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



C. A. DAY, APRIL 26, WILL SIGNAL THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LONG-RANGE EVANGELISM EMPHASIS IN OUR NATION-WIDE YOUTH WORK.

National and District C. A. leaders who will spearhead the new program are shown above.

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

World Record for Suicides

There were 16,999 suicides in the U.S.A. during 1952, more than any other country in the world. In spite of our boast that America is the "home of the brave" and that "in God we trust," an increasing number of Americans are afraid to face life's problems alone and too proud to trust God for His help in solving them.

Methodists to Try Tithing

Southern California Methodists, impressed with the success of religious groups which emphasize tithing, have launched a six-month tithing experiment, beginning April 12. They estimate that if all members had tithed last year the income of the Methodist Church would have been five times as great, so Methodist ministers will preach a series of sermons on tithing and will ask their members to sign cards pledging ten per cent of their income for the church.

Army Calls for More Chaplains

The Army has 200 chaplain vacancies at present, and will have 200 more vacancies by the end of 1953. In an effort to induce more clergymen to offer their services in this vital field the Pentagon has announced that any ministers holding commissions as company-grade chaplains in the U. S. Army Reserve or the National Guard may now volunteer for a year of active duty. Existing age requirements may be waived.

Information concerning the one-year tour of duty may be obtained from the Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C.

"I Buy Dry" Idea Spreading

The "I Buy Dry" movement, which started as a young people's project in a local Methodist church in Dallas, Tex., has now spread all over the city and is going over the State of Texas. The idea is to boycott all places of business where beer, whiskey, or other alcoholic beverages are sold, and to tell them why they are being boycotted, at the same time letting the bone-dry business concerns know that they are being preferred because they do not sell any kind of liquor. If all professing Christians would take such action they might stop the sale of liquor in many drug stores, grocery stores, etc.

Would Probe Juvenile Delinquency

A resolution calling for a probe of juvenile delinquency in the United States has been introduced in the Senate by Estes Kefauver and Robert C. Hendrickson. They said that a "million children a year now get into difficulty with police and the courts, and if the present trend continues by 1960 the courts and police will have to handle 1,420,000 cases of child offenders each year."

Four Major Crimes a Minute

Does America need the gospel? Do we need to intensify our efforts to win men and women to Christ? The latest FBI report on crime furnishes an answer.

FBI records for 1952 show that 2,036,510 major crimes were committed—four a minute. This represents an increase of 8.5% over 1951 and is the highest yearly total so far. Here is the breakdown:

Felonious homicide (murder and willful or negligent manslaughter): 12,860, up 4.3% over 1951.

Rape (including statutory rape): 17,240 up 2.6%.

Aggravated assault (with intent to kill or maim): 87,930, up 11.8%.

Robbery: 58,140, up 11.6%.

Automobile theft: 215,310, up 9.3%

Burglary: 442,760, up 8.7%

Theft (except automobiles): 1,202,270, up 7.5%

German Pastors Imprisoned

Pastor Werner Gestrich, of the Evangelical Church in East Germany, has been sentenced to twelve years in prison by a Soviet Zone court at Frankfurt on Oder for alleged "anti-State agitation."

Earlier Pastor Erich Schumann, a Lutheran clergyman, had been similarly charged and condemned to six years of imprisonment.

The Lutheran Church of Saxony and the Moravian Brotherhood in Herrnhut issued a common statement protesting the sentencing of Schumann. The statement, which was read in the churches in Saxony, affirms that in his sermons and addresses Pastor Schumann has spoken on the basis of the Word of God, and that to condemn him means to condemn the whole Church which has the mandate to proclaim the Word of God. But the resistance of the churches has not deterred the Red opposition. Another Lutheran minister, Carl August Brandt, has been arrested on the charge of anti-State utterances and "economic crimes." Several other Evangelical clergymen have been reported "missing" or under arrest since the Communists launched their new drive against the Protestant churches in East Germany early this year.

Reds Have New Shrine

According to Russian broadcasts, the Reds now have a new shrine and a new "god." Streams of pilgrims are passing by the Lenin-Stalin tomb in Red Square, Moscow. "The continuous flow of the people to the Square, where everything spells the name of Stalin, is the embodiment of the people's boundless love for the great architect of Communism," the broadcast said. Such man-worship is paving the way for the worship of the "man of sin" who soon may be revealed (2 Thess. 2:3, 4).

Homosexuals in the Government

The State Department announced last month that, since the new Administration began, it had rid itself of 21 homosexuals and other "bad security risks." In one week, eight sexual perverts and five other security risks had been "separated" from the service. Since 1947 more than 325 homosexuals have been fired or forced to resign from the State Department.

The fact that so many sexual deviates have been found in one of the highest branches of our Government, would indicate that the human race is completing a cycle and that men have sunk back into the same sensuous sins that characterized ancient history, as recorded in the first chapter of Romans. The apostle warned that such a condition would exist "in the last days" (2 Timothy 3:3). It is time to warn people of "vile affections [passions]" that the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all such sins. The Bible states repeatedly that "they which commit such things are worthy of death"—that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God [to those who repent] is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

World Statistics on Religion

Slightly less than thirty per cent of the people in the world are called Christians, and sixty per cent of the nominal Christians are Roman Catholics. So says the *World Christian Handbook*, recently published by World Dominion Press, London. It says that the total number of Christians in the world is thought to be over 700,000,000 persons out of a population estimated to be about 2,400,000,000. Roman Catholics are estimated to be about 420,000,000 persons; Eastern Orthodox, from 144,000,000 to 172,000,000; the Copts about 10,000,000; the larger Protestant communions probably about 215,000,000. "The more global these figures become, the less reliable they are for statistical purposes," the book says, but it is evident that the number of born-again Christians in the world must be comparatively small and that the need of world evangelism is staggering.

Jews to Begin Missionary Effort

Reform Rabbis have decided to initiate a program of preaching missions, advertisements, and literature designed to interest and to convert to Judaism non-professing Jews and unaffiliated Gentiles. But *Prophetic Word* asks: "What does Reform Judaism have to offer? It has no Saviour, no authoritative Scriptures, no hope of a Messiah or of a resurrection, and not even the ritual of orthodox Jewry. Over half a million American Jews espouse this liberal theology. They, along with 4,500,000 American Jews in other branches of Judaism, urgently need missionaries themselves."

Spiritual Hunger in East Europe

Radio Free Europe reports that fifty per cent of the listeners who write from behind the Iron Curtain plead for more religious programs. Evidently there is a spiritual hunger that Communism has not been able to supplant.

The Biggest Business on Earth

James E. Hamill *

at the Annual Conference of District C. A. Presidents

THE BIGGEST business on earth is evangelism, for evangelism is fundamental to Christianity. You can't have an ocean without water; you can't have a city without buildings; you can't have a church without members; and you can't have Christianity without the spirit of evangelism.



J. E. Hamill

Evangelism is essential to the spread of Christianity. The early church history may be written in a few words: "They . . . went everywhere preaching." I don't know of any sentence in all of the New Testament that reveals the secret of the success of the church more clearly than that sentence. Not only the preachers but the laymen went everywhere preaching. They preached in the temple, in the synagogues, in the market places, and in the streets.

The authorities arrested them, beat them, imprisoned them, and warned them not to preach again in the name of Jesus, but those early Christians only replied, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Their very souls were possessed with the spirit of evangelism. If they were put in jail, they preached in jail. If they were released from jail they went right on preaching. If they were brought before rulers they preached to them. Their boldness caused Felix the governor to tremble, and made Agrippa the king to admit, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Those early believers shook the Roman world from center to circumference, simply because they had the spirit of evangelism in their hearts.

It was the same spirit which characterized the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal movement in the early days—the mighty urge to reach every man,

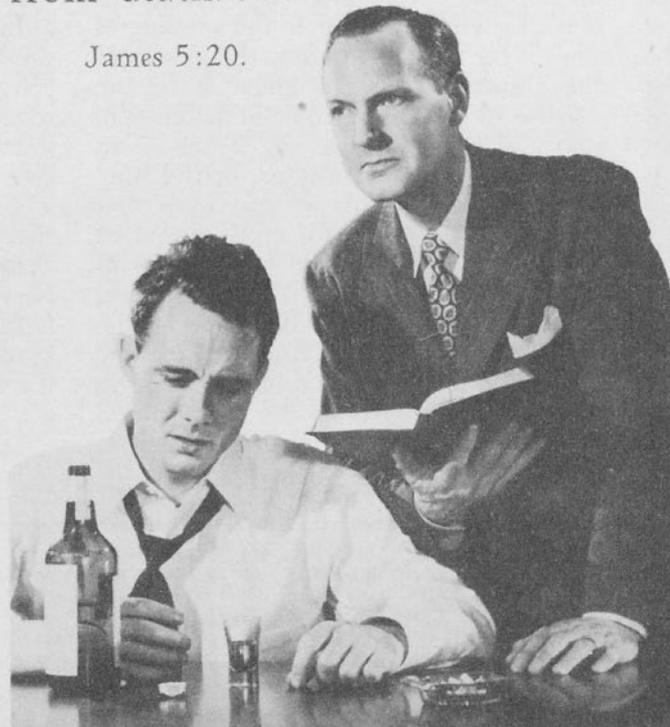
woman, and child possible with the message of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is that spirit that will keep this movement going, and growing, and glowing until Jesus comes again. We must not lose it, and by the help of God we shall not.

Last year I was in Sicily with one of the Assemblies of God gospel teams. We went down to the very tip of Sicily to a place surrounded by the ruins of ancient Grecian temples—one of the loneliest and most forlorn parts of the world one could expect to find. There in a little church we found a brilliant young Italian preaching the gospel. He was a handsome fellow, with a charming personality, and he had received a good education in London.

One day I said to him: "Why do you spend your time away down here? Why don't you go to Rome, Milan, or Florence? Here you are living in one room—it's nothing but a hovel. You are cold and actually hungry. Why don't you leave here and get into a big city where you can really accomplish something?"

"He that converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death. . . ."

James 5:20.



He said to me, "The love of Christ constraineth me. God sent me here, and I'm going to stay here until He tells me to go somewhere else." That's the spirit that has sent this glorious gospel around the world.

The spirit of evangelism is essential to the growth of the local church. I want you to notice that the New Testament church grew. It wasn't a little shack down across the railroad track. Some people say, "Bless God, we have twenty-five in our church; we've had twenty-five for twenty-five years, but we're still Pentecostal." They are not Pentecostal or their church would grow. A Pentecostal church is a growing church. On the day of Pentecost three thousand people were converted, and five thousand more a little while later. Those first Christians filled Jerusalem with their doctrine and "turned the world upside down."

Among the many joys I have had in pastoring the First Assembly in Memphis, the greatest is that in more than eight years there have not been more than five Sundays without someone professing salvation. During the past five years in our new church building there has never been a Sunday without a conversion. Sometimes there has been only one or two; sometimes a dozen; a few times there have been as many as twenty-five or thirty. We are praying that not a week will pass without people becoming acquainted with our wonderful Saviour, until He comes again. Why shouldn't we pray that way? That's the main task of the church—to win men to Christ.

That's the main task of the individual Christian, too. "Every member a witness" is the story of the New Testament church. Don't expect the church meetings to do it all. More and more the attractions of the world are claiming the attention of the public: radio, television, movies, ball games, and pleasures of all kinds. These things are competing with the church. We cannot expect to attract great crowds unless we

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A scene in Switzerland

have something besides the usual three songs, a prayer, a testimony meeting, a sermon, and a benediction. There will have to be a personal contact with the people right where they work and live. They will have to see in the lives and testimonies of the believers something that is different, something that attracts them, something that gives them a desire to come to church and to Christ.

Do you know which converts become the strongest Christians? Not those who are swept in by the sudden force of an eloquent sermon, but those to whom some consecrated Christian of their acquaintance has been witnessing. Some time ago Dr. Jack Mitchell from Portland, Oregon, spoke in our city. He was leader in the Billy Graham evangelistic campaign there, and he stated that a survey following the Portland campaign revealed that most of the converts who were channeled into the churches after the campaign were those with whom Christian friends had been dealing individually. They were dealt with personally before the Graham meeting, were brought to the meeting and converted, then dealt with further after the Graham meeting, and as a result of the personal attention that was paid to them they became active church members. We are wasting our time if we are waiting for large programs of some kind to sweep the world into the kingdom. We need to realize that every Christian is

responsible for his neighbor. The task of soul-winning is every believer's task.

Oh, the joy of leading someone to Christ. A young fellow came into his pastor's office one Sunday morning at the close of the sermon and said, "I want you to take my name from the church roll. I'm not doing the church any good. I think I live a good life, but I'm not happy. I'm not making any progress, so I want you to take my name off the roll."

The pastor said, "I'll do that if you wish, young man; but first I want you to do something for me. Here is the address of a man I want you to visit. Take your Bible along. Speak to him, pray with him, and encourage him to serve the Lord. Then come back tonight and talk to me. If you still feel as you do now, I will recommend that your name be dropped from the roll."

That night, a few minutes before the service, the young man burst into the pastor's office, his face aglow, and said: "Pastor, I don't want to leave the church. I had the most wonderful time this afternoon as I led this man to the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to stay in the church and work for God." An experience like that does something for a person. If any Christian wants to grow in grace and develop a strong spiritual life, let him begin winning others to the Lord Jesus Christ.

But in order to be a soul winner we need to realize what a human soul is worth. Jesus said it is worth more than the whole world. "What shall it profit a man," He said, "if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

And we need vision, too. "Where there is no vision, the people perish." For several years my prayer has been: "O God, give me a vision of the things that can be done for Your glory." I believe we can ask anything from God, and receive it, if it's for His glory. Surely the winning of souls is for His glory. Surely the growth of the Church is for His glory. If we are satisfied to have fifty people in our church, that's all we will have, but if our vision reaches out for two hundred, or five hundred, or a thousand, we can have that many. A good prayer for every one of us would be: "O Lord, give me a vision of what can be done for Your glory, and then give me faith to believe that the vision can be fulfilled. And give me the courage to attempt the things that are in the vision. And give me the strength and wisdom to do them." If that is our prayer,

God will enable us to do something during our earthly pilgrimage that will count for eternity.

One thing I would like to emphasize, however, is that soul winning is not a cold, calculated operation by which we purpose to increase our church membership by so many. Soul winning requires a passion for souls, a pity that yearns, a love that loves unto death, a fire that burns. It requires a prayer power that prevails, that pours itself out for the lost—victorious prayer in the Conqueror's name, the power of Pentecost.

Prayer is essential in evangelism. I cannot find a record in the Bible of a single great revival that was not preceded by prayer. It holds true for the Old Testament revivals as well as those of the New Testament. There was much prayer before Pentecost. They prayed ten days; then Peter preached three minutes, and three thousand were converted! Today we have it all turned around. We pray three minutes; then we preach ten days, and no one gets converted! In the fourth chapter of Acts we read again of the emphasis on prayer. They prayed, and again there was a tremendous revival. Prayer is absolutely essential to soul winning.

Power is essential, too. Jesus said to His disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." But He knew they needed spiritual power to fulfil that commission, so He said to them, "Tarry in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." He said they would receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon them, and that after receiving that endowment of power they were to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. God is asking us to evangelize. He is also offering us the power we need for the task, so we are without excuse.

In the minds of the early Christians, the issue was very clear. What they received they must give. What they possessed they must share with others. It was as simple as that. *What I have I must give. I cannot give what I do not have. Therefore I must possess before I can share. But if I do possess, then I must share.* That was the philosophy of the New Testament church. It must be our faith in this hour, that if we have it we must give it. And if we do not have what the world needs, we must go to God and get it.

Look at that group of men, the Chris-

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tians of the New Testament church. They were just an ordinary lot. They had never made an impact upon the community in which they lived. They were not important in the social world, or in the political world, or the business world, or the religious world. They were a cringing, courageless group. The Roman soldiers would have called them weaklings. The Jewish leaders would have called them stupid and ignorant. But those men walked into the very face of demons,

disease, and sin with faith and power and they saw signs and wonders and miracles wrought in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why? Because they were changed men. They had been with Christ and had learned of Him. They had been to the upper room and had been endued with the power of the Holy Spirit.

They had, first of all, the vision of what God could do. Then they had the faith that He would do it through them. They also had courage, power, and wisdom

from above. And they led souls to Christ until there were more born-again believers in the world of their day than there are in ours, in proportion to the population. They did it without the benefit of the printing press, radio, television, telephone, automobile, and a hundred other inventions that we use, because they had the spirit of evangelism. That's the challenge to us. We need to see that evangelism is the biggest business on earth, and to engage in it with all our hearts.

A Pentecostal Revival in a Baptist Church

GOD HAS no favorites. He desires to send a New Testament revival to every church of every community, regardless of its denomination, and only asks that the church members put themselves in His hands so that He can send it.

There was a gracious revival in the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Ohatchee, Alabama. It lasted two years. They did not have a meeting every night during those two years, though much of the time they did. Revival does not mean merely a series of nightly meetings. It means a coming to life, a spiritual invigorating, a demonstration of the power of God among His people that results in more faith, more prayer, more holiness, more Bible reading, more soul winning, more devotion to the service of the Lord.

The pastor of this church was Robert M. Rogers. He had been ordained in the Baptist Church in October of 1947, and had been pastor of the New Haven Baptist Church near Anniston, Alabama, before coming to Ohatchee. From childhood he had felt a burning desire in his heart to live for God and do something for Him. As a teen-age boy he had more faith than many of his seniors. He used to talk to some of the older people in the church about believing that Christ could still perform miracles, and they disagreed with him. But at Ohatchee he was to see that he was right—that the days of miracles are not past.

As he preached the gospel simply, fervently, with all the earnestness of his heart, something happened. God's Spirit began to move upon the people. Every time they met for the regular services there was a great moving of the Holy Spirit. It was new to the pastor and to the people as well, but they accepted it as from God. And as a result of the moving of the Spirit, souls would be saved in nearly every service.

It was their custom, as Baptists, to baptize people as soon as possible following their conversion, and to give them

the right hand of fellowship as members of the church as soon as they were baptized. There were people accepting Christ as their Saviour all the time and so water baptizings became very frequent.

Often during the church services the people would suddenly start weeping and crying out to God. This would continue for thirty minutes or an hour. Then someone would arise and walk to the front and say, "Pray for me; I want to be saved." This happened over and over again.

Sometimes on Sunday morning before Sunday School classes, while the congregation was singing, the people would start weeping and crying out. Then one, two, or more would stand up, with tears streaming down their faces, some with hands over their faces, and move toward the front, perhaps staggering or even running, to fall on their knees at the altar benches and cry out to God for mercy.

People for whom their loved ones had been praying for years, came to Christ. In some cases, their friends had despaired of their ever being saved. Some of the worst men in the countryside accepted the Saviour, and are still living for Him, as a result of that revival.

So great was the conviction upon the people when they sought God that sometimes, after they prayed through, they would be beside themselves for joy. They would shout and praise God, and even run and leap for joy. There were many visitors and ministers from other Baptist churches who did not like such goings-on. They criticized bitterly, like David's wife Michal. One Baptist minister invited Brother Rogers to come and stay with him, promising that if he did so he would straighten him out. But Brother Rogers did not accept the invitation. He refused to stop the people from taking their liberty in prayer and worship, for he felt it was God.

"I could see that wonderful things were happening," he said. "No other power had been able to deliver these men from drink-

ing and from living in the depths of sin. Others might say it should be stopped, but I saw that it was 'the power of God unto salvation.'"

Prayer seemed to be the chief pleasure of most of the people in the church, especially those who had been saved during this revival. They spent most of the Sunday afternoons in prayer. Sometimes the young men would not even take time for lunch on Sunday, but as soon as the morning meeting was over they would go out in the pasture somewhere, find some shade, and pray all afternoon. Most evenings, if there was no service at the church, the people would gather somewhere else praying for more of God's love and power. One can imagine how close they were getting to the Lord when they delighted so much in prayer.

Not only were the men praying; the women were praying, too. While the men were praying outside the house, the

When day is done



GOSPEL "SALESMEN"

The two young men—in their late 20's, I'd guess—were sitting beside my desk as I approached. They had removed their overcoats and hats and were waiting quietly. Beside each was a leather briefcase, the efficient-looking sort that successful salesmen or advertising agency executives carry.

"Only a few words with you," said one as he introduced himself and his friend by name. "We have come to tell you that except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. That's from John 3, verse 3."

For the next few minutes first one, then the other, talked steadily and sincerely. Their eyes never left mine. They used many Bible quotations, always giving book, chapter and verse. It was an experience, suddenly facing these two. It was only after they had talked for a time that I was able to get their own story.

"Please, we don't want publicity, a mention or anything," the younger man said. "It is only Jesus Christ that we honor."

I assured them people would want to know about this desk-side preaching.

"We've been doing this during vacation," they said earnestly. "We have visited twenty-four prominent executives.

women were praying to God inside. They believed the promise of Matthew 7:7 and God fulfilled it for them—"Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

One night the pastor and a large group of men were praying in a circle out in a grove. Some of the boys soon prayed through and began to shout the praises of God. The rest continued to pray, and after a time two of the young men embraced each other and began to shout. Suddenly they both fell to the ground as if they had been struck down. One of them arose but the other just lay there groaning. The pastor and the rest of the men were amazed. They wondered what was wrong with him. The young man seemed to try to get up, but without success; he tried to talk, and could not.

Brother Rogers began to worry. After the young man had been in this condition for some time, he became genuinely alarmed. He tried to find his pulse, but could not find it, possibly because he was so frightened.

When the young man began to shake and quiver, the pastor thought he was dying. "O God, don't let him die," he cried. He decided something serious had happened—perhaps he had struck his head when he fell, or had broken a blood vessel near his heart! He was desperately

We're like a salesman who had a satisfying experience with what he sells. We do the same with the gospel."

But how did they manage to get past those efficient private secretaries that executives have?

"We call for an appointment. We say, 'I wish to see Mr. Johnson about a personal matter.' Only one out of twenty-four failed to see us, and he sent word to write him a letter. We did—that same day."

How long did they usually spend with these important men?

"From ten minutes to an hour," said one. "After all, we're in on their time. We're the ones who are privileged."

How did they determine which executives to see?

"Prayer," they said. "Then we used the city directory and the telephone book."

Their directness, that quiet, persuasive manner, that look-at-you steadiness made you listen. You couldn't scoff, even within yourself.

As they left, each shook my hand and recited a Bible verse. They left behind three tracts. It was some time before I could get back to work.

(by George Grim, editor of "I Like It Here," in the Minneapolis *Morning Tribune*.)

anxious to do something for him, but could not think of anything to do.

Then about the time Brother Rogers felt he could stand the anxiety no longer, the muscles of the prostrate young man relaxed, and there flowed from his lips the most beautiful language human ears can hear. Evidently God was baptizing him with the Holy Ghost, according to the Bible pattern of Acts 2:4.

The young man continued to speak in an unknown tongue for a few minutes, and then from a short distance away came another voice likewise speaking in another tongue. It came from a man praying on another hillside, who was oblivious to what had happened to the young man. It was a glorious night, never to be forgotten.

Most of the other men (and the women, too) wanted what these two men had received, and began to pray for it. Within a few weeks most of the born-again Christians in that church were filled with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. The pastor himself was baptized with the Spirit about two weeks after that memorable experience on the hillside.

Surely this was a repetition of the story of Cornelius, in the tenth chapter of Acts. God told Cornelius that his prayers and alms had come up for a memorial before Him, and He sent Peter at whose coming Cornelius and his household were baptized

with the Holy Ghost. God likewise had heard the prayers of the hungry-hearted people in the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Ohatchee and had given them their hearts' desire.

The pastor and the others who had received the Pentecostal experience had to leave the church, because the building belonged to the Baptists, but they built a new church. Known as the Full Gospel Assembly of God of Ohatchee, Alabama, it was organized with approximately forty members.

Brother Rogers received credentials as an ordained minister of the Assemblies of God (Alabama District) in October, 1950. Since that time he has been giving his full time to evangelistic work, telling the world that Jesus saves, heals, and baptizes in the Holy Ghost today all those who put their trust in Him. W. W. Hogue is now pastor of the Full Gospel Assembly of God at Ohatchee.

Their Blind Son

Arthur H. Townsend

YESTERDAY I received a pathetic letter. It came from a father and mother whose son is a shut-in; not just an ordinary shut-in but one who has been bedfast for twenty-five years!

The letter evoked admiration as well as sympathy. It said:

"Perhaps you would be interested to learn a little about our son. On June 7th of this year he will be thirty years of age, should the Lord leave him with us. He has been a total invalid, bedfast for twenty-five years. He cannot turn over or sit up in bed; he is completely helpless. He is totally blind; he cannot tell light from darkness. One ear is totally deaf; he spends most of his time listening to his radio and reading his Bible in Braille.

"When this boy went blind, his first expressed wish was, 'I WANT TO LEARN TO READ THE BIBLE.' We had him taught, and he is quite a good reader.

"In the kindness of God this lad has been instrumental in God's hands in leading his older brother to Christ, and he in turn is being used of God in working among children.

"We could tell of others receiving help and blessing through visiting our blind son and hearing him read his Bible. So our dear, helpless son has not lived in vain!"

I learned at least three lessons from this letter. First, I thanked God for health and strength. We take blessings like health and strength so much for granted. I believe that we do not thank God as we should for daily health and strength. David said, "I will bless the Lord at all times:

His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).

Here is a man of thirty who is totally blind and totally deaf in one ear; he cannot turn over or sit up in bed. He is so helpless, yet he has won a soul to Christ. This was the second lesson I learned. Are we, who have health and strength, winning souls to Christ? Have we yet won a soul to the Saviour? Jesus said: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matt. 9:37,

38). "He that winneth souls is wise." (Prov. 11:30).

I was also reminded that one should read God's Word and hide it in his heart. If a blind person will take time and patience to learn Braille, I who have two good eyes should read God's Word each day. I should hide it in my heart. I should feast upon it. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." (Psalm 119:11). "I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy Word." (Psalm 119:16).

Caring for the Converts

David A. Hastie *

THE FIRST lie in the Christian church arose out of the need for the care of new converts. The Jews violently opposed the spreading of the gospel of Christ and those who were converted in apostolic times often lost their livelihood. But in those days great grace was upon all the believers, neither was there any among them that lacked—because Christian capital was converted too.

In Acts 5 we read of a pathetic couple named Ananias and Sapphira who could not face the implications of total conversion. They wanted to share in the care of those who had lost all, but could not face losing all themselves. Like thousands since, they kept back part of the price. Most of us have reason to be grateful that our heavenly Father has not always been as stern with us as He was with them. Their judgment was immediate. Ours awaits the day of final reckoning. We have space for repentance that was denied to them. But it is still as wicked and as hazardous to keep back part of the price.

The care of converts is as costly today as it always was. It is costly in time. It is costly in money. It is costly in travailing prayer, and also in the sharing of burdens. I believe we get as many converts as we are fit to care for. I am convinced that God entrusts His babes to those nurses who are really in love with their job. I am sure revival is held back and blessing limited, not by God, but by believers who are utterly unfit to be entrusted with the care of souls. Many portions of the Word deal with the undying love of Jesus for the lost. In one place He said, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost." Again we see Him weeping over the lost. We note that He was moved with compassion as He looked upon

the multitudes, for they were as sheep having no shepherd. As though this was not enough, we see Him obedient unto the death of the cross because man was separated from God by a mighty chasm. He became our Saviour and bridged that great chasm. We do not mean to detract from the proper emphasis on the reaching and the winning of the lost. There is, however, a great work for the church following conversion and the renouncing of sin by the individual. It is a joyous thing to reap for Christ the young Christian who knows what is expected of him. He will be welcomed lovingly into a circle from which his unconverted status had excluded him. Soul winners who really reach the modern pagan, however, create for themselves a problem of aftercare unknown to polite evangelism. It is a blistering business to pluck a brand from the burning and hold it until it smokes no more. It is part of the price of the care of such converts to travail in prayer over them.

Ananias and Sapphira sold a property, but kept back part of the price. They were not willing to make full payment and go all the way in their consecration. I am thinking that many people today, professing the name of Christ, even professing to be servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, are not willing to go all the way. They are persistently holding back part of the price, thus thwarting the plan of God in their lives and failing to receive the rich blessing of God and His commendation upon them. It is part of the price of the care of new converts to travail over them in prayer until Christ be formed in their lives. I believe that new converts are entitled to an attitude of prayer rather than criticism from the mature, seasoned Christian. Too many times, though, because new converts do not seem to conduct themselves in the ap-

proved manner of the church, seasoned Christians rather than extending a helping hand are found guilty of criticizing them and loading upon these new babes in Christ a burden which becomes so great that they fall beneath the load. I challenge Christians to cease to criticize new converts and to pray for them instead. It is part of the price. Will you remember? If you want to maintain your position as a leader in spiritual things you must adopt a prayerful attitude in regard to those who are weak in the faith.

We must believe in these babes in Christ. They have come into an entirely new way of living. New conversation, new friends, and a new outlook on life are their lot, and they are desperately in need of someone to believe in them and to encourage them so that they will realize that they can do all things through Christ who is abundantly able to strengthen them. Many a young convert has become discouraged because there has been nobody to believe in him and to encourage him in an hour of desperate need.

In addition, we must love new converts into trusting us before we can begin to correct any wrong tendencies and apparent weaknesses which we discover in them. Love them into trusting us. The babe in Christ is like the babe that is born into the natural family. The little tot begins with halting, faltering steps and gradually gains in strength. No parents would ever punish a child for falling down in those attempts. Instead they surround him with love. They lift him up, encourage him, and help him in every way possible.

New converts must also be shown friendship. We must give them a friendship that they never knew existed. One of the finest examples of this that ever came under my observation was a dear saint of God in a church that I pastored many years ago. This dear lady seemed to know how to win the hearts and the confidence of the young people, and God used her in a very wonderful way. It was a thrill to see them going to her again and again with their joys and with their sorrows. They were hungry for the friendship which she offered to them. It is part of the price.

Oh, may God give us a heart that yearns over the new converts. Let us believe in them. Let us pray for them, and love them, and draw them to ourselves so that we may be able to help them. Let us set the proper example before them. And may the Lord help us to give them the friendship and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ they never knew existed. Then they, in turn, will become helpers of other new converts.

To get right with God costs you something. Not to get right with God costs you more.—Allister Smith.

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Leading India's Boys to Christ

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edwards, South India

LIKE THE PROPHET EZEKIEL, we have been called to sit among them of the captivity. Although India has gained her independence, there are millions of village people who are far from being free. They are bound by caste, fear of their gods, superstition and custom. Multitudes have never heard the gospel message even once. Most of them are illiterate.

As we have sat and lived among these Tamil people for the last four years, we like Ezekiel have often remained astonished! We have not known just what steps to take. How could we help them to shake off the fetters which have such a relentless grip upon them? How best could we teach them?

We became particularly burdened for the boys in our villages. Only about half the boys and very few of the girls go to school at all. Having nothing to do, they wander about and get involved in all kinds of mischief. Their chief occupation is herding cattle. Practically no profit is derived from this occupation except from the manure which furnishes the fuel supply.

These lads have few opportunities. They marry young. Each son brings his bride home to the father's house and life becomes more complicated than ever. Why could the boys not learn a trade? That would help to mold them into self-respecting citizens.

We knew of no trade school in all of South India. The present government expects us as missionaries to assist the people in some practical way. Therefore we felt our most valuable contribution at this point would be to establish a small trade school. These needy boys would thus receive profitable instruction and eventually be able to earn an honest living.

In November of last year we were able to secure the services of a government-trained, Pentecostal, Industrial School teacher. We had no funds but in faith we put up a leaf-covered workshop. We built tables, bought some tools and opened school!

We have a fine group of boys. You should see them work! We are striving to bring the school up to a standard recognized by the government. The boys work only half a day and study the other half. Thus far we have admitted nine. They are mostly boys who have lost either one or both of their parents.

The teacher works and lives among the boys. They cook their food together and the teacher helps them with their studies. He even cuts the boys' hair! This is most unusual, for according to caste and birth that is the village barber's undisputed prerogative. For one individual to willingly do so many different types of work in a country like India is in itself a testimony.

The Christian school inspector remarked, "It is teaching the boys the dignity of labor."

One of our boys, who later was named Joshua, lived in a certain village where we conducted a Sunday School class. About a year ago, while holding services there, we felt led to go to this lad's home. To our great consternation we found his sister critically ill, stretched out on a rag on the floor. We carefully explained to the mother God's willingness to heal but we also sought to make her understand the necessity of surrendering her heart and life to Jesus. We prayed for the girl and then went on our way to Sunday School, taking the lad with us.

The following Sunday we rejoiced to see both mother and daughter in the service. They had walked three miles! God had indeed performed a miracle. It was not long until the mother and son were baptized. The mother's name was changed to Samathanam which means "Peace." The boy had formerly been named for a stone god but now he became "Joshua."

After the mother was baptized the father left home and she had to support the family. A year has elapsed and the father has never yet returned. Samathanam faithfully brings the children to services every Sunday.

We admitted Joshua to our Industrial School and although he is younger than the others he takes his place among them and happily assumes his responsibilities.

The boys are now learning masonry. They are building a wall around their compound to keep out the goats and cattle so that they can have a garden.

The boys make their own bricks. Joshua carried pans of clay for this purpose on his head until the hair wore off and his head became sore. Nevertheless the cheerful little lad never lost his smile!

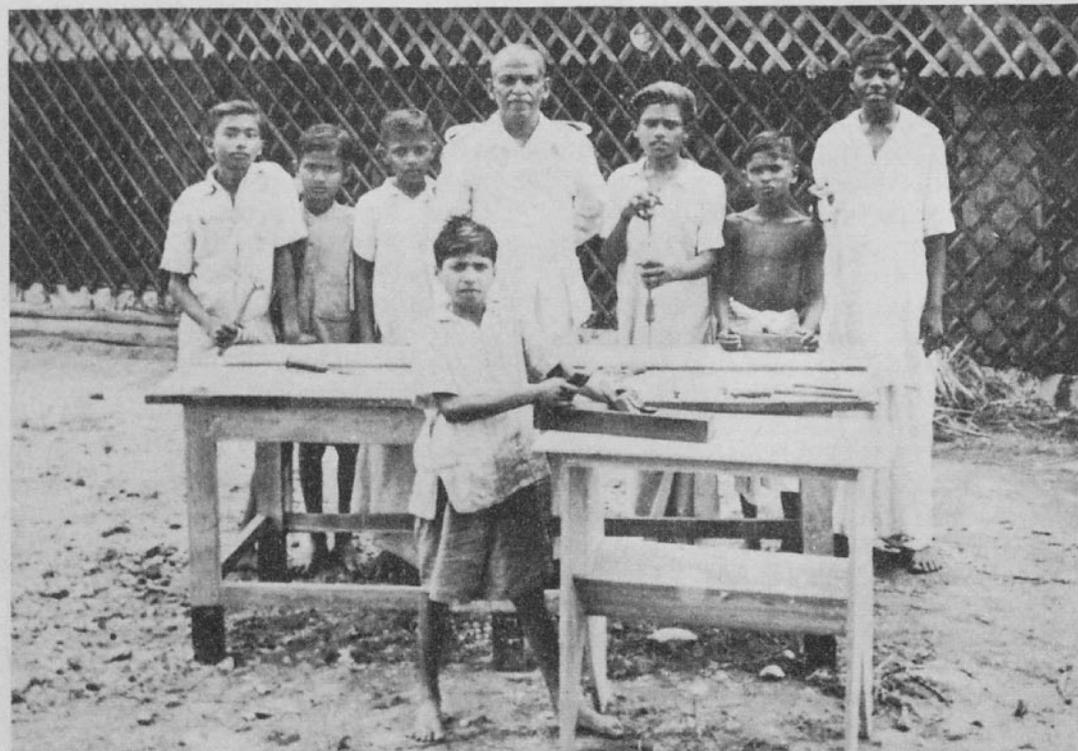
Some of the boys come to school without any breakfast and get nothing until the night meal which they prepare here. Once we gave them a little food at noon. One boy said if he had not had that nourishment he would have fallen over. Five dollars a month would be sufficient for one boy's food.

These lads need some warm sweaters or coats for cool evenings. Used clothing for them would be greatly appreciated and may be sent direct to Robert Edwards, Shencottah, Travancore, S. India. Parcels should be labeled "Used clothing—of no commercial value." Money for food should be sent to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., and should be designated "Industrial School—Shencottah, India."

Progress in Central America

Melvin L. Hodges, El Salvador

We have had a good year in the service of the Lord—a busy and profitable one. God has encouraged our hearts and quickened our faith. Certain blessings have been especially noteworthy: some 200 have been saved in the local church in Santa Ana; a week of prayer in the Institute resulted in 12 receiving the Baptism; four months of Institute were held



Boys' Industrial School — Shencottah, South India



Ministers ordained at the national convention in February 1953 at Santa Ana, El Salvador. This is the first Assemblies of God ordination service ever held in Central America.

in which 45 students received intensive training; at the Honduras convention seven received the Baptism.

We have made several interesting contacts during the past year. One young man who was in a monastery studying to become a monk decided instead to embrace the evangelical faith. We arranged for him to attend one of our Bible schools outside the country and he is now preparing for the full-gospel ministry.

A well-to-do businessman, owner of a coffee plantation, sought spiritual guidance and help. He was deeply troubled and longed for peace of mind. We visited him a number of times and gave him some literature. After some months he found peace. To quote his own words, "I feel a love in my heart for God and Jesus. I say to Him, 'Thank you, Jesus Christ, for being my Saviour.'"

This man is making real progress. His family has been to see us and the sister-in-law remarked that a great change had come over him. We are earnestly praying that all his Catholic relatives will come to know the Lord. Thus a new door of opportunity has been opened to us. We have previously not ministered to this class of people.

We have just recently held our national convention in Santa Ana. Among the important steps taken was the election of a Vice-Superintendent from among the nationals. Gustavo Galdamez, the pastor of Bethel Temple, was chosen for the post.

Now we have all of the executive positions filled by Salvadoreños.

Another great event was the ordination of some of our ministers of El Salvador. According to the rules of the Conference, no one can receive credentials who has not had five years of uninterrupted ministry, and only those whose ministry has been signally blessed of God can be ordained. In a service that will long be remembered, seventeen were accepted and ordained to the full ministry of the gospel in El Salvador. We now have 80 workers with credentials and about 180 lay workers.

MISSIONARY WITH THE LORD

Mrs. Ethel Elizabeth Perdue was called to her heavenly home on Monday, March 9. The funeral services were held in Central Assembly, Springfield, Missouri. Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary of the Assemblies of God, was in charge. He was assisted by David Hastie, pastor of Central Assembly and W. R. Williamson, Illinois District Superintendent and former missionary to China. Interment was in White Chapel cemetery.

Mrs. Perdue was born in Chicago where for a number of years she was actively engaged in Christian work. She was a member of the Stone Church of Chicago. In 1915 she was married to John E. Perdue, after which she and her husband took Bible School training in Rochester, N. Y. Later they entered upon their missionary career and spent three terms (about 18 years) in Canton, South China, as missionaries of the Assemblies of God.

In 1941 Mrs. Perdue, together with other women missionaries, was advised by the American Consul to leave China. Mr. Perdue was later interned in Hong Kong by the Japanese for eight months.

During the time of her husband's imprisonment Mrs. Perdue did gospel work among the Chinese in Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis.

While in China Mrs. Perdue was engaged in various types of missionary activity but her major interest was in her foundling home. She had as many as fifty children (two years old and under) to care for at a time. These little unwanted babes were lovingly nurtured, taught, and when possible placed for adoption.

Because of the precarious condition of Mrs. Perdue's health, the Perdues returned to America in 1949. For the past three and one-half years they have resided in Springfield, Mo., where Mr. Perdue is employed in the Foreign Missions Department.

MISSIONARY News Notes



Florence Steidel writes from the Leper Colony in Liberia: "We recently dedicated our new church. There were 614 people present. Most of these were lepers. That same night we started revival meetings—25 were saved and 16 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

"We have 423 inpatients and 132 outpatients—a total of 555. The children's home (for untainted children) has been opened recently too. They are a happy family; but oh, how many more mouths to feed!"

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The Heath Lowrys send this interesting report from Madurai, S. India: "You will rejoice to know that we have opened an Evangelistic Center in this great city of Madurai. We have rented a building on a very busy street just opposite a large cotton mill. Some 15,000 people are employed at this mill. The building has two commodious halls and two smaller rooms and rents for \$20 per month. We are trusting the Lord to meet this need.

"We had our dedication service February 8. Ever since that time we have had nightly services. Each evening the house is packed and many crowd the sidewalk and area in front of the building. These men and women are not being reached by any other group and many are hearing the gospel for the first time. One night eight men came forward and knelt in prayer, asking for salvation and pardon from sin.

"Our Bible School students hold an open-air meeting before the service each night. We are also conducting a reading and inquiry room at the Center. Our pastor is there for several hours each day to meet the people and to help them as they come with their problems. We are in need of periodicals and good religious books. Anyone wishing to contribute books should mail them to Heath Lowry, No. 1 Balu Bai Desai Road, Chokkikulam, Talakulam Post, Madurai, S. India. Parcels should be plainly labeled, 'Book Post.'"

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SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE FIRST PUNISHMENT OF SIN

Lesson for April 26

Acts 5:1-11

It is possible to do a good deed in a wrong way. It was a good deed that Ananias and Sapphira did when they brought material substance for the support of the brethren, yet they were stricken dead because they did the good deed in the wrong way. They resorted to deceit, hypocrisy, and falsehood. Such things are an abomination in the sight of the Lord.

1. A SELFISH SCHEME

a. *Beautiful Names—Unlovely Character.* Ananias means "Jehovah is gracious"; Sapphira means "sapphire," a stone of deep transparent blue. Had Ananias and Sapphira lived up to their names, how different their end might have been. The Bible says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" (Prov. 22:1), but this does not mean a pretty name or an important title. It means to have a reputation which is above reproach—"a conscience void of offense toward God and man." Pretty names are of little value unless supported by excellence of character.

b. *Collaboration in Evil.* Ananias and Sapphira were husband and wife. From the account in the Scriptures we conclude that they were closely united, and this is commendable. The trouble was that, at the time of our lesson, they were united in evil. It is most unfortunate that both of them were of one mind. Had Ananias said "no" to the suggestion of his wife, or had Sapphira not responded to the suggestion of her husband, both of them might have been saved the awful consequences. It is excellent where husband and wife agree in matters that are honorable; it is a misfortune if they agree where Christian principle is forfeited. Thank God if you have a companion faithful enough to differ with you for righteousness' sake.

c. *Secondhand Christians.* It would appear that Ananias and Sapphira started out well in their Christian course. They had embraced the gospel and united with the Spirit-filled church. It is probable, however, that from the start they had not given themselves wholly to the Lord. Much of their blessing may have been secondhand. They simply witnessed the blessing of God upon others and basked in the reflected glory. They were moved when they saw the other disciples bringing in the price of possessions which they had sold. They wished to be looked

upon as zealous along with the others and so they, too, sold their possession. But after they had done so, Satan tempted them to be deceitful and to keep part of the money. "No one will know the difference," he whispered.

d. *Sin in the Heart.* Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. Outwardly this couple appeared to be fine Christians. No doubt they were people of good standing in the community. They had been frugal and thrifty. They had property, and after selling it they brought an offering to the apostles—perhaps a very large offering. But they were not honest with God. They professed to be giving all to God when they were holding something back. To profess full allegiance to Christ, while knowing in the heart that much is being withheld, is the sure way to reap a sad retribution. "Be sure your sin will find you out." If man does not know, God does; if punishment does not come now, it certainly will come at the Judgment. May we all examine our hearts afresh. Does our living come up to our profession?

2. SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

a. *God-Given Discernment.* The Holy Spirit made known to Peter that Ananias and Sapphira were not open and above-board. Did something in their action reveal this? Perhaps so. Their sense of guilt as they brought their gift may have shown in their faces. A guilty conscience often makes itself known, for "he that covereth his sins shall not prosper." But Peter had perception which was more than natural discernment (see Acts 8:23). The Holy Spirit made known to Peter the duplicity of this man and wife. The Spirit said, "Ananias is covering up something; he is seeking to deceive; he is professing that he is giving all when he is not."

b. *Lying to the Holy Ghost.* Ananias and Sapphira were unwilling to give their all, but it was not this that brought about their death. Peter reminded them, "Whiles it remained was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?" No one compelled the disciples to give. They gave voluntarily. Had Ananias and Sapphira given only part of their money without pretending to give it all, no doubt it would have been acceptable. But they deliberately attempted to deceive. Peter said they lied to the Holy Ghost. It were far better if persons unwilling to go all the way with the Lord would say so, rather than to profess

full allegiance while consciously refusing to obey God.

3. SUDDEN PUNISHMENT

a. *A Solemn Warning.* Both Ananias and Sapphira were stricken dead. Probably one reason why God dealt so severely with them was because of the simple consecration and purity of the early disciples. They were wholly given to the Lord and He wanted only those of kindred spirit to be among them. The sudden death of Ananias and Sapphira brought a holy fear upon the other believers—"And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things." A spiritual standard which draws the line between him that feareth God and him that feareth Him not is greatly needed today. God send such a revival that professing Christians will feel compelled either to make a complete consecration or to cease to make a spiritual profession.

b. *A Beneficial Result.* The punishment of the sin of Ananias and Sapphira had a gracious sanctifying effect on all members of the church. They learned that God was holy, that He would not tolerate sin, and that those who professed to serve Him must serve Him with all their hearts. Thus the purity of the church was preserved and God was able to continue to manifest His miraculous power in his midst. "By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women" (vv. 12-14).

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The First Persecution (lesson for Sunday, April 19). Lesson text: Acts 4:7-21.

WHY NEGLECT THE OTHER FLOWERS?



The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself. Prov. 11:25

MISSIONS AT HOME

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LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Assemblies of God have three Latin American Bible Institutes where students are trained in the Spanish language for a ministry to Spanish-speaking people. The schools are located in Ysleta, Tex., Puente, Calif., and New York City, N. Y. The following report is from Theodore Buene, Superintendent of the Latin American Bible Institute at Puente, Calif.

"Great has been the faithfulness of our God during the school year. His glorious presence was felt from the very beginning of the term. In November He gave us a most wonderful visitation during which seven of the students received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. For over a week regular classes were set aside, for 'the glory of the Lord filled the house.'

"Thirty-nine students are preparing to minister especially in the Spanish language. They have come from Hawaii, Spain, Central America, Mexico, and from



Students at the Latin-American Bible Institute, Puente, Calif.

a number of the States. Former students are now actively working in Mexico, Peru, Hawaii, and among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the U.S.

"Seven men and eight ladies were graduated last year. Six of the young men are now pastoring churches. Some of the young ladies are in missionary work in Mexico, while others are engaged in var-

ious types of Christian service. The school is meeting a tremendous need in the training of young people to evangelize the Spanish-speaking world.

"Nine more will be graduating in June to join those who have already gone forth. Please pray for them—and for the faculty of the school, that we may fill just the place the Lord has for us to fill."

NEWS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL WELL ATTENDED

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—The thirty-fourth annual District Council of the Southern California District was held at the First Assembly of God in February. The Convention was well attended from the opening night to the close. The speakers for the Convention were Floyd L. Hawkins of Fresno; Emil Balliet of North Hollywood; and Paul Pipkin, returned missionary from the Philippines.

Among the visitors from other Districts were Superintendent W. T. Gaston, Assistant Superintendent K. M. Haystead, and T. A. Kessel of the Northern California-Nevada District; and J. K. Gressett, Superintendent of the Arizona District.

Superintendent F. C. Woodworth had charge of the Convention and presided at all meetings. L. H. Hauff and his assistant, Melvin C. Harrell, were host pastors.

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A resolution was passed to accept the correspondence course from Springfield, Mo. as the officially recognized course of study for ministers of Southern California District. This will replace the District Ministers' Reading Course, but those who are now studying the latter will have the privilege of finishing it or taking the Springfield course.

The Council also voted to reorganize the District Sunday School Department to conform more closely to the District W.M.C. and C. A. organizations. An executive committee consisting of the Sunday School Director, Assistant S. S. Director, and S. S. Secretary-Treasurer are to be elected for a period of two years. For the completion of the present term D. E. Hundsdorfer was elected as Assistant S. S. Director and J. M. Pearson as S. S. Secretary-Treasurer for one year. Raymond Ton is S. S. Director.

General Presbyters are: F. C. Woodworth, L. E. Halvorson, and Ben Hardin. District Presbyters are: Ben Hardin, F. L. Hawkins, C. M. Ward, L. F. Turnbull, and T. C. Cunningham. Juanita England was elected as W.M.C. President; Mrs. T. E. May, Vice-President; and Mrs. L. E. Halvorson, Secretary-Treasurer.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE FEATURED AT SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL

LAKELAND, FLA.—The South Florida District Council, which convened here in February, was a time of great blessing and refreshing. Gayle F. Lewis, General Superintendent, was guest speaker. His talks to the ministers and their wives each morning were a special feature of the convention.

H. S. Bush, District Superintendent; C. W. Ringness, Assistant Superintendent; and J. W. Collins, Secretary-Treasurer, were re-elected on the nominating ballot. Goldie Runyon was re-elected as S. S. Director, Mrs. J. D. Courtney as W.M.C. President, and Mrs. E. L. Frerking as Vice-President. Pansy Sample requested that her name not be considered as W.M.C. Secretary-Treasurer as she was resigning her church, and Mrs. J. Foy Johnson was elected to fill this office.

John Wilkerson was elected as C. A. President as J. Foy Johnson had resigned to accept a

pastorate. Phil Bauldree was elected as Vice-President and Mrs. John Wilkerson as Secretary.

An ordination service climaxed the convention. After a sermon by Brother Lewis, the charge was delivered by Howard S. Bush. Thirteen candidates were ordained to the Full Gospel ministry.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

WHITEDEER, TEX.—For 2½ weeks Evangelists Mary R. Branham and Pauline Steele of Fayetteville, Ark. were with us. God blessed in the services. Several were filled with the Holy Ghost and numbers testified to healing.—J. Ruel Baxter, Pastor.

BROWNSTOWN, WASH.—Evangelist and Mrs. Jene Wagner of Wilbur, Wash. were with us for special meetings. Many were saved and healed. The Sunday School attendance record was broken. The saints were edified, many were filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were refilled.—Cornelius Rientjes, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—The Norwood Assembly of God recently enjoyed a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Rogers of Talladega, Ala. were with us for 17 days. Brother Rogers preached under a mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, and their vocal and instrumental numbers were a blessing. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number refilled. God continues to bless the church and our people are spending more time in prayer.—D. H. Browne, Pastor.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—For two weeks Evangelists Roy and Pauline Harthern were with us. The Lord blessed and a number came to the altar for salvation each night. Many people from other denominations visited the church during the meeting. We enjoyed the fine musical talent of the evangelists and appreciated their sincere, anointed preaching. On the last night ten were baptized in water and six joined the church. We invited Brother and Sister Harthern to return for a meeting in the summer.—Carl E. Perry, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

KEY WEST, FLA.—We had a wonderful ten-day meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas B. Don Carlos of Petaluma, Calif. Many were saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and healed. Brother Don Carlos' ministry of the Word and Sister Don Carlos' ministry in singing and painting were an inspiration and benefit to all.—Donald T. Newman, Pastor.

DERMOTT, ARK.—We had a week's Bible study on the Book of Revelation with David Burris, former District Superintendent of Arkansas. The church was benefited through this study, and we were made to realize that the coming of the Lord is at hand. The altar was filled every night with those who wanted a closer walk with the Lord, and two received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The next week after the meeting closed another person received the Baptism.—O. J. Crank, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON, KANS.—We recently closed a revival with Evangelist Andrew S. Teuber of Springfield, Mo. Many said that this was one of the finest meetings in the history of the church. Night after night people came for salvation. Over 20 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many nights the people came for salvation. Over 20 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many nights the people did not leave the prayer rooms until after one o'clock in the morning.

A flu epidemic came about the time the meeting started and scores of our people were unable to attend. However, the church was filled and several nights we opened the overflow room to accommodate the people.

The power of God came down several nights as the entire congregation prayed for all those who raised their hands for healing. Many testified to instant deliverance from pains and sicknesses. Several were delivered from the tobacco habit.

We were on the radio for five days a week during this meeting. This broadcast has been continued and we have had good response.—J. L. Boulware, Pastor First Assembly of God.

LOVELAND, COLO.—Evangelist and Mrs. F. R. Davidson of Missouri were with us for two weeks and the Lord gave us a wonderful meeting. Brother Davidson's anointed ministry inspired faith in the hearts of the people. Every department of the assembly was strengthened and our people have a greater desire to work for God.—R. G. Gilbert, Pastor.

CORVALLIS, OREG.—The Lord blessed us during a four-week meeting with Evangelist Bob and Deion Sheran of Hollywood, Calif. Several found Christ as their Saviour and a number were reclaimed and refilled with the Spirit. The Christians were stirred to seek a greater fullness of God and liberty of the Spirit. They also caught some of the Sherans' great desire to see souls saved. Brother Sheran emphasized the soon coming of Christ. Hearts were made ready and are rejoicing in this wonderful hope.—Hilton T. Park, Pastor.

SOUTH HOUSTON, TEX.—On February 19-22 we had our first annual Missionary Convention. We were privileged to have Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vassar, returned missionaries from India, and A. C. Bates, Home Missions Secretary of the Texas District, as our speakers. Our hearts were stirred to more faithful praying and giving.

A total of \$2,500 in cash and pledges was received and it was designated for the Junnar Boys' Orphanage, Home Missions, and John Franklin's work in Central America.

Our missionary offerings for 1952 exceeded \$2,100 and we set a goal of \$3,500 for this year. After the response from this convention we may be able to increase our giving to \$4,000.

We thank the Lord for His blessings on our church. We believe that God will not withhold His blessings from a church with a world-wide vision.—S. Worth Williams, Pastor.

CORNING N. Y.—We rejoiced to see God honor His Word night after night as souls were saved and the sick healed. Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. was with us for three weeks. There were over 100 decisions for Christ. Many testified to being healed of arthritis, tuberculosis, goiter, heart conditions, deafness, diabetes, and other ailments.

One man was in a serious condition in the hospital. The doctors said that his only hope was a major operation. In answer to prayer God stepped in and healed him. He attended the meetings a few nights later and he was well and strong. He came forward to receive Christ as his Saviour, thus experiencing the double cure.

Another man's blood pressure was over 300 as a result of a diabetic condition. His doctor warned that he could lapse into a coma at any time. The Great Physician stretched forth His hand and healed him completely. A thorough checkup showed that his blood pressure was normal and he had no diabetes.

To God be the glory for this gracious visitation which confirmed to all that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.—Norman Love, Pastor, Assembly of God Tabernacle.

CLEWISTON, FLA.—In July, 1950, we came to pastor the Assembly here and the Lord has blessed our ministry. Souls have been saved, believers baptized with the Holy Spirit, and the sick have been healed. Several have come into the church.

The Lord enabled us to dispose of the old parsonage and purchase a fine, seven-room house next to the church. The interior of the church has been redecorated; new carpets and an exhaust fan have been installed. The outside of the church was repainted.

The C.A.'s bought a grand piano for the church and at the present time they are paying for new furnishings for the parsonage.

During 1952 we had the largest average attendance in Sunday School, and it was the best year financially.

We have had a number of evangelists and all have aided in the growth and spiritual development of the church. We had a meeting recently with Evangelist J. Billy McIntosh of Nashville, Tenn. On February 6 Gayle F. Lewis, our General Superintendent, was with us and his ministry was a great blessing to the church.

We feel called to move on into other fields of labor, but our address will remain Box 414, Clewiston, Fla. until the first of June.—Max Cloud, Pastor.

MRS. A. E. WILSON WITH CHRIST

The following telegram was sent to the Foreign Missions Department on April 1 from Escondido, Calif.

WIFE PASSED AWAY AT SIX THIS MORNING WHILE I WAS ASLEEP IN OTHER ROOM. CAUSE MYOCARDIAL INFRACTION. ARRANGEMENTS NOT YET MADE. PRAY FOR ME. ARTHUR E. WILSON.

Brother and Sister Wilson have been valiant missionaries of the Assemblies of God in French West Africa since 1926.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—God graciously gave us an outpouring of His Spirit during the meeting with Evangelist Morris Cerullo of Newburgh, N. Y. Every night but three of the four-week meeting, sinners found Christ as their Saviour. We have a record of 23 who are definitely going on with the Lord. Brother Cerullo is a converted Jew and people from other denominations were interested in the meetings. About 15 denominational ministers attended.

The meetings were so blessed of God that Pastor Hiram T. Carpenter closed the meetings in his church and joined with us for three weeks. Other Pentecostal churches closed their mid-week services to be with us during this time of spiritual awakening.

God manifested His power to heal in the services. People who were deaf received their hearing, and some who were almost blind received sight.

An Episcopal minister attended the meeting about the third night and God met him in salvation. He attended the services every night and three times on Sundays until the close. He is now seeking the Lord for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Leone Dragone, Pastor.

PALM CITY, CALIF.—The Spirit of the Lord moved in our midst night after night during the meeting with Evangelist B. D. Bennett of Rosemead, Calif. Quite a number were saved and filled with the Spirit.

There were two outstanding healings. One of the ladies of our church sprained her ankle and had to use crutches to walk. She could not bear her weight on this foot as the ligaments were torn loose. Immediately after prayer she was able to walk without a limp. She played the piano during the service and used this foot on the pedals.

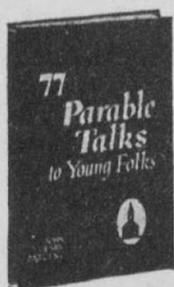
A man who had been coming to the church had a severe asthma condition, a bad heart, and nervousness. He had asthma so bad that on one occasion he burst his lung. We prayed for him and the Lord healed him. His physician pronounced him cured. Now he is able to stay in the services and breathe normally. Formerly he had to use a breather.

We thank the Lord for proving that He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever."—Eva Baily, Pastor, South Bay Assembly.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—In February Evangelist Pearl Ballew Jenkins and her husband were with us. Sister Jenkins was a missionary to India and God has given her a very blessed ministry. Each meeting was different and gloriously directed by the Spirit. We were deeply conscious of the presence of the Lord.

The entire Sunday School session was given to Sister Jenkins for two Sundays. An altar call was given which continued through practically the whole morning service. It was wonderful to see the Spirit of God moving upon the children as they gathered around the altar. Seventeen were saved and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. These children had never seen anyone receive the Baptism, as they came from non-Pentecostal homes. The last week of the meeting, afternoon prayer meetings were held at the church for the children and some gave their hearts to the Lord there.

Two adults received a glorious Baptism and a number were healed. A Baptist minister received the light on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and asked us to pray that he would receive an infilling of the Spirit. God is still moving and we are praying for a greater visitation from the Lord.—Clara Schwager, Secretary-Treasurer (Paul A. Berg is pastor.)



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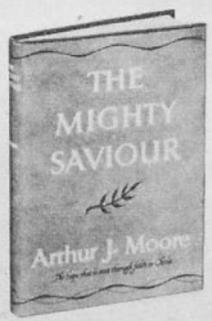
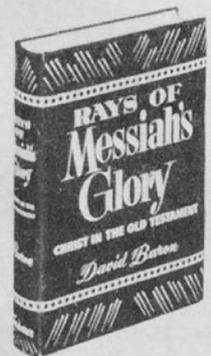
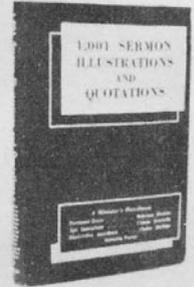
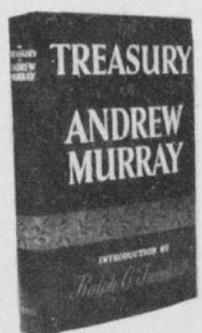
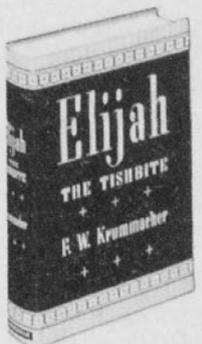
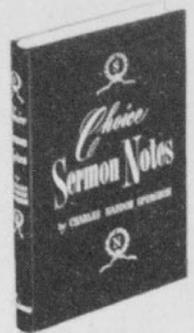
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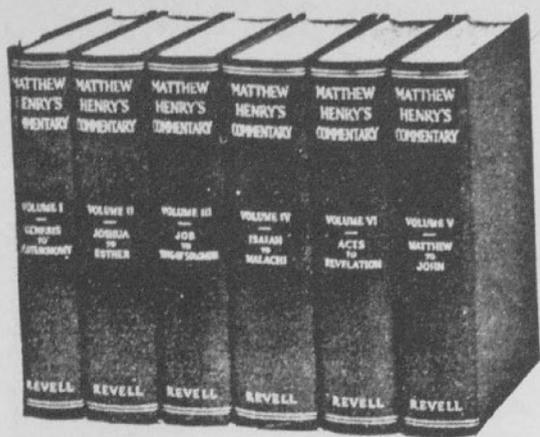


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COLMAN, FLA.—We have just closed a successful revival with Evangelist Malvie Musgrove of Jacksonville, Fla. Ten were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Sister Musgrove's timely messages stirred the Christians to a deeper walk with the Lord. During the meeting we received sufficient pledges to paint the church.—Thomas J. Smart, Pastor.

LAKE CITY, IOWA—The Lord is working in a wonderful way here. We are a small church, but the Lord is increasing our numbers. Recently 21 were saved and three new families were added to the church. One family who had back-slidden was reclaimed and the girl is playing the piano for the C. A. meeting now. The Sunday School has increased from 26 to 60 since last August. A spirit of unity prevails and we are encouraged.—W. J. Wind, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

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

AKRON, PA.—Apr. 21—May 3; Evangelist Robert Wallace, Portland, Me.—by Gordon F. Preiser, Pastor.

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.—Apr. 15—; Evangelist Martin H. Baxter, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. (M. F. Brandt is Pastor.)

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Evangelistic Temple, Apr. 5—; Lummer Evangelistic Party. (C. B. Roberts is Pastor.)

NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.—Apr. 12—; Evangelist Loyd Evans and party, San Antonio, Tex. (E. S. Murray is Pastor.)

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Faith Pentecostal Church, Apr. 15—; Evangelist J. B. Woolums, Carlisle, Pa.—by Harry R. Jackson, Pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Apr. 19—May. 3; Evangelist Oran E. Duncan, Delta, Colo. (Bruce Yorke is Pastor.)

VAN WERT, IOWA—Assembly of God, Apr. 19—; Evangelist and Mrs. David Nunn, Dallas, Tex. Other churches co-operating.—by Mildred M. Baker, Pastor.

BANGOR, ME.—Apr. 15—May 3; Evangelists Ernest and Virginia Berquist. (C. A. Crabtree is Pastor.)

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.—Workers' Training, Apr. 12-26; N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla. Instructor. (Norman F. Brewer is Pastor.)

DOVER, PA.—Rohlers Pentecostal Tabernacle, Apr. 16-26; Evangelist Anthony DeMarco, Philadelphia, Pa.—by Bernard Crone, Pastor.

DADE CITY, FLA.—Tent meeting, west side U. S. 301, Cor. Lock St., Apr. 9-26; Evangelist Jonas E. Miller.—by H. W. Ponge, Pastor, Assembly of God.

SALIDA, COLO.—Assembly of God, Apr. 19—May 3; Evangelist Virgil and Edythe Warens, Fullerton, Calif. (Jones E. Thomas is Pastor.)

SEATTLE, WASH.—Fremont Assembly of God Tabernacle, Apr. 1—May 3 or longer, Evangelist John F. Hauck, Ashland, Oreg.—by Ralph Harris, Pastor.

DENISON, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 12-26; Evangelist and Mrs. William Andrews.—by Guy Phillips, Pastor.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—First Assembly of God, Apr. 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph A. Wilkerson, Richmond, Calif.—by A. M. Alber, Pastor.

KEENE, N. H.—Full Gospel Assembly, Apr. 24—26; "Christ, the Answer" youth rallies, Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Lundstrom, Springfield, Mass.—by Sidney T. Regnier, Pastor.

YUBA CITY, CALIF.—Calvary Tabernacle, Apr. 21—; Evangelist Keith Fancher, Don Smith soloist, and Jesse Cole, counselor, all of Oakland, Calif.—by G. C. Sturgeon, Pastor.

DEARBORN, MICH.—Dearborn Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 24—May 10; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Prayer for the sick each night. Neighboring assemblies co-operating. (Parvin Lee is Pastor.)

COLUMBIA, MO.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 19—; Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (Charles A. Parker is Pastor.)

SIoux FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 16—May 10; Evangelist Bob and Deion Sheran.—by Arthur F. Berg, Pastor.

ENGLAND, ARK.—Fourth annual Missionary Convention, Apr. 17-19; J. W. Tucker of Africa, guest speaker.—by Joe W. Adams, Pastor.

BATAVIA, N. Y.—Assembly of God, Apr. 14-16; Evangelist Mildred Holler and Cordelia Donnell.—by Carl S. Lowe, Pastor.

RICE LAKE, WIS.—Assembly of God, Apr. 21—May 3; Evangelist Al Silvera, Fresno, Calif. (Orrin Kingsriter is Pastor.)

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL—Riverside Church, 688 Tonawanda St., Buffalo, N. Y., May 4-7. J. R. Flower, General Secretary, guest speaker. Theme: Double Portion for Double Duty.—by Richard J. Bergstrom, District Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Assemblies of God Church, Buxton (Cape Hatteras), N. C., Apr. 21-23; Fred Vogler, National Home Missions Director, guest speaker. Accommodations provided at Buxton and nearby communities.—by Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL—City Auditorium, Plainview, Tex., Apr. 27-30; Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, guest speaker; Glenn Horst, missionary speaker. Council opens Monday night with C. A. Rally.—by S. E. Eldridge, District Secretary-Treasurer.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Pierre, S. Dak., Apr. 20-23; Gayle F. Lewis, General Superintendent, and Lawrence Olson, missionary to Brazil, guest speakers. For information write Charles S. Slater, 306 Capital St. E., Pierre, S. Dak., or Silas S. Rexroat, District Superintendent, 410 E. 6th St., Mitchell, S. Dak.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—Fortieth Anniversary Homecoming, Church of the Four Fold Gospel, June 14-21; J. O. Savell, Assistant General Superintendent, evening speaker. Morning service each day.—by E. A. Manley, Pastor.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, corner Carpenter and Klein Sts., Springfield, Ill., May 5-7; Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, guest speaker. State-wide C. A. Rally, Monday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.; J. W. Ellsworth C. A. President, in charge. Rooms provided as far as possible. G. E. Mandel, 524 N. Klein, is host pastor.—by W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL—El Bethel Assembly of God, 14th and Main St., Davenport, Iowa, May 4-7; G. F. Lewis, General Superintendent, main speaker. All applicants for credentials must appear before the Credentials Committee, Tuesday, May 5. For information write T. E. Gannon, District Superintendent, 1111-29th St., De Moines, Iowa, or R. E. McCaulley, Host Pastor, 1410 Main St., Davenport, Iowa.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT COUNCIL—Riverside Tabernacle, East and 1st Sts., Flint, Mich., Apr. 20-23; J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary, guest speaker. Devotional and business sessions Tues., Wed., and Thurs., 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Gospel services each evening at 7:30 beginning Monday. For room reservations write M. A. Jollay, 429 East St., Flint, Mich. For information write Charles W. H. Scott, District Superintendent, 7041 Schaefer Rd., Dearborn 1, Mich.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL S. S. CONVENTION—Fort Whiting Auditorium, Mobile, Ala., beginning Tuesday evening, Apr. 28, ending Thursday night. Evening speakers: Victor Trimmer, J. O. Savell, and Paul Copeland. Morning speakers: George Davis and Billie Davis. Two round-table discussions; visual demonstrations; 16 afternoon conferences; 14 exhibits. Regional Chairman, M. O. Bruce; City Chairman, D. V. Williams. For room reservations write J. D. Stevens Jr., 106 Montgomery Ave., Prichard, Ala.



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At its two-day meeting in January the Board dealt with financial reports, the budget, employment of faculty members, salaries, and other matters designed to further the good progress the school is making. Enrollment is 205—ten per cent higher than last year. The Northwest Bible College is now fully accredited in the collegiate division of the Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—First Assembly of God, Apr. 19-May 3; John Woodhead, Evangelist.—by Donald M. Cox, Assistant to Pastor. (Thomas F. Zimmerman is Pastor.)

BEDFORD, OHIO—Assembly of God, Apr. 20—May 3; Evangelist Rosaltha Fisher, Cherryvale, Kans. Sunday School revival and Worker's Training.—by G. G. Martin, Pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—West End Assembly of God, Apr. 7-26; young people's revival with Evangelist Margel Spencer and party, Sanford, Me. Meeting held at Franklin Court Auditorium—by R. E. Hartle, Pastor.

WMC CONFERENCE

Special services are planned for all women attending the Regional S. S. Convention at Mobile, Ala. Meetings will be held Tuesday, Apr. 28, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Prichard Assembly, Fifth Ave. and Third, in Prichard. Martha McLean, Assistant National WMC Secretary, will have charge and leaders from the eight Districts attending will also be speaking. All women are urged to attend these inspirational services, and a special welcome is given to pastors.

A meeting of all District WMC officers will be held in the Prichard Assembly, Tuesday morning at 9. A luncheon devotional meeting is being planned for Wednesday for all District WMC Officers and Sectional Directors. Tickets will be available at the Tuesday morning meeting and location of the luncheon will be announced. No WMC meeting will be held during the S. S. Convention services.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—All S.E.B.I. alumni, faculty and students at Southeast Regional S. S. Convention are invited to noon luncheon at Metropolitan Restaurant, Mobile, Ala., Wednesday, Apr. 29.—Nelson E. White, Alumni President.

All churches of the Assemblies of God are alike in doctrine, in reverence for God's Word, in fervency of worship—but they meet in buildings of all shapes and sizes. Here are a few examples.

1. The Assembly of God in San Marcos, Texas, is less than three years old. Earlier efforts to establish an Assembly here had failed, but under the ministry of Eulma Lee Cunningham and Tommy Ruth Zarnow a fine stone church has been built in an excellent location and the church is growing.

2. This new church in Wolf Point, Montana, was dedicated Dec. 4, 1952. Currell Muirhead, former District Superintendent, is Pastor.

3. On Jan. 1, 1953, the beautiful new home of the Assembly of God in Aurora, Colo., was dedicated to the Lord, free of all indebtedness. C. L. Walker is Pastor.

4. Pastor Allan Snider and the members of the Joliet Full Gospel Church in Joliet, Ill., did most of the work on their new church building with their own hands. It has 400 fixed opera chairs, with room for 200 folding chairs in addition. It was dedicated a year ago.

5. The Assembly of God building in Olney, Texas (formerly a Methodist church) is on Main Street in the downtown area. It contains 8,000 square feet of floor space, including the main auditorium (which seats 400) and ample Sunday School facilities. W. A. McCann is Pastor.

6. The Northside Assembly of God in Grand Prairie, Texas, was organized in 1948. Construction on the church building was begun in 1949 when John L. Nothalf was pastor. V. D. Kelly has been pastor since 1950.

7. Interior of the Northside Assembly in Grand Prairie. The organ, blond oak pews, nursery, pastor's study, and C. A. chapel were dedicated last November.

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