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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

The Jews in Romania

After a fifteen-month suspension, the immigration of Jews from Romania to Israel is expected to be resumed in the near future. Radio Free Europe says that the processing of exit visas began early in June.

The Price of Divorce

According to *Quick* magazine, there are three times as many suicides among divorced persons as there are among married people, and there are far more delinquent children in homes broken by divorce than in homes broken by death. Whenever God's laws are broken someone has to pay.

National Sunday School Week

Thousands of Sunday Schools and churches of various denominations will observe National Sunday School Week, Sept. 27 to Oct. 4, an observance being sponsored by the National Sunday School Association of Chicago. Theme for the week will be, "Building the Church Through the Sunday School." Sunday, Sept. 27, will be Promotion Day, and Sunday, Oct. 4, will be Rally Day.

How "Christian" Is America?

America is called a "Christian" land, yet there are 10,000 villages that have no religious services of any kind, and 30,000 villages that have no resident pastor. According to *Evangelism*, there are 60,000 closed rural churches in America. Two out of every three children in America are not in Sunday School.

Indians Sue for Religious Freedom

Six Protestant Jemez Indians have filed suit in the U. S. District Court at Albuquerque, N. M., asking a court order guaranteeing their right to worship according to their wishes.

The suit, which states it was brought on behalf of the ninety Protestant residents of the predominantly Roman Catholic Jemez Pueblo charges that the Pueblo Council there had deprived them of their religious freedom.

According to the complaint, the Protestants have been denied the right to bury their dead in the communal cemetery or to establish a cemetery of their own. It was also charged that the defendants refused the Protestant Indians the right to have a church of their own, or to use their homes for prayer meetings.

Protestant missionaries, the complaint said, were not permitted to come and go freely within the pueblo, and non-Catholic Jemez Indians were threatened "with the loss of their birthrights, homes, personal property, and right to share in community work, if they did not become Catholic."

Church Construction Booming

All over the U. S., church construction is under way at a near-record level. During the first six months of 1953, new buildings were started having a total value of \$208,000,000 as compared with \$178,000,000 for the first half of 1952. The all-time record for church construction, set in 1951, when \$452,000,000 worth of new buildings were erected, may be equaled this year.

Drinking More Beer at Home

The trend in beer-drinking is to purchase less by the glass and consume more of it at home. The brewers are aiming their giant advertising program in the direction of the shoppers, trying to prevail upon women to include beer in their grocery order and keep it in the household refrigerator.

Their advertising seems to be having its effect. The United Brewers Foundation claims that 62.2% of all American families were represented among purchasers of beer for home consumption, and that about 73.6% of all beer and ale sold in the U. S. last year was in cans or bottles.

They said that last year's consumption was the third highest on record.

Billions Go Up in Smoke

A writer in *This Week* reports that smokers paid more than four billion dollars for cigarettes in 1952. The per-capita use of tobacco by Americans fifteen years or older is the highest on record. Cigarette consumption is ten per day per person, more than twice as much as in the late 1930's.

Liquor and Crime

Crime studies during 1952 showed that 16.4% of the crimes by youth under 18 were traceable to the use of alcoholic beverages; those under 21, 24.4%; those under 25, 34.9%; while of the people 25 years and older, 70.2% were guilty of offenses caused by liquor. One might expect the older people to have more sense that to drink until liquor incited them to crime, but not so. The more years a person lives with the bottle, the tighter the hold it gets upon them.

Women criminals can attribute their fall to liquor almost as often as men. When the total arrests last year were divided according to sex, it was found that 63.1% of the arrests of men were for offenses caused by alcoholic beverages, while women traced 52.2% of their arrests to this cause.

How true is Proverbs 20:1—"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; and whosoever erreth thereby is not wise" (R.V.).

Churchman's Exposition

The second annual International Churchman's Exposition will be held in the Coliseum at Chicago, Ill., October 6 to 9. There will be lectures on church music and church architecture, and displays of church equipment of all kinds.

One Crime for 76 Persons

One crime was committed in the United States for every 76 persons in the population, during 1952.

A major crime was committed every 15.5 seconds.

The total of major offenses was greater than in any previous years.

These facts came to light when J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., gave his latest report. It showed that 2,036,510 major crimes were committed in 1952.

More Protestant Missionaries

In 1952 there were 18,004 U. S. Protestant missionaries serving abroad, an increase of 300 over the 1950 statistics. The ten largest missionary forces are as follows (1952 figures used in each case, except where otherwise mentioned):

Missionaries	
Methodist Church (including Women's Div.)	1,527
Presbyterian Church (including Women's Div.)	1,491
Seventh-day Adventists	1,107
Sudan Interior Mission	1,003
Southern Baptist	855
Christian and Missionary Alliance (June 30, 1953)	710
Evangelical Alliance Mission	636
Assemblies of God	626
Northern Baptists	500
Mid-Missions	500

At the present time the Assemblies of God have 700 ordained ministers doing missionary work in foreign lands.

The Record Since Repeal

Less beer and distilled spirits are being consumed per capita today than in the peak years of 1945 and 1946; but a comparison of the 1952 consumption with that of 1934, the first repeal year, shows an alarming over-all increase.

In 1934 the average American drank only 0.46 gallons of distilled spirits. In 1952 he drank 1.2 gallons, according to the Distilled Spirits Institute, an increase of 161%.

In 1934 the average citizen drank only 7.9 gallons of beer and 0.14 gallons of wine. In 1952 he drank 16.95 gallons of beer and 0.85 gallons of wine. These figures, reported by the American Business Men's Research Foundation, indicate an increase of 115% in beer drinking and 507% in wine-bibbing during the 18-year period.

The makers of beer, wine, and liquor are spending vast amounts of money to attract new customers. Their elaborate advertising program will result in an increasing number of drunkards unless Christian people do more than they are doing to win people to Christ and to warn them of the dangers of taking the first drink.

COMING AT ANY MOMENT!

D. M. Panton

The poet Coleridge prayed this remarkable prayer: "O Almighty God, Absolute Good, Eternal I AM! Ground of my being, Author of my existence, and its ultimate end, mercifully cleanse my heart, enlighten my understanding, and strengthen my will; that if it be needful or furtherant to the preparation of my soul, and of Thy Church, for the advent of Thy kingdom, that I should be led into the right belief respecting the Second Coming of the Son of Man into the world, the eye of my mind may be quickened into quietness and singleness of sight. Amen."

Every moment, as the years plunge down towards the last cataracts, makes it wiser for us all to pray such a prayer. For our Lord heaps figure upon figure to describe our duty: a sentinel-porter, who is never to sleep at his post; a householder, so vigilant that no burglar can enter; midnight travelers, constantly girt and shod; wedding guests, alert for the first thunder of the Bridegroom's knocking; our Lord exhausts language to provoke watchfulness.

Now the Lord Jesus states that the point supremely characteristic of the Advent—and He is never tired of stressing it—is that its date will always be unforeseen, and, when it arrives, totally unexpected. "Watch therefore"—since sudden rapture will seize one and leave another; "for ye know NOT on what day"—what day: i.e., what kind of day; immediate, or delayed, or remote—"your Lord cometh" (Matt. 24:42). This date is unknown to any except God the Father. "Of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only."

Had it been possible to discover the date from Daniel, and had it been set there by God for the discovery, it is obvious that angelic eyes, and much more our Lord's, would have discovered it. As surely as no mortal

knows his own death-day, so surely the Advent-day is sealed from every eye. For the ignorance is designed; it is a discipline and a test; the Lord has expressed it in every way; we know not the hour, the watch, the day, the year, or the period.

The Saviour, taking further and extraordinary pains to seal the secrecy of His return, next reveals the moral reason of the concealment. "But"—if you have any doubt on the point—"know this"—as a further and decisive revelation—"that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken through." Houses composed of sun-dried bricks, mud, or loose stones could easily be pierced or dug through without forcing, as the modern burglar does, shuttered windows or barred doors. "If he had known in what watch:" it is plain that our Lord assumes that He might have come in any watch of the night. He directly says so in another passage—"Watch therefore: for ye know not when the Lord of the house cometh, whether at even, or at midnight, or at cock-crowing, or in the morning, lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping" (Mark 13:35). And so He says, "Watch ye, and pray at every season" (Luke 21:36, R. V.); that is, from the moment of the departure to the moment of the return.

The force of the parable is overwhelming. "If he had known in what watch he would have watched"—that is, he would have set his alarm for the predicted moment, and awakened then. Constant watchfulness throughout the four watches would have been sheer waste, if only he were ready at the moment of the burglar's approach: whereas, as he is totally ignorant of the hour planned by the burglar, absolutely his sole safety lies in an all-night vigil. It is the fundamental law of watchfulness to be always watching; and in Luke (12:38) our Lord states the possibility of His return in the two darkest watches—"if He shall come in the second watch, and if in the third" (just before or after midnight). The disastrous consequences of imagining that we know the date are thus forcibly presented by our Lord as a burgled and bankrupt house.

Some years ago a London burglar, when decamping with his spoil, left a note on the table with these words, "Watch as well as pray." Every mark of a burglary (except its guilt: for Christ takes only that which is His own, and He has a right to take it when and how He chooses) stamps our Lord's return—secrecy, invisibility, suddenness, rapidity, removal, bankruptcy.

But even so our Lord seems to feel that the point is so vital for a holy life that our ignorance must be reiterated once more: so now He utters an actual prophecy. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye THINK NOT the Son of Man cometh." He had stated our ignorance—"Ye know not the day." He had stated the moral reason—a date concealed in order to provoke perpetual alertness. Now He states an actual prophecy—as a matter of fact, the Advent will fall on a date no mortal actually foresaw. "In an hour that ye think not"—all calculations having proved false—the Son of Man arrives.

However ingeniously

BE IN TIME

Life at best is very brief;
Like the falling of a leaf,
Like the binding of a sheaf:
Be in time!

Fleeting days are telling fast
That the die will soon be cast,
And the fatal line be past:
Be in time!

Sinner, heed the warning voice;
Make the Lord your final choice,
Then all heaven will rejoice:
Be in time!

Come from darkness into light;
Come, let Jesus make you right;
Come and start for heaven bright:
Be in time!



men may conjecture, whatever the subtilty of their calculations, the Coming will burst in a moment unthought of; no foresight is competent to discover it, no clue buried in the Scriptures will give away the secret; surprise will be of its very essence. Therefore no guard against it is possible except one—eternal sleeplessness. But that is a safeguard. For if we be busy, holy, loving His appearing, however sudden and unexpected its arrival, the day cannot find us unready; for watchfulness does not consist in knowing the date, but in squaring the whole life to readiness to meet Him: it is aliveness, alertness, wakefulness, preparation.

So to the intensely watchful and alert Thessalonian Church, Paul says: "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief: so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch"—be wakeful—"and be sober" (1 Thess. 5:2). So, also, in the words of Dodet, "the Church has not the task of fixing beforehand that unknown and unknowable time; she has nothing else to do, in virtue of her very ignorance, from which she ought not to wish to escape, than to remain invariably on the watch. This attitude is her security, her life, the principle of her virgin purity"—Selected.

RULES FOR SOUL-WINNING

Charles G. Finney, the great evangelist of a century ago, proposed the following rules by which his students in training for the ministry in Oberlin College might be soul winners:

"See that you have a heart-call, and not merely a head-call, to undertake the preaching of the gospel. By this I mean, be heartily and most intensely inclined to seek the salvation of souls as the great work of life, and do not undertake what you have no heart to do.

"Being called of God to the work, make your calling your constant argument with God for all that you need for the accomplishment of the work.

"Believe the assertion of Christ that He is with you always and everywhere, to give you all the help you need.

"Make the Bible your Book of books. Study it much upon your knees, waiting for divine light.

"Beware of leaning on commentaries. Consult them when convenient, but judge for yourself, in the light of the Holy Ghost."

UNFIT FOR HEAVEN

A Word Study from the Greek

In these days of slipping standards and spineless morals it is worth emphasizing that the great apostle Paul taught and preached self-control. We are not helpless victims of circumstances, but responsible beings with intelligence and a will. And a person who is a new creature in Christ certainly is capable of taking himself by the collar and saying, "Listen here, fellow, this is the thing you know you ought to do. Now get going!"

The encouraging thing is that Paul not only told other people that self-control is good and necessary; he put it into action himself. "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Cor. 9:27). Paul did not treat this matter lightly. He knew that a little carelessness could lead from one thing to another until even he would be a castaway.

Some modern commentators have endeavored to make things look a little brighter for the Christian who slips into such a course by claiming that "castaway," the Greek *adokimos* denotes just a slight disapproval which will mean losing a few rewards, but which will not affect one's salvation. Since the matter of our salvation is at stake it might pay to look further into the meaning of this word *adokimos*.

Everywhere else in the New Testament this word is translated "reprobate," except in Heb. 6:8 where it is translated "rejected." Nowhere is it used of any except the most hopeless of doomed and damned rebels against God. Listen to the indictment: God gave them up (Rom. 1:26, 28). Christ is not in them (2 Cor. 13:5). They resist the truth with the stubbornness of the Egyptian magicians, Jannes and Jambres, who withstood Moses (2 Tim. 3:8). They are adominable professors of religion whose works deny God (Tit. 1:16). They are apostates who bear "thorns" and whose end is to be burned (Heb. 6:8).

If we want a little more proof we only

need turn to the Greek Septuagint version of the Old Testament where *adokimos* is used to translate "dross" which is compared to wicked men who try to prevent the king's throne from being established in righteousness (Prov. 25:4). The same version also uses it to picture the enemies of the Lord who are to be consumed (Isaiah 1:22, 28).

Surely with all this evidence we can only come to the conclusion that as dross is unfit to be put with silver, so a castaway is unfit to enter heaven, and will be rejected and cast into hell. True, Paul had a healthy confidence in the Lord, but he also had a healthy fear of himself, and he refused to allow himself to be dominated by anything or anyone but the Lord and His Holy Spirit.

—Stanley M. Horton.

LIKE AT BIRTH

Life begins with a superb and audacious adventure, and it ends very similarly. We began by invading a new world; and the conditions under which we undertook the exploit are as staggering as anything of which we have since heard or read. We were undesirable immigrants of the worst kind. We could produce no penny of capital; we could offer no equivalent in the way of labor—skilled or unskilled; we had not the power to promise to recoup any advances benevolently made on our behalf; and we had not even the intelligence to perceive the extreme delicacy and embarrassment of our awkward predicament.

Happily, however, we were not unexpected. All sorts of preparations were made. And oh, the infinite pains and the unutterable pride with which tireless fingers worked out every tiniest detail! We never deserved less consideration and we never received more.

The more I think of that first adventure, and of those dear hands outstretched in eager welcome, the better can I imagine the gladness of the welcome that awaits me in the new world to which I must one day go.

—F. W. Borcham

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He Calls to Visitation

Loine C. Honderick*

Brother Honderick was the one who in 1949 suggested the idea of setting aside October as Enlargement Month for Assemblies of God Sunday Schools. At that time he was a Representative for the national Sunday School department. He is now pioneering a new work in Miami, Florida.

THE OPPORTUNITY to take the presence of the blessed Holy Spirit through the streets and lanes of our communities and into the homes of men and women who know not Christ is a privilege indeed. Seldom is its greatness realized by the rank and file of those who claim to know Christ.

At first the statement, "Taking the Holy Spirit into the homes of men and women," may seem crude. Some may say, "You cannot use Deity, the Almighty, at your will; it is the omnipotent One who would use the human vessel." This is true, but it is also a fact that God is waiting for man's co-operation. God will use us whenever we are willing to be used, provided our lives are cleansed in the atoning Blood.

Seemingly it has taken many of us a long time to learn how to receive the Person of the Holy Spirit. How important it is that we learn also to let Him minister even as we visit in our Master's name. This is New Testament evangelism.

Too often we expect God to do what it is His plan for us to do. We pray, "Lord, send the people in," when His Word instructs us to pray that He would send forth laborers to visit (Luke 10:1, 2). God is ever willing to save and abundantly able to do so if we, along with praying, "Lord, save souls," will be His ambassadors and will go forth to win men and women for Him. Figuratively speaking, we must make the contact. If we do, the current will flow.

How can a local church best carry on its work of visitation? Experience has proved, beyond a doubt, that while special committees and individuals on their own initiative may make substantial contributions to this cause, the Sunday School is the church army for this purpose. After fifteen years of Sunday School promotion, I know of no better definition of Sunday School endeavor than this—"The Sunday School is an organized army of Christian workers, trained to work together under the leadership of the pastor and superintendent to assemble the men, women and children for teaching, preaching and evangelism."

Temporarily, during the building of our church, I have been operating some trucks that haul sand, stone and fill. We

trade at a service station where other truckers trade and sometimes gather to talk a bit. Some fellows named Ray and Bill run the place. Ray broke his leg and then fell and broke it the second time. While he was in the hospital, we had the opportunity to take the presence of Jesus to his bedside.

Some time later, Ed, another of the men at the service station, cornered me in the end of a little warehouse. He said, "Preacher, we've been watching you. A group of fellows out at the front were discussing religion and you." He said, "I'm going to tell you what I told them. I told them that you're the first preacher I've really believed in."

A tear or two rolled down my cheek, and his, too, as I told him about Jesus and the cross. He said, "Preacher, I'm going up to Georgia on my vacation, but when I come back, I'm going to come to your church to hear you preach."

One day I loaded up some rock and sand and took it out where I had been told to deliver it. While the lady was writing a check, I found out that the family was not attending any church; so I promised to pick up the little girl, Sara, and bring her to Sunday School. Later that week I went back one evening to visit her parents. The man said, "We will come visit your church." They did. Now they are one of the fine families in our church.

They told me about their son, who lived nearby. We promised to visit him. That evening, as my wife and I visited their home, we knew that He, the Holy Spirit, was there, too. Later we took Myer Pearlman's book, "Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible," and R. M. Riggs' book, "The Spirit Himself," to the home to be read. They decided to send Barbara, their teen-age daughter, to Lake Bonny Youth Camp (sponsored by the South Florida District of the Assemblies of God.) It was a happy moment when this family, who had gone to camp to get their daughter, stopped at our home to share the good news—Barbara had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit!

Two weeks later, her mother, at the close of the evening service (held in our home, as our church is not yet completed), received her baptism also. Five new members for our Sunday School have come from that family.

It does pay to visit. If you doubt this, just try it and see what happens when
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The ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN



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... it acquaints the Sunday School with the needs of the community and in turn makes known the activities of the local church. The canvassing, visitation and personal work help to focus the community's interest on spiritual things. By a well-planned campaign all the people in the community are contacted.



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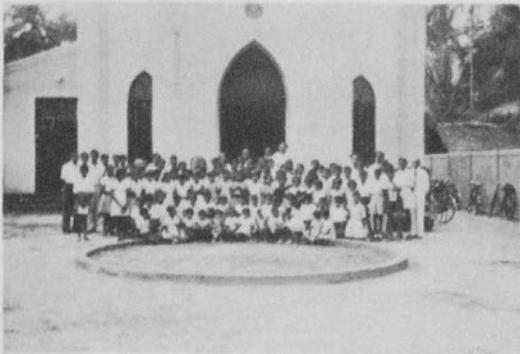
... it adds in numbers but the primary purpose of the Enlargement Campaign is that of evangelism. It benefits the individual Sunday School workers by giving them opportunity and experience in visitation and personal work. If evangelism is followed by instruction and improved housing facilities the Sunday School retains the new members. The Enlargement Campaign enables the local church to reach and retain the lost of the community.

For further information and a free sample of the Enlargement Campaign packet write to:

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Rosa Reineker, Ceylon

A YOUNG MAN condemned to die said before his execution, "If one per cent of the attention church people have given me since I was put in prison had been given me before I committed my crime, I would not be in prison."

What a challenge to us as Sunday School workers! Our Lord is interested in the winning of children while they are young.

In recent years there has been a greater manifestation of this interest in the country of Ceylon. Christians are catching the vision of the great need of winning children to Christ.

Until recently, Sunday School work was not considered important in the activities of the church here. It was considered almost a waste of time and effort. Now it is becoming one of the most important phases of our work, and our believers in Ceylon are beginning to see that the work of evangelization concerns children as well as adults.

There are at present 21 Sunday Schools in Ceylon, with total enrollment of over 1000. This has been brought about through the inspiration our workers have received at the annual council meetings.

We expect that soon one of our missionaries can be freed from other duties

to become National Sunday School Director. In this capacity he will be enabled to travel throughout the island, assisting in the opening of new Sunday Schools and helping the existing Schools to progress and grow into better Sunday Schools.

Decision Day has become an important feature in many places. I remember such an occasion in one Sunday School. After the message had been given, children literally ran to the altar. Every teacher became a personal worker, praying and helping children and young people to a knowledge of Jesus as their personal Saviour.

There is also an increased interest in V.B.S. In connection with this, special children's revival meetings are carried on. A very fruitful V.B.S. was conducted in the city of Colombo last August. Simultaneously with this effort there were evangelistic services for the children in the evenings. The two efforts combined proved most successful. Several children accepted Christ as their Saviour.

One of the most important works the Christians in Ceylon can engage in is that of winning the children to Christ.

Pray for this great effort!

"RADIO CEYLON"

Maynard Ketcham, Field Secretary for the Middle East

He is an engineer on a mail train, and a former member of the Church of England. All that church meant to him was baptism and education for his children, a big Christmas day celebration, communion on Easter Sunday, and a New Year's Eve dance. It is probable that he would have had no more chance of getting to heaven than the Mohammedan fireman on his engine, who takes off his shoes and prays five times a day; and who often spits when he sees a pig.



One night a group of crewmen were in the running quarters smoking, drinking beer, and playing cards. Some one had turned on the wireless to Radio Ceylon. The Assemblies of God program called INTRODUCTION TO LIFE was com-

ing in, although the men were paying no attention to it.

At this time one of the firemen came to the door on some business. He happened to understand English and was listening to the program while waiting to talk with the engineer.

When the business was over the fireman said, "Sahib, is that your girja (church broadcast)?" pointing to the radio. "If it is, you Christians are funny people. We Mohammedans respect God—take our shoes off and are very reverent when we go to the mosque. But you Christians get drunk and carouse while your 'girja' is broadcasting."

At first the engineer was angry. He swore, and threw the dregs of his beer in the fellow's face. The card game was no longer fun; and after a while, he withdrew to a corner and listened to the last part of the radio program.

He was restless all the following week,



The Roof That Fell In

LET'S RAISE THE ROOF!

The roof of the main house at Natitingou, Dahomey—the main station in Dahomey—is honey-combed with termites (white ants) and is about to collapse. Unless this is replaced immediately it will be TOO LATE.

A tropical storm, for which this West African country is especially noted, could cause the entire house to collapse doing untold damage and causing loss of life. Owing to the lack of funds the roof was built of thatch instead of permanent materials.

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and when Monday came around again he listened to the program from beginning to end. Brother Kohl preached a beautifully simple message on salvation, and asked the listening audience to give their hearts to Christ, wherever they were. This the engineer did; and after several hours of prayer, he knew that he was a born-again Christian.

After three or four broadcasts, practically all the adults in the Anglo-Indian settlement at J. were saved. Now the engineer has church service every Sunday morning in his house, and there is a big service every Monday night when the radio program is on. There are about twenty of them who have been saved.

INTRODUCTION TO LIFE is a live gospel broadcast conducted by our Assemblies of God missionaries in Ceylon and adapted particularly to the lives of the people in that area. It is released over Radio Ceylon, a powerful station having a potential audience of 28,000,000 listeners, and a half-hour broadcast costs only \$80.00. Support is still needed for this radio ministry.

Satan's Power Broken

Paul E. Brown, Argentina

One Sunday evening in June, 1953, in the city of Villa Mercedes, province of San Luis, Argentina, a young prize fighter called Pedro found himself in the Mission Hall of the "Asamblea de Dios." Just how he came to be in such a place was a mystery which can only be explained by saying that the Holy Spirit in His omniscience arranged a chain of events to bring a soul into contact with the life-giving message of the gospel.

The national pastor spoke earnestly of sin, coming judgment, repentance and salvation through faith. Pedro responded to the drawing of the Spirit in his heart, and along with a number of others he surrendered his life to God.

One day he came to the pastor's home holding a little silver crucifix in his hand. There was a troubled expression on his face. "This," he said, "is a gift from my mother. I carry it here over my heart and I can't bring myself to part with it. Don't you think God will pardon me in this one small fault?"

"Pedro," replied the pastor's wife, looking at him sympathetically, "we are not going to forbid you to keep the crucifix, but we are going to pray that God Himself will reveal to you whether or not it is His will for you to keep it."

At the prayer meeting a few days later, Pedro knelt with the others to pray. He says that as he prayed it seemed that a giant hand was placed over his chest where the crucifix rested in its accustomed place. The hand seemed to close, cutting off his breath; the flesh of his face became numb.

In desperation he thrust his hand inside his shirt and clutched the crucifix. He wanted to get rid of it now, but it seemed that a supernatural force was retaining the bit of silver inside his shirt. A cry of terror escaped his lips! The pastor and his wife were at his side immediately. Seeng his agony they began to pray. In one supreme effort Pedro tore the little idol from his bosom.

"Take it! Take it!" he cried, holding it at arm's length. The pastor's wife seized it and put it outside the door. Immediately the terrible oppression was gone.

Standing to his feet, Pedro gave a ringing testimony of gratitude and thanksgiving for the great deliverance that God had given him. He thanked God for the never-to-be-forgotten lesson—that, in accordance with the teaching of the apostle Paul, BEHIND EVERY IDOL LIES A DEMON POWER. God is a jealous God and will not permit His children to give a part of their worship to another.

At Pedro's request, the pastor took the image and broke it in pieces, a fitting symbol of the broken dominion of Satan over a life he had once held fast in his power.

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Arkansas	2,489.17	Polish Br.	222.00
Eastern	10,183.85	Potomac	4,237.80
Georgia	1,659.90	Rocky Mtn.	4,680.97
German Br.	377.66	Russian Br.	108.10
Greek Br.	16.76	So. Calif.	18,279.98
Hungarian Br. ..	168.81	South Carolina ..	210.31
Illinois	8,438.59	South Dakota ..	1,186.45
Indiana	3,357.11	South Florida ..	4,540.28
Italian Br.	110.00	So. Idaho	952.09
Kansas	5,535.31	So. Missouri	7,114.82
Kentucky	858.98	So. Texas	6,112.20
Lat. Amer. Br. ..	580.32	Tennessee	1,428.04
Louisiana	1,654.60	Texas	7,853.04
Michigan	8,140.84	Ukrainian Br.	40.00
Minnesota	6,840.20	West Central ..	4,369.27
Mississippi	1,636.56	West Florida ..	1,588.01
Montana	2,317.22	West Texas	2,196.44
Nebraska	2,904.79	Wisc.-N. Mich. ..	3,478.38
New England	2,220.54	Wyoming	473.89
New Mexico	4,499.45	Alaska	204.14
N. Y.-N. J.	10,655.88	Canada	113.10
No. Calif.-Nev ..	11,936.20	For. Countries ..	353.20
North Carolina ..	3,145.80	Spanish Lit.	3,284.28
North Dakota ..	2,481.01	Legacies	9,892.12
Northwest	17,736.95	Misc.	100.00

Total Amount Reported	\$222,367.73
District Fund	\$11,635.90
National Home Missions	2,289.66
Expense	8,422.15
Literature	61.09
Given Direct to Missionaries ..	32,749.70
	55,158.50

Received for Council Foreign Missions	\$167,209.23
Received for Non-Council Foreign Missions ..	2,059.85
Missionary Offerings not Allocated to Any State	42,309.46
	\$211,578.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Basutoland	\$ 661.00	Colombia	1,914.69
Belgian Congo ..	7,832.95	Guiana, Br.	319.68
Gold Coast	7,312.95	Paraguay	385.00
Liberia	6,816.04	Peru	4,023.83
Nigeria	5,654.33	Uruguay	1,900.00
Nyasaland	1,702.83	Venezuela	1,789.19
Sierra Leone ..	1,651.51	West Indies	15,652.95
Tanganyika	515.43	Children's Educ. in U.S.	4,615.19
Togo-Dahomey ..	5,619.65	Entertainment of Missionaries ..	1,798.97
Union of S. Af. ..	8,292.59	BGMC Mtl. & Ship. Exp. ..	1,198.95
Upper Volta	7,639.75	Deputational Exp.	2,026.31
China	2,344.20	Fld. Secre- taries	2,120.62
Fiji	302.21	Literature	685.87
Formosa	2,629.90	Mission Cars ..	271.14
Hawaii	3,997.16	N. Y. Office Export Div.	1,200.00
Indonesia	5,887.45	N. Y. Office Public Relations ..	860.00
Japan	4,866.34	Refunds and Transfers to Other Depts.	834.49
Korea	2,396.43	Spanish Lit.	6,980.68
Malaya	2,650.58	Speed-the-Light, C. A. Dept.	1,363.55
Philippines	13,527.33	Women's Mis- sionary Council Exp.	4,173.25
Samoa, Amer.	733.93	Miscellaneous ..	163.30
Burma	595.00	Retired Mis- sionaries	2,400.60
Ceylon	2,636.56		
India	40,018.58		
Egypt	5,028.63		
Europe	11,758.17		
Iran	153.52		
Israel	554.83		
Syria	334.00		
Turkey	213.00		
Gen. Amer.	11,261.57		
Lat. Amer. Work in U.S.	513.02		
Mexico	2,046.84		
Argentina	1,110.50		
Bolivia	4,397.45		
Brazil	4,304.24		
Chile	2,156.24		

Total Distr. to Council Foreign Missions ..	\$236,791.97
Non-Council Missionaries	4,109.99

Total Disbursements	\$240,901.96
Charge to Hold Accounts	29,323.42
Total Receipts	\$211,578.54

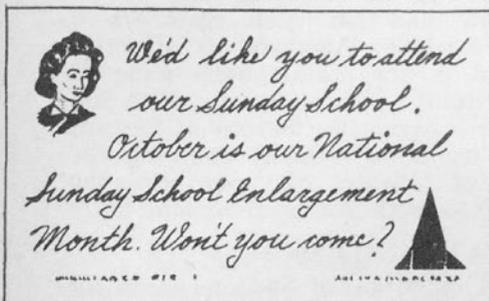
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materials which have been designed to
to Christ and your Sunday School

Post Card

This Enlargement Month Campaign post-card features an inviting message, and space is left for your Church name to be stamped or printed in. On the reverse side is room for address and a personal message.

11 EV 6472 20c for 12; \$1.00 for 100



Color Book

God's Wonderful World

Older children—Primary and Junior ages, will enjoy coloring in this book. It may be presented to children in the home or to children visiting the Sunday School.

18 EV 7520 25c each; \$2.75 for 12

Christian Cartoon Posters

For a number of years Charles Ramsay's gospel cartoons have been enjoyed by users of the Adult and Teen-Age quarterlies. The new enlarged reproductions are now available in black and white poster size, 13 by 20 inches. Place them in store windows or in outside bulletin boards. Space is provided at the bottom for the church name and address. Set of thirteen cartoons.

Only \$1.25 per set.

Tracts

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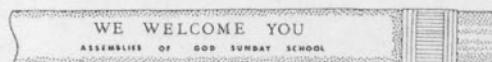
50, 50c for 100, \$2.00



Sunday School Pencil

This pencil with the wording "We Welcome You—Assemblies of God Sunday School" may be used as gift or award for bringing a visitor. It, too, is a constant advertisement of your Sunday School.

16 EV 7075 5c each; 55c for 12

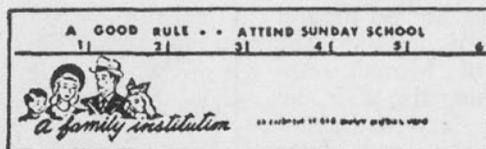


Ruler Blotter

Here is a blotter that will serve several purposes. It will be used as a blotter and ruler. Each time it is used it will advertise your Sunday School, reminding its user that an Assemblies of God Sunday School is interested in his spiritual welfare.

On each blotter there is left a space for your Church stamp. In the left hand corner is a picture of a family with the caption "Sunday School—A Family Institution." Across the ruler are the words "A Very Good Rule: Attend Sunday School." We feel you will be pleased to hand out an attractive gift like this.

8 EV 5844 25c for 12
\$1.25 for 100, \$5.00 for 500



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Keep Records

Use Records

The following materials can serve as Enlargement Campaign tools. Order by number and title.

7 EV 5337 **Personal Worker's Form**—A card to be turned in with names and addresses of prospects.

\$1.25 for 100

7 EV 5331 **Community Census Card**
\$1.00 for 100

7 EV 5339 **Prospect Card**—Transfer names of prospects from census card to these to assign visitation and keep record of results.

75c for 100

7 EV 5327 **Census Assignment Envelope**—Handy to contain census cards and map; also list route and record numbers of those away from home.

25c for 12; \$1.85 for 100

7 EV 5326 **Assignment Card and Sectional Map**—Used to assign territory and guide census workers.

\$1.25 for 100

7 EV 5335 **Invitation To Sunday School**—May be given to persons, and their pledge taken to attend School.

\$1.15 for 100

7 EV 5329 **Church Family Census Card**—Start with a census in the church.

\$1.00 for 100

7 EV 5333 **Complete Follow-Up Record Book**—(Absentees and Prospects) For secretary's record of visitation work. Also provides weekly report of follow-up work.

\$1.00 each

Absentees Follow-up Materials

7 EV 5284 **Sunday School Absentee Visitation Card**—Provides place for record of 12 visits. Need one for each member.

75c for 100

7 EV 5286 **Visitation Assignment Envelopes**—Each teacher or group leader needs one to use for absentee or prospect visitation.

\$1.00 for 100

7 EV 5282 **Absentee Slips**—A slip in pads of 100 which can be used to report absentees.

10c for 100

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

ABRAHAM'S GREATEST TEST

Lesson for September 20

Genesis 22:1, 2, 6-14

Great faith is only found in lives that encounter great trials. For almost twenty-five years Abraham's faith was tested as he waited for the fulfillment of the promise of a son.

There were also other tests of faith. Scofield points out that in the life of Abraham there were four main crises, each of which required that he give up something dear to him. In the first crisis he had to leave his country and his father's house. In the second, there was the separation from Lot, whom he loved. Then came the desire of Abraham concerning Ishmael, that he might be the heir in whom the promises would be fulfilled, but God said No. Then came the test about which we study today, which undoubtedly was the greatest test of all. Besides these crucial tests there were the many battles of everyday life—battles with uncertainties, and inner conflicts which man might not see but which would be very real.

1. ABRAHAM IS TESTED

a. *Joy Mixed With Sorrow.* When the angel announced that Abraham was to have a son, Sarah laughed (Gen. 18:12) for she thought it was too good to be true. When the son was born he was named Isaac, which means laughter. To have children is a joy. To have children that are foreknown to be children of special promise is a special joy. But no joy in this world is unmixed with sorrow. This Abraham learned. Sorrow came when he had to send Hagar and Ishmael away (Gen. 21:9-32). Greater sorrow came when he was called upon to offer Isaac on the altar.

b. *The Nature of the Test.* In the New Testament we read, "God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" (James 1:13). While it is true that God does not tempt to sin, He does try (or test) the hearts of men. It was in this latter respect that God tempted Abraham, to learn the fullness of Abraham's faith, love, and obedience. Where there is faith there will be obedience. Those who teach justification by faith without works contradict the Word of God. "Faith, if it have not works, is dead, being alone" (James 2:17).

In the Septuagint translation concerning the trial of Abraham, the thought is given that he was pierced through. His heart was cut to the depth. In the

Hebrew the word "try" gives also this further meaning: that the purpose of the test was to glorify Abraham, to make him illustrious. How wonderful was the purpose of God. Abraham's heart was pierced through, it is true, but by means of the trial God was going to crown Abraham with a glory and renown which very few equal. Let us remember the lesson when we are tried. Our hearts may be pierced through, but let us not forget that God has a loving purpose for us in the test. He does not seek to injure us; He only tries us to prepare us for a choice blessing. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried [approved], he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

2. ABRAHAM OBEYS

a. *God's Strange Command.* God told Abraham to take his only son Isaac on a journey and offer him up for a burnt-offering. A burnt-offering is an offering wholly for the Lord. God would have Abraham make a complete sacrifice. Isaac was the embodiment of Abraham's most cherished hopes, yet he was to give him back to God and have only the ashes that remained. There are times when faithfulness to God seems to leave us nothing more than ashes. Even legitimate benefits and pleasures may have to be laid on the altar, and the heart is sometimes filled with dark questionings. Let us remember that God never deprives us of that which is really good for us. He only takes away our idols in order that He Himself may have first place in our affections and allegiance.

b. *Abraham's Consecration.* Abraham did not argue with God. He believed God had spoken, and, whether or not he understood why the command had been given, he would obey. Taking wood for the fire, he and his son promptly left for the land of Moriah. Approaching the place, he left the servants behind while he and Isaac ascended the mountain. Abraham said to the servants, "I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again." Did Abraham really believe that both he and Isaac would return? It appears so. "By faith Abraham . . . offered up Isaac . . . accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead" (Heb. 11:17, 19). What magnificent faith! He believed that the coven-

ants which God had made with him were bound to be fulfilled through Isaac. Therefore, even were Isaac to die on the altar, God would give him back in some manner so that the promises might be fulfilled!

3. A SUBSTITUTE IS PROVIDED

a. *The Substitute for Isaac.* Abraham bound his son, laid him on the altar, and was about to slay him with a knife when God intervened. He said that, since Abraham had demonstrated his willingness to give up even his son, his only son, he would have many descendants, and from his line all the nations of the earth would be blessed. He showed Abraham a ram, caught in a nearby thicket, and told him to slay the ram instead of Isaac.

b. *The Substitute for Us.* In the offering up of Isaac God set forth in type that which later became a reality. Abraham represents God the Father; Isaac represents God the Son. God did not spare His only Son, but delivered Him up for us all. Christ, of whom Isaac was a fitting type, obedient to death, even the death of the cross, has died as our Substitute and has risen again. If it meant much to Abraham to offer his son, has it not meant much more to the heavenly Father to see His Son suffering, carrying the burden of the sins of the world, and finally enduring the agonies of Calvary? May our hearts be inspired to fresh consecration and faith.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

The Destruction of Sodom (lesson for Sunday September 13). Lesson text: Genesis 18:1-19: 29.

THE ACID TEST



Biennial Reports Given at General Council

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Gayle F. Lewis

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His abounding grace that we assemble for this twenty-fifth biennial meeting of our General Council. While in many ways the past two years have been difficult years, due to readjustments in administration, yet God has been our sufficiency, and the strength of the fellowship has been demonstrated in a manner which leaves no shadow of doubt that God is with us.

The indebtedness on the Gospel Publishing House property has been paid, and we see a continued upsurge in our literature sales. Giving for Home and Foreign Missions has increased. The Sunday School and Young People's work continues to grow. The Bible Schools are giving to us more and more consecrated and trained young men and women for service in the harvest field. Our Radio Program, REVIVALTIME, has reached the four corners of the earth. Our churches are growing and expanding their facilities as this Pentecostal revival continues to move on under the blessing of God.

We feel, however, that this expansion should cause us to stop at this time to re-examine our relationship to God, lest in all of our getting, we forget to get God. Our growth should humble us under the mighty hand of God lest we be tempted to say in our hearts, "Our own hands and our own strength hath gotten us this." What do we have that we have not received from Him? And if we have received it, then why should we boast as though we had not received it? May we stay low at His feet.

We have been keenly conscious of a cry in the hearts of God's people for a great revival. This is healthy, but we must always guard against two great dangers: The enemy will either try to substitute something that has a show of power but is contrary to God's Word; or he will tempt us to substitute human efforts for the real power of God. Our movement has passed through many crises in the past but God's hand has been upon us. He has preserved us to this hour. If we will continue to walk humbly before Him, obedient to His Word, we will also continue to see His power manifested in all its glory and purity.

Let us stand fast in the faith and doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us maintain pure standards of righteousness and holiness. Let us endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace until Jesus comes.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

J. R. Flower

There has been a definite increase in numbers of churches, ministers and church

membership since the report of 1951. So far as the number of ministers and churches now in the fellowship is concerned, the record is fairly accurate. Constant reference to the District Council records has enabled the Executive Office to keep its records up to date, and therefore accurate. The problem of obtaining specific information on church membership is more difficult. The reason is that the attendance in public services in all our churches greatly exceeds enrolled membership, and some churches are very careless in the matter of soliciting and securing actual enrollment of members. It is common for some denominations to count adherents rather than actual en-

The accompanying reports were given to the General Council of the Assemblies of God, meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 26 to September 2, 1953. The reports have been condensed for publication in the EVANGEL.

Further reports and a day-by-day account of the proceedings at the General Council will appear in the issue of September 27.

rolled members, but it has been the custom of Full Gospel churches to count active members only, which does not always give an accurate view of the extent of growth.

If we should think in terms of adherents, we should judge there are approximately three-fourths of a million persons in the Assemblies of God. This deduction is based on the fact that at the present time it is known definitely there are 710,220 persons enrolled in the Assemblies of God Sunday Schools. A careful survey of records available has produced the following figures:

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF TEN-YEAR GROWTH

	1943	1951	1953
Number of affiliated and co-operative assemblies	5,106	5,854	6,400
Reported Membership	226,805	318,478	370,118
Ordained Ministers	4,664	7,210	7,641
Christian workers and Licensed Ministers reported by the Districts (approx.)			6,000

The gain in the number of churches is approximately 20%.

The gain in church membership is approximately 38%.

The list of ministers, reported above, does not include missionaries under appointment by the Foreign Missions Department.

The duties of the secretarial office are heavy, and the General Secretary has a limited field ministry because of the necessity of having one of the Executive Presbyters at headquarters at all times. Nevertheless, he has appreciated each opportunity he has had to visit the field for fellowship and the ministry of the Word.

THE GENERAL TREASURER

Wilfred A. Brown

The General Treasurer reported that there has been an increase each year in the amount of offerings received from the ministers for the maintenance of the General Council offices. However, the offerings have not been sufficient to meet the costs of operation since costs have risen steadily during the past two years.

He stated that the Church Extension Loan Fund is proving to be a potent force in expanding our fellowship. On June 30 there were 708 Assemblies having loans from this revolving fund. The fund is loaned out to its limit and there is always a waiting list of churches desiring loans.

His report mentioned an encouraging increase in the sale of General Council Annuity Bonds; and also the introduction of a new retirement pension plan for ministers.

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Fred Vogler, Director

It is with a feeling of deep gratitude to God that we make this report concerning the progress of the national Home Missions Department. In every one of our eight Home Missions fields we have seen the blessing of God and the advancing of His kingdom.

From our workers' monthly reports we have gleaned an over-all picture of the great work they are doing for God. In the past two years they have reported 2,003 souls saved, 325 baptized in water, 192 filled with the Spirit, and 936 healings. This report should be cause for great rejoicing and for prayer to God that every one of the more than two thousand who have professed Christ shall grow in His grace and follow on to know the Lord.

ALASKA. We have five children's homes in Alaska which provide care and shelter for nearly 100 children. In addition we have many churches, some of which have had to enlarge their buildings recently, and steps have been taken to start churches in two more cities.

AMERICAN INDIANS. God has signally blessed the Assemblies of God work among the American Indians. Thirteen states are now included. Our nearly 70 workers report a growing hunger among the Indians for the gospel of Christ.

FOREIGN-LANGUAGE GROUPS IN U.S.A. We now list a total of 168 churches in our eight foreign-language branches. The Greek Branch with 12 churches was organized in January 1953. This Branch also carries on an active work in Greece.

The Italian Branch shows an increase of eight churches since last General Council. These brethren are also to be commended for their work in Italy.

LATIN AMERICAN WORK. The Latin American District is growing rapidly and remains self-supporting. Their churches now number over 300. They have three Bible Institutes enrolling 300 students.

JEWISH WORK. We have 12 appointed workers among the Jews at present. Most of these are located in large cities. We give thanks to God for the Jews who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour in the past two years.

DEAF WORK. Our work among the Deaf is growing. With the bringing in of Paul Carlstrom (a brother who himself is deaf) as secretary of the Deaf Division, this work has definitely progressed. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit at the Deaf camp meetings in Kansas and Southern California this summer. A Sunday School quarterly for the Deaf, entitled, "The Deaf Student," will be ready for distribution by January 1, 1954.

PRISON WORK. Arvid Ohnell, our National Prison Representative, has carried on an extensive and effective ministry among prisoners all over the U.S.A. Many have been saved as a result of his ministry in various institutions. More than 200 prisoners have enrolled in our Correspondence School. We have several ministers serving as prison chaplains. Special literature has been prepared for distribution among prisoners.

INDUSTRIAL CHAPLAINCY. We have one Assemblies of God minister serving as industrial chaplain at present. We strongly urge Christian businessmen to investigate the possibilities of this field of ministry.

NEW CHURCHES. During the past eighteen months over 500 new works have been reported by our 41 District Home Missions Representatives. The "Mother Church" plan is being adopted by more and more of our established churches.

PROPERTY OWNED. The Assemblies of God own Home Missions property in Alaska with a total estimated value of \$341,000. This includes church buildings, parsonages, children's homes, two gospel planes, and a gospel boat (the Taku). In Connection with our Indian work we have property valued at \$57,000.

THE DEPARTMENT OF BENEVOLENCES

Fred Vogler, Director

In reporting on the Pinellas Park Home for retired ministers and missionaries, Brother Vogler showed that the receipts and expenditures in the past two years had struck an almost even balance. Improvements on the Home included a new heating plant which was installed at a cost of approximately \$5,000.

Similarly the National Children's Home was shown to have operated in the black by a very slim margin. Improvements made in the Children's Home include the erection of a fine modern barn and the purchase of new laundry equipment. One of the couples working in the Home has given a new Ford tractor and plows

to the Home, in addition to deeding thirteen acres to the Home while retaining a life interest therein.

The third major activity of the Department is the administration of financial assistance to our elderly ministers. There are 232 ministers and their wives receiving regular assistance at present. Many of them have written letters of gratitude and thanksgiving for this regular help which is made possible by the semi-annual offerings received in the local Assemblies for this purpose. Usually only about 1,000 churches (16% of the total) participate in these offerings.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATIONS

J. O. Savell, Director

It is with much humility and true thankfulness to God that we submit this report of the last two years of activity at the Gospel Publishing House. It also carries our deep appreciation and gratitude to all the members of our great Assemblies of God constituency for the fine co-operation and loyalty shown our Publishing House through the years.

The past two years have witnessed many changes. Outstanding among these was the loss of our beloved General Superintendent, Brother (and friend to all) Wesley R. Steelberg. This event was followed by the appointment of Brother Gayle F. Lewis to the position of General Superintendent creating another vacancy which was filled by the appointment of Brother J. O. Savell; these changes being made by the General Presbyters, in session, last September.

This period also saw the termination of a long period of service, as Manager of the Gospel Publishing House, by Brother J. Z. Kamerer. Of thirty-two continuous years, he served twenty-eight of them as General Manager. In a quiet and unassuming way he left his mark upon the Publishing House and those who worked under him, a mark that time will never erase. Brother Kamerer did not leave us entirely, but remains to fill a real need as Credit Manager.

J. O. Harrell was appointed to fill the post of General Manager, and with the excellent co-operation of the other Divisional heads, foremen and employees we have moved forward.

Marvin Knott, who has had twenty-two years of service in the Production Division, was appointed to be Superintendent of that Division. He is carrying on that work in a very acceptable manner.

A purchasing office was established with Earl Foster, an Assemblies of God man having experience in this field, in charge. Brother Foster also serves as Transportation Manager. The new office serves all General Council departments and is giving us greater efficiency in purchasing and distribution of supplies.

There has been a total increase of 257,305 in our 34 regular periodicals during the past two years. We are now printing 58,314,020 copies a year, in addition to many other items such as books, tracts, songbooks, circulars, etc.

The following list of our periodicals is mute testimony of our growth in the field of literature.

Publication	1951	1953
Pentecostal Evangel.....	144,000	160,000
Junior Trails	105,000	123,000
HiCall	88,000	102,000
Gospel Cleaners	161,000	190,000
Our Sunday School Counselor.....	26,000	29,500
Christ's Ambassadors Herald.....	19,000	16,600
Missionary Challenge	21,000	14,000
Superintendent's Assistant	7,000	8,500
Christ's Ambassadors Guide.....	3,600	4,900
Family Altar Guide	13,000	11,500
The Primary Pupil	83,000	98,000
The Junior Pupil	120,000	138,200
The Teen-Age Student.....	118,000	135,000
The Adult Student	270,000	297,000
Sunday School Lesson Leaves.....	104,000	111,000
The Beginner Teacher	12,000	15,500
The Primary Teacher	15,000	16,900
The Junior Teacher	17,000	19,200
The Teen-Age Teacher.....	16,000	19,000
The Adult Teacher	77,000	87,000
Junior Workbook	45,000	62,000
Teen-Age Workbook	19,000	23,000
Visual Aid Sets	24,200	34,450
Beginner Lesson Pictures.....	4,000	4,600
Little Folk's Friend	96,000	118,000
My Picture Paper	100,000	112,000
Primary Picture Roll	4,900	5,600
Primary Picture Cards	63,670	55,435
Ramsay's Cartoons	750	800
La Guia Dominical (Adult-Young People)	33,500	45,000
El Companero (Children's Quarterly)	11,000	10,000
El Maestro (Adult Teacher Quarterly)	2,600	5,000
El Sendero Evangelico (Children's T.Q.)	2,760	4,000
Joyas Escogidas (Children's Paper)	13,600	21,000
Total Circulation	1,840,580	2,097,885

"THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL"

Robert C. Cunningham, Editor

During the past two years there has been a gratifying increase in the circulation of the EVANGEL. We are now printing 160,000 copies each week. These many copies are going into all the world, carrying a message of full salvation and of Pentecostal blessing for "whosoever will."

Letters from readers indicate that the EVANGEL is filling an important place in their spiritual life. Many of them like the paper so well that they pass it on to neighbors, friends, and loved ones. Thousands have ordered gift subscriptions.

The Lord has enabled us to improve the appearance of the EVANGEL within the past two years. A new offset press of the latest design has been purchased and the photographs especially are looking much better. We have also purchased a new type face, at a cost of fifteen hundred dollars, which has made the magazine much more modern and more readable. Elderly people are finding it easier to read the new type since it is larger than the 8-point type we formerly used in certain sections of the magazine.

Pastors and workers in the local Assemblies have done much to increase the circulation. One pastor calls the EVANGEL his "Assistant Pastor" and makes regular announcements from the pulpit to encourage his people to read it. Another often mentions particular articles from the pulpit. Some pastors make it a point to see that each visitor in the



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Publishers of other religious magazines are amazed at the EVANGEL'S low price. They cannot understand how, with rising cost, we can keep the bundle rate down to three cents a copy (\$1.50 per year). The answer is twofold: by careful economy and large circulation. There are very few religious magazines in the world that enjoy as large a circulation as the EVANGEL. With continued effort and co-operation toward increasing the circulation we believe we can continue to keep the price down so low that even the poorest can afford to subscribe.

CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE

Hart R. Armstrong, Editor

It is wonderful to be able to report that our Church School Literature has continued its steady growth in circulation during the past two years since our last General Council. This growth is partly due to the increase in the size of our Assemblies of God Sunday Schools, to the larger use of our literature by our own people, and to many other churches out-

side the Assemblies of God ranks which have found our literature appealing and complete enough for their use. Thus the Pentecostal message is penetrating into many areas through our Sunday School literature which might not otherwise have this message given to them.

Arrangements have been made with the printers to prepare our Sunday School picture cards and picture rolls without English printing so they can be shipped to foreign countries and there printed with the suitable foreign words, translating from our English cards or rolls. In some cases we have found it impossible to export these cards and pictures into foreign countries and the missionaries have had a great deal of trouble in the matter, but where the material could be received, it has been used to wonderful advantage. The translating of our Sunday School literature in various languages has continued and increased, so that we may truthfully say that our Sunday School materials are "girdling the globe" and are being used of God to do splendid work.

Our literature has been improved and changed in several instances. The Beginner and Primary picture papers are being enlarged and will be much more effective in their new form. We have decided after much discussion with people in churches and conventions to rename the Workbooks since the name is not attractive to the children and young people. The Junior book is to be known as "Bible Explorer," and the Teen-Age book as

"Search." We have experimented with the format of some of the teacher quarterlies in order to find the most effective arrangement of the lesson for the practical use of the teacher. Our present form seems to be pleasing most of the users.

No new Church School publications have been introduced these past two years, and our time has been spent on improving the materials we now have. We are continuing to use the National Sunday School Association lesson outlines for the basis of our lessons for the Junior age and upward, and the Editor has been an active member of the NSSA Curriculum Committee having a proper share in the over-all planning of these outlines.

The Editorial Department workers who produce the Church School literature are conscious of their great responsibility and privilege in carrying on this work, and are happy for the splendid response which has come to our publications from the field. They will greatly appreciate continued prayer in their behalf.

MERCHANDISING DIVISION

David J. Johnston, Manager

As we stop to review the activities of the Merchandising Division during the past two years, we have reason to be grateful to God for His many blessings and continued guidance.

During these two years 685,768 books and 3,820,816 gospel tracts have been

printed and made ready for distribution.

These figures represent new merchandise as well as reprints. Nine editions of new books have been printed, and four manuscripts which represent new books are now in the hands of the printers.

The sales of the past year show a marked increase over the preceding year. We are constantly adding new merchandise to our stock to meet the demands of our constituency. Our purpose is to furnish the needs of our customers for religious supplies of all kinds. The weekly advertisements in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL and our general catalog are prepared with this purpose in mind.

We are delighted with the privilege of serving the needs of our churches in any possible way. Our greatest desire is to serve our Heavenly Father and our entire constituency by spreading the gospel through the printed page.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

M. W. Knott, Superintendent

The Production Department is the point where all our publications are printed and mailed, and is located in the new building.

The Lord has given us a modern printing plant with the best and latest equipment obtainable for our type of work. In addition to the large Mann Perfector Offset Press installed two years ago, on which the EVANGEL is printed, we now have another press of the same kind, a two-color press that is slightly smaller, installed at a cost of \$38,000. Our plant is now using three processes for printing: Letter Press, Plastic Plate, and Offset. We have fifteen presses of various sizes; six large folders; five linotype machines; three big cutters; two gang stichers; and many other items of printing equipment, plus the machinery for a large bindery.

Recently we added in our bindery a new book-sewing machine, much larger and faster than our old one. We have also installed a casing-in machine for putting the covers on cloth-bound books.

The Production Department uses more than three railroad carloads of paper per month, and over one hundred pounds of ink per day.

There are approximately 150 persons employed in the Production Department, a number of whom are nearing and some of whom have already passed the quarter-century mark of service. Each day's work begins with prayer, and the staff will be happy to be remembered in your prayers.

THE BUSINESS OFFICE

M. Kenneth Morris, Manager

During the 1952-53 fiscal year, the Business Office handled a total of 189,401 orders, which is an increase of approximately 1,000 orders over the previous period. Each of these orders, for the most part, has been larger than before, indicating the growth of our churches.

Definite steps have been taken to re-

duce both the cost of handling these orders and the number of errors made during the clerical process. Statistical quality control, a scientifically proved work procedure, was installed in February to improve the quality of the work produced by the clerical staff. Within two months the number of errors was reduced to less than 1% of the total orders handled in the office. This has been accomplished without adding to the staff of faithful employees.

In fact, during this past year, the staff of the order clerical section of the Business Office has been reduced by approximately five employees. This has been due to refinement of methods but without a sacrifice in either the quality or the quantity of work produced by the smaller staff.

Approximately \$75,000 in tabulating equipment has been installed in the accounting department and major changes made in the work procedures to give more information concerning the various operations. In March, an organization change was made combining the accounting department of the Gospel Publishing House with a portion of the accounting department of the Foreign Missions department. This new department is now issuing the receipts for Foreign Missions offerings, and at the present time nearly all of the difficulties attendant with such a major change have been eliminated. Issuing of receipts is now on a daily basis, with the receipts showing exactly how the donated funds are being used.

Plans for other improvements are being completed, and all of these proposed changes will mean better service to all of our fellowship.

HE CALLS TO VISITATION

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thirsty men and women are brought in contact with the living waters (John 7:38). Let us not limit the manifestation of the Spirit of God to supernatural utterances, or works of healing alone. We must assume the authority that our Master would invest in us and go forth as He commanded (Luke 9:1, 2). He calls us to recognize the constant presence of the Holy Spirit, and to yield our lives so that others might receive from us the words and wisdom of God. May their hearts burn as they feel His presence when they are in our company.

DISGUISED LOVE

Be assured there is disguised love in all the Lord does. He who knows us infinitely better than we know ourselves, often puts a thorn in our nest to drive us to the wing, that we may not be grovelers forever. "It is," says Evans, "upon the smooth ice we slip; the rough path is safest for the feet." The tearless and undimmed eye is not to be coveted here; that is reserved for heaven!—J. R. Macduff.

PRESERVING SOUND DOCTRINE

The apostle Paul wrote, "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2).

"The same commit thou."

"The same"; nothing more; nothing less; nothing other. The same in substance; the same in emphasis; the same in presentation; the same in power.

You are dealing with the Water of life. Don't sweeten it. Don't poison it. Don't dilute it. Don't divert it. Don't stop it. Don't try to analyze it. Pour it out and pass it on! The denizens of our desert earth are thirsty for it unto death.

You are sharing the Bread of life. You cannot make it. You cannot bake it. Simply take it from the Master's hand and heed His word, "Give ye them to eat!" Then the famishing multitude will be fed.—H. C. Moore in *Word and Work*.

MISSIONS AT HOME

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

DO YOU WANT TO BE A "FRIEND IN NEED"?

Full particulars of Mrs. Laverne Stellrecht's serious illness have not as yet reached us, but Brother Stellrecht has written enough to let us know that they are in great need of prayer and financial help. These faithful missionaries to the Apache Indians at Bylas, Arizona, have labored beyond their strength to meet the crying spiritual needs of the Indians to whom they minister. Here is Brother Stellrecht's letter concerning his wife's illness:

"On July 27, Sister Stellrecht collapsed. On Sunday night, the 26th, we had had a very late service (as usual) and on Monday she got up early and took care of her household duties. In the afternoon she conducted a women's meeting in the new church. After that she walked quite a distance with a group of younger women, to a camp where they held a 'Jesus-sing.' It was very hot, and as soon as she got back she collapsed and continued to get worse.

"I was up night and day with her. By Thursday at 3:00 a.m. she was so ill that I thought she was going to be with the Lord. In desperation I bundled her into the station wagon and took her thirty-two miles to a small hospital at Safford, Arizona. They did what they could to relieve her, and needless to say during all of this time we practically breathed in prayer. I stayed in Safford until late Saturday while those here at the station continued in prayer.

"Mrs. Stellrecht is home now in bed, but must rest and be quiet for a long time, and she is on a strict diet. I could see this coming on for some time. She will not rest as long as there is so much to do.

"We are happy that the Foster family is here to help us. We could not get along without them now. Everyone is so good to us. Two of our Apache girls are here now. They want to do the washing and ironing. . . . As I look from the window here it looks as if we are going to have a prayer meeting around here right away. No less than thirty Indians are gathered to pray for Sister Stellrecht. . . ."

Since receiving the above letter two telegrams from Brother Stellrecht have informed us of his wife's condition. They read as follows:

AUGUST 6—THIS IS A REQUEST FOR PRAYER. MRS. STELLRECHT RETURNED TO HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT. VERY SERIOUS.

AUGUST 14—MRS. STELLRECHT IN HOSPITAL AGAIN FOR THIRD TIME. JUST HAD MAJOR SURGERY. DESPERATELY IN NEED OF FUNDS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY. WE ARE TRYING TO REACH THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT.

We commend these sacrificial workers to our readers. We consider them most worthy of help at this time, but because our Indian fund is in the red and has been for several months we are limited in what we can do to help them. May we count on you to be a "friend in need"? Kindly send your offering designated "Bylas Emergency," to National Home Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

NEWS

NUMBERS SAVED AND BLESSED AT MICHIGAN DISTRICT CAMP

GRASS LAKE, MICH.—The 17th annual camp meeting of the Michigan District at Fa-Ho-Lo Park was blessed of God from the first service. Many were baptized with the Holy Spirit, some were saved, and others were healed by God's power.

D. H. McLaughlin of Seattle, Wash. and William E. Kirschke of Tacoma, Wash. were camp speakers. Their messages were outstanding and brought spiritual help to all who heard them. The Musical Ambassadors from Southern California Bible College were with us for the beginning of the camp and they were a real blessing to us. Because of the spiritual blessing the financial response was good. Over \$11,000 was pledged toward the support of the camp for the coming year.

Boys' Camp was conducted from July 4 to 10 with 136 enrolled, and Girls' Camp was conducted the following week with 176 enrolled. These camps were under the able leadership of Gail Straisinger and Betty Davis.

There were 180 enrolled for the Youth Conference, August 3 to 8. This conference was under the supervision of the Michigan Christ's Ambassadors. Robert Willis, C. A. President from

Texas, was the guest speaker. Brother Willis was also the speaker for the Vacation Bible Camp which was held Aug. 9 to 14. There were 35 enrolled.—Everett D. Cooley, District Secretary.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT CAMP AND COUNCIL MIGHTILY BLESSED

ALEXANDRIA, LA.—The 17th annual District Council of the Louisiana District which followed the camp meeting brought to a close ten glorious days (July 1 through 10) of spiritual blessing and fellowship. D. P. Holloway of West Palm Beach, Fla. was mightily anointed of God as he ministered daily through the camp meeting and District Council. His rich spiritual messages will be long remembered. God confirmed the preaching of His Word with a mighty deluge of Holy Ghost blessing the night before the camp came to a close, and the service was turned into one great altar service.

The business sessions of the Council began on Wednesday morning. Several were ordained to the ministry in an impressive ordination service. The report showed that all departments had a very successful year.

L. C. Ashbrook, District Superintendent, F. C. Chamberlain and L. D. Wells Jr., General Presbyters, continue in the second year of office. The following officers were re-elected: E. L. Tanner, Assistant Superintendent; Vincent Roccaforte, Secretary-Treasurer; and J. E. Allen Sunday School Director.

H. F. Jones, J. E. Barton, R. W. Wimberly, Phil Johnson, and D. J. McKinney were chosen by their respective sections to serve as Presbyters and their appointment was ratified by the Council.

Mrs. J. E. Allen was re-elected as President of the Women's Missionary Council and Mrs. L. D. Wells Jr. as Secretary.—Vincent Roccaforte, District Secretary-Treasurer.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

PORUM, OKLA.—We just closed a meeting with Evangelist V. O. Moore of Farmersville, Calif. Eleven were saved, four filled with the Holy Spirit, and seventeen baptized in water.—E. L. Coeman, Pastor.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Vander Ploeg have just closed a 2½-week meeting with us. We rejoiced to see 61 kneel at the altar seeking the Lord, and 156 visitors attended our church for the first time. Kenneth R. Schmidt, Pastor.

SAN MARCOS, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. A. R. Kennedy of Austin, Tex. conducted a meeting for us recently. Several were saved and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Twelve were baptized in water. We broke the Sunday School record with 57 present. A special servicemen's night brought a number of new airmen to the meeting.—Tommy Ruth Zarnow, Pastor.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—We had a successful meeting with the Sunshine Evangelistic Party of Covington, Ky. Evangelist Bruce Thum preached the gospel in the old-fashioned way. The Sunshine party's singing and playing on their many musical instruments, together with the illustrated sermons, drew large crowds. The church seats nearly 1500 people and many nights extra chairs were brought in to accommodate the people. Over 100 new people came to our church for the first time.—F. R. Lummer, Pastor, Evangelistic Temple.

DAYTON, OHIO—In November, 1950, we came to Dayton feeling deeply the call of God to this field. The congregation was meeting in a hall when we first came, but with the Lord's help we were soon able to move into a beautiful church edifice. Great sacrifices were made and the work moved forward for God. Spiritual gain was made only after a battle against the powers and workers of darkness.

Last October Evangelist Nick Golusin of Cincinnati, Ohio was with us for a meeting. He preached the Word fearlessly under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. His messages inspired the church to deeper spiritual life.

Since February we have had a constant growth. Souls have been saved, sick bodies healed, and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. The church is growing for Christ.—Irwin W. Phillips, Pastor, Central Assembly of God.

AUGUSTA, ILL.—We praise the Lord for the way He has blessed our Assembly this summer. In June we had a Vacation Bible School conducted by Shirley Felton and Ruth Ohler of Great Lakes Bible Institute. Following the school we had a 3½-week meeting with Evangelist Edna K. Jacks and co-worker, Marguerite Mills. Several were saved and two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Margaret Althiser, Secretary. (H. C. Anderson is Pastor.)

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEX.—The Lord gave us a very fine meeting with Evangelists G. L. and Le'a Fern McKinney and daughter, Juanece, of Joplin, Mo. Thirty-nine were saved and 23 baptized with the Holy Ghost in the old-fashioned way. Twenty were baptized in water and 19 affiliated with the church. The singing and playing of Brother McKinney and daughter aided greatly in the meeting. Much prayer and work on the part of the church and pastor, together with the anointing of the Spirit on these workers, brought about this splendid harvest.—O. T. Killion, Pastor.

MECHANICSBURG, PA.—For three weeks Evangelist H. E. Hardt of York, Pa. and Song Leader Boyd McPherson of Martinsburg, Va., were with us for a city-wide tent meeting. The crowds gradually increased until there were about 500 in attendance the last night. We feel indebted to the other churches and pastors who helped us in these meetings.

Quite a number were definitely saved and healed. One lady, who had not walked for nearly three years, arose from her chair and walked after Brother Hardt prayed for her. Her two daughters were so convinced and thrilled at what God had done for their mother that they gave their hearts to God.—Charles N. Crone, Pastor.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.—Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. was with us for three weeks. His messages were deep and stirring and they were delivered in a humble spirit. There were genuine conversions and the saints were built up in the faith. Many received outstanding healings.

A man, who had been deaf for about 35 years in his left ear, was healed and was able to hear immediately. A woman who had been blind in one eye for about ten years received her sight. An eight-year-old girl was healed of a lump in her neck. A lady who was near-sighted all her life was instantly healed. Tumors, goiters, cancers, and heart trouble disappeared by the power of God.—Alberta Sherwood and Elsie F. Coutant, Pastors, Trinity Assembly of God.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—We had a six-week meeting with the Irish evangelist, James White. The Lord Jesus was uplifted in every service. Visions of Jesus were seen by different ones. The heavenly anthem, which was known in the movement in the early days, was repeatedly heard. The mighty works of the Lord were wrought for both soul and body. Confessions were made, sinners saved, and hungry hearts filled with the Holy Spirit. We prayed for a minister's wife who had cancer. On their way home she had her husband stop the car and she vomited out the cancer. Her waistline immediately reduced six inches and the pain of four years was gone. The saints stood together in precious unity. We can say as in the revival in Samaria so long ago, "There was great joy in that city."—Zelma Argue and E. Jeannette Jones, Co-pastors, Trinity Gospel Tabernacle.

COMING MEETINGS

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

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—Sept. 20—Oct. 4; Ivor H. Hugh, Welsh evangelist. (Martin Gerdes is Pastor.)

CLAY CITY, IND.—Sept. 22—Oct. 4; Grafner-White Party, Dellroy, Ohio. (Roy B. Warner is Pastor.)

WAUKEGAN, ILL.—Calvary Temple, Sept. 15—; Evangelist and Mrs. James F. Pepper, San Pedro, Calif. (Maurice E. Lamb is Pastor.)

WEBB CITY, MO.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 20—; Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (Albert D. Pyle is Pastor.)

WICHITA, KANS.—Central Assembly, Sept. 2—20; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest Reb, Dallas, Tex.—by J. Boyd Wolverton, Pastor.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 20—; Evangelist and Mrs. G. W. Hardcastle, Jr., Fort Smith, Ark.—by C. C. Crace, Pastor.

KILGORE, TEX.—Area-wide tent meeting, Henderson Blvd. (Hiway 26) at Peterson Rd., Oct. 4—31 or longer; Evangelist David Nunn and party. Radio program over station KOCA, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.—by H. E. Darnell, Pastor, Laird Hill Assembly.

PARIS, ILL.—Assembly of God, Anniversary and Homecoming, Sept. 20; Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Noon picnic lunch at Twin-Lakes Park. At 2 p.m., Evangelaires Quartet and C. W. Marshall, speaking; at 7:30 p.m., same quartet and W. R. Williamson, speaking. All former pastors and friends invited.—by R. L. Farquhar, Pastor.

OREGON SECTIONAL S. S. CONVENTIONS—George H. Davis, National S. S. Representative, main speaker. Sept. 14, Baker; Sept. 15, Hermiston; Sept. 16, The Dalles; Sept. 17, Seaside; Sept. 18, Portland, First Assembly; Sept. 21, Eugene; Sept. 22, Coquille; Sept. 23, Grants Pass; Sept. 24, Dallas; Sept. 25, McMinnville.—by Robert W. Pirtle, State S. S. Director.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—First Assembly of God, Homecoming and Missionary Rally Oct. 4. Also opening of S. S. Enlargement Campaign and installation of officers for new Sunday School year. Representative from National Sunday School Department speaking at 11 a.m. Basket dinner at 1:30 p.m. Missionary Rally in afternoon. Former pastors speaking at night service.—by Clyde C. Goree, Pastor.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS—Services each day at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Lawrence Olson from Brazil, main speaker. Sept. 15, Monte Vista, Colo.; Sept. 16, Canon City, Colo.; Sept. 17, Lamar, Colo.; Sept. 18, Fleming, Colo.; Sept. 21, Greeley, Colo.; Sept. 22, Englewood, Colo.; Sept. 23, Meeker, Colo.; Sept. 24, Grand Junction, Colo.; Sept. 25, Durango, Colo.; Sept. 28, Ogden, Utah.—by Russell C. Fulford, District Superintendent.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL—38th annual District Council at District Tabernacle, Oklahoma City, Okla. (4½ miles N. of Capitol Bldg.), Oct. 5—8. C. A. Rally, Monday 7:30 p.m. with T. A. McDonough, District C. A. President, in charge. Gayle F. Lewis, guest speaker. Business session begins Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. For information write V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, or Robert E. Goggin, District Superintendent, Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

OPEN FOR CALLS

EVANGELISTIC

E. J. Morse, 5107 N. Chelsea, Kansas City 16, Mo.
John S. Gerlicher, Box 272, Wadena, Minn.
N. D. Joiner, Route 1, Geneva, Ky.
John O. Baine, Box 143, Coldwater, Kans.
Paul V. and Mrs. Brewer, 1909 Delmar St., Burlington, Iowa. "Children's services, colored chalk drawings."

Naomi Kronk, Tebbetts, Mo.
PASTORAL OR ASSISTANT PASTOR
Kenneth L. McKee, Afton, Iowa.

EVANGELISTIC OR PASTORAL

H. V. Foley, Sumner, Mo.
C. S. Holderman, Route 2, Box 641, Bakersfield, Calif.
J. E. Manus, 4217 W. Manhattan Beach Blvd., Lawndale, Calif.

NEW ADDRESSES

Merlin N. Steen, Box 48, Camdem, S. C.
Pastor H. Seborn Cowart, 1617 Sycamore, McAllen, Tex.
Pastor Maynard C. Fishel, Ewing, Mo.
O. A. Lorton, Cotter, Ark.
Alton T. Blankenship, Des Arc, Ark. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."
Norman and Norma Correll, Burton, Nebr. "Pastoring Assembly of God."
Aaron W. Walker, 1420 N. Toledo St., Tulsa, Okla. "Pastoring North Harvard Assembly."
Marvin and Mrs. Henegar, 3111 Highland, Manhattan Beach, Calif. "Pastoring Gospel Light-house Assembly of God."
F. D. Davis, 223 Pollydale Dr., San Antonio, Tex. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."
Ivan R. Roy, Parkland Apts., 3211 Swann Ave., Tampa, Fla.
T. Burt Evans, 22420 Fenkell Ave., Detroit 23, Mich. "Associate Pastor of Brightmoor Tabernacle."

Fernie L. Strength, Bank and Washington St., Bridgeton, N. J. "Pastoring Full Gospel Assembly."

Evangelist David O. Nunn, Box 8736, Dallas 16, Texas.

J. W. Farmer, Lamesa, Tex. "Re-entering evangelistic field."

Harold Richardson, 1504 Cambridge Dr., Champaign, Ill.

Marvin L. Smith, 442 Majorca Ave., Coral Gables, Florida.

Pastor John D. Williams, Box 142, Berwin, W. Va.

Pastor A. L. Wolfe, 2300 4th St., Clarksdale, Miss.

Pastor Robert Adams, Box 338, Kensett, Ark.

Pastor and Mrs. Dale R. Iverson, Box 12A, Jackson, Wyo.

Pastor James T. Hamann, 1216 Shore Drive, Marinette, Wis.

Pastor and Mrs. O. B. Treece, Box 46, Belen, N. Mex.

Evangelist T. R. Whittington, 409 Cherry St., Morrilton, Ark. "Resigned church at Morrilton to enter evangelistic field."

Miss Eulma Lee Cunningham, Dean of Women, Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Tex.

Pastor Norman C. Ruppert, 26 Grand Ave., Norwalk, Ohio.

WITH CHRIST

ROY RAMSEY, 61, Osceola, Iowa, went to be with the Lord June 23, 1953. Brother Ramsey became an ordained minister in the General Council in 1943. He pastored several churches in the West Central District, and at the time of his death was pastoring at Decatur, Iowa.

OTIS H. GREEN, 82, Auburn, Calif. went to his heavenly reward May 30, 1953 after a long illness. Brother Green was ordained in 1905. He was one of our superannuated ministers.

If you have a SERVICEMAN stationed at . . .

Ladd Field, Eilson AFB, Big Delta Air Base, Fairbanks, Alaska
Brookley Field, Mobile, Alabama
Camp Rucker, Alabama
Luke Field, Glendale, Arizona
Camp Chaffee, Arkansas
Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Texas
Cold Weather Training Sta., Bridgeport, California
Moffett Field, California
Camp Pendleton, California
Camp Roberts, California
U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, California
Camp Carson, Colorado
Miami, Florida
Warner-Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

. . . THEN YOU WILL BE HAPPY to learn that there is an Assemblies of God pastor or an Assemblies of God military chaplain at each of these locations (and dozens more) who has offered to make personal contact with young men stationed in his area.

SEND US the name and address of your serviceman. Not only will we inform the local pastor or chaplain about him, but we will place his name on our mailing list as well. There is no charge for this ministry; the Servicemen's Division is supported by free-will offerings.

WATCH THIS BOX for future listings of installations served by our pastors or chaplains. Or, better yet, mail in your servicemen's name and address without delay. Even if he cannot be reached personally by one of our pastors or chaplains he will be included in the fellowship of the Servicemen's Division.

SERVICEMEN'S DIVISION

C. A. Department
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Springfield 1, Missouri

HARRISON, MICH.—Highway Tabernacle, Sept. 7—21; Evangelist and Mrs. Lloyd Conditt of Texas.—by Henry D. Rose, Pastor.

HENRYETTA, OKLA.—Assembly of God, Sept. 6—; Evangelist Claude Malan, Pretoria, S. Africa.—by H. A. Strange, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Faith Tabernacle, Sept. 9—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Jay B. Oaks, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by T. E. Hollingsworth, Pastor.

SISSETON, S. DAK.—Assembly of God, Sept. 8—20; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald R. Patz, Grand Forks, N. Dak. (B. C. Heinze is Pastor.)

VALLEJO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 6—; Evangelist Johnnie B. Robinson, Dallas, Tex.—by R. C. (Keetah) Jones, Pastor.

BREWTON, ALA.—Youth meeting, Sept. 15—27; Evangelist H. S. Phillips. (Douglas Carroll is Pastor.)

EMINENCE, MO.—Workers Training, Sept. 21—Oct. 4; N. B. Rayburn, Henryetta, Okla., instructor. (R. G. Batson is Pastor.)

NEW CASTLE, PA.—Tent meeting, Sept. 13—27 or longer; Evangelist J. B. Woolums, Carlisle, Pa. (Thomas Cross is Pastor.)

PORTERVILLE, CALIF.—Calvary Assembly of God, Sept. 5—; Evangelist Velma Lackey, Modesto, Calif.—by C. O. Branson, Pastor.

NEPTUNE, N. J.—Full Gospel Church, Sept. 20—Oct. 4; Jimmy Adams Evangelistic Party. (Irving H. Meier is Pastor.)

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.—Sept. 15—27; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild, Minneapolis, Minn.—by E. G. Burroughs, Pastor.

LANSING, MICH.—Assembly of God, Sept. 27—Oct. 11; Evangelists Lyman and Helen Jolley, Flint, Mich.—by Leslie A. Thompson, Pastor.

LEWISTON, N. C.—Assembly of God, Sept. 6—Oct. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. W. F. Voodre, Durant, Fla. (E. McCleary is Pastor.)

LINTON, IND.—Assembly of God, Sept. 15—27 or longer; Evangelists Ruby and Merrill Rayner, Lonaconing, Md. (David E. Gams is Pastor.)

DENVER, COLO.—Assembly of God, Sept. 13—; Sherratt-Mayfield Evangelistic Party, Oakland, Calif. (H. J. Jackson is Pastor.)

DALLAS, TEX.—Maplewood Assembly of God, Sept. 20—Oct. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. Edward Willis. (Ray Soper is Pastor.)

AINSWORTH, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Sept. 6—20; Evangelist Oliver Johnson, Powers Lake, N. Dak.—by J. M. Peck, Pastor.

DETROIT LAKES, MINN.—Assembly of God, Sept. 22—Oct. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald R. Patz, Grand Forks, N. Dak. (K. M. Freiheit is Pastor.)

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Summit Avenue Assembly of God (formerly St. Paul Gospel Temple), Sept. 6—20; Evangelists Donnell and Holler.—by Wilbur E. Weides, Pastor.

LONGVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Homecoming, Oct. 4; Martin B. Netzel, District Superintendent, speaker. Former pastors and members are invited.—by D. E. Ferguson, Pastor.

HASTINGS, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Sept. 13—; Evangelist and Mrs. Gaylord Kindschy, Denver, Colo.—by Herman and Velma Lebsack, Pastors.

ENGENE, OREG.—First Assembly of God, Sept. 20—Oct. 4; Gerald Fischer and the "Musical Fischers of Men"—by E. Elsworth Krogstad, Pastor.

SOMERVILLE, N. J.—Assembly of God, Sept. 20—27; Richard J. Bergstrom, Secretary-Treasurer of N.Y.—N.J. District.—by Robert J. Bolton, Pastor.

MEDINA, OHIO—Pentecostal Assembly of God, Homecoming and Harvest Festival, Sept. 13; speakers to be announced. Services 11 a.m., 3 and 7:45 p.m. Fellowship meals served.—by Guilford J. Mandigo, Pastor.

ANNUAL CONVENTION, Pentecostal Fellowship of North America, will be held in the Armory at Charlotte, N. C., October 27—29. For information write the Secretary, C. M. Wortman, 50 Euston Ave., Toronto 6, Canada.