

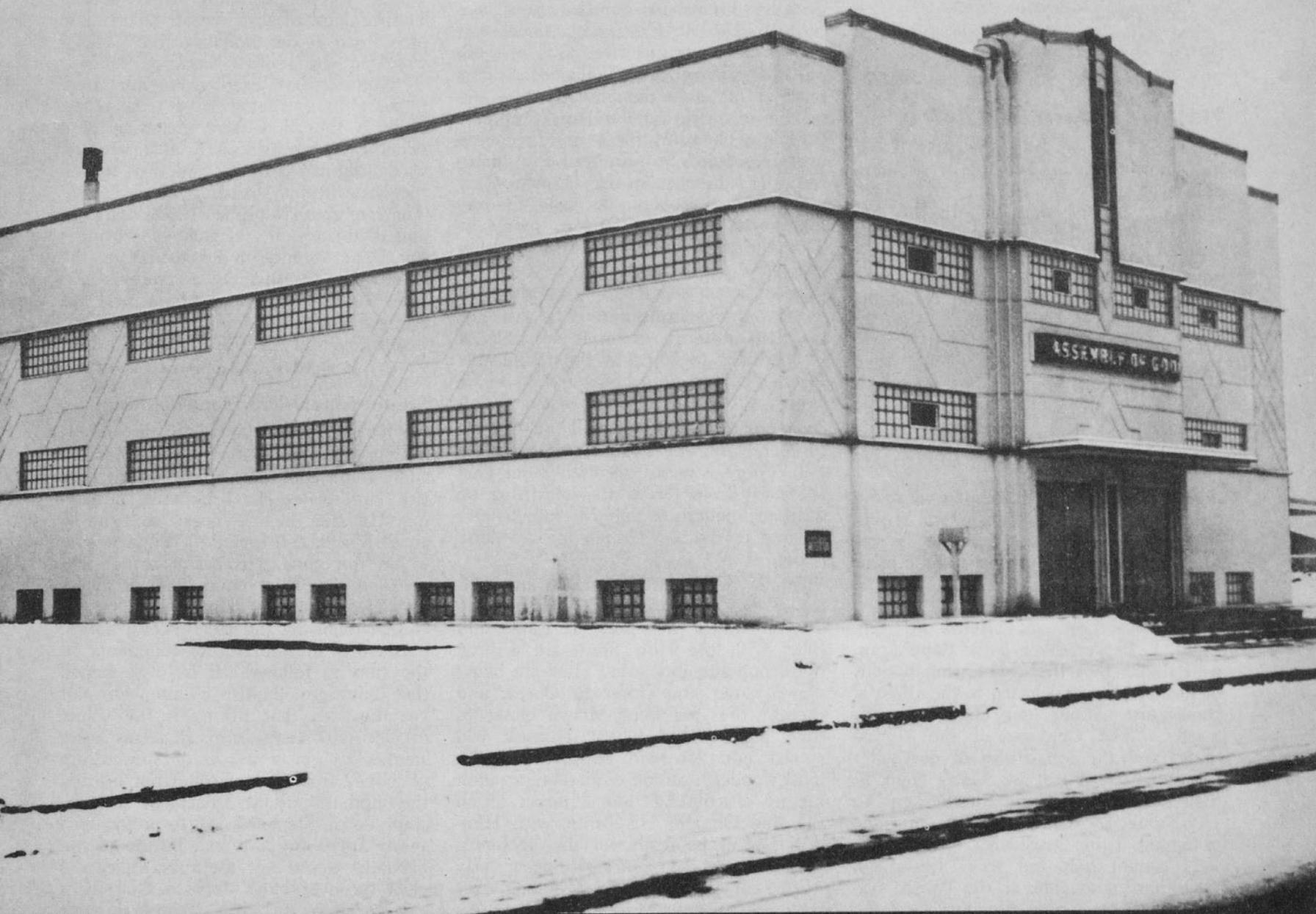
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NEW CHURCH IN BUTTE, MONTANA

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## Is This True Today?

Abraham Lincoln, said, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven, but we have forgotten God. . . . Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

## World Day of Prayer

Friday, February 25, will be a World Day of Prayer, and the National Association of Evangelicals has published a booklet containing suggestions for a Bible-centered program for that day. Theme of the booklet is, "God's Supply for the World's Need."

For copies, write to the national office of the N. A. E. The new address is: 108 North Main St., Wheaton, Illinois.

## "Religion in American Life"

The "Religion in American Life" movement is making available to churches and synagogues a vast amount of advertising. In co-operation with the Advertising Council it is using newspapers, radio, billboards, and every other major advertising medium to urge the public to attend the church of their choice. It was estimated that the religious advertising campaign last November, if purchased for a commercial product, would have cost six million dollars; but American businessmen provided the advertising free of charge.

## Prayer Needed at UN

One of the first bills introduced at the current session of Congress was a resolution requesting that the American delegation to the United Nations initiate steps to have each session of the UN General Assembly opened with prayer.

The resolution was offered by Rep. Frank J. Becker, New York Republican, who thinks that the God-fearing nations of the world have deferred to the atheistic communist nations long enough in this matter. "The Congress of the United States and the legislatures of our states do not hesitate to ask God's help in their deliberations," said Mr. Becker, "so why should the United Nations continue to ignore divine assistance?"

"I cannot help but feel," he added, "that until such time as the United Nations ceases to ignore Almighty God the people of the world cannot expect lasting peace to develop from that organization."

## Sunday Racing Ban Upheld

A state law outlawing Sunday automobile racing in Wake County, North Carolina, has been upheld by the Supreme Court of that state.

The state legislature has passed the act to forbid Sunday stock car racing at the request of churches and other groups, who claimed the races were a nuisance and a desecration of the Sabbath. The race promoter contested the law but the Supreme Court ruled that the legislature was within its rights in passing the measure.

## Blueprint for Church Union

The text of a detailed blueprint for unifying Protestant denominations was made public at Cincinnati, Ohio, last month. It represents five years of work on the part of thirty religious leaders representing nine denominations.

The plan is described as "the most complete blueprint for a united church ever considered by American Protestantism." Its authors claim that it solves every organizational problem and paves the way for various denominations to merge as The United Church of Christ whether they have a congregational, episcopal, or presbyterian form of church government.

Most church leaders are dubious. They say that, although union is desirable, it is not likely to come in the foreseeable future.

It may be that it will come much sooner than they expect. All this interest in a merging of churches is not idle talk. There is a drifting away from God and away from His truth—a drifting toward regimentation that fits into Satan's scheme to create a church for the Antichrist.

While cold, formal churches are drifting in one direction, the Christians who are washed in the precious Blood and filled with the Holy Spirit are drifting in an opposite direction. They are being drawn closer and closer to Christ, and thereby they are being drawn closer to each other. Soon Christ Himself will appear and He will consummate the most wonderful union of all—not a union merely of churches but a union of all the true Church, His Bride, with Himself. Let us be ready for that moment. When our Bridegroom shall appear, may we be in that enraptured throng that shall rise to meet Him, wafted into His glorious presence, there to dwell in peace for evermore.

## Swedish Pentecostals Forbidden To Transfer Radio Funds

The Finance Minister of Sweden's government has forbidden the Pentecostal churches to take \$400,000 out of the country to finance an evangelical broadcasting station at Tangier. The money has been collected over a period of many months; much of it has come from the U.S.A.

The Pentecostal churches first planned to erect a short-wave transmitter in Sweden, or else to broadcast from a "radio ship" in the Baltic Sea. However, the Swedish government refused to grant a broadcasting license for either of these proposals; and it was then that the Pentecostal leader, Dr. Lewi Pethrus, decided to set up the gospel broadcasting station at Tangier in the International Zone.

## General Naguib's Visit to Assiut

Before he was deposed from the Presidency of Egypt, General Naguib visited a number of missionary institutions in Upper Egypt including Miss Lillian Trasher's orphanage at Assiut. At the close of his visit at the orphanage the General wrote in the visitors' book as follows:

"Nothing has ever given me more pleasure than what I have seen today. It is as though I were dreaming of a paradise of beauty exactly as I have always imagined it to be, and then having the dream today become a realization. The care given to orphan babies, children and disabled men and women is evident here. The founder of the institution, the great Miss Trasher, is a precious gift from God. I call upon those who are engaged in social reform to visit this institution and learn from it what they should do if they really wish to achieve."

## Stewardship More Than Tithing

The press told how one of the players on the New York Giants baseball team addressed a convention of Southern Baptists and related his experience in tithing. He said that he began to tithe at an early age, and urged all young people to do the same. His pastor earlier had revealed that this young baseball player had given a check for \$1,000 to his church following the 1954 World Series.

A writer in *The Banner* comments on the story as follows: "It is to be hoped that Southern Baptist children do not get the idea that tithing is the whole of Christian stewardship. It seems a bit strange to get a lesson of stewardship of money from one who has not learned the more important aspects of stewardship. To devote one's life to professional sports, involving continual misuse of the Sabbath, would not seem to indicate a clear sense of one's duty to God. It is easy to tithe, especially if one's income is large—much easier than to consecrate the life and talent to God."

# The Airplane Crash That Never Came

A True Story of God's Loving Care  
As Related by John H. Bostrom, San Gabriel, Calif.

When a plane takes off and later crashes to the earth, the story is front-page news! When a plane does not crash because it does not take off—that is not considered news. But here is the story:

While I was conducting a tent revival recently in Tucson, Arizona, one of the men attending the meetings invited me to go on a prospecting trip with him. He had already discovered several uranium deposits in the mountains near the border of Mexico, and he had staked a number of claims.

On this particular trip he planned to fly, as aerial prospecting, of course, enables one to cover a large territory in a very short time. He told me that this particular kind of flying is very dangerous, as the plane travels in and out among the canyons only five hundred feet or so above the ground, and any sudden air currents could cause it to crash to the earth. He said, too, that we would have only two hours of flying from six to eight o'clock in the morning, because after that time the thermal waves in that hot desert country make such flying still more perilous.

Although I had flown in various types of planes, this particular kind of flying in a small five-place plane appealed to me as a new and interesting experience. So about five o'clock in the morning my friend called for me. We had breakfast, and then, equipped with a scintillator to detect the presence of uranium, and other necessary equipment, we drove to the airport.

Upon arriving there at the appointed time (six o'clock in the morning) we were greatly disappointed, for the pilot said, "I'm afraid we can't go up this morning."

"Why?" we asked.

"Because of the wind," he replied. "It has been still all night, but just fifteen minutes ago this strong wind started up. Look at that wind-sock blowing!"

There we stood on the desert, looking toward the east where the sun had just made its appearance above the distant mountains. Such a beautiful morning—such a beautiful country—but what a disappointment! The Bible says, "And, behold, there came a great wind from

the wilderness" (Job 1:19). We did not appreciate that wind from the wilderness any more than Job appreciated the desert wind that caused him such loss and consequent heartache.

"If it was a matter of flying to El Paso or Phoenix," the pilot continued, "I wouldn't hesitate a minute. We'd just take off and go. But the kind of flying we would be doing in those canyons—if we would be caught in a down draft on the lee side of one of those mountains, it would be just too bad. It isn't worth the risk."

"How about tomorrow morning?" I inquired.

"Well, if the wind dies down," he answered, "it will be all right. We'll get the weather report tonight."

But the next morning the wind was still blowing. Another disappointment! And then—that afternoon the pilot phoned my prospector friend and said, "Say, it's a good thing we didn't attempt to fly yesterday morning. I just discovered that the fuel pump on my plane was not working, so I took it off and sent it in to Los Angeles for repairs. If we had taken off we would probably have gotten up about two hundred feet, and then crashed!"

How often all of us, at some time or other, have been in peril and seen the hand of God in deliverance. How many times the Lord has sent a guardian angel to keep us from being injured or killed. We have realized later how close we have come to an accident. Again and again we have seen our heavenly Father's protecting hand, as "a thousand" have fallen at our side, and "ten thousand" at our right hand, but it did not come near us. (Psalm 91:7).

But here was a case of God sending out "a great wind" (Jonah 1:4) to protect us, when we did not even know that danger was near. And how well timed was that "strong east wind" (Ex. 14:21). Had it come half an hour later we might have perished!

Absolute desert stillness all night long, and then just fifteen minutes before we were scheduled to take off, "the Lord sent out a great wind" in order to preserve our lives. Oh, what a loving, thought-



ful heavenly Father we have, who watches over us day and night. And how often our disappointments turn into deep heart-felt appreciation when we learn the whole story.

The Psalmist declares, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 37:23). If we believe this we will not fret because our plans do not always materialize.

A person rushes to catch a train, and on the way to the depot the car has a flat tire. How natural it is to say, "Oh, God, why did you allow this delay, when you know how anxious I am to get away on that train?" Later on he learns that the train he missed was wrecked just a few miles from town.

Someone else driving down the highway, pressed for time, feels impatient because a long, slow-moving freight train crossing the road delays him. But just a few minutes later he sees the terrible results of an accident which has just occurred, and he says to himself, "Just think! If I had not been delayed by that freight train, I might have become involved in this accident—with what consequences no one knows."

What comfort it is to the child of God to know that "in Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). We know that when we "stand still" we see His salvation, and when we "move" we are kept by His mighty power.

In my experience God caused "a strong east wind" to blow. Our God holds the winds in His hand and can loose any one of them when the occasion demands it. Or, He can turn loose all four winds, if necessary, to see that His children are preserved. The same Christ who commanded the winds to cease for the protection and encouragement of His disciples, so long ago, is also able in our day to command the winds to blow, if by their blowing His children

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# Taking the City

Gene Martin

at the First National Evangelism Convention

"Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city" (Joshua 6:16).

THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD IS TO do more than to hold her own. We are supposed to be advancing. We are not called to be an army of occupation. Our high calling is to be an army of conquest. Evangelism is the very first and supreme mission of the church of the living God.

An evangelistic service is more than a few songs, a special number or two, and a sermon. It is more than a place to congregate the people and arrange bazaars and rummage sales and strawberry socials. It is the place to preach the gospel of the power of Christ Jesus, that can change a man from a sinner to a saint. Evangelism is souls.

The greatest need of God's people today is not more theory about the truth, but more power to carry out what we already know—the power of the precious Holy Spirit. A church without the Holy Spirit is like a factory equipped with modern machinery, but without power to turn the wheels. We need the mighty supernatural power of the living God.

When Paul said, "Do the work of an evangelist," he was writing to a pastor. Evangelism, I believe, must have a place in every minister's life, whatever his special calling may be. And if he doesn't feel very evangelistic, it is my conviction that he just needs to touch God once more and say, "God, help me to have a love and a passion for souls." It is not the sermons that count so much; it is the souls at stake that are so important.

"Now Jericho," the Scripture says, "was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel." Oh, they put up the gates all right. They said, "We are not going to let this Pentecostal group get hold of our heights." But God planned the campaign for the defeat of Jericho. And that's the only kind of evangelistic service that will succeed—the one that God plans. We don't know how to master the devil, any more than we can control the clouds or hold the sea in our hands. But if God plans the campaign there is victory.

And God outlined His plan. He said, "The first thing I want you all to do is to march around the wall. Everybody march! I don't want you here for anything else." He didn't call for any special songs. He just said, "I want you there." Be there! Bench warmers, attendance

swellers—it's amazing, but that's what God wanted them to be. When your church is in revival, don't miss a service. You may not feel very important, but you may thwart the plan of God by being absent.

Then He gave the order of service. Oh, that's surely hard on us. We don't believe in any orders of service. But God said, "I want the infantry first, then I want you seven preachers to come blowing your trumpets." The trumpets were not of silver, but were ram's horns, and made a very dull sound. They made no show whatever. Why? So that the excellency of God's power and glory might be seen. It is not our sermon that will turn the town upside down. It is the excellency of the power of God that will do that.

I can see them that first day as they went around those walls. The whole crowd was there, everybody. Some today



GENE MARTIN TO SERVE AS NATIONAL EVANGELISM SECRETARY

Gene Martin, Pastor of the First Assembly of God in San Diego, California, has accepted an invitation to serve as National Secretary of the Department of Evangelism. He will make his headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, in the near future. This new Department of our Fellowship, of which Bert Webb is the Executive Director, will serve our evangelists and will emphasize, encourage and co-ordinate all phases of evangelism among us. Brother Martin's years of experience as a successful evangelist and pastor have given him a good background for his new ministry.

are saying, "It can't happen here. The pastor is too young, the evangelist too old, the weather too bad, the night too foggy." But it will just never work till they all come and march.

On the second day around they did the same thing again. I imagine some of them said, "Now really, fellows, we have been through a lot of strange things, but this just goes too far. I'll tell you, we need a change of pastors around here! What possible connection can there be between walking around a city tootin' a horn, and the walls falling down? That's stupid." It didn't seem so stupid when the walls all were turned upside down.

If Joshua had any doubts, he kept them to himself. And I would like to admonish you that if you have any misgivings as to whether we are going to have a big move for God, just shut your mouth a little. If you don't give those doubts any fresh air, maybe they will die out. Less talk and more walk!

Do you know why they marched around those walls? It was because it was clearly evident that this was God's will for them. Although they couldn't understand all about it, they submitted to the will of God and marched anyway. Hallelujah!

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# Christ's Witness and Ours

Joseph A. Synan

*Christ Jesus witnessed a good confession before Pontius Pilate, and God is looking for men and women who will stand up boldly and declare the truth without compromise in the day in which we live.*

WITNESSES! THIS WORD COMES FROM the same Greek word from which we get our word "martyr." It means a person who believes his message to such an extent that he will stake his life upon it; that he is willing to live for and by that testimony and, if necessary, die for it, and seal it with his own blood.

Every true Christian is a martyr in spirit. He may not actually die on the field of service for his Master, but he is willing and ready to do so; and he has subjected his life to any call of the Master. He is willing to bear any burden or face any danger in order that his testimony might be delivered and the world might know what Jesus Christ means to him.

Witnesses for Christ must fight. They must fight like good soldiers, fight with courage and determination for the truth which is worth living for, and worth dying for, and worth giving up all of the wealth and splendor and honor of this world for, in order that we might have the favor of God and enjoy the blessing of heaven and fulfill God's will and the ministry that He has given us in these days.

Now let us consider this matter of witnessing, looking first at the witness of Jesus Christ, who is the chief Witness to the truth and who has indeed paved the way as the faithful and true Witness and the First Begotten from the dead. I should like for us to think of Him in connection with His trial. He was betrayed by a friend. He was illegally arrested by those who wanted to get Him out of the way. He was dragged before the ecclesiastical authorities. The chief priests asked Him questions about His doctrine and about His disciples. And Jesus said to the chief priests, "I haven't done anything in secret. I ever taught in the synagogues and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort." He said, "I've done nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask them that heard me. They know what I have said."

As one writer has said, as soon as Jesus

was placed upon trial He reached out and pulled in everyone who had ever heard His message, who had ever come under the power of His ministry, and He made everyone of us, in a sense, responsible to answer for what we have heard.

And you know friends, He did involve all of us in His trial. He put all of us on the witness stand; everyone of us in some sense is wrapped up in His trial before the ecclesiastical authorities and His trial before the Roman authorities. And while He stood there for Himself and for us, we must also stand for Him as His witnesses, His living witnesses in this world that is in rebellion against Him.

The high priest, having called in various witnesses and having heard much testimony—testimony that was conflicting, testimony that was definitely in the nature of perjury—after all of that he said to Jesus, "You hear all that is being said against you—why do you not answer?" He said, "I adjure thee by the



**Have you given your heart to Christ?**

living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God."

And Jesus said, "Thou sayest," which was to say, "What you say is true. I am the Son of God."

The chief priest rent his garments and called for the sentence of death. And the Sanhedrin voted that Jesus should be put to death. But they couldn't execute the sentence. Therefore, early in the morning they led Him before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor.

Then Pilate himself confronted the Lord Jesus Christ, and said to Him, "Art thou the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." And He added, "Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice."

Pilate said, "What is truth?" and he went out to the Jews to announce to them that he found no fault in the Lord Jesus Christ. Three times over he brought in a "not guilty" verdict in behalf of the Master.

Now the conversation, the examination all centered on the question of kingship. And Jesus was accused of being the King of the Jews. He was tried and condemned for that. And in the trilingual notice that hung over His head it was proclaimed, "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." The language of religion declared it, the Hebrew language; the language of culture declared it, the Greek language; the language of law and government declared it, the Latin language—every language in the land declared that He is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

Pilate wanted to know where His kingdom was. Jesus said, "It is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight for me that I should not be delivered unto the Jews. But now is my kingdom not from hence."

"Well, are you a king, then?" asked Pilate.

He said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

"What is truth?" said Pilate, and went his way.

Though Pilate did not wait for a reply, this was not a flippant question. It was one that grew out of the agony of his soul, as he came face to face with the question that is important to every man: "What is truth? What is truth?"

It is possible that he meant to imply by that question, "You speak of truth when your life is in the balance! You speak of truth when a cross is being prepared! You speak of truth when a mob is assembled, calling for your blood! You speak of truth, when before this day's sun goes down your life will be snuffed

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This article is a portion of the sermon preached by Bishop Synan of the Pentecostal Holiness Church during the annual convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America (Springfield, Missouri). His text was found in 1 Timothy 6:12-16.

# MUST WE TURN THEM AWAY?

Louise Jeter Walker, Cuba

LAST YEAR 120 SPLENDID, CONSECRATED young people attended the Cuban Bible Institute, preparing themselves to answer God's call to preach the gospel to their own people.

Our building can only accommodate sixty students, but by having two terms a year (six months for the boys and four for the girls) we were able to give intensive Bible training to twice that number. However, as the work develops it becomes increasingly evident that such a short term is insufficient, and more thorough preparation for our Cuban workers has become a desperate need. To meet this need we are making the school co-educational, thus offering an eight-month term to boys and girls together.

Since we were "bursting at the seams" with sixty students, making the school co-educational will make it necessary to double our present housing facilities and equipment. So far money has been donated to put in the foundation of a new dormitory, but that is as far as the present funds will take us. School begins next May and unless we build immediately it looks as though we may have to turn away half of our 120 students; but *which ones shall we turn away?* How does a person decide? Surely this cannot be God's will for these young people!

Of course, we could accommodate a few more if we took the married couples' cabins and used them for single students. For example, we could put eight boys in one small cabin. But shall we tell Pedro Placeres and his wife Berta not to come back this year because we shall need their cabin? Pedro is pastor of the church in Cotorro and presbyter of the Havana section. He had almost no secular education and felt keenly his need of Bible training for a more effective ministry. You would readily agree that if anyone needed Bible School training, a presbyter-pastor working in the capital must. During the last two terms Pedro has often cried for joy in class over some newly discovered riches in the Word. And Berta, in spite of household responsibilities and twin babies to feed, has thoroughly enjoyed the studies too. On commencement day there were tears in her eyes as she shyly asked us to pray

that the Lord would somehow open the way for them to return next term so that Pedro can graduate. Should we tell them that there is no room, that we need their cabin also?

As I look at the accompanying picture of the students, I see one entire preparatory class who stayed on for two extra months of grammar, arithmetic, spelling, history and geography, after school had already closed. How desperately they have been working to be able to pass their entrance exam for first-year Bible School work! This week we received letters from all of them telling how the Lord had answered prayer and that they had passed the exams with flying colors. Would you have the heart to tell them there was no room for them next term, after they had worked so hard to meet the requirements?

Then there are about thirty young men who are working on the Bible School grounds during the vacation, engaged in construction, maintenance, and farming. These boys make the school desks and tables (as well as taking care of our fourteen out-stations and forty-five Sunday Schools with a total attendance of 1200 weekly). The boys are registered on the work-scholarship plan, earning their next term's board. We are obligated to give them a place to stay.

There are other boys who have gone off to work in the sugar harvest—Luis, Angel, Rolando, Pablo, Manuel, Gaston and others. They are fine young men of excellent character, all on fire for the Lord. These boys are earning their own way through Bible School. Could we turn them away? What would you do?

There are the girls, too. If you could listen to their testimonies and observe their spiritual development—if you could hear their pastor tell of the splendid unselfish work they are doing for the Lord during the vacation—you would know why we cannot bear to turn any of them away. These boys and girls are like our own sons and daughters; and we feel a responsibility to help them remain in school.

For every graduate there are two begging to be admitted to our first-year class. Some of the young people have already



The graduating class in June, 1954

waited several years for the way to open. It seems a shame that we cannot give them a chance for the lack of a few dollars.

School starts again in May after the sugar harvest, and we have room for only sixty students. But we are beginning to build a new dormitory by faith, even though there is only enough money for the foundation. After that—what? The applications are coming in; *WHICH ONES SHALL WE TURN AWAY?* Must we turn them away? What would you do? We must have a larger building; it will only cost \$15,000. God help you to see our urgent need now!

Please send your gifts marked, "Cuban Bible School," % Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

It was a Jew who took the gospel to Rome, a Roman who took it to France, a Frenchman who took it to Scandinavia, a Scandinavian who took it to Scotland, a Scotchman who evangelized Ireland; and an Irishman in turn made the missionary conquest of Scotland. No people have ever received the gospel except at the hands of an alien.—*S. S. Times.*

Don't say "Can't"; maybe you *could!*  
Don't say "Won't"; maybe you *should!*

The graduating class in October, 1954



# Free Food for the Needy

G. Kinderman

"Give ye them to eat" (Matthew 14:16). We have every reason to believe that Jesus would repeat these very words today if He were in Korea, Pakistan, India, Egypt, or Europe, where MILLIONS are right now suffering for lack of food. We can hardly ignore these present-day needs, some of the sufferers are our own Pentecostal brethren and sisters.

Because of floods, earthquakes and famines, in some areas of the world the situation has turned into an international emergency and the United States Government, through the Foreign Operations Administration, has made available many millions of pounds of surplus food for overseas relief.

Because the Assemblies of God is an authorized Relief Agency, our missionaries may take an active part in the distribution of this surplus food among the needy. Recently the Foreign Missions Department extended its relief program to additional countries in order that the surplus food may be available to our Pentecostal believers and their families.

ONE DOLLAR will make it possible to distribute approximately twenty-eight pounds of surplus food to a needy family or individual. Your offerings would help to defray the expenses not met by the U. S. Government (overseas transportation, storage, distribution, etc.).

We shall greatly appreciate it if you will join us in prayer that many dollars may be made available to meet the cost of getting the food to the suffering ones. The Government will provide it free but we must pay the cost of transporting and distributing it.

All contributions should be designated for "FREE FOOD" and sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Inquiries regarding relief shipments should be made direct to G. Kinderman, 160 Fifth Avenue (Room 806), New York 10, New York.

## CLIFFORDS APPOINTED TO RELIEF POST

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clifford have been assigned by the Foreign Missions Department to supervise the Oriental Relief Society in Tacoma, Washington, previously managed by Martin Kvamme.

The Cliffords, veteran missionaries from British Honduras and Ceylon, are residing at 4501 North 9th Street, Tacoma, Washington. They are available for missionary meetings on week-ends. Brother Kvamme, former director, will serve in an advisory capacity for another year or two before retiring. Brother Kvamme will be available for missionary meetings also. You may contact him at 907 S. Huson Street, Tacoma, Washington.

## URGENTLY NEEDED!

The Gunder Olsons are urgently in need of a carry-all station wagon for their work in the Philippines. Their old Speed-the-Light jeep is done for. Its tires are all worn out, the paint has given way to rust. The engine block is cracked in the valve seat. It would require a new motor to fix up the old jeep. The sum of \$1,250 is needed to help buy a carry-all. Those wishing to contribute send their gift to Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., marked "Carry-all Chevrolet, Gunder Olson, Philippines."

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to  
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A number of our missionaries have new addresses, as follows:

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R. W. Palmer, 612 Third Ave. N. E., Brainerd, Minnesota.

Sidney S. Bryant, Sahi House, Fyzabad Road, Lucknow, U.P., India.

Virginia Hamilton, Sahi House, Fyzabad Road, Lucknow, U.P., India.

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The following missionaries have recently returned to the United States:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Bruton from Dahomey, French West Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. James Baker and family from Formosa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Anderson and family from South India.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Butler and family from Upper Volta, French West Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Landrus and family returned to Liberia on December 29 for another term of service.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ragnar Udd sailed on December 22d to Nyasaland, East Africa, for another term.

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Miss Edna Wagenknecht returned to India on January 7 to take up her work at the Hardoi Bible School.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Perrault returned to Cuba on January 6 after having served for several years in Switzerland.

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Stephen Frank Benentendi was born on December 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benentendi in Formosa. Congratulations!



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landrus  
Liberia, W. Africa



Edna Wagenknecht  
India



Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Perrault  
Cuba



Mr. and Mrs. Ragnar Udd  
Nyasaland, E. Africa



THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN—Luke 18:9-14

"God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are..." (v. 11).

What a beautiful, righteous, pious (and hypocritical!) picture the Pharisee presented that day in the temple. If he had been running for an office in the church, and men had judged according to outward appearances, he would have won in a walk. Why not? He was faithful in attending the temple. He believed in prayer. He tithed regularly. He fasted twice a week. Could anyone ask more?

Yes—God could! God does not need our doled-out tithe to finance His work, for the silver and gold are His, as well as the cattle on a thousand hills. He cannot be placated or bribed with our sacrifices or gifts.

More than a thousand years before, God had emphasized a great principle: "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." It is the inner life that counts with Him. All of our outward doing (or refraining) means nothing to Him unless first of all the heart is right.

Exalting one's self brings abasement, and humbling one's self brings exaltation. Here is another of the gospel's seeming contradictions! This principle cuts squarely across the will of the self-life. The philosopher said, "Know thyself." The modern psychologist says, "Be yourself." But Christ says, "Give yourself."

George Mueller once said, "I used to think that God's best blessings were on the highest shelves, but I have learned that they are on the lowest shelves, to be obtained by those who will stoop low enough."

—RALPH W. HARRIS



# Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, February 14

JESUS TEACHES PRAYER—Luke 11:1-13

"When ye pray, say, Our Father..." (v. 2).

The ancient Greeks had in their rich language a most descriptive term for man; they called him "man, the uplooking one." Indeed, the one common denominator of all men is prayer. All men pray sometime. Even heathen people feel themselves in the presence of powers greater than themselves, and they try to appease these strange powers.

It is apparent that Jesus, introducing the subject of prayer, assumes that men will pray. He does not here seek to explain or defend the practice of prayer. He leaves the mechanics of the observance—the time and the place—to another chapter. Here in these verses He gives us His own passport to the courts of heaven—"When ye pray, say, Our Father."

Prayer is essentially a relationship, and Jesus used the most enduring term of relationship—"Father." He did not set the disciples to "practicing the scales"—instead He "gave them the key." How great a privilege it is for us to call God our Father! It is a privilege which immediately reminds us of a great redemption. We poor sinners have been restored to a father-son relationship with God. Then let us exercise this privilege with humble joy; for it is the essence of Christ's passion, and the very use of the term "Father" implies the relationship purchased by His blood.

—J. PHILIP HOGAN

TUESDAY, February 15

IMPORTUNITY IN PRAYER—Luke 18:1-8

"And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (v. 1).

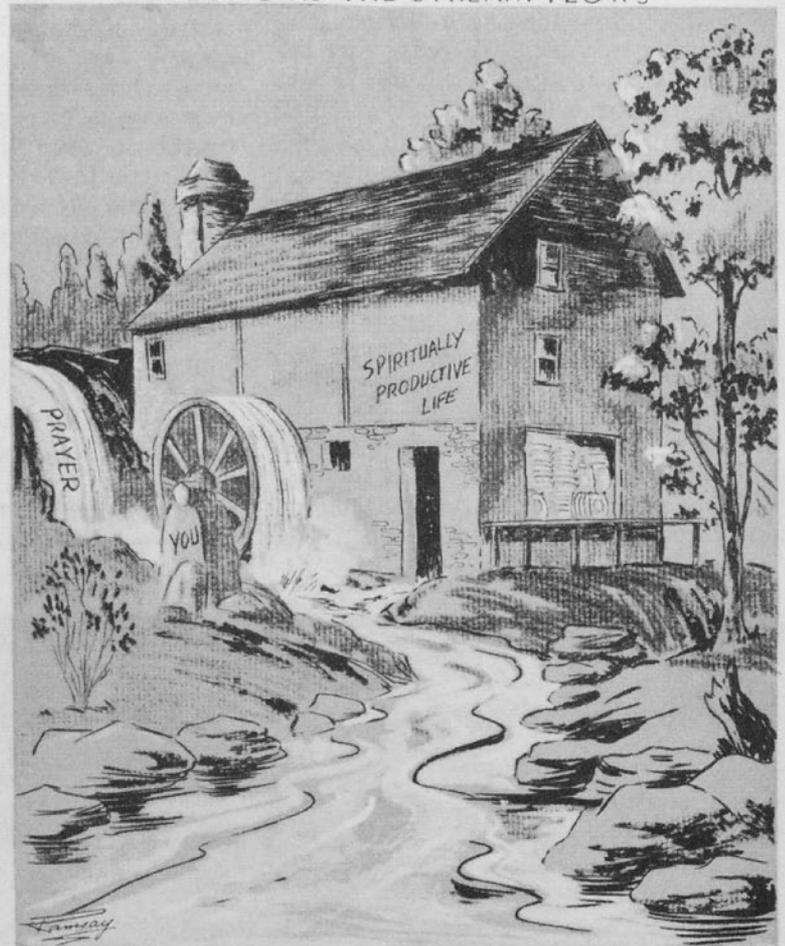
Someone paraphrased the words of Jesus this way: "Men ought always to pray so they won't cave in"; or, "Men ought always to pray so they won't turn out badly." Other versions read that men "ought always to pray and never to lose heart." The Bible has much to say about the importance of prayer. Paul wrote that the Christian warrior is to pray "always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Eph. 6:18). Prayer is part of the proper equipment for successful warfare.

The word "always," as used in the text, is an interesting word. It means that the whole life of the Christian should be a life of devotion to God. While we may not be uttering prayers continuously, we can be like the knights of old. They wore their armor constantly. They were ever ready for battle. We are told that some of those knights often slept in their armor. So the Christian, both day and night, should be in the spirit of prayer.

Thus are we assured against the pressures that would "cave us in," and the evils that would cause us to "turn out badly."

—PAUL COPELAND

AS LONG AS THE STREAM FLOWS



PRAYER OF FAITH—Mark 11:20-24

“And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots” (v. 20).

One must always remember that Jesus’ ministry, as set forth in the Gospels, represents more than just His day-by-day experiences. None of His acts were just incidents that made for His convenience; they were calculated to train His followers for a great task—that of building His Church in the world. This incident takes on a new light if viewed in this way.

Following His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus went into the temple and “looked round about upon all things.” What He saw is revealed to us by what He did on the following day—returning to the temple to cast out the money-changers. Here He saw the cold, ritualistic machinery of religion void of true worship.

Leaving the temple on that first day with His disciples, the Lord was hungry and turned aside to gather fruit of the fig tree. “He found nothing but leaves”; and he pronounced a curse upon the tree. Note the parallel: form and ritual in the temple, but no true worship; leaves on the fig tree, but no fruit.

From this we learn (1) that when we have faith we can do the impossible, and (2) that the true Christian must bear fruit “in season, out of season.” We must remember that true Christian worship is more than ritual, and that the Lord expects fruit as well as leaves from our lives.

—J. O. HARRELL

FRIDAY, February 18

FORGIVENESS AND PRAYER—Mark 11:25, 26; Ephesians 4:30-32

True Christian forgiveness is a remarkable virtue. It evokes the respect of man and the blessing of God.

Bob Garrett, a born-again soldier stationed in France, was a classic example of one who completely forgives. Jim Daniels, a rowdy corporal, hated Bob simply because Bob lived his religion. No abuse or ridicule was too great for Jim to heap on the Christian soldier.

The two men were swimming with some other soldiers in a swift-flowing river, when Jim was taken with cramps. Bob was the first one to reach the drowning man. After grappling with him and being pulled under several times, Bob shoved Jim with a mighty effort onto a fallen tree that protruded out into the river. The effort in pushing Jim up onto the tree forced the weary rescuer down under the water for the last time. He gave his life to save the one who hated him.

When Jim Daniels was informed who

## Youth Bent on Mischief Becomes a Son of God

Ken Duncan was not very different from the average teenager. He simply yielded to the temptations of the world and engaged in various kinds of mischief. But his troubles could have developed into something very serious, had he not turned on his radio one evening and listened to REVIVALTIME.

Here is his story as he tells it:

“Before I was converted I led a bad life. I stole and robbed orchards of apples. I was brought home by a policeman one day because I had been caught smoking. Another day, I was taken to the police station for letting off the emergency brake of a car. (This happened on Sunday, the day when I should have been in church.)

“It was through REVIVALTIME that I accepted the Lord. One night I was turning over the stations to see if I could get any music when I heard REVIVALTIME. I heard the way of salvation explained and immediately sent for the books that were offered. A short

had rescued him, he was overwhelmed. A few hours later when Bob’s body was recovered a mile down the river, Jim broke down and gave his heart to the Lord. The forgiveness and supreme sacrifice of Bob Garrett made such an impact that Jim vowed he would preach the message of the Christ who made Bob willing to give his life for his enemy. As soon as he was discharged he started out preaching the gospel of forgiveness.

It is natural to forgive those who love us, but it takes the spirit of Christ to forgive those who hate us.

—WAYNE FAGERSTROM

SATURDAY, February 19

SECRET PRAYER—Matthew 6:16; 1 Peter 3:7

These scriptures give instructions concerning prayer, which is the practice of talking to God, and is not to be indulged in as a public exhibition. Real prayer lays the soul bare before God, and such a soul shrinks from the gaze of the passing throng. The intimate burdens and cares, hidden in the hearts and poured out to the Father in intercession and tears, are too sacred to be exposed before the unsympathetic passerby. The prayers in secret have God’s special blessing and will receive a special reward. The display prayers, the show prayers, the veneer prayers will accomplish nothing so far as God is concerned. But the earnest,

time after that I accepted Him as my own personal Saviour.”



We praise God for using REVIVALTIME’s ministry to change the future of this fifteen year old. We thank Him for the many similar testimonies we have received, and we pray that He will continue to use our radio ministry to reach the youth of the world.

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true, sincere prayer in the secret closet will one day be publicly acknowledged by God and specifically rewarded.

The verse in Peter tells us that the manner of our daily living has a great deal to do with having our prayers answered. This particular scripture gives a bit of instruction to husbands, and the translation by J. B. Phillips makes the meaning clear: “Similarly, you husbands should try to understand the wives you live with, honouring them as physically weaker yet equally heirs with you of the grace of eternal life. If you don’t do this, you will find it impossible to pray properly.”

This would seem to indicate that the effectiveness of our prayers is predetermined by our conduct outside the prayer closet.

—RUTH E. GARLOCK

Sunday School lesson for February 20, 1955—  
“Jesus Teaches Prayer” (Luke 11:1-13).

THE MERCY OF GOD

“It was not relief from temporal evils that the Apostle promised (1 Thess. 5:23, 24). No; the mercy of God might send them to the stake, or the lions; it was still His mercy, if it but kept them ‘unspotted from the world.’ It might expose them to insult, calumny, and wrong; they received it still as mercy, if it ‘established them in every good word and work.’ Are you content with such faithfulness as this on the part of your Heavenly Father? Is this, indeed, the tone and tenor of your prayers?”

# Even Small Churches Can Be "Big Brother Churches"



C. C. Hidle, Alabama District Secretary, tells how small churches in their district help to open new churches. Since this plan of church extension was initiated, twenty-five new churches have been opened in the Alabama District.

"Brother A. L. Shell, former Secretary-Treasurer of the Alabama District, felt that something should be done to encourage the small churches to participate in the 'Mother Church' program. He realized that most small churches would not be able to 'mother' a church without other help. Therefore, he solicited finances from the smaller churches on the basis of ten cents per month per active member.

"When a church has given the equivalent of ten cents per active member per month or \$1.20 per year they are accredited with having 'big brothered' one church. Each 'Big Brother Church,' has a poster on which a church sticker is added every time the congregation gives \$1.20 per member.

"The Copeland Assembly, although their congregation is small, has given \$15.60 per active member since they began participating in the program. They are credited with having 'big brothered' thirteen churches.

"Each month, if the space permits, a list of the churches and the number of churches they have 'brothered' appears in our district paper."

One Alabama pastor, Clifton R. Carney of Butler, enthusiastically reports, "We have earned ten churches for our 'Mother Church' poster. Our vision for 1955 is to add ten more to the poster. Frankly, I don't care where the churches are built and whether we receive recognition or not for what little we have done. The main idea is to get the churches built."

Another pastor, O. M. Dykes of Fayette, Alabama, tells how his congregation began supporting the Alabama church extension program just a few months after the Assemblies of God effort had begun in Fayette. He says:

"It was during the winter of 1952 while our congregation was worshipping in a tent that I requested our District Home Missions Director to visit our unorganized group and present the Church Extension Plan. The Director, Brother Shell, was reluctant to do so, since our group was endeavoring to raise funds to get a building erected.

"But with a conviction upon my heart that 'God loveth a cheerful giver,' and that our people deserved an opportunity

to help others build for God, I insisted that he come.

"The plan was presented one Sunday morning before a small group of people shivering in their topcoats with the bitter winter winds blowing through the tent. An offering was received that averaged more than ten cents per member per month. It was designated to help a Home Missions church in Alexander City, Alabama.

"Our people gave willingly and unhesitatingly. Needless to say, the church has enjoyed the rich blessings of God spiritually and has been greatly blessed financially. From the very opening of the church, Missions has been emphasized. World Missions offerings have been received the first Sunday of every month. Other special offerings have gone into the general fund of our District Home Missions Program to be used at their discretion in assisting Home Missions efforts.

"Jesus said, 'Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.' Our church has experienced the blessings of giving as well as receiving, since other churches contributed to our church during its infancy."

## Taking the City

(Continued from page four)

The commission of the Lord is for us to go out and rescue the lost and heal the sick. That's the commission, whether or not we understand how, when, or where. We are to do what He says. They obeyed because it was the will of God. And they had faith in God. After all, God had said the walls would fall, and what else could happen?

I rather imagine that when the news reached Jericho that a strange people were coming up from the desert, a few of the

old-timers in Jericho said, "Oh, don't be afraid; their fathers came up here forty years ago, and when they saw the height of our walls they were astonished. And when they saw us their hearts melted within them for fear. So don't worry."

What they didn't know was that these people were now united. They were agreed. They loved one another, and they were ready to march together and take the city. Unity among the Christians is one of the greatest things to bring revival. Oh, I plead with you, unite with your church and your pastor. Ask for forgiveness if you need to; or, if you sense that somebody has something against you, go see him about it. If you will forgive one another the Lord will forgive you, and you can go on marching. Glory to God!

Finally the seventh day came. My, did the Jerichoites get a surprise that day! Instead of those people just going around once that morning, they all started around the second time. I guess the people inside crawled up and looked over the walls and said, "These are 'sure enough' fanatics. Look at this; they're going around a second and a third time." Now they said, "What in the world are they up to, anyway?" They were carrying out God's instructions. They were completely organized. A lot of folk don't like to admit it but God planned the whole thing weeks in advance.

God instructed them that on the last time around, the preachers were to blow the horns, and the people were to shout. "But I just don't think that you ought to tell people when to say hallelujah," I hear somebody say. Well, I do, from this. I just have to believe it. God said there is a time to shout and a time to keep quiet. Most of us have not learned when to keep our mouths shut. I think maybe we all have been a little noisy at the wrong time. God gave them the instructions about the right place for shouting. And the Lord didn't make any allowance for the "quiet, conservative type," either. He just said that the whole group was to shout. That is the secret of victory—believing God and obeying what He says.

On that last time around when those trumpets began to sound and the people started shouting, God did what He said He would do. The old walls were pulverized, and spilled out so that they could march into victory. I believe with all my heart that the lost can easily be reached if we will do our part to weep, pray, march, and "be there" when God tells us to be there.

The Israelites marched around the whole city. If they had gone around only two or three blocks that is all they would have taken. They would have been able to take just what they marched around. With God's help let's go around the whole metropolitan area. "Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city."

### PERSONAL GIFTS OR CHURCH OFFERINGS

for the general fund of the  
National Home Missions Dept.  
should be sent to

434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.



Canning "Dimes for Souls" at Nebraska Camp Meeting



Bringing in "Penny Pints for Home Missions" in Michigan

## WMC's Build Churches

### With Pennies, Nickels, Dimes, and Dollars

We salute the devoted members of the Women's Missionary Council. In hundreds of our Assemblies all over America these faithful WMC members are spending and being spent for the work of the Lord.

On this their special day we pay tribute to our sisters for taking upon their hearts the burdens that most men might overlook. The women can always see the practical side of a situation. When orphans need to be clothed, or missionaries need outfitting—when a Bible School needs new bedding, or a Home for the Aged needs redecorating—the WMC's are the first to sense the need and to do something about it.

As they visit the sick and minister to the poor, they are always conscious of the fact that the deepest need in every life is spiritual. Prayer and witnessing therefore are a vital, basic part of their program. They have a passion for the lost, and by extending material help they are able to reach hearts that otherwise might not be touched with the gospel.

The WMC's have a burden for Home Missions, and one of their projects in many sections is to raise funds to assist in the establishing of new churches. We cite four examples from the many that could be given to show the contribution they are making.

#### MICHIGAN—Penny Pints for Home Missions

Once each quarter all the sections of the Michigan District designate a certain fellowship meeting for WMC emphasis. At this rally the women bring their "Penny Pints for Home Missions." In one section recently the pennies were counted

and there were twenty-eight thousand of them—\$280.00 in a single offering.

The climax of the "Penny Pints" project comes at the annual District Council meeting. At that time the pennies are brought in from all parts of the District. The little white church, built for this specific service, is always filled to overflowing and there are additional bags and jars of pennies all around it (see picture).

Churches have been opened at Clinton, Mich. and Fremont, Mich, as a direct result of the 200,000 pennies that came in last year. A quarter of a million pennies is the goal of the Michigan WMC this year.

#### NEW JERSEY—Nickels for New Churches

The nickels saved up by WMC members in New Jersey are put in the District Home Missions fund and used for opening new churches at the discretion of the District Home Missions Committee.

The project began in February, 1952, while New York and New Jersey were still united in one district. Each WMC group was to collect as many nickels as possible and bring them to the WMC Rally at the District Council in May. At this rally the president of each group marched in a grand Nickel March and emptied the containers of nickels in a tub. In less than three months \$427.70 had been collected.

The project was so successful that it was continued for another year, with the result that in May 1953 the WMC presidents brought in more than twenty thousand nickels—\$1,085.05 for Home Missions. The following year the result

was twice as great. Tears of joy and shouts of praise went up to the Lord as the nickels came pouring in, amounting to \$2,461.44.

#### NEBRASKA—Dimes for Souls

For their Home Missions effort the WMC's of Nebraska have adopted the slogan, "Dimes for Souls in Nebraska." This is a perpetual project. At their rally during last summer's camp meeting they featured a novel "dime-canning" (see picture). The canning operation brought \$1,788.60, all of which went into the District program for new churches. The offering enabled pioneer workers to go into Kearney, Nebr., and open an Assembly of God.

One young woman, a waitress, promised the Lord last spring that she would give all the dimes that were left on her table as tips. After that consecration she found that nearly all of her tips were dimes! By camp-meeting time she had over ten thousand dimes to bring to the WMC Rally.

#### NEW ENGLAND—Yards of Dollars

In the New England District the WMC's engaged in a "Yards of Dollars" campaign for the opening of a pioneer church in Vermont. Local groups fastened their dollar bills to a ribbon (six dollars bills a yard) and at the WMC rally during camp meeting their representatives joined all the ribbons together. The ribbon of dollar bills completely encircled the inner walls of the large tabernacle and also extended down the aisles.

There were 720 dollar bills and these were turned over to the District Treasurer. This money was used to open a new church at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. It was sufficient to furnish a hall, redecorate it, and pay the rent for a year.

The New England's WMC's are continuing to raise money for Home Missions by saving nickels.

# History-Making Events

"The massive gates of circumstance  
Are turned upon the smallest hinge..."

MANY YEARS AGO A LITTLE DOG WAS frantically running along a backwoods Kentucky road, yelping and barking wildly. The little creature quivered with excitement. He was searching for help, because a landslide had trapped his seven-year-old master in an old cave.

American history might have been quite different if that little dog had not run and yelped so, and aroused attention for the rescue. For the lad trapped in the old cave was Abraham Lincoln.

Many times we may say, "How different things might have been!" One never knows what important affairs might hinge upon a single event. The keystone binds the whole arch together; take it away, and a whole section of wall may crumble away. A word fitly spoken may mean the salvation of a lost soul. All of the future hinges upon this present hour.

And in reference to the most important thing in the world, a man's soul, everything for our everlasting welfare hinges upon the Cross of Calvary. That was the turning point in history, when Jesus drew God and man together. And our new life in Christ Jesus also hinges upon that old rugged tree outside the city walls. Not a church, not a creed, not a culture—but Calvary. Not the books of mortal men, however lofty and noble, but the blood of the One from heaven. Not the sophistry or speculation of men, but the settled Word of the Heavenly Father. Everything depends upon our Saviour. "By him all things consist" (Col. 1:17).

Whittier wrote, "Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been.'" Oh, how sad those who reject Christ all their lives will be when they pass away into the "blackness of darkness for ever" (Jude 13). How they will sob and say, "How different it all would have been, had we only turned to the Lord Jesus Christ. What a change would have been wrought in our hearts by the Holy One!" Because of sin and iniquity and rebellion they stayed on the "wrong side" of Calvary. They lived their lives as if there were no power in the blood of the One who died on Calvary. If only they had given Him a chance!

But with joy we think of others who, by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8, 9),



*Abe Lincoln owed his life  
to a dog!*

are now on the "right side" of Calvary—and have thereby obtained redemption. They have knelt in repentance (Luke 18:13) and have risen in pardon and purity. What a difference this makes in both this world and the next! They had been drunkards—now they are delivered. They had been harlots—now they are holy. They had been cheaters—now they are cleansed. They had been wrong all the way through, a misery to themselves, a menace to others. Life had been a mess, a maze, a mire. But thanks to the Lord and His saving gospel, it's all different now! No longer are they stained with sin, for they have looked upon the Lamb of Calvary and He has given them eternal salvation. They have become new creatures in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

Friend, are you trusting Christ? Have you come to Calvary, the pivotal point of all history, the place for understanding the basic issues of life? If not, there are only sobs and aches and unutterable sorrow for you in the next life. But how different everything would be if only you knew my Lord!

Come now to the Saviour, that you may pass from death unto life (John 5:24). More surely than American history once hinged upon a little dog, your personal history will hinge upon your acceptance of the Holy One of God. What a horror if your soul should be lost in hell simply because you neglected this great salvation! How wonderful to accept the tremendous, transforming power of Calvary, and to live with Christ forever!

—Edwin Raymond Anderson

## An Invitation to the WORLD CONFERENCE of Pentecostal Churches

Stockholm, Sweden, June 13-20

The Conference will be on Monday, June 13th, at 4 p.m. with a Welcome Service for all delegates in the Philadelphia Church, 5-7 Roerstrandsgatan, Stockholm.

The same day at night the public opening service will be held in a special Conference tent seating 12,000 people.

Accommodation and meals will be in the hands of a special agency, "Reso," which is well able to handle such services and take care of up to 5,000 people. This agency will contact by mail every delegate and observer of the World Conference that has applied for accommodation, at their home address, and give information of where they will be located in hotels, homes or schools in Stockholm, according to the class of accommodation each one prefers and asks for in their application.

On arrival in Stockholm, travelers by air, rail or ship will be met by guides with a distinctive badge, and directed to their destinations.

We expect all applications to be received before April 1st, 1955, and addressed to the Conference secretary, Allan Tornberg, Box 6082, Stockholm 6, Sweden.

As we have heard some rumors from abroad that the Swedish brethren are going to change the direction of this World Conference to some special line of their own, we take here the occasion to make the statement that the World Conference in Stockholm will be conducted on the same line as that in London.

There will be special cards with different colors for delegates and observers.

No special speaker has been called. We expect that speakers from the Pentecostal Churches all over the world will be engaged both in the Conference sessions and in the public meetings every night.

Delegates will be received who are in good standing and recommended by recognized Pentecostal bodies in the different countries.

To all a hearty welcome.

(Signed) LEWI PETHRUS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 22, 1954

Faith makes all things possible.  
Love makes all things easy.  
Hope makes all things bright.

# Christ's Witness

(Continued from page five)

out because of your stand! What is truth if it costs you life itself? Is it worth it? Is it worth what you are daring?"

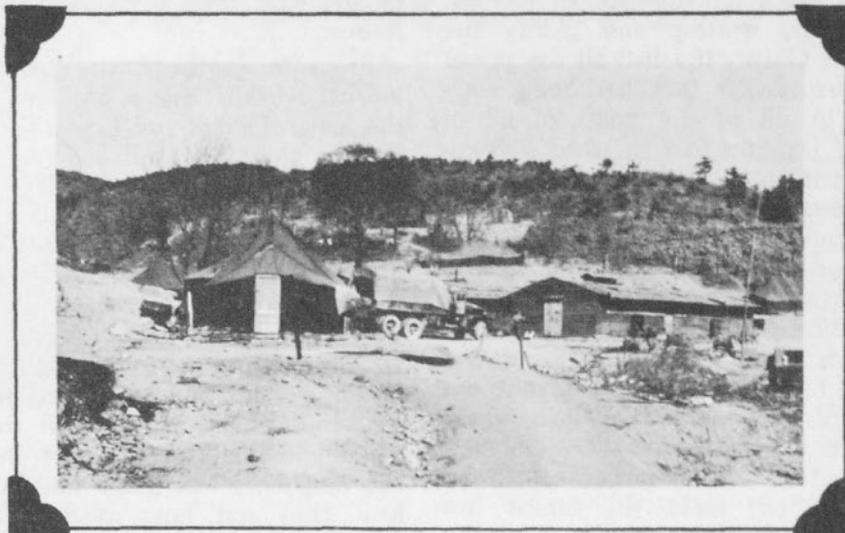
You know, friends, the enemy constantly confronts every child of God and every minister of the gospel with that same question: "What is truth when you could have a life of ease? What is truth when you could stay home with your family and enjoy the pleasures of life? What is truth when you may expose yourself to hardship, danger, and even death to stand up for it and to take it to the ends of the earth? What is it, anyway?"

Friends, before we can ever be true Christians and faithful ministers of the gospel, we must decide that whatever the cost we will stand up for God's truth—that we will live this truth, we will declare this message, whatever it costs. Remember that we have back of us two hundred million martyrs, men and women and children who have soaked the earth with their blood, who have died on crosses, died in the flaming fires of martyrdoms at the stake, died rotting away in prison cells, died drowned beneath the cold waters of the river, died on the battlefields, died dragged through the streets until their brains were dashed out on the cobblestones—died in every conceivable kind of torture and torment. They have died for this truth; they have blazed a trail of glory across the ages and left it marked with their footprints stained with blood.

God help us to be true to it, whatever the cost may be, in these days. Never compromise it, and never lower the standard, because of all the times in the world when men and women need to hear the truth, see the truth, feel the truth, and know its power, it is in this day in which we live.

Jesus Christ witnessed a good confession before Pontius Pilate. He is the faithful and true Witness, and the First Begotten from the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Never man spake like this man. When He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you," and gave His verdict, it was final. Men and women through the ages have examined carefully what He said, but they have never improved upon it in the least degree. The theological councils, the great convocations of the ages, the great parliaments of the world—none of them has ever been able to give us the slightest degree of improvement upon what Jesus Christ said. His message is the truth—final, full, complete, unreviseable, un-

## IT'S ANYTHING BUT A PLEASANT PLACE



### DID YOU KNOW . . .

there are still thousands of servicemen in Korea?  
that they are desperately lonely?  
that many of them become drunkards, dope addicts, and physically diseased because of immoral living?  
that these boys are lost and in sin?

AND

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

that, in proportion, the Servicemen's Division receives more correspondence from servicemen in Korea than from any others?  
that they plead for our help and friendship?  
that many have been saved through the efforts of the Servicemen's Division?

BUT

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

that the Servicemen's Division faces a critical shortage of funds?  
that the Servicemen's Division depends upon individual contributors for support?  
that the salvation of many servicemen depends upon YOU AND YOUR GIFT TO THIS WORK NOW?

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amendable. Thank God for the finality of the truth as it is in Jesus!

We're living in an age of moral cowards. People will try to straddle the fence and serve both God and the devil, and be for Christ and against Christ, at the same time. They will accept His philosophy and not His blood; accept His example and not His atonement; accept some of His teachings but not His cross; accept the fine parable that He taught but not His resurrection; listen to His wonderful story about the good Samaritan but disregard what He said about heaven, hell, and the realities of the ages to come.

God give us men and women who believe everything that Jesus said and believe it so definitely that they will stand up boldly and declare it without compromise to the world in which we live.

We are witnesses of the living Christ. We are entrusted with a message that is plain and clear. It calls for repentance. It calls for confession and abandonment of sin. It calls for the New Birth. It calls for a clean life. It calls for a Spirit-filled walk with God. It calls for a distinction between the child of God and this world. It calls for a witness—a living, throbbing, thrilling testimony to the reality of what Christ has done, what Christ

does do, and what Christ is able to do for those who will believe.

I feel that I would like to use all of the powers at my command (only wishing I had a thousand more) to exalt and magnify, worship and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. If I had all the power of fine expression that has been commanded by all of the poets of all of the ages, I would like to write a poem setting forth in marked beauty, in measured cadence, the perfections and glories of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If I had all of the power of all the musicians who have composed all of the great musical structures that have thrilled the hearts of multitudes, I would not rest until I had conveyed to everyone the wonder of the melody of love which Christ has put within me.

If I had all of the power of all the artists who can make the canvas live with a stroke of the brush, until the flowers are so real that the bees examine them, and the fruit is so rich that the birds pounce upon it—if I had those powers I would like to paint Jesus as I see Him and as I love Him.

If I had the skill of the sculptor who can evolve from the rough stone the likeness of human beings, until children weep as they look upon the likeness of Jesus Christ—if I had all of that power I would like to carve out of every rough stone a likeness of Him that would make the world look upon Him with greater wonder and admiration.

If I had all of the powers of all of the orators who have moved multitudes and turned the tide of empire and changed the course of events—if I had that power I would like to preach all up and down this world of the perfections of our Lord Jesus Christ, His infinite love, His gracious condescension, His matchless perfection, until I could melt the hearts of millions into obedience at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I don't have all of those powers, but I do have a soul that's all on fire with love for Jesus Christ. I feel it to the depths of my soul. Hail to the King of kings! Glory and majesty and honor and worship and adoration to the blessed and only Potentate, King of kings and Lord of lords, who lives in splendid array at the right hand of the Majesty on high in the light where no shadow is ever cast, and sin never insinuates itself, and doubt never comes, and sorrow and pain are not known! Thank God for Jesus. I love Him will all of my soul, and I want to magnify Him with all my ransomed powers.

When I get to glory I want to gather with the others of God's saints around the throne on high and sing the song of redemption and give Him glory for ever and ever for the love wherewith He loved us, for the blood wherewith He bought

us, for the peace wherewith He blessed us, for the hope wherewith He lifted us, for the joy wherewith He filled us, for the glory wherewith He will crown us bye and bye. Bless His holy name forever.

From the depths of our ransomed souls let us worship and adore and magnify the King of kings and Lord of lords. Let us pray that God will send us forth as flaming torches of truth, all afire with the love of God, with the joy of salvation, with the glory of the Cross, triumphing over all that is evil and sinful, walking in the light, until at last we shall be received and crowned in glory around the throne on high. May we magnify the Lord and give Him the glory that is due His name, until the world will know what we think of Jesus, and our neighbors will know how much we love Him and how much peace and harmony and holiness and happiness have been brought to our lives by the power of His cross, by the victory He gained when He came out of the tomb, by the hope of eternal life which thrills our ransomed souls. Let all of us be living witnesses, aflame with Pentecostal power more than ever before.

## Airplane Crash

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will derive comfort and protection.

Then, too, there have been other occasions when, although danger was near, we never knew about it, and have not learned of it to this day. We do not know how many times we have come close to being hurt or killed, but the One who keeps us "as the apple of his eye" (Deut. 32:10) has preserved us. He will cause a wind to blow, or send an angel from heaven, or if necessary, will officiate in Person, to see that those who put their trust in Him will be kept secure.

Occasionally, after we have asked God to give or do certain things, we become impatient when the answer is not forthcoming immediately, and disappointed if it does not come at all. Perhaps, later on, we are glad that the Lord did not answer our prayer. In fact, just a few days ago I thanked God for not answering one of my prayers. It became so apparent that He knew best.

So, when events occur which upset our plans and upset us, let us remember that God knows what He is doing. Let us always keep in mind that He has our very best interests at heart, and "we'll understand it better bye and bye." In the meantime, may God help us to fully trust Him and be sincerely grateful for His loving care.

## This Week's Cover

Standing like a citadel at 2055 Florence Avenue in the chilly city of Butte, Montana, is this new house of worship. And a veritable citadel it is—a citadel of the faith, firmly set for the defense of the gospel and the declaration of the whole counsel of God.

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In 1936 Leo B. Hinton was called to be pastor and two years later the Montana District helped the church to purchase a new property. Brother Hinton served as pastor for twelve years. There were many difficulties and discouragements during that time, but faithfulness had its reward from God and the Assembly made steady progress.

The present pastor, Elmer M. Trygg, was called in 1948. During his third year the church decided to build the present tabernacle. A \$50,000 bond issue was floated to help finance the project. Members of the church donated \$20,000 worth of labor. After two years of hard work and sacrificial giving the congregation was able to begin holding services in the basement of their new church. By March 1954 the entire church was finished and ready for dedication. E. A. Born, the sectional presbyter, had charge of the dedication service, and E. J. Maisch was the dedicatorial speaker. The District Superintendent, Charles H. Jackson, dedicated the building to the Lord.

Pastor Elmer M. Trygg says that the appraised value of the building is \$125,000 but thanks to the donated labor and other economies the actual cost was only about \$75,000. The congregation is encouraged to believe the Lord for greater victories in the future as they seek to exalt His Name in their new church.



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PENSACOLA, FLA.—East Side Assembly of God, Feb. 20—Mar. 13; Evangelist W. F. Duncan.—by Luther Stephenson, Pastor.

CHETOPA, KANS.—Assembly of God, Feb. 6—20; Anspaugh Chord Makers, Naponce, Nebr. (J. R. Vest is Pastor.)

SEATTLE, WASH.—Faith Temple, Feb. 8—; Evangelist Ted Silva and the Musical Silvatones. (C. R. Bixler is Pastor.)

ELLWOOD CITY, PA.—Assembly of God, Wayne Ave. at 7th St., Feb. 13—27; Evangelist Eleanor Gligor, New Castle, Pa.—by A. Reuben Hartwick, Pastor.

ANDERSON, CALIF.—Feb. 27—; Evangelist Dewey L. Heath, Pampa, Tex. (Jack W. Wien is Pastor.)

KALISPELL, MONT.—Assembly of God, Feb. 6—; Evangelistic Crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Joe Johnson.—by O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

KOUNTZE, TEX.—Little Rock Assembly, Feb. 6—; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert J. Salter, Hillsboro, Tex. (C. C. Rieson is Pastor.)

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JEWEL, KANS.—Assembly of God, Feb. 16—; Evangelist Frank Sabotka, Springfield, Mo.—by K. G. Swenson, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Calvary Temple, 3212 E. 8th, Feb. 13—; Evangelist J. R. Freeman.—by Ira Heath, Pastor.

FLINT, MICH.—Bethel Tabernacle, Feb. 9—27; Evangelist Watson Argue Jr., Seattle, Wash.—by D. M. Wessman, Pastor.

EVERETT, WASH.—City-wide Workers' Training Course, Bethany Temple, Feb. 21—25; Charles and Edith Denton, National S. S. Department, Springfield, Mo.

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ADA, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, 14th and Constant Sts., Feb. 8—; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (Billy Keen is Pastor.)

CARBONDALE, PA.—First Assembly of God, Cor. Garfield Ave. and Terrace St., Feb. 13—20; Evangelist Byron D. Jones.—by Arthur R. Hontz, Pastor.

NEW JERSEY WORLD MISSIONS SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS—Northwest Section, Feb. 20, Washington, N. J., Assembly of God; Northeast Section, Feb. 27, Elizabeth, N. J., Trinity Pentecostal Church. Missionary speakers: Ray Pedigo, Richard Palmer, Peggy Anderson, and Hilda Olsen. Richard J. Bergstrom, District Superintendent, will be participating.

NEWTON, ALA.—Feb. 6—20; Evangelist Annie Sue Wilson. (Robert Raburn is Pastor.)

MADISON, WIS.—Feb. 20—Mar. 6; Evangelist C. A. Waack, Tulsa, Okla. (Hugo Olson is Pastor.)

MEAFORD, ONT., CANADA—Pentecostal Assembly, Feb. 15—; Sherratt-Mayfield Evangelistic Party, Oakland, Calif. (Larry Talbot is Pastor.)

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