoured during our annual Northwest China Convention. When W—— saw a Chinese believer filled with the Spirit he drew back, and was soon backslidden. He was not willing to pay the price of Pentecost. Then he committed a crime, and separated completely from God and the church.

In 1918 I returned to the Tibetan border of Northwest China. W——'s son heard of my arrival, came to one of my services and believed. His father then came to services, too. For five days W—— listened, prayed and wept.

At the end of the five days W—— came to me and told me that he was going away the next day as there was no forgiveness for him. He felt that he had done all that he could, but that he had been rejected.

"Whether you have confessed all, I do not know, but this I know: when you have repented *to the bottom* the Holy Spirit will come in," I told him, using a Chinese expression.

The following morning there was a sunrise service. I spoke just a few minutes. My message had to do with Christ's taking our place on the cross. After I had finished speaking I placed a hand on W—— and prayed for him. As I did so the Holy Spirit fell upon him. As there were others who needed help, I left W—— and went to them. Suddenly I heard an unusual noise. Turning I saw W—— beating his chair. He began to scream, "Don't want! Don't want nail to the cross!" I knew that he had arrived *at the bottom*. Within a few minutes W—— was speaking in another tongue. This he continued for hours. Others also received the Baptism that day.

From the time of that experience W—— was a new creation. All his three sons and two daughters were brought into the fold. The family helped considerably with the spread of the gospel. W—— was a good worker.

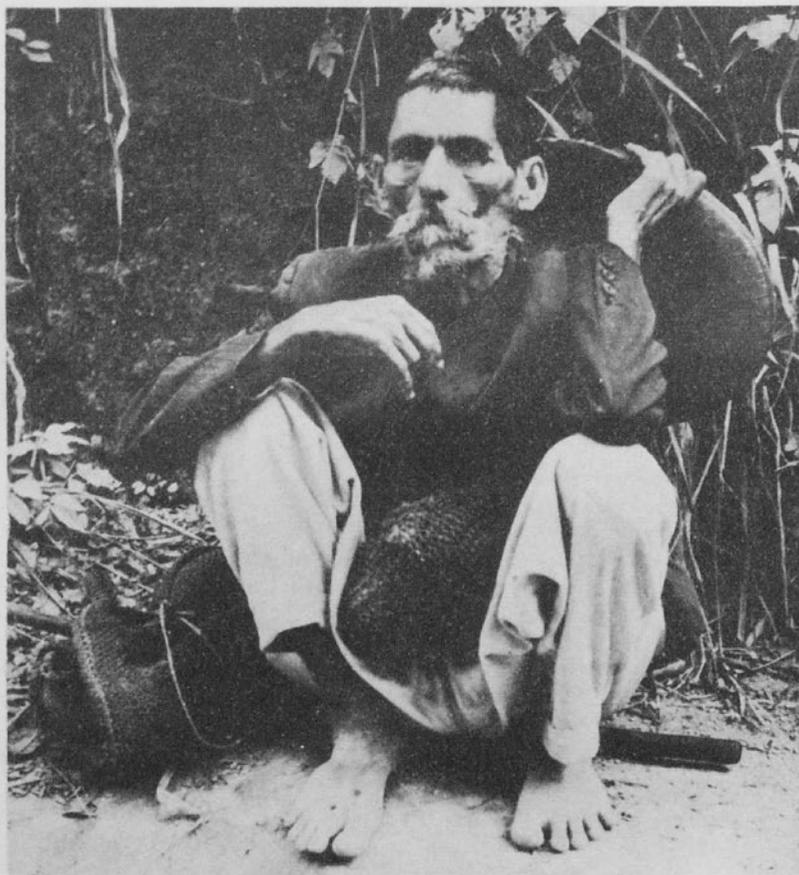
There needs to be more true repentance. There was nothing wrong with Job's conduct. It was written in the Bible that Job "was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil," but when Job saw the Lord, he said, "I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye

seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:5, 6.

Paul probably had a high opinion of himself until he met the Lord en route to Damascus. It seems likely that he thought of himself much as was expressed in Philippians 3:5, 6: "Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an

Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless." On the Damascus road he lost all his exalted ideas, and he came to count everything as nothing that he might obtain Christ. That is true repentance—*to the bottom*. It is repentance that prepares one for God's blessings.

When I left China in 1940, W—— was an old man. I gave him money to return to his old home in Lintan, but the Japanese had taken over the railways and he dared not attempt to make the trip. He stayed on with one of his sons in Peking, doing all he could in the Lord's work until he *fell asleep* in 1941. In 1948, when I last saw W——'s wife, sons, and daughters, they still were continuing in the way.



WAITING FOR HELP

This man, a national of El Salvador, is waiting by the side of the road for help. He is in darkness, natural darkness, for he is blind—a blind beggar.

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The Conversion of Carlos

David T. Scott, Peru

IN FEBRUARY of 1951 a young Quechua man, Carlos, came down from his mountain village to the great city of Lima to seek his fortune. He wandered by chance past the door of one of our churches while a service was in progress. The music coming through the door was a great change from the sad, minor-key music of the Quechuas. It was so different from anything that Carlos had ever heard that he was disturbed—yet drawn; and he slipped inside the church and took a seat far back near the door, crossing himself carefully when he realized that he was in a religious service of some kind.

The pastor spoke that night on the love of God for sinful man, and at the close of the message invited all who wished to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour to come to the front of the building for prayer. Carlos did not understand just what it all meant, but there was a desire to accept the invitation, and he did.

No great change seemed to come over Carlos as he prayed that night, but he continued to attend the services and to pour out his heart in simple prayer. His soul seemed to open to Christ as a budding flower opens to the sun. Finally there came a knowledge that sins were forgiven.

As is so often the case, the very simplicity of the young man helped him in his Christian development. He applied himself to the reading of the Bible. In the beginning it was hard, for he read with difficulty, but it was not long before he was able to manage several chapters a day. Verses were committed to memory.

After some time Carlos decided to return to his own village to tell his people of the One who had come to mean so much to him. He set out, traveling by bus, truck, and horse. Using scriptures he had learned and the hymns that had been sung in the church, he testified to fellow travelers. When he parted company with them he prayed aloud, asking God to come into their hearts.

At his own village Carlos told his mother and other relatives of how he had been set free from the bondage of sin. His reception was quite different from what he had expected. Instead of being received with gladness he was scorned and called a heretic.

Carlos persisted in his testimony regardless of the opposition, going to all who would listen. In the evening he gathered around him those who were interested and read to them from the Bible. As a general rule, the more isolated the village the greater the difficulty in bringing people to the Lord. Finally, though, Carlos had the joy of praying with his mother and other members of his family and a number of friends for salvation. Idols were gathered and smashed into bits by the new believers.

Upon Carlos' return to Lima he gave a lengthy report of his activities. It was not a man of many years' experience who gave the report. It was a simple, mountain boy,



A new assembly established in Springs Location, Transvaal, South Africa. It is the result of a recent revival under the ministry of one of our African evangelists, Johnson Nebe.

unlettered and untaught; but God had done remarkable things through his willingness and faith.

May God give us many more like Carlos, whose testimony is so real and effective!

IDENTIFIED BY THE "EVANGEL"

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Perrault report that they had a lovely voyage to Europe aboard the *SS. Sibajak*. Two church services were held daily on their ship in which there were two persons won to the Lord. A young German woman was won by Mrs. Perrault.

Mrs. Gallice and Miss Gallice, wife and daughter of the pastor of the Le Havre church, were at the dock to meet the Perraults. The two women had decided to make themselves known to their guests, who will be doing missionary and evangelistic work in France, by holding up the *Evangel*. They were much surprised when the *Evangel* attracted close to fifty persons, for there were that many Pentecostal believers on board!

The address of Brother and Sister Perrault is 156 Rue de Longchamp, Paris 16, France. The wrong address was given to some of their friends.

FEELING SORRY FOR GOD

A little girl received a silver dollar from her uncle, a gift which thrilled her because all she had ever received previously was pennies. "What will you do with it?" he asked.

"I think I'll give it to God for the missionaries," she said. "You see, He never gets anything but pennies either!"

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Living Waters

Pauline Smith and Adeline Wichman
Gold Coast

WATER is first and foremost in most minds here in Africa. We must have water in order to exist anywhere, but out here it becomes more precious than ever as it is so scarce at times. We had our second rain of the season last night and how it has lifted us to meet the tasks before us. Everything now looks so refreshed and clean.

The living water of the Spirit has also been refreshing this area. In some of the services one almost can feel the breezes of heaven stirring. Here in Wale Wale and in the surrounding villages hungry souls are drinking at the fountain.

Several months ago a backslider brought his wife and small baby to us as they were not well. The man said he knew that he had failed the Lord in turning back to his heathen gods. We prayed for the woman and the child; but God, who doeth all things well, saw fit to take the baby to be with Him.

On the Sunday following the death of the baby, the man, his wife and older daughter came to church, and at the close of the services came forward and dedicated their lives anew.

Shortly afterward we went to the village where the people live, for a service. After the service the man went into his hut, and brought out all his heathen medicines and fetishes. We burned them. Some of the Christians got so happy as they saw the powerless, man-made stuff go up in smoke that they sang and danced around the fire.

The story goes on. Some time later the man came to our house with two of his relatives, husband and wife. The couple wanted to follow God and destroy their heathen gods.

Then just this last Sunday a cousin of the Christian came and dedicated his life to God.

The wonderful thing is that these people have not waited for the close of church services to make their decisions. They come to church with their minds made up.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

Lesson for July 27

Daniel 6:14-23

One of the principal thoughts of our lesson is the plotting stealth and cunning inspired by jealousy. The chronology given in our Bible ties chapter six in with chapter five. The fall of Babylon and the slaying of Belshazzar is dated 538 B. C., the events of our lesson were in the same year. This being so, we find King Darius setting up his government over his newly conquered empire. He would "set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom" (v. 1). Over these he would appoint three presidents of whom one was Daniel (v. 2). Among these three, because of the excellence of his spirit, Daniel was in the mind of the king to be set over the whole realm (v. 3). To have this man from among the captives to be raised to such elevation, especially since he was a Jew, was too much for the carnal nature of the other princes. They dared not oppose the king openly; instead they would induce him to do their will by flatteries.

1. The Plot Against Daniel

These princes well represent modern-day politicians. If they wish to undermine a man they will seek something in his record that they can use. If they are unable to do this, they will trump up something. I read one time of a good man with a happy home-life who was running for office. The politicians could get nothing on him that they could use, so they devised to have a newspaper man ask him this question: "Your wife is planning a divorce, is she not?" When he answered "No," they spread on the front page of the newspaper, "Mr. _____ says his wife is not planning a divorce," leaving the impression that there was trouble in the home.

With Daniel there was no fault that could be found. This is remarkable for he had been clothed with scarlet and made the third ruler in the realm of Babylon on the night when Babylon had fallen. One might think that these officials would have made a great cry that Daniel was not worthy, nor to be trusted, since he had been exalted by Belshazzar. They did not try this because it was apparent that King Darius knew the man and had entire confidence in him. They would gain their ends by flattery. They would induce him to make a decree that any who made petition of any god or man, other than he, should be cast into the den of lions. The king fell for this flattery. How humanity loves to be worshiped! Put man on a pedestal and he feels that he is something. In prosperity and success it takes true Christian character to keep humble.

2. A Good Man Cast to the Lions

The opponents of Daniel were so sure he would be true to his religion that they had no doubt that their plan would work. In this they were correct. "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open . . . toward Jerusalem, he kneeled . . . three times a day, and *prayed*, and gave thanks" (v. 10). At one time there was a good woman in the church of which I was pastor, whose house almost touched the house of her neighbor. She read this scripture and then felt she must open her window when she prayed, so that the neighbor might know that she was calling on God. Self-consciousness made it hard for her to pray, so she came to me with the matter. I reminded her of another scripture—"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6). Then I showed her the request which Solomon had made at the dedication of the temple. "And hearken thou to the supplication . . . of thy people Israel, when thy shall pray *toward this place*" (1 Kings 8:30). See also v. 47. Daniel prayed "toward Jerusalem" because he was a Jew. We pray toward heaven. Daniel continued his devotions regularly as he had done before. May God keep us faithful to Him when the testing time comes, and at the same time give us wisdom.

When it was observed that Daniel had broken the edict of the king by petitioning God, his enemies were prompt in dealing with the matter. They reminded the king of his decree. The king's heart sank, for he admired Daniel; but according to the law of the Medes and Persians he could not alter his decree and there was nothing he could do other than to deliver Daniel to the lions. The king's own pride now began to scourge him. He felt flattered when asked to establish the decree; now he would give much could he cancel it, but it was too late. Many a man has had ample opportunity to regret having yielded to empty plaudits. Empty praises, pleasant flatteries—how often they turn and sting like an adder those who have been so foolish as to be carried away with them.

3. God Magnified in Daniel's Deliverance

Daniel was cast to the lions, but the anguished king hoped that in some way Daniel would be delivered—"Thy God, whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee" (v. 16). The den was sealed. Then the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting (v. 18). It is not where we are but our mental and spiritual

state that counts. The king was in the palace, surrounded by every creature comfort, yet was suffering anguish of heart. Daniel was in the den of lions, but his heart was calm; the blessing of God rested on him. May this teach us that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). Godliness with contentment is great gain, while godlessness with great abundance is great loss. The next morning, very early, the sleepless king came to the den and "cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel." Whether he had faith that God would deliver Daniel, or whether the goadings of conscience brought him there, we may not know. The fact that his cry was "with a lamentable voice" shows a lack of confidence such as would be evident in real faith. And yet his cry received an answer. Daniel replied with majestic courtesy, "O king, live for ever! My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths."

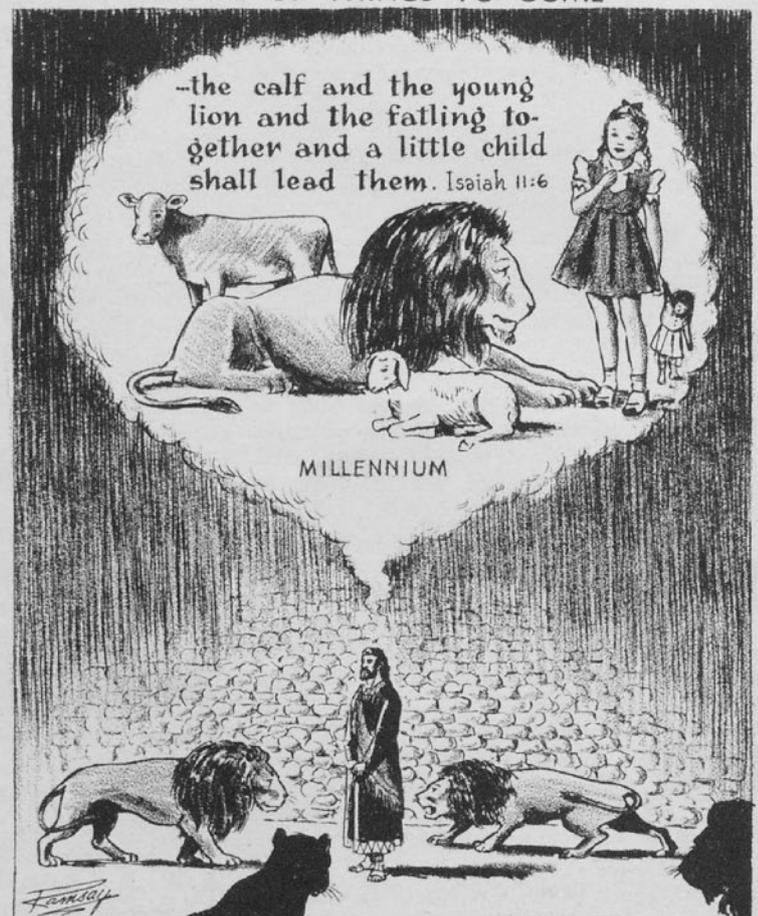
What looked like defeat to the servant of God proved to be a mighty victory. Instead of Daniel's enemies being profited by their plot, the reverse was true. They strengthened Daniel's position and lost their own lives! And the king commanded all his people to fear Daniel's God (vv. 25, 26)!

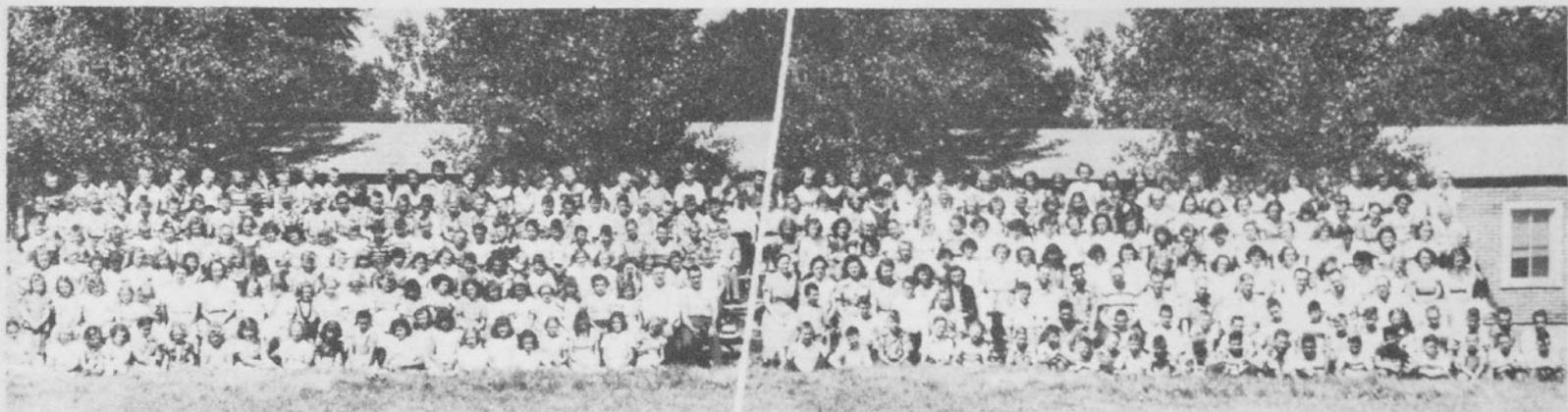
Daniel was "prime minister" in the governments of two different empires—Babylon and Medo-Persia. We know of no other man who has been so honored of nations. We cannot all be promised similar positions, but we can be assured that God will be with us, if we remain faithful to Him.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Handwriting on the Wall (lesson for Sunday, July 20). Lesson text: Daniel 5:1-12.

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME





There were 292 registered at the Boys' and Girls' Camp at Lexington, Nebraska, last month. They are shown here with their teachers and supervisors, including Frank L. Sobotka, the Camp Director, and Charles

W. Denton, the Camp Evangelist. During the five days of Camp 46 boys and girls accepted Christ as their Saviour, 26 received the Baptism, and 25 were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

Interest Growing in Boys' and Girls' Camps

"This is to permit Jack Hart of Summertown, Iowa, to become a full-fledged camper on the Camp Grounds at Lake Kampeska, this twenty-third day of June, 1952. We give permission to each camper to enter into all the activities of the camp—to play, swim, eat, swat mosquitoes, and scratch chigger bites."

So reads the introduction to a handbook distributed to campers at one Assemblies of God Boys' and Girls' Camp. But the handbook tells only half of the story. Boys' and Girls' Camps offer a wide variety of activities plus a satisfying curriculum of study. Swimming, eating, and playing satisfy the camper's physical energies; camp crafts stimulate his creative urge and the desire for self-expression; while supervised study of God's Word and encouragement in devotional practices give guidance to the camper's spiritual life.

At Sunday School the boys and girls receive only fifty-two hours of religious education each year, compared with eleven hundred hours of study in the public school. One main purpose of Boys' and Girls' Camps is to supplement the number of hours of religious education provided by the church.

In most districts it is young people nine through fourteen years of age who are eligible to attend camp. Statistics reveal that the church loses 75% of boys and 65% of girls between these ages. It is plain to see that there is a tremendous need for a harvest of souls within this age bracket. The informal atmosphere of camp opens the heart, and the ministry of the Word, in daytime class instruction and in evening evangelistic rallies, draws the youth toward God.

Psychologists maintain that young people learn more from association than from either books or teachers. At Boys' and Girls' Camp, not only is the camper under the influence of spiritual leaders for three or four hours each day, but he lives, eats, works, and plays with Christian companions throughout his stay at camp. The influence of other Christian young people awakens within him a desire to know Christ. Association with Christian companions not only strengthens Christian

character but helps to remove the sense of aloneness many boys and girls feel at this age. Boys' and Girls' Camp helps to give the camper the sense of security that is possessed only by those who are certain of their future in Christ.

At camp boys and girls are better prepared for life. Camp rules concerning the care of cabins and the camper's personal appearance, and the encouragement of personal daily devotions, help to establish good habits. Through the guidance of camp counsellors, many campers are brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The timid are helped to enter more freely into activities with others. Mischievous children find their energies absorbed by constructive activities. Disciplinary signs remind the children: "No Beating on Trays"; "No Screaming at Each Other While at Work"; "All Rules Must Be Obeyed." Boys' and Girls' Camp helps youth to respect authority and to live happily with one another.

Some parents have preferred to send their children to secular camps believing they were better supervised. This is because they have not been informed about the care and protection provided at an Assemblies of God Boys' and Girls' Camp. For every ten or fifteen children, there is a camp counsellor who is responsible for them day and night. In addition to this, registered nurses, dietitians and lifeguards are stationed on the camp grounds. Most camps require that questionnaires be filled out concerning communicable diseases, and the camper's chronic ailments and other physical disorders are considered before he is allowed to register. Each boy or girl is covered by insurance from the time of departure from home until they return.

Schedule of a typical day at a Boys' and Girls' Camp is as follows:

Reveille	7:00 a.m.
Flag Raising	7:30-7:35
Morning Watch (devotions)	7:45-8:30
Tent and Ground Clean-up	8:30-9:00
First Class Period	9:00-10:00

Recess	10:00-10:45
Second Class Period	10:45-11:45
Lunch	12:00-1:00
Rest Period	1:00-2:00
Supervised Recreation	2:00-3:00
Counsellor Conference	3:00-4:00
Dinner	5:15-6:15
Free Time	6:15-7:00
Evening Rally	7:00-8:30
Evening Prayers	8:30-9:00
All Quiet - - Lights Out	9:15 p.m.

This is a typical schedule, but no two camps are alike. Everything, including the Bible studies and evangelistic services, is geared to the age group and the individual situation.

Last year the New York-New Jersey camp divided its handwork activities into three groups: the boys, woodwork; one group of girls, ceramics; another group of girls, leather tooling, coppercraft, shell work, or painting plaques. Handwork gives the campers a sense of accomplishment. Camp crafts encourage the development of worthwhile hobbies; and, by helping to eliminate discipline problems, make the camp more orderly.

Instead of Boys' and Girls' Camp, a few districts conduct a Junior Bible School in conjunction with the regular adult camp meeting, and certificates are issued to the children upon completion of the course. In the evening the young campers make up a choir for the evangelistic service. District officials have stated that these Bible Schools are important stimuli for their camp meeting. Regular Boys' and Girls' Camps ordinarily are held on the district camp grounds about three weeks after school is out, just following Vacation Bible School.

Young people should be reached for Christ while they are still sensitive to His claims. Christian fellowship and guidance at Boys' and Girls' Camps will help youth to experience life at its best.

Men may become so absorbed in social wrongs as to miss the deeper malady of personal sin. They may lift the rod of oppression and leave the burden of guilt. They may seek to correct social dislocations and overlook the awful disorder of the soul.—J. H. Jowett.

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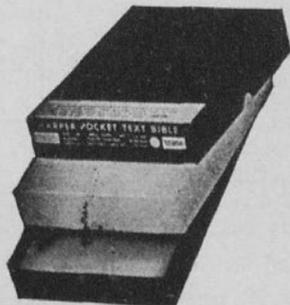
CHAPTER 43

BUT now thus saith the LORD
that created thee, O Jacob,
and he that formed thee, O
Israel, Fear not: for I have re-
deemed thee, I have called thee
by thy name; thou art mine.

f ch. 45. 21
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i ch. 44. 2, 21
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IMPAIRED HEARING

Two years ago the school nurse made several trips to our home to inform us that our son, who was in the first grade, continued to have only 75 per cent hearing in one ear. She said that this could be an indication of some very serious condition in his body, and that it was imperative that we bring him to the county hearing clinic.

After making an appointment at the clinic, I gave our boy his choice of going to the clinic or trusting God who had healed us all thus far. He chose to trust the Lord for his healing, so I cancelled the clinic appointment Lester Damron, who was our pastor at the time, prayed for him.

The nurse tested his hearing several times the next year, but made no comment. Our son is in the third grade now. Recently she tested him over and over, and sent this signed statement: "Paul's hearing was normal today. I know you will be happy."

Paul also had severe pains in his arms at the same time. The Lord healed him of this trouble also, and he has not been bothered since.—Mrs. Harold H. Breithaupt, Hay, Wash.

(Endorsed by Pastor Lester W. Damron, Moscow, Idaho.)

BROKEN LEG

On November 10, 1951, I was in an automobile accident. My right leg was broken and so badly smashed that some of the bone fragments were discarded by the doctor. I was in the hospital eight days and was then sent home.

I returned to the hospital December 1 and they removed the cast from my leg. All 32 stitches were terribly irritated and infection seemed about to begin.

I suffered so intensely one night that I asked the Lord to save my soul and to stop the pain. The Lord heard my cry and immediately the pain stopped. I was released from the hospital again on December 14. The pain returned and I was unable to rest night or day. On January 10 I went back to the doctor and requested some medicine to help me rest. At bedtime I took the medicine and went to sleep. At midnight I awakened and was terribly sick. I began to call on the Lord. Suddenly an angel appeared at the foot of my bed and told me to throw away the medicine and get out of bed and walk. The angel repeated this command three times before I obeyed. When my feet touched the floor all pain and sickness left; and I walked all over the house, shouting and praising the Lord.

Two days later I went back to the doctor and had X rays taken. The picture showed the bone perfectly formed and healed. I told

the doctor that God had healed my leg. He admitted that something had happened but he told me that I would still have to stay in the cast five more months and that I could not work for six months. I insisted that the cast be removed, and finally the doctor took it off.

On January 30 I received the Baptism, and on February 24 I returned to work as a pumper for the Magnolia Petroleum Company. I have worked steadily ever since. So now I am a saved, healed, Spirit-filled, happy man.—Mr. Fred Turner, Box 76, Bruni, Texas.

(Pastor A. R. Kennedy, Bruni, Tex., writes: "God has done a marvelous work for our brother. He attends our church and he is living a victorious Christian life.")

CANCER ON FINGER

Three weeks before Christmas, 1950, a growth resembling a blood blister appeared on my left index finger. At first it did not hurt, but as it was on the main artery from the heart, it began to hurt as it grew. In three months time it had grown to the size of the end of my little finger and it hemorrhaged.

The doctor told me that it was cancer, and that it had spread through the blood stream. He said that an operation would be dangerous. He sent me to a cancer specialist, and he told me that I must have an operation at once. The day and hour was set for the operation.

The night before I was to have the operation I was in church. While I was praying the Lord spoke to my heart and told me to leave it all to Him. The next morning I called the doctor and told him I had decided not to have the operation,



Once there was a boy—

in a hole. Some kind friends fixed up a wonderful rope to get him out. It really *was* a wonderful rope—thick and stout. But it was too short!

Our National C. A. Department enjoyed a heart-warming response to this year's C. A. Day appeal. The Department depends on the offerings of that day to finance its year's activities in behalf of our youth. These offerings have provided a rope stout and strong, but it is just too short—only 1,657 churches out of 6,200 gave. If you missed giving on C. A. Day, please do it now. The C. A. Department is too valuable a fellow to leave in the hole! Send offerings to

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but would trust the Lord to heal me. I told him I would come back and show him when God healed me.

Following this decision my faith was severely tested. The throbbing pain in my finger caused me to lose much sleep. My husband and I spent many days in prayer and fasting. I memorized Scriptures on healing, and many times a day I quoted them when the devil tempted me to doubt or fear. I would remind the Lord that these were His promises and that I was standing on them.

The Lord quickened these scriptures to my heart: "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:21, 22). "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14-15).

Many friends stood by me in prayer, and after some months the pain and soreness left. I returned to the doctor and he said the cancer was dead. The growth still remained on my finger for a while. On January 30, 1952, the growth came out and all that remains is a small scar which can scarcely be seen. This experience has been a wonderful victory in our ministry for the Lord. Many doctors and business people of our city who knew about this cancer were stirred.—Mrs. G. A. Green, 2306 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo.

(Mrs. Green's husband is pastor of the North Side Assembly of God in Springfield, Mo.)

HEALED OF MANY AFFLICTIONS

I was in poor health for years. The doctor said I had high blood pressure and other complications. I could hardly walk and could not get around to do by work. Then I got rheumatism, developed a severe burning in my stomach, had trouble with my bowels, and had vomiting spells. I could not eat anything but a little baby food. I had a tumor the size of my two fists below my chest. I was losing weight and could not rest at nights. My hearing was bad and I had a cataract on one eye. I also had gall bladder trouble and a choking in my throat that made it hard to breathe.

I went to the hospital for X rays, but after the examinations and X rays they sent me home with very little hope. My daughter-in-law went to the doctor for my report. They told her they could not operate under any circumstance because of my age and complication of my afflictions.

Brother and Sister Weyandt and others came to hold outdoor services, and then they held services in the homes. I felt I just had to go to those meetings. I asked for prayer for salvation and healing. The Lord saved me and healed my body. I can hear and see better. I can read my Bible now which is something I could not do for many years.

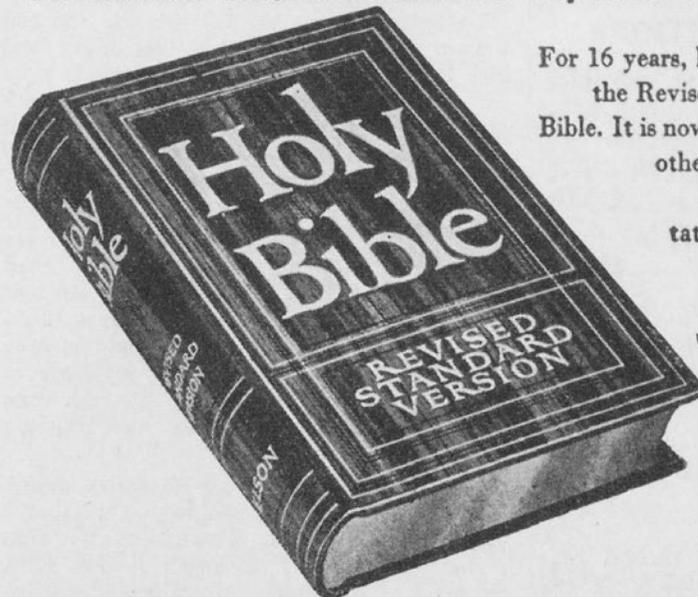
The tumor, throat trouble, and all the other afflictions are gone. I can eat anything I want. I have been baptized in water and also have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Mary Beers, Fallen Timber, Pa.

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aid, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

ut he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

hen the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou thy foot against a stone.

us said unto him, It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

ain, the devil taketh him up into the temple, and shewing him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory thereof, saith unto him, If thou wilt worship me, all these will I give thee.

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RUPTURED BLOOD VESSEL OF THE EYE

It happened at Sunday School on June 4, 1950. I was asked to read a Scripture verse, but when I tried to read everything became blurred. I found that I could not concentrate my vision on any one object. I did not have any pain, and the condition came so suddenly that I thought it would soon pass away. But it didn't.

I had my eyes tested, thinking that I needed glasses, but the doctors told me I had a ruptured blood vessel in the eye. They said I also had a blood clot over my eye. They made an appointment for me to see Dr. Whitten, an oculist, in Fresno, California.

Dr. Whitten examined my eyes and said there was not much hope of my vision being normal again; in fact, he said I might lose my eye. He said it was hard to tell the outcome of these blood clots and that many times the eye has to be removed. He advised me to take a two-week rest and see if the hemorrhage would cease. I did so, and at the end of two weeks the blood clot broke loose.

But still my eye was not right, and one day when I awoke from nap I had an awful ache over my eyes. My eye was red and drawn. I went to church that night and had Pastor Paul Keeth and the people pray for me. The pain ceased. Before the service was ended, the eye had straightened and the redness was gone.

Six months later I went back to my oculist for a checkup as he had requested. He kept me in his office for over three hours. He gave me a thorough examination and then talked with another doctor. Finally he told me that I had a new set of perfect blood vessels grown alongside the old ruptured ones that were no good. The blood vessels are in perfect shape and in full use, although very thin, and he advised me to eat more calcium to strengthen them.

On February 7, 1952, I went to the doctor for a routine check-up and he told me that I was completely well. There was no sign of thrombosis and I no longer needed extra amounts of calcium.—Mrs. Lucy S. Armstrong, 535 E. Polk St., Coalinga, Calif.

(Pastor P. R. Keeth of Coalinga, Calif, endorsed this testimony and added, "The doctors said they had never heard of anyone ever growing a new set of blood vessels.")

A GOOD TRACT ON THE QUESTION OF FASTING

If any are puzzled over the question of protracted fasting, we recommend a pamphlet by Preston W. Snowman entitled, "What the Bible Teaches Concerning Long Fasts." The article first appeared in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL four years ago.

The author examines the record of the fasts of Moses, Elijah, Daniel, Jesus and others, and brings out some Bible facts which are often overlooked by those who advocate long fasts.

He takes issue with those who teach that a long fast is the Bible's formula for obtaining spiritual power. He shows that the rare cases of long fasts in the Scriptures were the result of particular supernatural dealings of God with the individuals concerned, and

were not meant to be examples for us to follow.

His observation about abstaining from water during long fasts, and his evaluation of the dietary process for "breaking in" the stomach after prolonged fasting, deserve careful consideration.

"Let us take heed not to be overbalanced in any direction," he says. "Fasting is a teaching of the Scriptures and has a proper place in the Christian life; but the Scripture also teaches that each of its doctrines and particular parts must be interpreted and taught in the light of the whole."

The pamphlet may be purchased from The Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Price \$1.40 per hundred copies. Ask for pamphlet number 4 EV 4670, "What the Bible Teaches Concerning Long Fasts," by Preston W. Snowman.



WITH CHRIST

CARL O. OLSON, Keyes, Calif. went to his eternal reward on June 11, 1952, at the age of 68. Brother Olson was ordained in 1946.

BIRDIE L. ALLEN, Grand Prairie, Tex. went to be with the Lord on March 21, 1952. He was 49 years old. Brother Allen was ordained in 1936, but for the last few years he has been inactive because of a paralytic stroke.

CANADIAN ASSEMBLIES WILL SELECT NEW LEADER

MONTREAL, QUEBEC—The new General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada will be chosen at the General Conference which will meet in Montreal, September 11 to 16.

C. B. Smith, who has served as General Superintendent since 1944, resigned last March to accept the pastorate of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Victoria, B. C.

The conference sessions will be held in the Central French Pentecostal Church, of which Emile Lassegues is pastor.

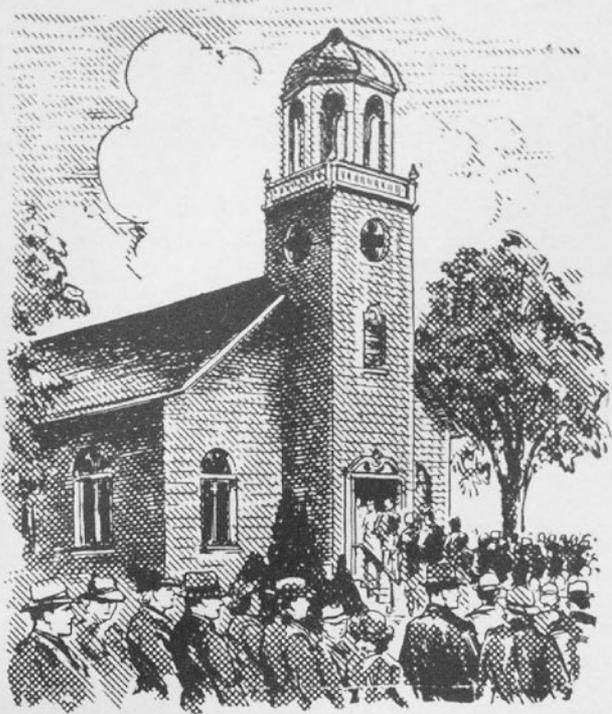
A highlight of the conference will be a coast-to-coast broadcast on Sunday afternoon. Pastor Lassegues will preside over the broadcast and C. B. Smith will give the address. The broadcast will be heard on the "Religious Period" sustaining program of the C. B. C. Trans-Canada network, September 14, 2:30 to 3 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

The broadcast will originate in St. James United Church, Montreal's largest Protestant church. It will be followed immediately by a missionary rally directed by George R. Upton, Missionary Secretary. Missionaries from twelve overseas fields of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada will be featured, in native costumes.

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada embrace 540 affiliated congregations on the Canadian mainland, and are in co-operative fellowship with another 80 churches in Newfoundland which had their own organization prior to 1949 when Newfoundland became a Province of Canada. They have an aggregate membership of 100,000 and support more than one hundred foreign missionaries.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

GRAND RIVER, IOWA—We have concluded a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Howard Hannah. Seven were reclaimed and the saints were encouraged. The Sunday School records were broken. We had a V.B.S. with very good results.—Orville Grace, Pastor.



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THE PRICE STAYS DOWN WHEN THE CIRCULATION GOES UP

MURFREESBORO, ARK.—Many new people attended our church during the revival with Evangelist Wayne Danner of Russellville, Ark. Several were converted and the entire church stirred. The revival spirit continues with souls being saved in the regular services.—R. D. Jones, Pastor.

LYNWOOD, CALIF.—We have just concluded our first revival in our new church. Evangelist and Mrs. Bob L. Sheran of Hollywood, Calif. were with us. The Lord gave us a number of souls including a Jewish woman who had been living far from God. Brother Sheran's message on the second coming of Christ stirred our hearts. Sister Sheran's anointed singing reflected the glory of God's saving power.—Harold Pegg, Pastor, Belle-Vernon Assembly of God.

NORFOLK, VA.—The Lord was very real and precious to us in a recent meeting held in our new church. Jacob Filbert of Fort Worth, Texas, was with us; and also Evangelist David Nunn of Dallas, Texas, was with us for four weeks. Many souls found the Lord and a number were reclaimed. There were many marvelous healings including blindness, deafness, and tumors.—H. M. Harrison, Pastor, Calvary Assembly of God.

ELECTRA, TEX.—Record crowds attended the tent meeting with the Musical Vander Ploegs of Toledo, Ohio. Forty-seven were gloriously saved, a number were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and many testified to definite healing. God moved in old-fashioned, Holy Ghost power and conviction gripped the hearts of the people. On a number of occasions Brother Vander Ploeg made an altar call in the middle of the service and people came to the altar.—Grover W. Risner Jr., Pastor.

LOS GATOS, CALIF.—Evangelist W. Hartman Smith just closed a series of meetings with us. Several were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Lord manifested Himself in some of the most definite healings I have ever seen. Some were healed in the congregation and others by the laying on of hands.

One man who had not been able to lie down flat on his back to sleep for over a year, was instantly healed of water in the blood. Others were instantly healed of nervous troubles and arthritis.

The meeting was a real blessing to our church.—A. Harold Persing, Pastor.

KINGMAN, ARIZ.—We united with the Foursquare Church and the Christian Tabernacle in a tent meeting in May. Lloyd L. Smith and party (Evangelist and Mrs. Forrest Murray and daughter) were with us for 17 days. Around 30 were saved including two whole families, and 23 were filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. The last night of the meeting a lieutenant in the U.S.A.F. received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We thank the Lord for this meeting and for the fine co-operation of the people to fast and pray, even before the meeting started.—R. W. Krake, Pastor

ROGERSVILLE, MO.—The Lord gave us a profitable meeting with Evangelist Loren West of Springfield, Mo. Our V.B.S. was in progress at the same time and Brother West spoke to the children several times. The average attendance was between 55 and 60.

There were 24 saved or reclaimed (including 10 from the V.B.S.), and 15 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There was a wonderful spirit in the services each night. The attendance in the regular Saturday night street services increased during the meeting.

We had considerable opposition to the meeting, but the more the devil worked the more God blessed in the services. We have started a building fund so that we might have our own church in which to worship.—J. W. Acker, Pastor, Full Gospel Church.

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COMING MEETINGS

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HOLLISTER, CALIF.—July 20—; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul R. Keeth, Coalinga, Calif. (J. C. Merwin is Pastor.)

CONROE, TEX.—Tent meeting, July 8—22 or longer; J. Patrick Pullon and party.—by Paul Zook, Pastor.

PLEASANTON, KANS.—July 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. Whitlock, Appleton City, Mo.—by R. O. Clemons, Pastor.

CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, July 20—Aug. 3; Evangelist Bennie R. Harris, Loveland, Colo. (H. J. Hays is Pastor.)

RICHMOND, IND.—Tent meeting, July 14—27; Velmer Gardner Evangelistic Party, Springfield, Mo. (H. Warren Staats is Chairman.)

LESLIE, ARK.—Dedication of Assembly of God, July 20 (11 a.m.); G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, speaking.—by Mabel Pearson, Pastor.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—Tent meeting at end of new bridge, July 20—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb, Dallas, Tex.—by O. M. Keener, Pastor.

FARGO, N. DAK.—Tent meeting, 3rd Ave. and 20th St. N., July 6—20 or longer; The Fox Party.—by Milton Barfoot, Pastor.

OXFORD, NEBR.—Newly dedicated Assembly of God, July 16—; Evangelist Robert Tague, Central City, Nebr.—by N. T. Levang, Pastor.

HAZLETON, PA.—Tent meeting, Kress Circus Grounds (end of North St., West Hazleton), July 8 through August; Evangelist Stanley W. Karol, Philadelphia, Pa.—by William A. Caldwell, Pastor, Faith Assembly.

MINNESOTA YOUTH CAMPS—Teen-age Camp, ages 13—19, July 21—26; Paul Hild, Evangelist. Boys' Camp, ages 9—12, July 28—Aug. 2; Paul Hild, Evangelist; Girls' Camp, ages 9—12, Aug. 4—9; Evangelist Ione Soltau, —by K. M. Freiheit, Director.

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