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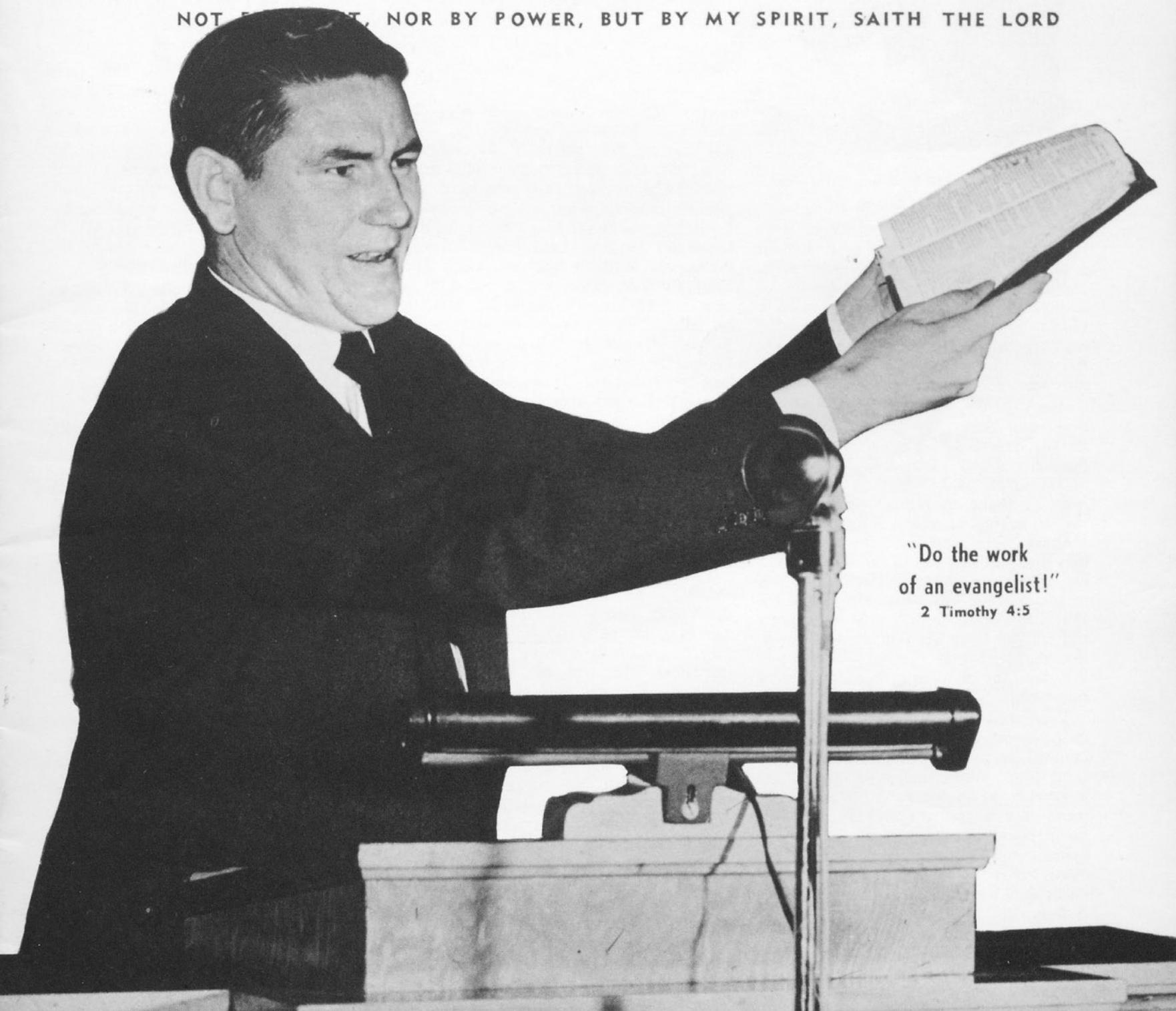
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



"Do the work
of an evangelist!"

2 Timothy 4:5

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Through Christian businessmen the world could be more widely influenced for good, and the gospel sent forth anew to men and women everywhere. How? By means of the letters they write.

For example, I received this letter from a Christian businessman:

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Which better time than Christmas to let you know about it? Your actions are Christmasy, your thoughts are Christmasy, and your heart has a warm spot for Him who came—the Prince of Peace.

I like to build; I only wish that I could have built a better birthplace for Him. We make good doors; I only wish

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The General Superintendent SPEAKS



"We are laborers together with God."

Paul here was speaking of himself, Apollos and Cephas (Peter). They were laborers with God in His great harvest field. There are many today who labor in God's harvest field. As a matter of fact, all God's children are called to serve Him in some way. He distributes to every man severally as He will. To one He says, Do this; to another, Go there. We are all "set under authority."

There is no place for drones in the beehive of God. "My son, go work today in my vineyard." The great "Beloved Son" has set us an example. At the age of twelve He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?" At the launching of His full-time ministry He said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." He had been working for His Father "out of season" one day while He waited for His disciples to return with food from the village. Again He said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work."

Every task to which the Lord assigns us is sacred. Everything we do in word or deed we must do in the name of the Lord Jesus. And "whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men." There are many souls to be saved; many people to be brought to Sunday School; much church work to be done; many needs for financial support; much, much need for prayer at home and abroad. A mountain of work, enough for all to be intensely busy, and even then so much yet to do. A witness to be given to all nations. The gospel to be preached to every creature. The unfinished task is staggering. The challenge is urgent. The responsibility is heavy. Oh, what a need for laborers, real laborers, hard laborers, in God's harvest field.

The call is not for sporadic, independent laborers, but for "laborers together." There were fifty thousand men of Zebulun that "could keep rank." This is the

need of the hour today—men who can keep rank. Many are out of step. I do not ask for one organized ecclesiastical body, but that all laborers for Him keep rank. Keep in line. Have the same objective. Do not kick the other man's heels. Do not push, or elbow, or wobble from side to side. Your fellow soldier's business is between him and God. The Lord has not made you a judge or a divider. "To his own master he standeth or falleth." If he succeeds and breaks through the enemy's line, don't shoot him in the back. Rejoice in his success and be stimulated by it. Surge forward to profit by that success. Contribute to it and don't detract from it. It is thrilling to belong to a team. Rejoice in the victory of the whole team and do not seek for individual praise. Learn to work together; for in so doing, very much more can be accomplished. The credit must go to Him who has put us together and who leads us on.

The Scripture says, "We are laborers together with God." This is the best part of all. The Lord of the harvest not only is in His office up in heaven, but is with us personally right here in the harvest field. He does the thinking, the planning, and the biggest part of the working. We are yoked together with Him. We have merely to report for duty; to stand still while we are yoked up; to go where He goes and when He goes; and to pause where and when He pauses. *We do not have to understand what He is doing.* God wants our obedience, our full day's work at His bidding and for His glory. He wants our yielded members. He wants our bodies to be a living sacrifice in order that He may fill them with *His life, His energy, His wisdom, and His grace.* This is how to work "with God"—let God fill us and work in and through us. Let us say with Paul, "I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily" (Col. 1:29).

Where is the Fire ?

By J. NELSON PARR



LAODICEA WAS A FUNDAMENTAL, PENTECOSTAL church. Jesus reproved her, not because she had any false teachers or heretical doctrine, but because she had lost the fire. The church was lukewarm. Our doctrine may be theologically perfect, and we may have the gifts of the Spirit—and yet we can be spiritually lukewarm.

If the fire of God is not burning in our meetings we might as well take down our sign and lock the doors of the church. If the fire of God is not in our preaching, we might as well resign. We may be oratorical, homiletical, fundamental, theological, and philosophical; but if we do not have the fire of God behind our preaching we are not Pentecostal. We ought to vacate the pulpit as quickly as possible, or else repent in dust and ashes and get a new baptism of fire.

The preacher who holds forth the gospel week after week and does not see souls saved has lost the fire. A white-hot, blazing, burning, flame-of-fire preacher will see sinners come to Jesus. Some preachers glibly quote Isaiah 55:11—"My word . . . shall not return unto me void"—thinking they have done their duty when they have preached the gospel. But God cannot bless the preaching of cold, frozen, iceberg preachers. The early preachers proclaimed the gospel "with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven" (1 Peter 1:12), and the Holy Ghost is *fire!* Brother, don't fold your arms and sit complacently behind Isaiah 55:11 when sinners are not saved; but weep, howl, cry, pray mightily, and ask God not to allow it to happen any more.

The whole of the Tabernacle services were dependent upon the blazing fire on the altar of burnt-offering, and so God commanded that the fire must never go out. Without the fire, everything else was useless. Everything might be correct, but without the fire the blessing would cease. *We must have the fire. We must retain the fire. We must rekindle the fire.* Let the cold, lifeless, formal professors of religion say what they like about us—we will have the fire!

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One hundred and twenty flames of fire were loosed on the world on the Day of Pentecost. Their hearts aflame, their tongues afire, their whole beings burning with holy zeal and enthusiasm, these Christians preached in fiery language until the Word of God burned its way into the hearts of their listeners.

The prayer rooms shook when they prayed; even prison chains became fuel for the fire and caused the flame to mount heavenward in songs of holy joy. Is it any wonder that this holy, heavenly, blazing conflagration should draw thousands not only to hear but also to catch the flame by repenting and believing on Christ, and receiving the same baptism of fire through the Holy Ghost?

Whether you are a Sunday School teacher, pastor, evangelist, deacon, or other Christian worker, it is the will of God that you should be a burning, blazing, white-hot, flame-of-fire soul winner. If you are not winning souls, you are not like Jesus. Did He not say, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"? We ought to travail for lost souls who are rushing down to the everlasting flames of hell. Jesus said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," and if we are like Jesus this will be the one burning passion of our lives.

Pleasure, ease, sport, wealth, carnality, and other things have quenched the fire of God in the hearts of many Christians. The desire for television, radio, the concert, the novel, and other worldly things has extinguished the fire of God and the burden for lost souls. Oh, how sad to see the love of so many of God's people growing cold as the Lord said would happen (Matt. 24:12) in these last days.

Where is the fire? The fire that drove you to weep and pray continually for hell-bound souls! The fire that drove you to give out tracts and hold open-air services! The fire that burned in your very bones so that you could not rest until you had the joy of bringing some lost sinner to Jesus?

What a tragedy to find people excusing their failure to win souls by saying, "I'm a pastor," or "I'm a teacher," or "I'm a

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the meaning of the NEW BIRTH

Evangelist ARNE VICK

TO THE MAN OR WOMAN WITHOUT Christ, most religious expressions are quite meaningless; and sometimes they are downright confusing. It is a common mistake for preachers and Christian workers to take for granted that sinners can fully understand all of the theological phrases and figures of speech that are so universally used in gospel circles. The fact is that the average sinner is a spiritual illiterate. He often finds himself as confused and puzzled by religious terms as was Nicodemus long ago when Jesus proclaimed to him the New Birth.

Not that it is possible to strip from the New Birth all mystery and wonder, for even Jesus did not attempt to do that. "The wind bloweth where it listeth, . . . so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). But while we cannot tell whence the wind comes or where it goes, we CAN hear it and feel it and see its effect.

Let us examine some of these effects of the Divine Wind in human life and consider some of the meanings of the New Birth.

I

The New Birth removes all guilt of sin from the mind and heart, resulting in a clear conscience! "How much more shall the blood of Christ . . . purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Heb. 9:14). The accumulated load of repeated transgressions in the life of the sinner creates an ever-growing pyramid of guilt that becomes in time an unbearable burden. When the penalty for his sin was pronounced upon Cain, he cried with despair, "My punishment is greater than I can bear" (Gen. 4:13). His load of guilt appeared to him intolerable. David also voiced the distress of the sinner when he cried, "For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me" (Psa. 38:4). In a very real sense we are not punished for our sins, so much as by them!

But in the New Birth all this is changed. Only the twice-born can understand the accuracy and the reality of the old hymn, "At the Cross, at the Cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away." For that is exactly what happens. The burden of sin is lifted, the heavy heart is made light, and the conscience is made crystal-clear. "The expulsive power of a new affection" drives from the life all things of an unworthy nature that formerly enthralled, as thor-

oughly as the rising sap in the springtime forces from the tree all of last year's dead leaves. The guilt of sin is gone!

II

The New Birth also breaks the power of sin in the life, making possible a clean life! Freedom from sin is promised seven times in a single chapter of Romans. "That the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Rom. 6:6). "Dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God" (Rom. 6:11). "For sin shall not have dominion over you" (Rom. 6:14). "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness"



Arne Vick

(Rom. 6:18). These and other verses in Romans 6 sound the glorious note of victory over sin, and constitute God's clear offer of deliverance to "whosoever will."

If the New Birth meant only the pardoning of past transgressions it would fail to meet human need, for the sinful nature with all its evil desires and actions would still be intact. But, thanks be to God, the forgiveness of the past is only part of the salvation that Christ offers. "He breaks the power of cancelled sin, and sets the prisoner free." Salvation means not moral reformation but moral regeneration. The heart is changed, the desires are purged, the inward thought pattern is broken and recast in conformity with God's will, and the individual is "transformed by the renewing of the mind."

The New Birth also purges the record of sin from God's book. That a record of individual sins is kept by God is clearly shown in Rev. 20:12: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened . . . and the dead were judged out of those things which were found written in the books, according to their works." This damning document will silence any and all debate that might arise in protest against the divine verdict of guilty. So detailed and minute is this personal record that it includes not only "deeds" but "words" as well. What else could Jesus have meant when He said, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12:36). What a compilation of corruption the record of multitudes of sinners must be!

What consternation when long-forgotten deeds of evil and long-buried iniquities are read from God's books to impenitent sinners! What anguish when the unanswerable recital of transgressions is given point-blank to the once-brzen Christ-rejector! But how great is the grace that God extends to purge the guilty record for all who accept His Son! For this was His promise long before Jesus came—"I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions" (Isa. 44:22). "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (Heb. 10:17). This divine "blotting out" and "forgetting" of sin is most assuredly one of the glorious fruits and benefits of the New Birth.

III

The workings of God in the New Birth are not all negative; they are also positive. Not only does He "take out," He also "puts in." The born-again person becomes a clean vessel into which God can pour His Spirit, and impart His nature and power.

Jesus said, "No man putteth new wine into old bottles, . . . but new wine must be put into new bottles" (Luke 5:37, 38). This is an obvious reference to the impossibility of putting the Spirit of God into an unsaved life. The New Birth makes us "new bottles" into which God can put the "new wine" of eternal life. The average unsaved person fails to understand this; he has the notion that getting saved is merely getting "right with God," and therefore that it is something that can wait until the end of life. But God's salvation gives power to live as well as peace to die. Only the twice-born fully understand and experience the life-transforming promise made by God centuries before the Christian era—"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: . . . a new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes" (Ezek. 36:25-27). Here is (1) purging of the past, (2) power for the present, and (3) promise for the future! It is freely offered to all who will accept Christ in the New Birth.

HOLLOW ECHOES

Louis H. Benes writes in *The Church Herald* as follows: "The man who worships the things that are in the world, the 'lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life,' is in for a bitter disillusionment at last. The prodigal's way ends with empty husks. Esau's love for pottage loses for him his birthright. Judas in remorse throws back his coins, and they go rattling across the temple floor, an echo of the hollow rattle in his soul."



HAVE A GOSPEL TRACT

YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGE IN LITERATURE EVANGELISM AT COUNTY FAIR

A LETTER RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THE National C. A. Office addressed to the One-Eight Crusade. It contained an urgent plea for help:

"My particular plight is in many ways a difficult one, and I hope you can understand it. Indeed, I know you can, for many must come to your wonderful organization daily with similar appeals for aid. I am 49 years old, a bachelor, and an interior decorator by trade. For many years my life has been devoted to the pursuit of physical pleasures; and until attending your services last Sunday, I had not been in a church for at least twenty-five years. The friends I have are in no respect different and the influence they have had over me is considerable. The greatest problem is this: I am much given to drink—not habitually, by any means, but nonetheless excessively. Can you assist me in these matters?"

The writer evidently had received a Hi Neighbor tract, and as a result he attended the Assembly of God in Sunnyvale, California. He was impressed by the simplicity of the surroundings, the moving sermon, and the atmosphere in the service which he could not explain. After returning to his home in Ohio, he recognized his need and sought help through the One-Eight Crusade.

This is just one example of the results that are being realized through the nation-wide personal evangelism campaign of our Christ's Ambassadors. The simple principle of the Crusade is that each person enrolled is to distribute each week

eight Hi Neighbor tracts, which were prepared especially for the campaign. The One-Eight Crusade has unlimited possibilities and is exceptionally effective whether used by an individual, a small group, or a large group.

One serviceman stationed in Newfoundland enrolled in the campaign through the National C. A. Department. He began distributing tracts among his buddies and the civilians he met. Very soon the young people of the local Assembly he was attending became interested, and they too joined the Crusade. He requested 2,000 Hi Neighbor tracts. He distributed a month's supply of tracts to each C. A. interested in the campaign. They soon found many avenues of witnessing they had never tried before. Almost from the beginning the entire church caught the enthusiasm of personal witnessing. The tracts have brought new people into the church, and God is saving souls. It all started with one man joining the Crusade.

The Crusade works in small groups. An instance of this is the C. A. group of Englewood Assembly of God, Independence, Missouri. They found an increasing enthusiasm from the beginning of their efforts. In fact, the young people became so enthusiastic that instead of distributing eight tracts each week, they averaged as high as thirty-six per person. The result was that here, too, new people came to their church, and an interest in witnessing was aroused in young people who had never shown an interest before.

The largest undertaking of the One-Eight Crusade was a great mass effort in the Peninsula Section of the Northern California-Nevada District. Thirteen C. A. groups participated, as well as the students of Bethany Bible College. It happened that the theme for the Santa Clara County Fair held in San Jose was "Hi Neighbor." The fair was advertized widely and all publicity carried the slogan, "Hi Neighbor." On the basis of this observation, Max Rondoni, One-Eight Chairman of the Northern California-Nevada District, approached the churches of the section with the idea of carrying the One-Eight Crusade and its Hi Neighbor tracts to the county fair.

The groundwork was laid prayerfully and carefully, and the response was encouraging. A letter was sent to the Gospel Publishing House explaining the plan and requesting a wide variety of literature, including 40,000 Hi Neighbor tracts. By September 1, all this literature plus a number of attractive posters was on its way from Springfield to San Jose.

The planning was not without difficulty. Just before the fair opened, the man who was to supervise operation of the booth was injured in an explosion. However, God supplied a substitute. Vernon Stump, a member of one of the Assemblies in San Jose, took his annual vacation and gave his time to supervise the booth.

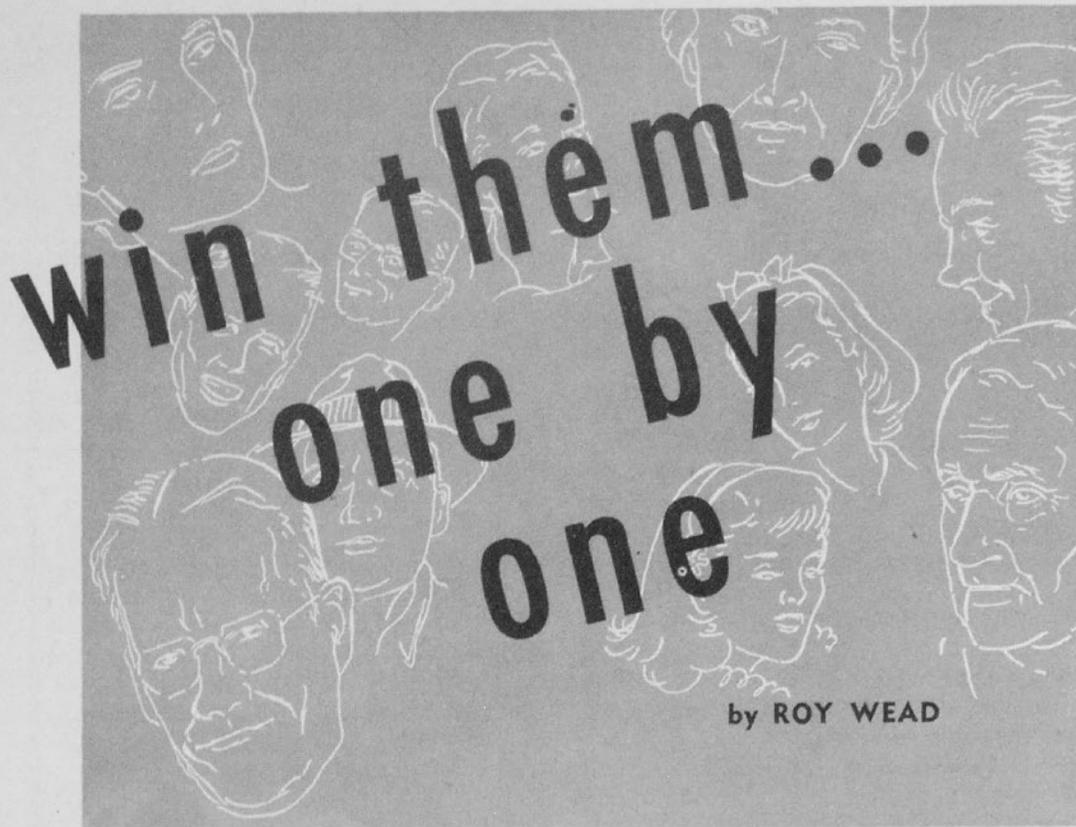
The fair opened on Monday, September 13. An attractive booth had been

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The picture at the top of the page shows Lois Bogue and the animated display of a "Hi Neighbor" tract at the evangelism booth which the C.A.s sponsored at the county fair. The pictures below show some of the other young people who worked

so hard to distribute 40,000 gospel tracts. They handed out 20,000 in a single evening. The young man handing a tract to "Mr. Cheery Farmer" is Daniel Bruzelius. The two workers at the booth are Max Rondoni and Pastor Eugene Lawrence.





JUST BEFORE THE RECENT ELECTION, one of our great political parties decided that in order to get the people to the polls there would have to be a lot of personal work. President Eisenhower himself, in addition to his many public efforts, called ten individuals by telephone and urged them to vote. He called on others to do the same.

This same principle was recognized by our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, when He Himself witnessed to individuals and won souls one by one. The Bible records nineteen different occasions when Jesus taught one person alone. He taught and commanded that His disciples, in order to follow Him, must personally witness and win others.

The command itself ought to be sufficient; and surely the entire Word of the Lord is clear that this is His method of preaching the gospel to every creature. It is our duty to obey.

Lest the glamour of mass evangelism (so wonderful in its place) make you feel that individual witnessing is less important, let me remind you of some of the glory of personal soul winning.

In the recent Argentine revival under the ministry of Evangelist Tommy Hicks, in which men like President Peron himself attended, with crowds estimated as high as 200,000 in one service, I was thrilled to note that the key that opened the heretofore closed door was a personal witness. Tommy Hicks was visiting a prominent government official for the purpose of securing a permit to hold meet-

ings. His visit was abruptly coming to an end without the necessary permit when Brother Hicks boldly said, "Mr. X, will you let me pray with you?" Here a personal witness and a personal prayer resulted in an individual's accepting Christ and officially opening the doors for Brother Hicks to hold mass meetings, advertise, use radio and newspapers, all so very necessary to promote the evangelistic campaign which followed.

Personal witnessing is not an unusual or unscriptural procedure for soul winning. Our Lord went aside to win one woman at the well—and she in turn brought a whole city to Christ.

Philip left his great revival to minister to a single Ethiopian, whose conversion undoubtedly opened an entire country to the gospel. And, of course, we are all familiar with the fact that the great evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, was won to Christ by his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball, in a personal interview outside of Sunday School hours.

Today we negotiated a loan that will assure the completion of a new Assemblies of God church in one of our large Indiana cities. I am reminded that for years we were unable to get a church started in that city. Every effort failed and the opposition seemed insurmountable. Finally two lady workers agreed to try to enter this city again. Their effort was crowned with glorious success largely because years before a certain lady in children's work had witnessed and shown a personal interest in one of the little boys of her class. This boy grew up to become an important official in this city, and he

opened the doors wide for the Assemblies of God work.

Someone asks, "How can I become a good soul winner?" There are hundreds of books written on the subject, and much helpful information and inspiration can be obtained from them; but you don't have to spend months in preparing. Live for God, be filled with the Spirit, love souls, pray for guidance, and have faith in the power of God and His Word.

I remember when pastoring a number of years ago I taught a class in Soul Winning. No one seemed to get very excited about the class except one young couple, Clark and Eunice.

One night they phoned me saying they had been dealing with a young Jewish couple who claimed to be atheists, and now the young wife and mother was dying and they couldn't seem to make her understand the way of salvation. They believed that if I would come she would be saved.

It was almost midnight. We had retired but we knelt by the bed and prayed. Then I dressed and drove to the given address. Clark met me at the door and said, "The doctor just left and said she can't live until morning—there is no hope." Among other things the woman had become very thin and was too weak even to talk. She hadn't spoken for a couple of days.

I walked into her room having no idea of what to do. Looking to the Lord, and frankly biding for time, I opened my Bible and began to read Isaiah 53:5 and 6. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

I then asked her first name. She could not speak, but someone in the room replied "Dorothy." I read the verses again and this time substituted the names "Dorothy" and "Jesus" for the respective pronouns of the passage. "But Jesus was wounded for Dorothy's transgressions, Jesus was bruised for Dorothy's iniquities: the chastisement of Dorothy's peace was upon Jesus; and with Jesus' stripes Dorothy was healed."

When the last sentence was read the second time, Dorothy sat up in bed and cried out, "I see Jesus. I understand now." In one split moment she was gloriously healed and saved. A few days later she came to church and testified, and later received the glorious baptism in the Holy Spirit.

May God help us everyone to obey Christ's command and enter into this glorious, happy, satisfying, inspiring, and vital ministry of personally witnessing and winning souls for Him. And may we expect the signs to follow.

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Tragedy

IN THE NORTH WOODS



By

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ROY SAUNDERS IS A LIKEABLE CHAP— young, earnest, and ambitious. I had been following his progress for some time when he entered my Connecticut home one spring morning brimming with news.

"Ed," he announced, "I have a swell plan to help me through college. I'm going to the north woods to make good money in a lumber camp this summer. What do you think of the idea?"

I didn't answer right away. I knew the paychecks would be large, but I also knew the lumberjacks in Maine were a rough bunch. It would take a sturdy Christian to walk a straight line there and also to speak out boldly for Christ.

Even as I told Roy my reaction, I saw that he was set on going, and mentally I put him on the top of my prayer list. As he blithely whistled his way out of the house later, I sent a prayer heavenward for God's blessing on his life.

The Roy Saunders who came back when summer was over was a different person. Now there was no cheery whistle. His broad, boyish smile had been replaced by a solemn, careful look. He seemed to have suffered inside, from something almost like shock.

"I've had quite an experience this summer, Ed," he said heavily, slumping into a chair. As I anxiously waited, the story slowly came out.

"You were right about the men up there, Ed. I've never seen such a hard crew."

Roy said that every sentence spoken was wrapped in a curse. The very first hour with them brought his big test: how could he witness for Christ, without getting knocked down by a fist or ridicule?

He decided—without admitting that the suggestion had come from Satan—that the best course was to say nothing, to hide the fact that he was a Christian. He would faithfully read his Bible and pray, but in secret. That way, he could work peacefully with them, earn money for college, and still be true to God—as he figured.

Right from the start, Roy said, it hadn't worked that way. Every now and then, a man would say something which fairly begged for an enlightening word from Roy about his Saviour. Deep inside, the Holy Spirit told him to speak out, but Roy kept fighting back, arguing that here was a situation where discretion was the better part of valor.

If he had only known what was ahead, things might have been different, for one noon tragedy struck. Roy was only an onlooker, but he felt the blow more than any other man in camp.

The men were coming in from the various fields for dinner. Bob had just sat down when the door opened and Big Jack, tough boss of a group working on the north side, walked in slowly, alone.

"Men," he rasped in a strained voice, "got bad news for you. Sam Cummings got killed about an hour ago. Timber caught him square on the head.

"Poor Sam! Maybe somebody could have helped him in a way. The boys carried him to a clearing on the slope,

laid him on the ground. Tried to help him best they could, but plain to see it was too bad, and not long to wait. Just stood around watching him die.

"Then I saw his lips moving, trying to say something," Jack continued with a nervous lick at his lips. "I bent over to catch the words, and he was asking if anyone knew how to say a prayer. Wouldn't have believed it but there it was. He was crying and his poor eyes pleading with the whole no-good bunch of us.

"What did we know about praying, or religion?" Jack defended his gang lamely. "There ain't anyone in this camp that ever prays, or says anything about God."

The last words knifed through Roy's armor of excuses straight to his heart. In a flood of remorse Roy realized he might have helped Sam if the men had known he was on talking terms with God.

As Roy finished telling the story, his face showed plainly that he couldn't forget the experience. It was a big opportunity, and he had failed. But the summer had not been a complete loss.

"It taught me a lesson, Ed," he said. "Sometimes it's hard to stand alone for Christ, but now I know it's harder not to. From now on, I'm going to live out and out for the Lord, no matter what."

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Someone has said, "Various ministries are not competitive; they're complementary." That's the way we feel about the 1955 Regional Sunday School Conventions. The word complement means "to complete by supplying what is lacking." You may feel a lack in your Sunday School endeavor—a need for added help in your planning. At the Regional Convention in your area, you will find that additional help for which you are looking. Throughout each session of the three-night two-day convention there will be an abundance of information on how to make yours a better Sunday School. There will be numerous conferences from which you may choose; a panel discussion which will answer your Sunday School questions; messages by leaders in Sunday School work; two visual demonstrations; a colorful exhibit room where you may receive advice from counselors at the various booths; and numerous opportunities to talk with other pastors and workers. The convention this year will include a number of entirely new conferences: Women's Missionary Council, Christ's Ambassadors, Men's Fellowship, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Radio, Evangelism, and Education. Plan now to attend the convention nearest you. See the schedule of conventions below and then send in your registration fee of \$1.00 to your District Sunday School Director or to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

SOUTHCENTRAL
Jan. 18-20
Houston, Texas

NORTHWEST
Feb. 28-March 2
Seattle, Wash.

NORTHEAST
March 29-31
Boston, Mass.

SOUTHWEST
Feb. 8-10
Long Beach, Calif.

NORTHCENTRAL
March 15-17
Omaha, Nebraska

SOUTHEAST
April 12-14
Nashville, Tenn.



what's that pin you're wearing?

Don Mallough

Even in Bible times those two methods were used. Many outstanding men of God in our day are winning men in great numbers by drawing in the net. Some of us cannot do that but all can use the hook and win them one by one.

Men's Fellowship is active in two phases in the field of evangelism. First, there is a distinctive area where we have specialized efforts not touched by other departments of the church. Second, there is the general sphere of evangelism where the men get behind the regular church program and push. Both are important areas in which men can be soul winners.

Men's Fellowship has a unique opportunity to reach the key individual of the family—the husband and father. Very often, when the man of the house is won to the Lord, it results in winning the entire family. The gospel appeals to men, and yet there are too few men in our churches. If we set our minds and efforts to win men, we can do so. No one can win men as readily as another man. To see a red-blooded "regular fellow" joyously serving the Lord is a great influence upon a man who thinks that salvation is only for women and children.

Another very valuable ministry for men is in working with boys. Interest shown in growing lads pays rich dividends. Many boys, with or without a father, are neglected. A concern for their problems, an interest in their efforts, and a few words about their spiritual condition can change their lives in a formative, critical period. Men's Fellowship is actively engaged in this important work.

A distinctive advantage possessed by Men's Fellowship is that the meetings do not follow the pattern of the usual church service. There is nothing wrong with the average gospel meeting. The problem is that some men cannot be dragged into a church meeting with a block and tackle. Yet many such men have come to a Men's Fellowship gathering. Soon they were saved and they became regular members of the church and Sunday School. A meeting where there is joviality, masculine fellowship, and united goals is a real attraction to many men. The word "church" frightens some men but a men's gathering attracts them. The approach may be different, but the ultimate end is the same—real salvation.

Not only do the men win others in

the spheres where they have a distinctive opportunity, but they are eager and alert to assist all departments of the church in the general outreach for souls. It is axiomatic that more can be done through united effort than through working as individuals. Men's Fellowship is an organization of men within the church, standing together as a unit, upholding the hands of the pastor, and making their energies and abilities available for any advancement in the work of the Lord. It is an organization in which all the men of the church work as a team.

The official organ of Men's Fellowship is a magazine called TEAM. The name is derived from the motto: "To Enlist All Men." As a team we stand shoulder to shoulder to utilize every opportunity in activities of evangelism.

Men's Fellowship is just one contingent of a forward moving army of the Assemblies of God, doing its part in the fight against the powers of darkness.

Businessman's Example

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that I could have made the best door to that abode through which strode the Wise Men, but God in His wisdom planned otherwise.

I have stood at many a door and knocked; mostly they were pleasant folk who responded. . . . I have seen a picture of the One who also stood at a door knocking and did not gain admittance. What joy was lost to the one behind that barred door; what sunshine was missed because it was not opened!

Today, our homes call for more and more glass, clear glass to let in the light and sunshine. Does your heart-home need the Light of the World—the Sun of Righteousness?

The world may be dull and dark, cold and chill, but the love of the Son of God will bring warmth, joy and peace. So, "Clean the darkened windows, open wide the door. . . . LET THE BLESSED SUNSHINE IN." For THE HOPE OF THE WORLD IS JESUS.

—ROBERTSON SASH AND DOOR COMPANY

I believe that a letter like the one circulated by this sash and door company would touch many hearts and lives with the gospel. The jeweler could write concerning the Pearl of Great Price; the baker could write of the Bread of Life. Each businessman could slant his letter fittingly and reach many hearts and lives with the Gospel Light. How about it?

—Arthur H. Townsend

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side, and bend to every necessity of our brethren."—Luther.

"PARDON ME, SIR, BUT WHAT'S THAT pin you're wearing?" The man behind the voice was a stately appearing, white-haired gentleman who had just taken his seat across from me in the diner.

Perhaps his question was just a conversation opener, or maybe he was actually interested. Whichever was the case, this was an opportunity to witness to him and tell him about a work near to my heart.

"This is the official emblem of the Men's Fellowship of the Assemblies of God," I replied, pointing to the emblem on my lapel.

"Oh," he answered; "when I saw the fishhook, I thought maybe it was a sportsman's club."

"It does give that appearance," I said, "but actually it indicates that we are fishers of men. As men who are happy Christians, we want to win others to Christ."

Then the questions came thick and fast: Isn't it hard to get men interested in church work? Why do you need such an organization? What are your objectives? What methods do you use?

The dishes had been cleared away from the table and many miles of midwestern prairie land had sped by the windows before that conversation came to a close.

Men's Fellowship is essentially an organization for soul winning. It is an integral part of the church and, as such, shares the objectives of the church and all its departments. The primary reason any church exists is to win the lost. Men's Fellowship enlists men in a united action to help the church do that job.

The fishhook on the official insignia of Men's Fellowship speaks volumes. Our Lord called us to be fishers of men and that emblem is a reminder of our task. When questions are asked about it, we are given an opening to speak of the One who called us.

The two principal means of catching fish are with a net and with a hook.

Evangelists Become Pastors

by Tommy Ruth Zarnow



MANY TIMES I HAD STATED THAT IF I were a young man I would go to a new field or city without a church and establish one with the help of the Lord. I felt that building churches and pastoring them was a man's job and that I would help to evangelize.

God began to speak to my co-worker, Eulma Lee Cunningham, and myself about opening a church in San Marcos, Texas, a town of 12,000 population and several colleges. The Lord seemed to remind us that the Scripture did not say, He set women evangelists and men pastors in the church; just evangelists and pastors. So we yielded to God and came to San Marcos the summer of 1950.

The first thing we did was contact the Sectional Presbyter in Austin to secure his approval of starting a church in San Marcos. He stated that the section would be glad to see us undertake the project, but since they were already supporting two other new efforts they could promise no help for the church or support to us personally. This did not discourage us. We had already planned to work at secular jobs and were so positive of the will of God that we began to refuse offers for evangelistic meetings, telling everyone we were coming to San Marcos to establish a church. We had no promise of employment and did not know a single Assemblies of God person in San Marcos, but did not once contemplate failure.

After reaching San Marcos we learned that efforts had been made to build a church there for over twenty years. Services would be conducted for a few months, and then because of lack of support or

poor interest the preacher would move. It was a "burned over" field.

Through the Assemblies of God church in Sequin, just twenty-one miles away, we learned of a San Marcos lady who occasionally visited the Sequin church. After visiting her we learned of one other Assemblies of God family. One of these families offered the use of their home, and on June 25, 1950, we had our first Sunday School with an attendance of nine, including ourselves! A few weeks later we moved to an abandoned school-house about four miles out of the city.

During our first six weeks in San Marcos the Lord enabled us to secure three beautiful lots on Highway 81, the main highway between Austin and San Antonio. The lots adjoined the newest addition in the city.

We used the weekly paper to announce our services and did some house-to-house canvassing. Personal contact, individual witnessing, and prayer were our main methods of promoting the work.

Since there were only two of us, we had only two Sunday School classes until we found workers to help. Sister Cunningham used her accordion and led the singing at the beginning. We began to use any helper who was a Christian and found that the abilities of most people grew under responsibility. Of course, only those who were in agreement with our doctrine were used as teachers and leaders.

Since we paid no rent for the school building, all of our offerings were applied on purchasing our lots. One year from the time we held our first service in San Marcos we broke ground for our new church building. Our District Home Missions Secretary helped us secure a loan from the National Headquarters of

the Assemblies of God with which we started building. A man working on a new high-school building in San Marcos supervised the pouring of our foundation. When he finished his work in San Marcos, God gave us two excellent carpenters to supervise the work. Most of our labor during the first nine months was donated and supervised by these men. Much of our material was donated as well.

In August of 1951 our District and Section gave us large offerings helping us to get up the walls of the church and install steel casement windows. The Lord performed a modern-day miracle by making it possible for us to secure a \$3,000 loan from the local bank.

We moved into the new building in February, 1952. The windows were not in; we had temporary doors; only a sand floor; an old barrel provided our heating unit. We really felt like pioneers!

Our church work became so heavy that both Sister Cunningham and myself had to quit our jobs and work full-time on the new church. God met our needs and on May 6, 1952, our new church was dedicated. Our building cost about \$9,000 and our entire property is valued at around \$30,000.

I would like to emphasize the fact that we worked at secular jobs, meeting the business people of the city as working persons. We did not hide our calling in applying for our jobs. Our contacts with the business people helped make San Marcos accept our work.

A professor from one of the colleges visited our first morning service in our new building. Later we learned that he spent an entire class period telling of the determination of our group and encouraged his college students to attend our services to see "enthusiasm in action."

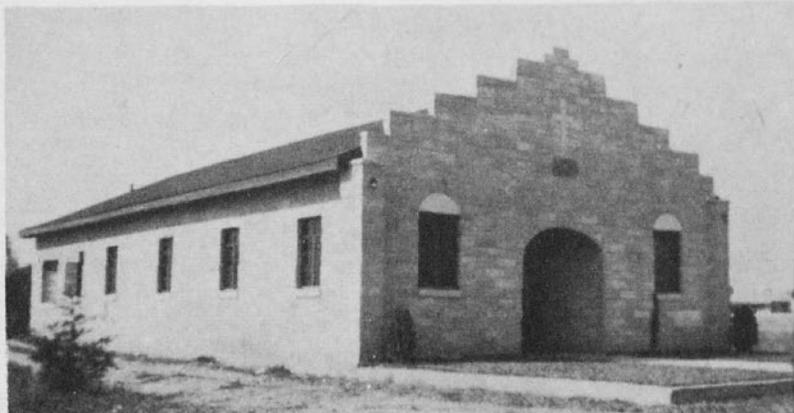
There is much territory to be possessed for God in San Marcos, and we are sure we shall "reap in due season if we faint not."

(Editor's Note: There are other cities with situations like San Marcos, Texas. Send in your offerings to the National Home Missions Department to help with Assemblies of God Church Extension.)

Eulma Lee Cunningham, Tommy Ruth Zarnow, and members of their congregation breaking ground in San Marcos, Texas.



After much earnest prayer and hard work, this new Assemblies of God church in San Marcos is opened for worship.



For Evangelists, Pastors and Laymen —

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

Main sessions of the convention begin as follows: evening services, 7:00 p.m.; morning services, 10:00 a.m.; afternoon services, 2:00 p.m. It has been the desire of the planning committee that the program be quite flexible and that prayer and seeking God be given the pre-eminence.

WEDNESDAY EVENING— December 15

Special emphasis will be upon salvation, and we are praying that God will send the lost to the meetings. Prior to the convention a visitation campaign will be carried on by the churches in the Kansas City area, and much time will be spent inviting the lost to attend the evening session.

Speaker: George Hayes

All Night Meeting

At the close of the altar service an All Night Meeting will begin. No special program has been planned for this time of seeking God, singing gospel songs and hymns, and fellowshiping together in Him. It is the prayer of convention planners that the Lord will speak to us in a very definite way and will have His way among us.

THURSDAY MORNING—December 16

Bible Emphasis on Evangelism
Evangelism—Whither Bound?
Over-all Scope of Evangelism
(Special speakers)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Pioneer Evangelism and

Church Extension (Panel and Questions)

At this point the ministers and laymen will divide. Laymen will go into a Personal Evangelism session led by Dwight McLaughlin. Ministers will discuss the formation of a Code of Ethics for Assemblies of God ministers.

THURSDAY EVENING

Special emphasis will be upon receiving the Holy Spirit.

Speaker: Arthur Arnold

FRIDAY MORNING—December 17

Mobilizing for Evangelism

Again the ministers and laymen will divide. Laymen will go to the Personal Evangelism session led by Dwight McLaughlin.

Ministers Only Session:

Evangelistic Preaching and the Audience
Altar Calls and Altar Services
Loyalties

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The ministers and laymen will be divided all afternoon for this session.

Ministers Only Session:

Evangelism Publicity and Promotion (panel)
Evangelism and Money
Discussion of a Ministers' Code of Ethics
Before and After the Evangelistic Campaign

FRIDAY EVENING

Special Emphasis will be upon Divine Healing.

Speaker: Jay B. Oaks

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Why a Convention



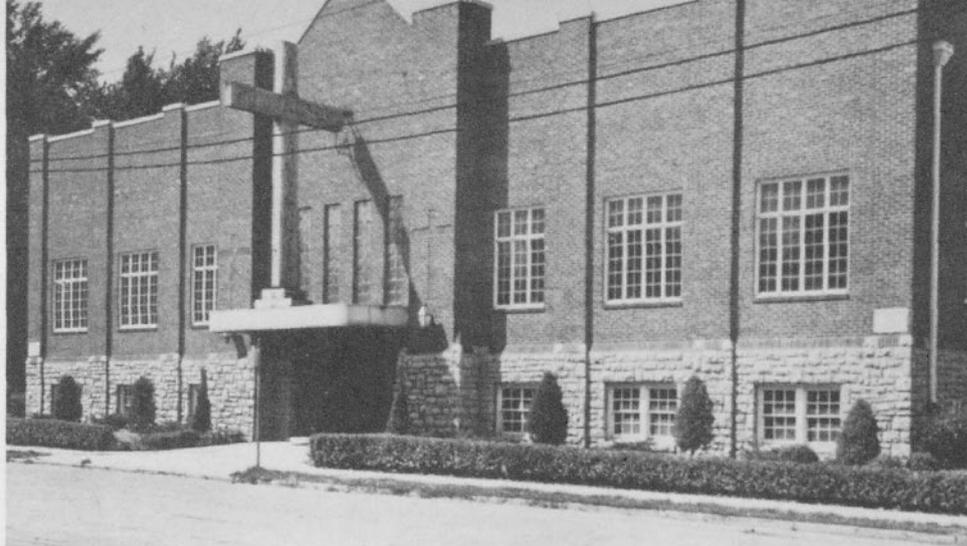
BERT WEBB
Chairman of
Convention

Because evangelistic endeavor has been at the core of almost all the activities of our fellowship, we have more or less taken it for granted and accepted it as an integral part of our lives. This is as it should be, and we feel sure that it will continue to be so. But it has been felt for some time that this evangelistic emphasis might be utilized to an even greater extent and that local churches, evangelists, pastors, and laymen might benefit in a greater way if some of our efforts were increased in weak areas and followed up in our stronger areas.

Because of this awakening the ministers of the Assemblies of God set up a Department of Evangelism at the last General Council, held in Milwaukee. One of the first commissions given to the new depart-

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Emphasizing Evangelism?

ment was to conduct a National Evangelism Convention. So in happy consent this convention has been scheduled and we are expecting great blessings from God to rest upon it.

A formal welcome to this Evangelism Convention, of course, is unnecessary. Nevertheless, we wish to include a few words of sincere welcome to all who arrange to attend. Let us pray together that this shall be an unprecedented time of seeking God for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit upon the work of God in general, and especially may there be a mighty re-anointing that will kindle a new flame of evangelism throughout the Assemblies of God.

Please remember that you as an individual have a real share in bringing about a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost, to the end that souls may be saved, sick people healed and sincere Christians filled with the Spirit. God bless you is our prayer.

Fiery Evangelistic Preaching

Anointed preaching has long held a place of pre-eminence in Pentecostal meetings. The National Evangelism Convention will be no exception. The ministry of the Word will inspire you as you hear it presented by some of the most forceful Holy Ghost preachers in our fellowship.

George Hayes, veteran evangelist of the Assemblies of God, has conducted literally hundreds of evangelistic campaigns and scores have been won to the Lord through his ministry. That the evangelistic ministry has always been close to Brother Hayes' heart is evidenced by the fact that he has remained in evangelistic work ever since he entered the ministry.

Arthur Arnold is well-known for his anointed preaching on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Almost every time he speaks believers are filled with the Spirit after hearing him minister the Word of faith. Brother Arnold will speak in the second night of the convention.

Jay B. Oaks has a gracious ministry in praying for the sick and many have been healed in his meetings throughout the country. His ability to inspire faith in the hearts of the needy is well known. A healing service will be conducted the final night of the convention.

Dwight McLaughlin, executive presbyter of the Assemblies of God and District Superintendent of the Northwest District, will conduct the Personal Workers Course. Brother McLaughlin is a popular preacher and successful personal worker.

George Hayes



Arthur Arnold



Jay B. Oaks



D. H. McLaughlin



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Radio Evangelism In Japan

by Ray Pedigo

FOR SOME TIME GOD HAD BEEN BURDENING me for the needy people in Japan. I had been out into the villages and areas where no missionary had ever been, and realized there were millions of people in Japan who had never heard of Jesus Christ. I noted also that everywhere I went they owned radios.

While at home in America I became suddenly ill and entered a Veterans Hospital for an operation. One night as I lay in bed the Lord miraculously healed me so that it was not necessary to have the operation. Right then God revealed to me that He had raised me up for a definite purpose. The Holy Spirit laid radio work in Japan upon my heart so strongly that I knew immediately what I should do. I would go back to Japan and, by faith, start radio work without delay.

I had no money. However, on leaving the hospital I went to Pastor Wallace Ross at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and unburdened my soul to him. His church had just finished a missionary convention; he thought it would be difficult to raise more finances. Nevertheless, that very night the church raised \$1800.00 toward a radio broadcast in Japan. Soon I had the "green light" from Springfield to go ahead with the radio project. It was a step of faith, pure and simple.

I knew it would take a miracle to get on the air in Tokyo. When I arrived there, some of the friends told me that it would be impossible to buy radio time. They tried to discourage me, but I knew the Lord had raised me up from a sick bed to start this broadcast. I went to the radio station in Choto, and told the manager how the Lord had burdened me for radio work. He said they would hold a committee meeting and give me their answer later on.

After three days they phoned me and said they would give me a try-out. Without delay I brought one of our audition tapes, and they accepted it immediately.

On the strength of this I signed a six-month contract to commence broadcasting.

After some time I became dissatisfied with this smaller station for I believed the Lord wanted us to reach more people. I approached JOKR, the large 50,000-watt station in Tokyo which has approximately 40,000,000 listeners. When I talked to the radio station officials they just laughed at me; but the missionaries prayed. God answered prayer.

In a few days the officials called me back to the radio station and decided that they would try one of our broadcasts; the result was that we started broadcasting over JOKR a few days later.

Approximately 84 per cent of all the people in the Tokyo area have long-wave radios (and there are over 8,000,000 people in Tokyo). In fact, sixty-seven per cent of all the families in Japan have long-wave radios, making it one of the best countries for radio evangelism in the world.

Our radio broadcast reaches into hospitals, sanitariums, leprosariums, jails, and many other places in the Tokyo area. The mail response has been greater than we had dreamed of.

It is time for action! The Buddhists



Howard C. Osgood, training the radio choir, is contributing greatly to the success of the broadcast.



Brother Yumiyama, Superintendent of the Japan Assemblies of God, is radio speaker.

are erecting their temples again, and are stronger than ever before. Communism is telling the people they may become Buddhists, or Shintoists, and remain Communists. The Buddhists have published a tract that says it is all right for a person to be a Christian as long as he remains a Buddhist. The Buddhists and Shintoists are combining forces, making it permissible to embrace both religions.

Now that the occupation forces have lost their power in Japan, and the peace treaty has been signed, the Japanese people are fast slipping back into Shintoism and Buddhism. These religions are very, very strong. The latest report is that there are only 200,000 evangelical Christians in all of Japan—less than there were before the war. This does not seem possible but it is true. The Japanese people are unhappy; last year there were 20,000 recorded suicides. Poverty is greater than it has ever been before—the people are living in an "I don't care" attitude toward life. Never before has there been such a great need for the gospel. We believe radio is the answer. At this present moment the Communists throughout Japan are giving the people what they can give them, but the Christians are failing to do the job. We do not have enough missionaries, churches, and equipment to work more effectively in Japan. There is only one possible hope of winning the people and that is by the medium of radio.

We could tell you story after story of people who have come to Christ through the broadcast. There were instances when young people had to sneak away to attend church, and some of them have only the radio by which they can hear the gospel message because of the

fearful opposition they are up against. After hearing our broadcast some people have walked miles to the radio studio to ask about Jesus Christ. Old people have walked miles to our home to tell us that they heard the broadcast. Some of them bowed on the floor and crawled toward us in an attitude of worship, saying they had heard the Assemblies of God broadcast and would like to know about Jesus.

Recently Howard Osgood, our Field Secretary, came to Japan and was amazed at the magnitude of this Tokyo broadcast. He was so sold on the broadcast that he immediately began devoting his time to developing a choir. He is doing a wonderful job with the young people.

The main speaker on our broadcast is Brother Yumiyama, Superintendent of the Japan Assemblies of God, a wonderful man of God with a deep insight into God's Word. Brother Yumiyama is admired by the radio officials and by many, many people throughout the Tokyo area for his straightforward preaching and his fearless, uncompromising stand for Christ.

I am back in America because there is a danger that we may have to drop this broadcast for lack of money. This would be a tragedy, for the broadcast is reaching more people per dollar than any other gospel medium in Japan.

We require \$400 a month to maintain this broadcast. Because of circumstances we have reached the place where we will now have to have our own radio studio for recording the broadcast. This will cost approximately \$1,900 in American currency. The new recording studio will serve as a classroom, music studio, and prayer room as well as a broadcasting studio.

Please don't let this broadcast go off the air as many, many souls are being saved and filled with the Spirit because of this door which God opened in Tokyo.

We are counting on you for support! Send all contributions marked "Japan Radio," % Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Evangelizing in South Africa

by Fred Burke

Another view of the recent revival at Vereeniging

*"Ngo m landela, ngo m landel 'u Jesu"
(I will follow, I will follow Jesus)*

LISTEN TO THE DEEP-THROATED HARMONY of hundreds of African voices. Here they come! They are marching in military formation with measured tread, a great procession of men young and old. Note their erect bearing and joyous faces. They are coming toward us, up the main highway of a vast African township. With inimitable rhythm they keep time to their martial tread by singing one of the songs of Zion.

An African teacher who stood near us watching the procession explained, "This is the revival that God has sent to our country."

Yes, this is God's visitation to the people of Africa in a day of crisis. I had come to witness the baptismal service which consummated more than fifteen weeks of revival services held by Evangelist Philip Molefe at Vereeniging African township. A great line of converts, 325 in number, extended from the river some distance back from the bank. As the line descended slowly into the water they sang their theme song, "I will follow Jesus." Philip, assisted by two of his elders, did the baptizing. As each one came out of the water he laid his hands on him or her and prayed that the gift of the Holy Spirit might come upon the

newborn child of God. In answer to Philip's prayer the Spirit of the Lord fell upon many in such power that they had to be literally carried out of the water.

At the close of the baptismal service Philip, the African evangelist, came to greet us. His dark face shone with the glory of God as he affectionately welcomed us. I thought of the day about four years ago when he had arrived at our Bible School a young convert. He had left his employment of delivering milk, to come to study God's Word at Spring Valley. Now he is distributing the sincere milk of God's Word to the hundreds of converts who have found the Lord under his ministry.

In talking with Philip I noticed that success had not caused him to become proud. He is the same humble, joyous young man, praising God and giving Him all the glory. He said, "I am nothing, only an empty vessel. It is Jesus who has done it all." Then he added, "The people of Africa are hungry. Nothing can satisfy them but the living Word of God. There are other townships round about us. We must extend the work to these other townships. The revival must spread."

Africa is on the march! Millions of Africans are emerging from centuries of darkness. They realize that they have a place to fill. Their faces are set forward. Is their march one that will lead to higher education without God? Or to Communism and revolution? Or to Christ?

Philip Molefe and others like him hold the key to the future. If such leaders can be raised up in this hour of Africa's destiny, Africa's march of progress can be turned into a victory parade for Christ.

We have our part to play also. The fine church building and the home for the evangelist erected by Brother Pettenger have become a base for this revival—a real revival center. The part the mother churches can take in fostering this revival move is to provide the great centers of population with churches and Bible schools, so that other youths like Philip Molefe may receive training.



Some of the 325 converts who were baptized following the great revival.

SUNDAY'S LESSON

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

THE WRITTEN AND THE LIVING WORD

Lesson for December 12

John 1:1-4; 1 John 2:3-8

The term "Word" is used seven times in the New Testament to mean our Lord Jesus, the living Word. It is found about two hundred times in reference to the written Word, the Holy Scriptures. What we say expresses our thoughts, feelings, and character. Both the Lord Jesus and the written Word are the expression of the nature, will and purpose of God.

1. THE ETERNAL, LIVING WORD (John 1:1-4)

a. *The Eternal Word.* Since God is a Spirit, He must have some human way of expressing Himself to men. The Word "by whom all things were made that are made" is "the brightness of his [the Father's] glory, and the express image of his person" (Heb. 1:3). He is the One "upholding all things by the word of his power." Jesus is one with the Father in deity, and is associated with the Father in fellowship and action. The association in the Godhead is set forth in creation: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Gen. 1:26). When the people purposed to build a tower reaching to heaven, the Lord said, "Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language" (Gen. 11:7). "The Word was with God," as to association; "the Word was God," as to deity.

b. *The Bestower of Life.* "All things were made by him [the living Word]; and without him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). Nothing in creation is independent of the eternal Word. "By him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers" (Col. 1:16). We are largely ignorant of this great universe, its inhabitants, its thrones, and its dominions; but we do know that over all is the eternal Word. This Word is life and the giver of life. All life emanates from Him. He is "that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us" (1 John 1:2).

c. *The Sustainer of Life.* He who created also sustains. "He is before all things, and by him all things consist [hold together]" (Col. 1:17). If He were to withdraw the exercise of His powers, all things would fall apart. As the Son of God, "the express image of his per-

son" (Heb. 1:2, 3), Jesus is "heir of all things." These are mysteries too wonderful for our present comprehension. And an even greater mystery is how we can be "heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom. 8:17). How wonderful it is to be identified with Him!

d. *The Saviour of Men.* The inspired writers of the Scripture introduce Christ in the majesty of His person, and then they tell us of His wonderful condescension. For us He surrendered His eternal glories in order to become our Saviour. He "made himself of no reputation, . . . and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:5-8). Through His death on the Cross He "by himself purged our sins" (Heb. 1:3). Some scientists are willing to concede that God was the Creator, that He established the laws of nature and ordained that through these natural causes and effects the universe should be ruled; but they say that God has entirely removed Himself from His creation and is no longer concerned about us. We know this theory is false. He demonstrated His love by giving His Son for our salvation. And because He is sovereign He is "able to make all grace abound" toward us and to supply all our need "according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

2. THE PERFECT, WRITTEN WORD (1 John 2:3-8)

The written Word is given that we might be guided to Christ, the living Word. In introducing his first epistle, John set forth the blessing of fellowship with the eternal Word (1 John 1:1, 2). He encouraged those who read to see that their fellowship also was "with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (v. 3). Faith also comes through the written Word (Rom. 10:17), and through faith men receive salvation and fellowship with God.

a. *Walking in Truth.* "We do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments" (1 John 2:3). True Christians do not live lawlessly. They seek to walk obediently. Some, however, make the mistake of seeking guidance by their feelings, rather than by the Word. John was a rather strict disciplinarian concerning character. He made no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (v. 4). John declared boldly that Christians must

walk in truth. Few would dare to speak with such positive bluntness. Indeed, it would not be wise so to speak if a person were not entirely under the guidance of the Spirit of God.

b. *Walking in Love.* One of the evidences of love is feeling. If God were without feeling, He could not love us. "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with feeling of our infirmities" (Heb. 4:15). But true love possesses character as well. He who loves his country honors its laws. He who loves God abides by His Word. "Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected" (v. 5).

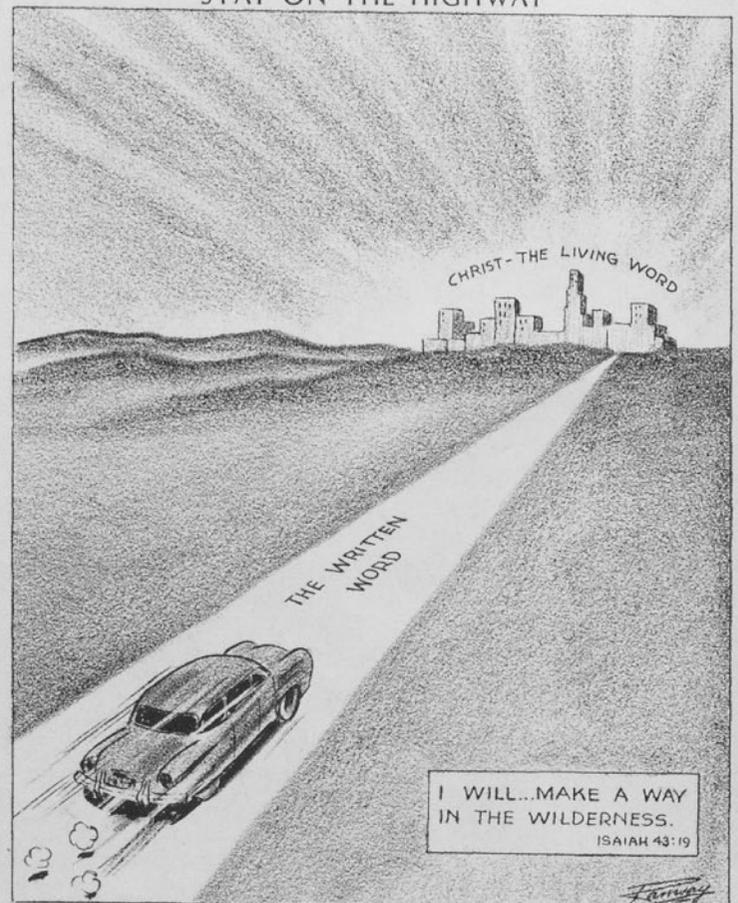
c. *Walking in Obedience.* When John said, "I write no new commandment unto you," he was referring to the commandment of righteousness set forth in the Old Testament. We are not under the law, but under grace. However, grace does not ignore Christian responsibility. He who violates his responsibility to righteousness and to God is "fallen from grace." The righteousness of the law is fulfilled in us when we "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

But John did give a new commandment (v. 8), as also did Jesus (John 13:34, 35). This new commandment is, "Love one another; as I have loved you." Obeying this commandment will cause us to obey all the other commandments as well.

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

Christ the Theme of the Bible (lesson for Sunday, December 5). Lesson text: John 5:33-47.

STAY ON THE HIGHWAY



Theme Set for Training Month

"Every Christian a Worker—Every Worker Trained"

In Deuteronomy 31, Moses instructed the children of Israel to "gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord." To help fulfill this scripture in modern days, it is necessary that Christians make room in their schedules for a time of concentrated study. All of our churches need to set aside times for the instruction of their people in the Word of God; to help them become more efficient in imparting the Word to those they teach. A people will be able to stand true to the Lord only as they are grounded in the Word.

January 1955 has been designated as Sunday School Workers Training Month for the Assemblies of God. The first such united effort of training was in 1952. Since then Training Month has grown each year, until in 1954 nearly 36,500 certificates were issued to those completing a course of study.

Many churches conduct training classes for their workers regularly each year, but there are others who as yet do not have any plan of teacher training for their schools. To encourage training in all of our churches, the National Sunday School Department has suggested the month of January as Workers Training Month. A book is selected for study during the month, and additional teaching helps—a teachers' manual, visual aid, and an examination—are made available. There are other suggested books which may be used by the churches, as they choose; but one especially is selected for use each year to help the churches conduct a series of well-rounded courses.

"Every Christian a worker; every worker trained" is the theme for training month in January 1955. The book suggested for study, "And He Gave Teachers," deals with the motivation and methods of teaching. It has just been completed by D. V. Hurst, the author of "Ye Shall Be Witnesses." The book contains material on the ministry of teaching, the urge to teach, the teacher's development, the master teacher, the learning process, teaching methods, preparing the lesson, and the class session.

A Workers Training certificate, signed by the secretary of the National Sunday School Department, the District Sunday School Representative, and the instructor of the course, is issued to each student

who completes the course. To earn a certificate for the course studied, the student must have attended all of the classes and must have read the book through; or, he must have read the book through and have passed a test given by the instructor. Churches may obtain certificates by asking the National Sunday School Department for the number needed. A course must be nine hours (540 minutes) in length. This can be divided into ten periods—one period each night for two weeks; or two periods each night for five nights; or however is most convenient for the local church. The National Sunday School Department has a pamphlet of suggested ways to set up a study course for one church or a group of churches. Those who have not already received this pamphlet (with order blank and price list) may receive it by request. Many localities conduct area-wide or city-wide workers training courses where a number of churches join for study. Larger groups often conduct departmentalized schools where separate books for the various age groups are studied. A number of teachers for separate classes are used in this departmental type of study.

If you have not already planned a

definite time for a training course, do so today. Join those who are taking advantage of the present opportunity, and begin this January with a time of concentrated study for the workers of your Sunday School.

Have a Gospel Tract

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prepared. It bore a banner with the verse, "Believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved..." There were posters from the Foreign Missions Department; placards with the wording, "Sunday School is for You!" besides "Revivaltime" posters, and stacks of gospel literature for free distribution. Nothing was sold. An estimated 100,000 people viewed the booth with its friendly Christian atmosphere, received free literature, and saw its message of hope.

Each co-operating church was responsible to send personnel daily to help with the booth. C. A.'s came and volunteered to take up various posts of duty all over the fair grounds, where they handed out tracts. They handed them out each night. However, when Friday night arrived, only 19,000 of the 40,000 tracts had been distributed! They decided something further had to be done.

On Saturday night, fifty C. A.'s gathered in front of the booth. They bowed their heads and asked God to bless and to save souls for Jesus' sake. Two by two they made their way to designated spots throughout the fair ground. There they

Radio Evangelism Led Her to Christ

Mrs. Ralph Jones of Baltimore, Maryland, tells how God dealt with her heart through REVIVALTIME.

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Cared for Me Like Jesus' I saw myself in my wicked, hateful ways.

"The tears began to roll down my face; I was so ashamed. Falling on my knees, I began to talk to the Lord. I had once trusted God, but had turned away from His love to take what the world calls a good time.

"I told the Lord how sorry I was. I asked Him to forgive me and take me back, and began to thank Him for not cutting me off in my sinful state.

"I am so thankful that I was given a chance to come back. It is such a grand feeling to know all things are right between me and the Lord."

In these last days, we as Spirit-filled Christians must employ every means to show Christ to the lost. God is using REVIVALTIME, and we praise Him for REVIVALTIME'S faithful supporters.

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stood among the pleasure-mad throng with a smile of hope on their faces and a song of joy in their hearts. That night they handed out approximately 20,000 tracts. Thousands of souls, seeking pleasure which lasts but a season, received the message of hope that lasts for eternity.

When the activity of the day finally drew to a close, the C. A.'s gathered back at the booth, and with tears of joy and prayers of thanksgiving surveyed the remaining 1,200 tracts—just enough for Sunday, the final day of the fair.

The effort was considered a great success. There is little doubt that the Assemblies of God and our gospel message were put before every person who attended that fair. Thousands gladly received the Word of God. The churches will benefit from this effort for years to come.

These are but a few samples of what is being done through this revival of personal evangelism. Glowing testimonies are reaching the National C. A. Department telling of the effect of the One-Eight Crusade. We are witnessing a renewed consecration and enthusiasm as groups of young people continue to enlist in the effort, and prayerfully plan and reach out to tell others of God's salvation. We are experiencing a fuller conception of the text on which the One-Eight Crusade is based—"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth."

—Warren McPherson

It is not what men eat but what they digest that makes them strong; not what we gain, but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read, but what we remember that makes us learn; and not what we preach, but what we practice that makes us Christians.—*Bacon.*

Revival Reports From Local Assemblies

DENTON, TEX.—The First Assembly of God has just concluded a wonderful meeting with Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge of Santa Barbara, Calif. A goodly number were saved, and many were filled with the Spirit. The entire church was revived, and the revival fires continue to burn. Some have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit since the meeting closed.—J. Curtis Carlin, Pastor.

WINDSOR, ONT., CANADA—We have just completed a three-week meeting with the Eskelin Family. Over 30 persons came forward for salvation. The Sunday School reached a new peak of 652 for the year. The instrumental music and singing attracted the outsiders and the Lord blessed Brother Eskelin's gospel messages to the salvation of souls.—William H. Fitch, Pastor, Bethel Pentecostal Church.

MEDICINE LODGE, KANS.—Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Camery of Bellevue, Ky. were with us for 2½ weeks. Over 20 knelt at the altar for salvation, and nine received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We had a baptismal service, and 24 were baptized in water, several of whom were converted and baptized with the Holy Ghost during this meeting. We broke the Sunday School attendance record with 154 present.—O. L. Tucker, Pastor.

LENNOX, CALIF.—We closed a successful three-week meeting with Evangelists Fredrick and Sarah Byers of Oregon. Sister Byers' straightforward teaching on the Holy Ghost inspired us. Seven were filled with the Holy Spirit, including a converted Mormon woman and a Baptist lady who was hungry for more of God. Sister Byers prayed for the sick, and several were definitely healed. New people have been added to this new church (two years old). This was our second meeting with Brother and Sister Byers this year.—O. D. Burkett, Pastor.

MULBERRY, ARK.—We are praising God for the visitation of His Spirit upon us in our recent meeting with Evangelist Cham Livingston of Tulsa, Okla. Over 70 met Christ in saving grace, and around 57 were filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost. God also granted healing to the sick. A six-year-old boy, who was mentally retarded, and whom five doctors had said could not attend public school, was noticeably improved. He is now attending the public school here. His mother, along with another Baptist lady, was filled with the Holy Spirit. Both are now members of our church. We are still enjoying the results of this wonderful brush arbor meeting which continued for six weeks.—D. Paul Clark, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—Gilbert Johnson, South Texas District C. A. President, was with us for a meeting. God blessed, and the church as a whole was enriched. The Sunday School attendance increased, and the Sunday after the meeting closed we broke our attendance record.—I. L. Raymond Jr., Pastor, Central Assembly of God.

SEAGOVILLE, TEX.—Evangelist and Mrs. Alvin Hunsacker of Dallas, Tex. were with us for 2½ weeks. Each night people were born into the kingdom of God, and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. The anointed ministry of Brother Hunsacker stirred our people to a deeper experience with the Lord. Results of the meeting remain with us.—B. Elvin Samford, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.—We just concluded a two-week meeting with Evangelist John C. Potet. We had record crowds each night, and many new people were reached with the full gospel. At least 13 came to the altar to be saved or reclaimed. Three or more received the Baptism, and several were refilled.

Many people were healed as the Lord worked wonders in our midst. One man, who had been saved recently, was healed of four afflictions—stomach trouble, sinus trouble, weak eyes, and long-standing arthritis in his shoulder. He also received the baptism of the Holy Spirit as Brother Potet laid hands on him and prayed.

Our church is progressing nicely. In the past 2½ years the Sunday School has tripled, and the church attendance has greatly increased. We have brick veneered the church, poured a concrete floor in the basement and installed rest rooms. A \$400 attic exhaust fan was donated to the church. We also refinished the pews and redecorated the parsonage. God is working with us. To Him be all the glory.—Randol L. Mercer, Pastor.

COMING MEETINGS

Notices should reach us three weeks in advance, due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 19 days before the date which appears upon it.

IBERIA, MO.—Nov. 28—; Wetzel Trio, Jefferson City, Mo.—by E. C. Shull, Pastor.

BRIDGEPORT, NEBR.—Nov. 28—; Evangelist Paul McGechie, Dumas, Tex.—by Kenneth Crouse, Pastor.

DEPAUVILLE, N. Y.—Pentecostal Assembly, Nov. 30—Dec. 10; Evangelist Ronald Ripley.—by William H. Douglas, Pastor.



There'll be joy in Hot Springs on December 11! Won't you come?

Saturday, December 11, will be DEDICATION TIME at the National Children's Home! Sort of Thanksgiving and Christmas both rolled into one! Everyone has been working so hard to get things ready. There will be guest speakers, special music, and of course the children will have a very special part. It will be open house, with visitors especially welcome. The new workers' quarters will be completed, and the TEEN COTTAGE for girls will be finished. As a matter of fact, some of the girls have been baby-sitting for weeks to help furnish their rooms. Of course, baby-sitting earnings aren't going to go far to pay for twenty mattresses, twenty springs, twenty dressers, living-room furniture, and a kitchen range!

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SOUTH PASADENA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Nov. 28—; Evangelist J. A. Voseka, Arnold, Nebr.—by A. I. Haun, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANS.—Highland Park Assembly of God, Dec. 5—19; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (R. W. Miller is Pastor.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—North Side Assembly of God, Nov. 28—Dec. 12; Evangelist Bob Willis, Texas District C. A. President.—by Ted Vibbert, Pastor.

RIPLEY, TENN.—Ripley Assembly of God, Dec. 5—19; Evangelist D. C. Ogden, Memphis, Tenn. First service in new church, Dec. 5; singing in the afternoon.—by O. R. Ball, Pastor.

HUDSON, COLO.—Assembly of God, Nov. 28—Dec. 12; Evangelist Evelyn Bethurum.—by D. J. Hixenbaugh, Pastor.

HARTFORD, ILL.—Assembly of God, Dec. 7—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dan Kricorian, Boston, Mass. (Willis Myers is Pastor.)

IOWA FALLS, IOWA—Assembly of God, W. Rocksylvania St., Nov. 30—; Evangelist W. E. Teter, Boise, Idaho.—by R. Wenig, Pastor.

CAMPTON (near Crestview), FLA.—Nov. 28—Dec. 12; Evangelist Marvin L. Smith, Coral Gables, Fla.—by Granade Hamlett, Pastor.

TOWNER, COLO.—Assembly of God, Dec. 6—; Evangelist Jess L. Goss, Tribune, Kans.—by Tom Griffin, Pastor.

FARMINGTON, N. MEX.—Faith Tabernacle, Dec. 5—19; Evangelists Dave and Gloria Laughlin, Los Alamos, N. Mex. (A. R. Aman is Pastor.)

VANCOUVER, B. C., CANADA—Broadway Tabernacle, Nov. 28—Dec. 5; Evangelist Ruth Specter, Los Angeles, Calif. (E. W. Robinson is Pastor.)

VIRGINIA, ILL.—Nov. 22—; Evangelists Iva Harris and Thelma Denney, Shawnee, Okla.—by Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Co-Pastors.

GLADWIN, MICH.—Assembly of God, 335 S. Antler St., Dec. 3—; Musical Vanns, Toledo, Ohio.—by Truman S. Lowell, Pastor.

PORTLAND, OREG.—Bible Conference, North Portland Assembly of God, Nov. 28—Dec. 12; Jesse S. Blakeley, Fresno, Calif., main speaker.—by Roy C. Blakeley, Pastor.

COLDWATER, MICH.—Assembly of God, Dec. 7—19 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose, Harrison, Mich. (A. J. Hamlin is Pastor.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Southside Faith Tabernacle, 2124 S. W. 29th St., Nov. 23—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (Paul E. Riggs is Pastor.)

QUAKERTOWN, PA.—Assembly of God, N. 4th St., Dec. 7—19; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Wallace, Old Orchard Beach, Me.—by J. Wesley Clark, Pastor.

QUAKERTOWN, PA.—Assembly of God, dedication of new church, Dec. 5, at 2:30 p.m. Speakers: A. Newton Chase, Eastern District Superintendent, and John D. Tubbs, Presbyterian and former pastor.—by J. Wesley Clark, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Regional S. S. Conference of the Italian Assemblies of God, Christian Assembly, 1350—52 W. Erie St., Dec. 4. Services at 2:30 and 7 p.m. Nick Fabiani, John S. Marckese, Woodrow Gillespie, and Philip D'Angelo, speakers.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

CORRECTION—We made a mistake in writing our new address which was listed recently under "Open for Calls." The correct address is 1971 Guy Way, Dundalk 22, Md.—Evangelist and Mrs. Ottis Denton.

NEW CHURCH—We have a pioneer work in Sheffield, Ala., known as the First Assembly of God. If you have friends in the Tennessee Valley area (Sheffield, Tusculumbia, or Florence, Ala.) please send us their names and addresses, and we will visit them.—James H. Aplin, 702 Austin St., Sheffield, Ala.

NEW CHURCH—I am starting a new work in Marseilles, Ill. If you have friends here, send us their names and addresses and we will visit them.—Don Sneed, 108 E. Bluff, Marseilles, Ill.

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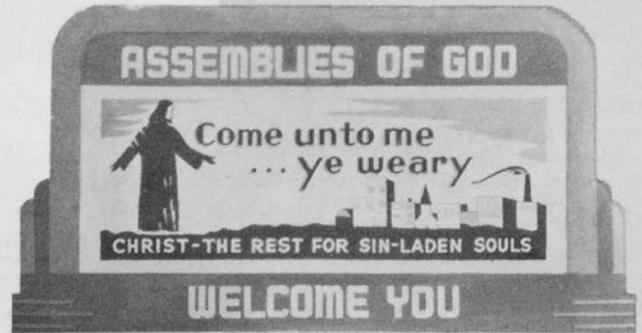
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More Evangelism Needed

by D. Leroy Sanders

THERE IS NO SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE for the old-fashioned revival meeting. The anointed emphasis on prayer, repentance, faith, and love repeated night after night produces just exactly what God wants produced, as no other program can do.

Evangelism is needed as never before, and the public will respond more readily than ever before. Nowhere in history do we find a widespread response to the gospel of the magnitude we are witnessing today. Much of this evangelism is of necessity conducted outside the regular churches. Barriers of prejudice and precedence are thus circumvented, in a measure. But surely God wants to use our Pentecostal churches to accomplish His full purpose in this program of evangelism.

Generally speaking, the frequency and intensity of revival meetings among us could well be accelerated to keep pace with the trend and the need. This is a great hour of evangelism in church history. God has anointed us with the Holy Ghost. In this hour when God is saying to us, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door," may we not forget our primary responsibility to win the lost. The Assemblies of God are traditionally evangelistic. May we shake ourselves out of any tendency to settle down, and may we arise in His power to reap a great harvest in this latter-day ingathering of souls.

Some will sound a note of discouragement by reminding us that apostasy must set in at the end of this age; they will tell us that we should be satisfied if we can just hold the fort. But I would remind such folk that the Word of God also foretells a time of glorious revival at the end of this age. We must choose between the two. We may take our stand in either camp.

On the surface, the two pictures painted in the Word of God would seem to be a contradiction. The apostle Peter quotes a scintillating promise that is altogether positive: "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." The equally inspired apostle Paul declares: "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." How can we reconcile these two prophecies that certainly relate to our time?

There is no contradiction here. In

the Book of beginnings we discover that there was utter darkness over all the ancient land of Egypt, just as God had warned; but at the same time the children of Israel who dwelt in a certain section of Egypt "had light in their dwellings."

The final Book of the Bible clearly reveals a state of Laodicean apostasy that will exist at the end of the age; but in the same chapter it also depicts a thriving Philadelphian church with primitive apostolic love.

Between these illustrations in Genesis and Revelation others are also given. Isaiah, the prince of prophets, speaks in chapter 60 of the glory of the Lord that has risen upon the people; and in the very next verse he warns that, while some will walk in the light, darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people.

So for the last days there is darkness and there is light; there is apostasy and there is love; there are perilous days when religious men deny God's power and at the same time there is a pouring out of His Spirit. We must take our choice.

It has long been my conviction that immediately preceding Christ's return there would be a tidal wave of revival. What we are now witnessing could well be the initial phase. God forbid that we should slacken off in our revival fervor at the very moment of supreme opportunity.

Where Is the Fire?

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Bible School lecturer—I'm not an evangelist!" What a marvelous expert the devil is in fooling many Pentecostal people and others. Was Jesus a white-hot soul winner? Was Paul? Both of them were teachers, prophets, and pastors—but not one day passed when they were not found seeking to snatch brands from the burning fires of hell.

Reader, you are without excuse. Whatever else you do, if you are not winning souls for Jesus, then you are a failure, and need to repent in dust and ashes. Cast your miserable excuses into the dustbin, and determine that the blazing love for the lost which burned in the heart of Jesus and His early disciples will be yours. Rest not until you are going through life as a burning, blazing, fiery, white-hot flame of fire for God, igniting other souls with a fervent love for Christ.

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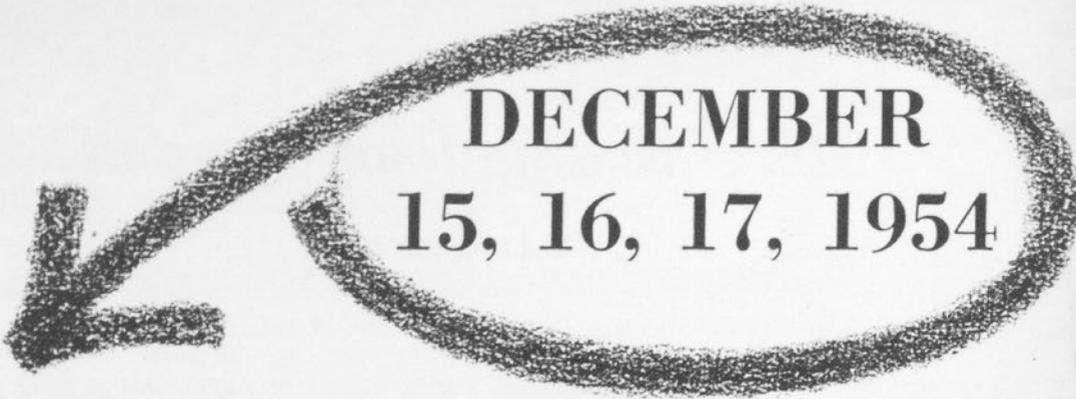
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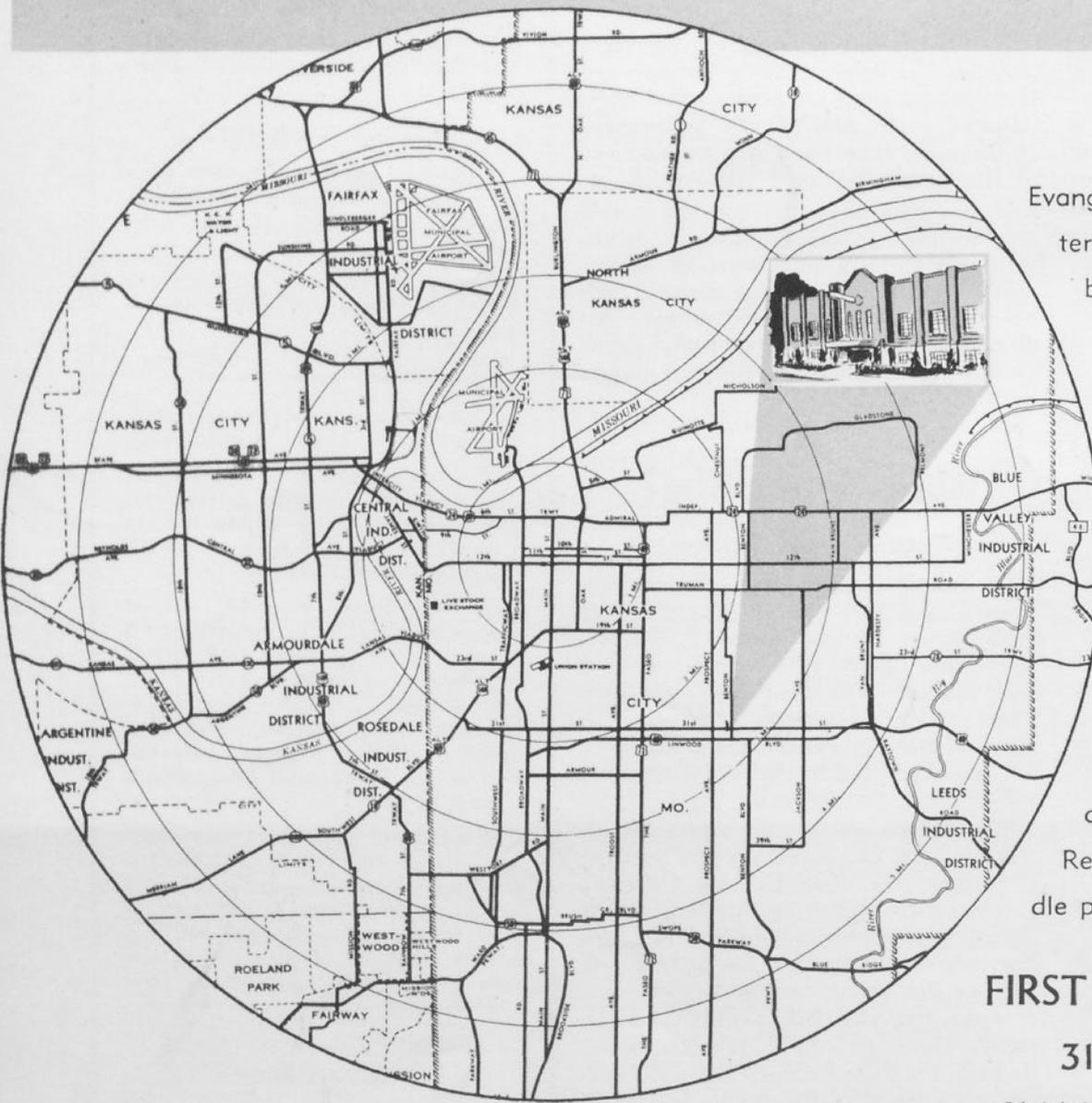


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