

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

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## THE EASTER LIFE

Sing aloud the glorious tidings—  
"Christ is risen today!"  
Far and wide the echoes answer,  
"Death has lost its sway."

Sing till in the breeze the message  
Sweeps around the earth;  
Sing till clouds and hills and forests  
Ring with holy mirth.

Christ is risen, death is conquered—  
Tell it far and wide;  
Sing aloud till all creation  
Knows the Crucified.

Sing aloud the Easter message—  
LIVE the message, too!  
By His grace let Easter's triumph  
Show itself in you.

—Homera Hodgson.

# PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

## New Church-Building Record

The first two months of 1955 set a new record with 30 per cent more buildings started by churches than in the corresponding period of 1954. Church construction work in the U.S. hit a pace of nearly two million dollars a day during what is normally the slow season for building operations.

## Business Leader Hails Revival

Herbert J. Taylor, nationally known business leader and president of Rotary International, said last month that a "great moral and spiritual revival in the hearts of men" is the only way to peace. He declared that such a revival is now under way, adding: "It is encouraging that it is widespread among the younger generation."

## Refugee Act Criticized

The Refugee Relief Act of 1953, by which Congress agreed to admit 214,000 refugees, has been under heavy fire. A Congressman pointed out that only 15,034 had been given entry as of Jan. 31, 1955. He demanded a drastic amendment of the Refugee Relief Act to make it easier for religious agencies to help worthy foreigners to find homes in the United States.

## A Warning to Youth

The Public Health Cancer Association added its voice to others urging the public to stop smoking cigarettes and thus reduce the incidence of the disease. The Association adopted a resolution urging American youth to "ponder the question of whether the risk involved (in cigarette smoking) is worth the pleasure gained."

## Bill to Ban Liquor Ads

The resolution calling upon Congress to prohibit liquor advertising in newspapers and magazines with interstate circulation and on radio and television was shelved by the state affairs committee of the House of Representatives in South Dakota. It previously had been passed by the State Senate.

However, such a bill has been reintroduced at Washington by Senator Langer of North Dakota. But many temperance leaders are not optimistic as to the chances of barring liquor ads from newspapers and magazines. They think there is a better chance of curbing the beer ads on radio and television, so they are going to concentrate on that goal. They point out that the airwaves are public property, subject to Congressional regulations, and hence no Constitutional question is involved.

## Women Drinking More

Alcoholism is increasing among American women faster than among men, the United Nations World Health Organization was told by Professor E. M. Jellinek, expert on alcoholism. One out of every six American alcoholics, he reported, is a woman. Only one-third of the American people are teetotalers, he said, and among drinkers the number of women alcoholics has "crept up at a faster rate than that of men."

## Learning Hebrew in Israel

The ancient language of the Hebrews has been born again in the new state of Israel. At least half of the nation's 1,600,000 inhabitants have arrived as immigrants in the past six years, from scores of countries and speaking many languages.

Ten thousand volunteer teachers are going to teach 1,000 Hebrew words to 150,000 immigrants this year. Eventually they expect all residents of Israel to use the language of their ancestors, in fulfillment of the Bible prophecy (Zephaniah 3:9).

## No Lynchings For Three Years

No lynchings were reported in the U. S. in the past three years (1952-54) and it is to be hoped that lynchings are a thing of the past. Relationships between the races in America are probably in a better state than in any other country in the world having a comparable problem of racial mixture; yet the enemies of our country are constantly spreading propaganda reports to the contrary. To counteract these falsehoods, the Quakers sent a white housewife and a Negro young woman around the world on a "journey of friendship." They were guests in eleven different countries where they had the opportunity of telling the people what the conditions really are in America.

## Cigarettes Shorten Life

Results of the study by the American Cancer Society show that one who smokes cigarettes at the rate of a package a day shortens his life by six hours a pack, if he keeps this up for ten years or more. This astounding fact was revealed to the American Association for the Advancement of Science by Dr. Hardin B. Jones, University of California medical physicist.

"This smoking pace," said Dr. Jones, "means a total of ten years of the average life span." His graphs showed that the average smoker is physically ten years older than he would be if he did not smoke and were otherwise healthy.

## Nepal's Door Now Open

For the first time in nearly 200 years, the door to Nepal is open to Christian missionaries. Medical missionaries have established a small hospital and five maternity and child welfare centers in the picturesque Himalayan country. If the projects are successful the program may be allowed to expand.

## Costliness of Sickness

Sickness is a costly item, and those who have received healing and health from the Lord have been spared much heavy expense. It is reported on the best authority that 15 per cent of all U. S. families are in debt to hospitals, physicians, dentists, and other providers of medical goods and services. The total debt is \$900,000,000. About a million families owe \$195.00 or more. Twenty-one per cent of all families with children have a medical debt.

Approximately a million families in 1953 incurred expenses chargeable to illness equaling or exceeding half their annual income. Half of these families incurred medical expenses equaling or exceeding 100 per cent of their income.

Exclusive of insurance premiums and portions paid by insurance, the average charge incurred by American families in relation to illness is \$178.00 per year. When surgical and hospital insurance is added the figure is much higher.

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**C. M. WARD**



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Returns to the Earth"  
SERMON SUBJECT FOR APRIL 10

# NOW IS CHRIST RISEN!

SEVEN GLORIOUS TRUTHS CONCERNING  
THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Ernest S. Williams

## THE EASTER STORY

A cross, a cry,  
A sin-black sky,  
Messiah in a tomb!  
Heartbroken prayer  
And blank despair  
Of shuddering friends  
in gloom!

A sunburst bright!  
An end of night  
And all earth's hope-  
less fear!  
An empty grave!  
A Christ to save!  
A Friend forever near!

—by Lina C. Hall



It is written in Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

What a glorious truth this is. Christ has come to redeem us from the penalty and power of sin. He was crucified on our behalf, was laid away in a tomb, but now He is risen from the dead and is ascended to the right hand of the Majesty on high. We do not doubt that. We accept the testimony of the Scriptures. We have the confirmation of the blessed Holy Spirit of God. We know He lives today because He lives within our hearts, and we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

I would like to call your attention to a few thoughts as to why Christ is risen.

## 1. RISEN TO SAVE US

The first thing I see in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is that He was raised up to save us. The great purpose of His earthly life was to bring salvation to mankind. He went to the cross, died for our sins, and then came up from the grave in resurrection life and power in order that we might have salvation here and now.

As Paul pointed out in the above-mentioned chapter, if Christ be not risen our preaching is in vain. We would still be in our sins. The resurrection of Jesus was as essential as His crucifixion, for we read in the fourth chapter of the Epistle to the Romans that He "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." He went to Calvary for our offences—our offences against God, against God's government, against our fellow-men, against our own selves. These offences were represented in the crucifixion of the innocent Lamb of God. He took away the sins of the whole world when He died on the cross, but not until He arose from the dead did men and women know

that God the Father had accepted the sacrifice of His Son as the full redemptive price to atone for all their sins.

## 2. RISEN TO JUSTIFY US

He "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." Now we can know that there is no offence standing between us and God. No offence between us and our fellow-men. No offence between us and our own selves. We are justified, emancipated, acquitted, set free by the matchless grace of God.

It is as though we had been called into court and witnesses were testifying either for us or against us. Satan points his finger at us and says, "This man is a thief. This man is a liar. I know that he has stolen, he has lied, he has done other things that were not right." But the judge, after hearing the case, brings down his gavel and says, "Not guilty—there is not one thing against him." Satan objects. He repeats his charges. But the judge says, "All the deeds of his past life are blotted out. There is not one offence chargeable against this man." Why? Because we have an Advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ the Righteous. And He is the propitiation for our sins. He has satisfied the demands of the divine law that we had broken. He has paid the penalty for our sins by bearing them in His own body upon the Cross, and God has testified to that fact by raising Him from the dead. Blessed be His name forevermore.

## 3. RISEN TO ASSERT HIS POWER

Another thrilling thought is the demonstration of the mighty power of God that we see in the Resurrection. The enemies of Christ thought they were rid of Him, once He had died. The high priest could say, "Now we can rest in peace." The rabble crowd could say, "We saw Him die—we know that He is dead—we have seen the last of Him." The

Roman soldiers thought, "It's all over now." But after a while the Jews remembered what Jesus had said. One of them spoke up: "You know, that impostor said while he was yet among us that after three days he was going to come back to life. Now, he has a group of disciples. Those disciples are just as likely as not to come during the night and steal his body. Then the report will go out that he arose from the dead. The situation will then be worse than it was before he was crucified."

So they asked the authorities for a guard of Roman soldiers. The request was granted. A Roman seal was put upon the stone at the mouth of the tomb, and an armed guard was placed there. I suppose that for a night or two the priest and those associated with him wondered what the outcome would be. They soon found out. God was still on the Throne, and He moved earthward. Suddenly there was an earthquake. The grave was opened, and the Son of God was not there. He had come forth in triumphant power to confuse His enemies, confound the Devil, and confirm the faith of His followers in His deity and His power to liberate men and women from all the power of Satan.

## 4. RISEN TO BE GLORIFIED

One other thing that we should notice is this—that out of the resurrection Jesus was glorified. Let us meditate on it for a moment. Jesus had been at the right hand of the Majesty on high from eternity. The Bible says that He was in the form of God, and He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. That was His position before He came to this earth. But for our sake He was willing to humble Himself, and take upon Himself the form of a man, and finally die as a criminal without murmur or complaint. Jesus tabernacled among men, wrought miracles, taught the things peo-

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# The Life that Conquers Death

Otis B. Hubbard, Monticello, Ark.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

Resurrection! What a glorious thought! What a wonderful word! Resurrection in the Greek means a "standing or rising up." To the child of God it means new life; an impartation of eternal life; the life that conquers death.

On the first Easter morning over nineteen hundred years ago, certain women had come to the tomb seeking Christ. They expected to find Him dead. Had he not been haled into court and condemned after being falsely accused and treated as a common criminal? Even as they went their way in the garden where He was buried, they seemed to live once again that scene before the Sanhedrin. Quite vivid in their minds was a vision of the purple robe and crown of thorns. They seemed to hear Pilate's voice as he asked, "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?"

Nor could they forget so soon the scene at Calvary where they had seen Him hanging between the heavens and the earth nailed to a crude wooden cross. They had stood, some close and some afar off, as He suffered. They had watched as the tormenting heat beat down upon Him until it seemed He must surely die of thirst. They were there when He bowed His head and cried, "It is finished," and gave up the ghost. Some perhaps had even seen His body after Joseph and Nicodemus had wrapped it in linen graveclothes in preparation for burial.

Throughout the Sabbath they had gathered in huddles and whispered to each other concerning all that happened. What would be the outcome? It was too mysterious for them to understand. They moved about in a sort of daze, waiting and hoping for the best. Death had come so suddenly and cast an awful shadow over their lives. Their Saviour, "The Light of Life," had been slain. He had said in regard to His death, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." And again, "The Son of man shall be

betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify Him: and the third day He shall RISE again."

They must have reasoned thus, "Will He be able to fulfill His Word? Even now He lies in the tomb yonder." But thanks be unto God, He could not remain in the tomb. He was and is the Resurrection and the LIFE. He has been given "all power in heaven and in earth." He has been given such power by the Father that He might overcome sin and the consequence of sin, which is death. Death had reigned unchallenged since the "first man Adam, who was earthy." But here was the Christ, the last Adam, clothed with heavenly glory, eternal life, and immortality. Because of sin, prior to this time death had held the bodies of all those who had passed out of this life, while Hades held the soul. Man was captive, both soul and body. Death

gloried in triumph. But now the time was come when God's wonderful plan of liberation was about to be executed. Christ had come not only to "save His people from their sins," but to loose the bound captives who were held in death's prison.

He had told the thief, while hanging on the cross, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." This paradise was in the "heart of the earth," for did not Jesus say, "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the heart of the whale's belly so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40). There across the great gulf where the rich man was tormented, were the captive souls of the righteous dead. And it was a part of God's plan for Jesus to set them free. God had promised through His servant David that He would not leave Christ's soul in hell (Hades), neither would He suffer the Holy One to see corruption (Psalm 16:10).

So He who had power to lay His life down and to take it up again, He who was the "resurrection and the life," had power to go into the prison cells of death and conquer man's dreaded foe. Death was robbed of its sting. Satan's host must have danced about in great glee at His death. Hell's fiends are the enemies of men, and they thought they had destroyed man's best friend. His bleeding, broken body hanging in shame was a pleasant sight to them. But now He entered into the darkened regions of the world beneath and proclaimed Himself conqueror. Not only that, but He released all the captives of that region and led them out.

No one had ever been able to wrestle with death up to this time, and win. But He did, because He had power over death. He was "the resurrection and the life." "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20). He was the first to rise with "resurrection" life. Others had been raised from the dead, only to die again. Christ rose to "die no more." When He arose, He led a great procession out of the paradise "in the heart of the earth." "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive" (the margin reads, "a multitude of captives") "and gave gifts unto men" (Eph. 4:8). After He arose, some of these liberated saints to whom He had imparted the life that conquers death "appeared on the streets of Jerusalem and were seen by many" (Matt. 27:51-53).

As the women approached the tomb, prepared to anoint His body (for they expected to find Him there), they questioned among themselves, "Who shall roll the stone away from the mouth of the tomb?" But, lo! The angel of the

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Lord had descended from heaven and rolled away the stone, that they might see for themselves that He was risen. The seal had been broken, and the guards had become as dead men, while the angel calmly sat upon the stone.

As the women hovered in fear they heard the heavenly messenger say, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen. Come see the place where the Lord lay." Hallelujah! He had triumphed. Can you imagine their feelings as they looked upon the angel in heavenly glory and heard his voice? There was no doubt in their minds now. Away they ran to carry the wonderful tidings to the disciples. The angel, the empty tomb and the linen grave-clothes lying where He slipped out of them were evidence enough.

No longer were their heads bowed in sorrow, nor were they ashamed to face the world that had crucified the Lord. Their Christ was a resurrected and living Saviour. He had proved Himself, beyond all shadow of doubt, to be able to conquer all foes. How does all this affect present-day saints, and what is the mean-

ing of Easter time? It simply means that we have life through Him. Eternal, triumphant, victorious life in spite of death. Hear Him say, "I am He that liveth, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and have the keys of hell (Hades) and death." And, "because I live, ye shall live also." He as much as says, "I am the one who went into the dark and foreboding regions of death and robbed the grave of its power and death of its sting. I am He who holds the keys of authority and power over all the power of the enemy. And because I have this power and victory, and because you are mine, purchased with my shed blood, I will give you this victory which I have."

No longer need we fear the darkness and terror of death. Paul could say, "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better." No longer does the soul descend into the paradise of the earth, for the paradise of the earth has been restored to its former place and to die means to be with Christ, there to await the day of the great harvest of souls in the first resurrection when the

dead in Christ shall arise and the living saints be raptured to meet Him in the air. The first fruits of the harvest were gathered when He arose, and now we look for the general harvest when the same power that raised Christ from death's dark domain shall change our vile bodies and fashion them "like unto His glorious body."

Surely we will not have long to wait, for the "signs of the times" speak of His soon coming. At this time of the year all nature gives evidence that spring is near. There is a general awakening. Every thing is astir with new life. The singing of the birds, the blossoming of the flowers, the green grass and the beautiful green foliage of the trees tell us that winter is over and gone. Likewise current events in fulfillment of God's precious Word tell us that His coming is near at hand. An inner voice seems to whisper and say, "Have patience and continue in faith just a little longer." Weary soul, lift up your head, and look up, for your redemption draweth nigh. Christ is "the resurrection and the life," and surely His coming will be soon.

## A DOOR OF HOPE...

Ted Vibbert

THE WRITER WAS IN FLORIDA AT THE time of the last Presidential election when Mr. Stevenson conceded defeat to President Eisenhower. I remember the former Governor's telegram to the President-elect in which he said, "May you faithfully discharge your duties by making this day of trouble a door of hope."

At this Easter season the entire world is confronted with the cold facts of a dark and fearful future. The new hydrogen era which scientists have brought us to has plunged the entire human race into an awful nightmare of fear, confusion, and despair. We have every reason to believe that the rider of the pale horse described in the sixth chapter of the Book of Revelation will very soon mount the saddle to start riding over the globe in an awful sweep of death. But to those who accept the Bible account of the bodily resurrection of Christ, of which the Christian Church has sung and preached for almost two thousand years, there is "a door of hope" in this day of trouble. We are assured by the scripture that, "because He lives, we shall live also."

The very word "gospel" means "good

news." Good news of the fact that Divinity identified itself with humanity so that humanity might be identified with Divinity. Jesus Christ partook of man's sorrows and death so that man might partake of His glory and life. We read in Romans 8:11, "If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ shall also make alive your physical bodies."

The gospel had a stupendous beginning because the Almighty housed Himself in a human body through miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit, walked among sinful men, died the death of a criminal, and was buried three days. But the third day He rose again, breaking the lock on the door of hope, and introduced the mortal to the Immortal when He said, "Go and tell my disciples that I am risen."

Yes, history has produced an empty tomb, the Lord's Day, the Christian Church, and the New Testament. These are the effects of one cause—the Resurrection. We read that Christianity is the only religion that bases its claim to acceptance upon the resurrection of its founder. For any other religion to base its claim on such a doctrine would be to court failure; Buddha is dead, Mo-



ammed is dead, Confucius is dead, but Jesus Christ is alive today. Because of this truth every Christian can rejoice in the fact that the last, and most dreaded, enemy of man has been defeated. The inevitable tomb is not the period at the end of the sentence, but rather a conjunction connecting us with the greater life.

D. L. Moody used to tell how the church bell in the little Massachusetts village where he was reared would toll out the age of every citizen who departed this life. Said Mr. Moody, "As I grew, the fear of death grew with me, but when I accepted Christ I too learned how to say with Paul, 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?' 1 Corinthians 15:55."

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# The Long, Long Trail

## That Led to Life Eternal

The Story of a German Youth, Formerly a Nazi,  
Who Sought Death but Found Life and Hope at Eastertime

As Told to Mrs. J. P. Kolenda

GERHARD ZORNOV STARED AT THE crumpled letter in his hand. Slowly, as in a dream, he read the bad news once again. Then he made his way into the darkened street that led out of Wiesbaden to the wooded country.

It was his plan to end his life—to seek release in suicide. The street led him past a school building, on the door of which was a huge placard bearing the words, "Youth for Christ." He stopped and gazed absently at the sign—involuntarily, like one arrested by an unseen hand. At the same moment he heard a voice calling plainly—"Come, come!" He waited to hear more.

Light from a window shone down upon the gaunt features of the twenty-seven year-old youth. There was a haunted look in his eyes—the look of one who had been hounded by fear and despair to the limit of human endurance. For the first time in his life Gerhard Zornov had taken notice of the name of Jesus. What did it all mean? He wanted to go on, but could not. Something held him there, as one transfixed.

It was nine o'clock in the evening. Through the schoolhouse window he could see a young evangelist gesticulating on the platform. Little did Gerhard know that the man was praying that God would send sinners into the service. Gerhard Zornov had come to a parting of the ways.

How he managed to enter the room and sit in a chair, he cannot explain. Perhaps the Holy Spirit lifted him bodily, like Philip of the Bible, and placed him there. He seemed to be in a daze. He could think only of the letter telling him that his mother had died. His own dear mother, the person who meant more to him than life itself—she was gone! Gone forever!

Vaguely he noticed the evangelist opening and closing his mouth, but he could not catch the meaning of his words. All he could do was weep—and he wept unceasingly.

His entire life seemed to pass before him like a great moving picture. What a bleak, bitter existence it had been! For Gerhard had been one of the Hitler Youth. From early childhood there had been little to brighten his life.

Born in 1924 in the great city of Berlin, Gerhard was the son of an Argentine

immigrant who had married a German woman. In 1925 the father returned to the Argentine, leaving Gerhard's mother with three small children to care for. Since she had no other means of support, it was necessary for her to find work. She found employment in the local post office telegraph station, translating telegrams from English and French into German. For eight long years she remained at this job. Then sickness came, and for the next ten years of her life she was ill most of the time—unable to work at all.

She married a plumber, and Gerhard learned the plumbing trade in his stepfather's shop. During the two and one-half years he worked there, he was an active member of the Hitler Youth group. It was customary, after a German boy completed grammar school, that he should enlist in this Nazi organization, living at the Party quarters and taking training during leisure hours. Gerhard learned to march, to shoot, and to glory in the history of the Fatherland.

A fierce patriotism was instilled in the youth of that day, and the children were taught to hate the Jews. To further the Nazi cause, the schools taught that the Bible was a false book and must never be read. How could they do otherwise and still peddle their doctrine of anti-Semitism? When he joined the Hitler Storm Troopers at the age of sixteen, Gerhard had never once seen a Bible.

In due time he was sent to Warsaw, Poland, with a cavalry unit. After six months of training in a Warsaw camp, he was sent to Russia on active service.

For two dreary years young Gerhard fought in Poland and Russia. He was

seriously wounded and was returned to Germany to recuperate. While at the army hospital he was allowed a two-week furlough and visited his mother, whom he had longed to see for so many years. The reunion was a happy one. He loved his mother above everything else in the world.

After recovering from his wounds, Gerhard was taught the grim business of tank warfare; then he was sent to France to fight the Americans and English. While in France he met a man in the barracks who had been a sailor. This man, five years his senior, had once traveled with the British and American marines. When he and Gerhard became friends, the man confided to him that for the Germans to fight against Russia was right and proper, since the Russians were communists; but he said they ought not to fight against the English and Americans. For the English and Americans, he said, were Germany's friends. He urged Gerhard to run away from the army. Together they laid plans to escape to Africa, where the older man had a friend who would take them in.

One night their opportunity came. They crept into the darkness and took a road in the general direction of Africa. After many days they reached Slovakia, only to be caught by the police and sent to Poland, where they were condemned to die and were thrown in a German jail.

Day after day they waited for the execution to take place, but the days turned into weeks, the weeks into months, and still their death was postponed. Early one morning, eighteen months after they were sentenced, the police took them out to the slopes of a lonely mountain. They ordered Gerhard and his friend to stand side by side; then they stepped back a few paces, levelled their guns—and the crack of bullets echoed through the valley. The older man was hit, and as he fell Gerhard fell also. That was all he remembered.

For three days and three nights he lay unconscious. When he came to, he was taken to another jail. He asked why he had not been killed, like his friend. They told him it was against the law to shoot one as young as he.

Gerhard was taken to the notorious concentration camp at Dachau. There he remained from May 1944 to May 1945, when the American tank forces entered Munich. The officers in charge of the concentration camp told the prisoners that if they wanted their freedom they must fight the Americans. They issued uniforms and rifles, with the command to fight. Prisoners who refused to fight were threatened with death in one of the gas chambers.

The prisoners put on the uniforms, took the rifles, and marched out of

### VICTORY DAY REPORT

The Foreign Missions Department wishes to thank all the churches and individual donors who sacrificed in an effort to wipe out the deficit on Victory Day, January 16.

The Foreign Missions Department's portion of the amount raised that day amounted to \$35,394.31. Although the deficit was in excess of this, the Department is grateful to God for every contribution, both large and small. May He bless every donor and reward every prayer warrior for their devotion to the cause of missions.

Dachau toward Munich. They saw American tanks coming down the road. Gerhard and the others threw down their rifles and surrendered without delay.

As an American prisoner of war, Gerhard was taken to France and from there by ship to the U.S.A. This was in June, 1945. He worked in the cotton and potato fields of Texas. He labored for sixteen months in a prison camp in Texas. Later he was returned to Dachau with other prisoners, and while in this P.O.W. camp he received a certificate of discharge.

Gerhard sat in the little schoolhouse as one stupefied—and wept as he recalled the days that followed his release from the prison camp. He had nowhere else to go, so he remained in Munich for some time, wandering aimlessly about. If only he could get to Berlin! How he longed for another opportunity to see his mother, who lived in the Russian zone of that city. But he was not permitted to go; and at length, in bitter disappointment, he departed for Wiesbaden.

Lonely, penniless, he roamed the city streets. He spent much time in the beer gardens. Completely frustrated, he tried to forget his troubles by drinking, doing just enough work each day to keep himself alive. His life was so empty. He felt he had nothing to live for—unless he could see his mother.

And then—Easter had come, and with it a letter from his sister in Berlin stating that his mother had died. It was a dreadful blow. It shattered his last slim hopes

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## MISSIONARY News Notes



A cable has been received telling of the safe arrival of the Weidman family in Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa.

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Walter J. Kornelsen and family sailed for Nigeria, West Africa, on March 3 on the SS America via Amsterdam, Holland, where they will re-embark on March 29 on the SS Elmina.



Mr. and Mrs. W. Kornelsen  
Nigeria

Carl Hixenbaugh, who for years has served the Lord in Liberia, went to be with the Lord on March 4. He died at his home in Cheyenne, Wyoming, after a sudden attack of coronary thrombosis. Our brother was laid to rest in Cheyenne. Pray for Mrs. Hixenbaugh at this time of sorrow, that God will sustain her and help her as she prepares to return to Liberia.

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The following new arrivals have been added to our missionary family recently:

Jon Mark William McComber, Jr., born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McComber of Malaya on March 13 in Springfield, Missouri.

Joseph Christian, born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beckdahl of India on March 11 in Springfield, Missouri.

Laurie Duane Lee, born on February 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee in Nigeria, West Africa.

## Foreign Missions Department Introduces New Column

J. Philip Hogan

Information is the lifeblood of progress. Nowhere is this more true than in the labyrinth of inter-relationships that make up our foreign mission enterprise.

We have more than 700 missionaries, scattered over 66 countries of the world; some 7,000 churches, all of which have varying degrees of missionary vision. Add to this our 43 districts and their various programs; the Foreign Missions Department and its personnel, publications and policies; plus the complexities and unpredictable qualities of our human nature, and you have quite a large and involved program.

The only way such a widespread operation can function efficiently and attain any degree of growth and advancement, is through a constant exchange of vital information that clarifies each other's problems and plans.

Standing as it does between the home front and the far-flung battle lines, the Foreign Missions Department has a wonderful opportunity to compile and publish reports vital to both of these areas. Through media such as THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL and THE WORLD CHALLENGE we can tell the missionaries what the folk at home are doing, and we can tell the folk at home what the missionaries are doing.

The new feature, which will appear once a month under the title, "Church Participation in Missionary Giving," is not a financial report. There will be no dollar signs in it. Rather it is a listing

of all our Districts, showing the number of churches in each and the number which responded with a world missions offering for that particular month. Along with these columns of figures there will be a third column showing the comparative percentage of church participation in each District.

Friends, as long as there are churches in our fellowship that do not receive an offering every month for world evangelization, there is room for improvement. Missions is not a sideline in the business of the Church—it's the main line. The factor that hinders our progress the most is not so much the smallness of offerings as their irregularity. Our goal should be that everyone should contribute something regularly every month. We hope this new column will serve to make missionary giving a regular monthly habit in all of our Assemblies.

## CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

January 1955

	Total Churches	Participat- ing Churches	Participa- tion Percentage
1. Rocky Mountain	105	96	91
2. New Jersey	70	62	90
3. Montana	61	53	87
4. So. Missouri	284	245	86
5. Nebraska	85	73	86
6. Kansas	145	124	85
7. Ohio	164	139	85
8. Northwest	241	203	84
9. New England	85	71	84
10. Illinois	169	140	83
11. Wyoming	32	26	81
12. Michigan	149	119	80
13. Minnesota	133	104	78
14. West Central	199	156	78
15. Potomac	158	124	78
16. Oregon	181	140	77
17. S. Florida	123	95	77
18. Wis.-No. Mich.	132	102	77
19. South Dakota	45	34	76
20. Eastern	214	161	75
21. New York	129	95	74
22. West Texas	108	77	71
23. No. Calif.-Nev.	320	211	70
24. North Dakota	64	45	70
25. North Carolina	58	40	69
26. Appalachian	49	34	69
27. South Carolina	33	22	67
28. Indiana	125	83	66
29. Arizona	57	37	65
30. New Mexico	67	43	64
31. So. California	313	196	63
32. Tennessee	83	52	63
33. West Florida	129	76	59
34. Southern Idaho	48	28	58
35. Georgia	93	53	57
36. Alabama	229	129	56
37. Louisiana	119	66	56
38. Kentucky	63	35	56
39. South Texas	240	128	53
40. Texas	487	256	53
41. Oklahoma	501	254	51
42. Mississippi	84	38	45
43. Arkansas	432	140	32

Send Foreign Missionary offerings to  
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A CHILD GIVEN—1 Samuel 1:1-23

"I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever" (v. 22).

What a holy ambition filled Hannah's heart! She wanted her son Samuel to appear before God and abide forever in the service and fellowship of the Lord!

Hannah named her boy "Samuel," which means "asked of God." She not only asked the Lord for her son, but also accepted the responsibility of his spiritual training and development. All parents are responsible to God for the spiritual life and development of their children. Samuel became one of the greatest spiritual leaders in all the history of Israel. His spiritual fervor reflected the devotion and consecration of his godly mother.

May the Holy Spirit make Hannah's words a challenge to your heart! They might well become the expression of the spiritual aspiration of each parent concerning his children: "I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and there abide for ever."

—EMIL A. BALLIET

THURSDAY, April 14

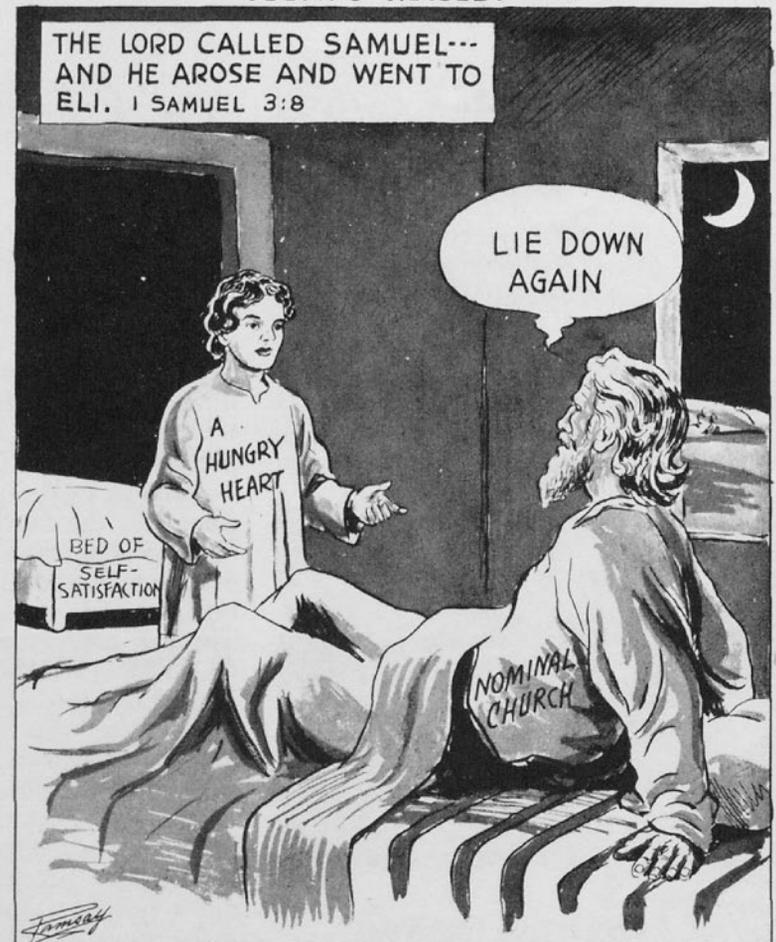
A CHILD DEDICATED—1 Samuel 1:24-28

"She took him up with her...unto the house of the Lord" (v. 24).

Making vows comes easy for us, but keeping them is more difficult. Many of us make promises to God in the thrill of an emotional experience, only to forget them conveniently later on. A refreshing contrast to that is the account of Hannah's faithfulness.

Some folk dedicate to the Lord their talents, possessions, or gifts. Hannah consecrated herself and the unborn child

TODAY'S TRAGEDY



# Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, April 11

THE CHILD SAMUEL—1 Samuel 3:1-10

"And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth" (v. 10).

Our Heavenly Father is a personal God who would make Himself known to each of His children. His voice is unknown to the masses, but happy is the believer who responds as did Samuel, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."

God calls to man for various reasons. One reason is that we may come to know His guiding voice. A child of God needs correction at times. The Word says, "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

God calls also that we may be guided in service. Christ's ministry was divinely directed. He said, "The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do." We likewise should be directed, for Christ said, "All things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." This all suggests a sweet communion leading us to anointed service. Happy the Christian who hears and responds to the guiding voice of God.

—ALLAN A. SWIFT

TUESDAY, April 12

PRAYER OF A MOTHER—1 Samuel 1:1-19

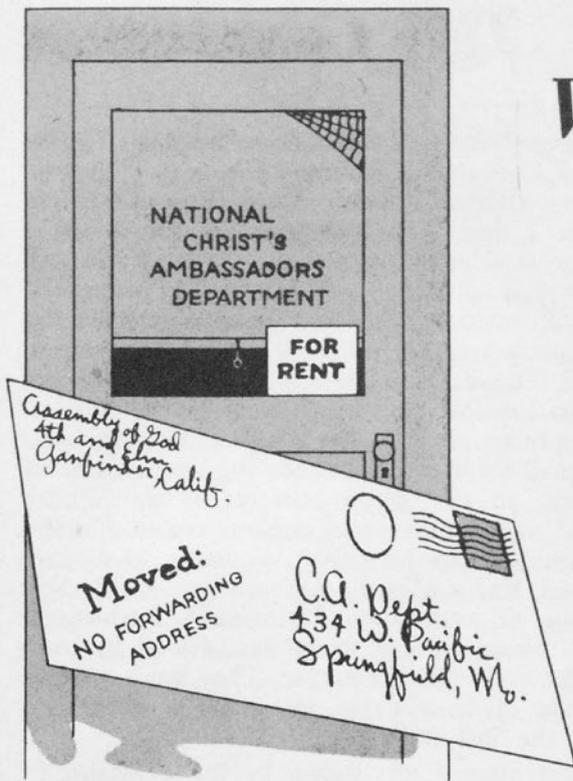
"Why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved?" (v. 8).

Only God knows the heart of a mother. Here the cause of Hannah's grief was plain. Like other Hebrew women, she could not bear the disgrace of barrenness, even apart from the taunts of her rival. See how the curse of polygamy was the ruin of this godly Levite family.

Even though the cause may be different, we may see in this woman's grief a picture of all the many sorrows which may wring a mother's heart today: husband's unfaithfulness, children's delinquency, religious controversy, poverty, or sickness in the home. Dear sorrowing mother, do what Hannah did—pour out your soul before the Lord. She refused to be discouraged by Eli's misunderstanding of her earnestness, but touched God and took the answer by faith. "So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad."

Those who do as Hannah did, will enjoy the same results: deliverance from sorrow, a restful calm of spirit that can wait for God's time, and in the end His abundant answer to the prayer.

—ALICE E. LUCE



## What if...

LET'S SUPPOSE your newly elected District C. A. President dropped into the national office at Springfield, anxious to get some tips on how to handle his new job. To his dismay, the C. A. office is closed. Cobwebs and dust hint there's no use waiting around for it to open. He sticks his head in next door. "Where is the C. A. Department? Discontinued? But where can I get information on C. A. work? Nothing available? No more District C. A. Presidents' Conferences? No Speed-the-Light? No Servicemen's Division?"

He turns away, his face long. "Looks like a District C. A. program is out. I

don't have the time to start from scratch. I was counting on help from Springfield!"

LET'S SUPPOSE further. The new church in a neighboring town writes for information on starting a C. A. group. The letter is returned, unclaimed. "No C. A. Department? No one to help us get started? No *C. A. Guide*? No *C. A. Herald*? No helps of any kind?"

*It's all preposterous, of course—and it must never happen. But it demonstrates in reverse that the ministry of the National C. A. Department benefits your district, your section—yes, your church, and your young people. The Department's varied program depends entirely upon money raised in one annual C. A. Day offering. Be sure your church gives on C. A. Day, April 24. Be sure you give. The boy or girl this ministry saves may be your own.*

## NATIONAL C. A. DAY IS APRIL 24

she was asking of the Lord. She placed before God the conditions under which she would give a son to His service. God's grace was manifest to her on the very terms she suggested.

There was not even a partial holding back on her part. The piety of Hannah did not cool one degree when she got her request. She returned to the temple with the boy and paid her vows on the very spot where she had made them. We can take God at His Word and trust His promises, whatever may be the circumstances, conditions, or surroundings. The question is whether God can always take us at our word.

—DON MALLOUGH

FRIDAY, April 15

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM—Genesis 17:1-8, 15-19

"And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him" (v. 3).

God's announcement to Abram that He wished to talk with him, immediately produced an outward appearance of humility and reverence—"Abram fell on his face." But this outward demonstration of humbleness went deeper than a mere bodily position: Abram's heart and soul were filled with a sense of his own unworthiness in the presence of the mighty God, and Abram immediately showed this by prostrating himself before Jehovah. Humility, as an attitude of the soul, may or may not reveal itself outwardly. If we make any display of humility, let us be sure it is sincere; for God can see our hearts and He hates hypocrisy.

"And God talked with him." Think of

it—the holy, mighty God talking with a man! The Lord had said to Moses, "I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee *from above the mercy seat.*" Without the mercy and grace of God, sinful man could never talk with Him who is altogether righteous. He cannot countenance sin. For man to intrude into God's holy presence unasked and unauthorized was to court judgment and death, in days gone by. But with faithful Abram the Lord spoke face to face. Those who have the faith of Abram today are bidden to come boldly before the Throne of Grace, there to receive mercy and there to find needed help.

—M. K. MORRIS

SATURDAY, April 16

PROMISE OF A DIVINE SON—Isaiah 9:1-7

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light" (v. 2).

Darkness keeps a person from seeing things as they really are. Distortions, spooky shadows, mistaken identities, fear, uncertainty are all associated with darkness.

And blindness is such a tragedy! But how many times it comes stalking into lives of men, women, boys, and girls; they hear the doctor's verdict that they will no longer be able to enjoy light, with its freedom and countless pleasures. Never again will they be able to see people, look at things, or enjoy the beauties of nature.

One doesn't want to think about such dreadful calamity; and yet, friend, there is a spiritual blindness that is far worse than loss of physical eyesight. Millions are walking through life today in terrible

darkness, the darkness of sin. What a pity to see souls stumbling in darkness when Jesus, the light of the world, has come to dispel all darkness. What a contrast—Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God, who brings pure, holy, glorious light into the soul that accepts Him; Satan, the deceiver, who brings black, evil darkness of sin to those who reject Christ!

Praise God for the eternal light that shines into our hearts, that lights our pathway, that drives fear and uncertainty out of our lives. Child of God, revel in His great and wonderful light. Then be sure to tell others about it.

—HARRY M. MYERS

Sunday School lesson for April 17, 1955—  
"The Child Samuel" (1 Samuel 3:1-10).

## The Empty Tomb

Oh, the anguish of Mary!

The depth of despair!

When she came to the tomb  
And the Lord was not there.

As she silently stood

With the balm and the myrrh,  
And His winding sheet only

Was waiting for her.

But—

Oh, the anguish of death!

Life's utter despair!

Had she come to the tomb

And the Lord had been there

Lying wrapped in the shroud

With the balm and the myrrh—

And no RISEN REDEEMER

Had waited for her!

# The Convention



Registration at the Northwest Regional Sunday School Convention exceeded the goal. This convention, held at Seattle, Wash., February 28 to March 2, had more delegates registered and a greater total attendance than either of the two 1955 regionals that preceded it. An estimated total of over 6,500 different persons attended the convention sessions in Seattle's Civic Auditorium, and 3,586 were actually registered. The registration goal was 3,500.



The rooms used for the group conferences were too small for the number seeking admittance. In addition to the group conferences on Sunday School work, there were conferences in Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Women's Missionary Council, Radio, Christ's Ambassadors, Men's Fellowship, Education, and Evangelism. Enthusiasm for all phases of the Assemblies of God program was shown by the delegates. They were anxious to learn all they could in order to effectively reach the lost for God.



Great interest was shown by the delegates in the new program, "On to a Million." The northwest region as a whole accepted the vision and challenge of this new effort to evangelize America. The churches in this area pledged to do their part to reach the goal of having a million enrolled in Assemblies of God Sunday Schools by 1960.

Calvary Temple in Seattle had the largest number of delegates registered, and the First Assembly of Eugene, Oregon, chalked up the most miles traveled by delegates to the convention.

Calvary Temple (Watson Argue, Pastor) had 186 registered delegates. Bethany Temple of Ever-



# at Seattle

ett, Wash. came second and the Assembly in Renton, Wash. was third.

The delegates from First Assembly in Eugene traveled over 27,000 miles to attend the convention. Pastor E. E. Krogstad and Sunday School Superintendent Jack Kuykendall made sure their 88 delegates would come by chartering a special bus to bring them the 307 miles to Seattle. The Assembly at Idaho Falls, Idaho, came second in miles traveled by its delegates, and the Stone Assembly at Yakima, Wash. was third.

By the time you read this, the regional conventions at Omaha and Boston will be past, leaving only one more Regional Sunday School Convention to be held this year. It will be at Nashville, Tennessee, April 12-14. Let us pray that the last will be the greatest and best of all.

## The Long, Long Trail

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for happiness. And so he had set out that very night to "end it all" (as he thought) by suicide.

But God had not been unmindful of Gerhard Zornov. His great love had followed the youth over the long, weary trail. It was not by chance that he had wandered by the revival meeting that

night. Providence is deliberate. As Gerhard sat there weeping it seemed he could see his mother in a great darkness. The sight made him cry aloud—so loud that the evangelist heard him, and stopped preaching. The congregation started to sing. The words, "Just As I Am," entered the young man's heart, and a weight like a great stone fell from his soul. Then the evangelist resumed his preaching. From that moment on, there was a difference. Gerhard could hear every word of the sermon now. It all had meaning. It spoke to him of God's great love. It brought rays of hope to his soul again. It created within him a great longing to pray, and to know this Saviour who could remove the stains of sin and give a man a new life. But Gerhard couldn't pray. He had never tried; in fact, he had never even heard anyone else pray.

When the evangelist gave the invitation, Gerhard raised his hand. Gladly he stepped forward and knelt at an old-fashioned altar. He longed desperately for peace. The evangelist knelt beside him. For two hours they prayed and wept before God. It seemed to Gerhard as though two strong hands were fastened around his throat. He couldn't pray. Fi-

nally the evangelist placed his hands upon the young man, and prayed in the name of Jesus that God would loose him from the power of Satan. Then Gerhard prayed, "Forgive my sins, O Lord." All at once his heart was free. He could say, "Jesus! Jesus!" Tears of anguish became tears of joy, and Gerhard arose a changed man.

Soon after this memorable night Gerhard joined the Assemblies of God church and God baptized him in the Holy Ghost. It became evident that God was calling him into the gospel ministry. In obedience to the leading of the Lord, Gerhard entered the Bible school in Stuttgart, from which he graduated in due time. Today he is a worker in the Lord's harvest field in Germany.

A few months ago God let Gerhard's long-cherished wish come true. He had longed to get to Berlin, and last summer the Lord permitted him to go to that city to assist in gospel tent meetings. There he had a happy reunion with his sister. Not only that, but he had the joy of seeing her marvelously saved. The long, long trail had come to an end. Not only Gerhard, but his sister as well, had found eternal life and eternal peace in Christ.



## HOME MISSIONS WORK TO BE PROMOTED AT NASHVILLE

There will be two meetings sponsored by the Home Missions Department in connection with the Southeast Regional Sunday School Convention in Nashville, Tenn. this coming week.

**TUESDAY, Apr. 12**—A leadership meeting for all District and Sectional Home Missions Officers will be held on Tuesday, 1 to 5 p.m., at the First Assembly of God, 11th and Boscobel Sts. Gayle F. Lewis, Executive Director of Home Missions, will preside.

**THURSDAY, Apr. 14**—A Home Missions workshop in War Memorial Auditorium will begin on Thursday, 10 a.m., for all pastors, evangelists, and Christian workers interested in Church Extension. J. Robert Ashcroft, National Secretary of Education, will be the special speaker.

## 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.

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Sunday School Convention, War Memorial Auditorium, Nashville, Tenn.,** beginning Tuesday night, April 12, and ending Thursday night, April 14.

**CHARLOTTE, N. C.**—Central Assembly, 1917 Central Ave., REVIVALTIME Rally, Apr. 18 at 7:45 p.m. C. M. Ward, speaker.—by B. H. Conant, Pastor.

**IRWIN, PA.**—Pentecostal Assembly of God, 5th and Oak St., Apr. 10—24; Evangelist Ron Ripley, Canisteo, N. Y.—by J. L. Pittman, Pastor.

**TOPEKA, KANS.**—Highland Park Assembly of God, begins Apr. 19; Evangelist and Mrs. Bob McCutchen, Austin, Tex. (R. W. Miller is Pastor.)

**NASSAU, BAHAMAS**—First Assembly of God, begins Apr. 25; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Ocean Side, Calif. (Kenneth Short is Pastor.)

**DETROIT, MICH.**—Evangel Assembly of God, 13881 Joseph Campau Blvd., Apr. 17—May 1; Busse Evangelistic Team, New York City.—by Fred Smolchuck, Pastor.

**CAIRO, ILL.**—First Assembly of God, Cor. 37th and Elm, Apr. 3—17 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. T. Doyne Jennings, Pensacola, Fla.—by W. G. McCluskey, Pastor.

**WHITEHOUSE, TEX.**—First Assembly of God, Apr. 3—17 or longer; Evangelist Vernon M. Wright, West Prestonsburg, Ky.—by O. B. Cook, Pastor.

**ST. CLAIR, MO.**—Apr. 3—17; Evangelist and Mrs. K. H. Lawson, Springfield, Mo.—by Manuel Shoults, Pastor.

**FRANKFORD, MO.**—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 3; Evangelist Elizabeth DeGreef and Co-worker Arlene Cooper, Newton, Iowa. (Clyde Redding is Pastor.)

**MILLERSBURG, PA.**—Assembly of God, Apr. 12—24; Evangelist Niels P. Thomsen. (Robert Wallace is Pastor.)

**MONTESANO, WASH.**—Assembly of God, Apr. 5—10; Evangelist Claire Brooks.—by Ernest Mattson, Pastor.

**NORMAL, ILL.**—Assembly of God, 917 Franklin Ave., Apr. 12—24; Evangelist Walter D. Lascelle, Seattle, Wash. (F. A. Mitchell is Pastor.)

**CARUTHERS, CALIF.**—Begins Apr. 10; Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek, Memphis, Tenn. (R. C. Davis is Pastor.)

**KEY WEST, FLA.**—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 801 Georgia St., Apr. 17—May 8; Shicks Evangelistic Party, Daytona Beach, Fla.—by L. Wayne Pitts, Pastor.

**HOME MISSIONS SEMINAR**—South-Eastern Bible Institute, Lakeland, Fla., Apr. 18—19. Speakers: Gayle F. Lewis, Executive Director of Home Missions; Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary; Arvid Ohnell and Herbert Bruhn, Home Missions Field Representatives.

## CONVENTION PHOTOS

1. Noel Perkin, Executive Director of Foreign Missions, is shown addressing the Foreign Missions Conference at the Regional Convention. Many were unable to get in the conference room; the overflow crowd indicated the keen interest of the convention delegates in the work of world evangelization.

2. Lillian Trasher, founder of the great orphanage at Assiut, Egypt, speaks at a vesper service. Thousands of people came early in order to hear her.

3. Thos. F. Zimmerman, Executive Director of the National C. A. Department, spoke to a throng of youth at the conference on C. A. leadership. Dick Fulmer, National C. A. Secretary, sits in center foreground.

4. Mrs. Robert Pirtle stands in the Sunday School Clinic booth ready to give counsel to delegates concerning their Sunday School problems. The many exhibits were a valuable feature of the Convention.

5. Mrs. Vernon Skaggs, Northwest District WMC President, speaks at the Women's Missionary Council Conference during the Regional Convention at Seattle. Nearly 1,500 attended the WMC Conference.

6. R. M. Riggs, General Superintendent, addresses the Education Conference during the Regional Convention. Representatives of the various Assemblies of God Bible Institutes and Colleges were present. Seated in the background, facing the camera, are C. E. Butterfield, Northwest Bible College President; David Aasen, NBC Dean; and Robert Ashcroft, National Secretary of Education.

LIVE OAK, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Apr. 5—17; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (J. A. Rogers is Pastor.)

SASAKWA, OKLA.—Workers' Training Course, Apr. 17—24; N. B. Rayburn, instructor. (Lonnie Finney is Pastor.)

GLENROCK, WYO.—Begins Apr. 17; Evangelist George E. Elrod, Tracy, Calif. (J. E. Overstreet is Pastor.)

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—First Assembly of God, begins Apr. 10; Evangelist Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. (Willie Conrad is Pastor.)

CANTON, OHIO.—Bethel Temple, Apr. 19—May 1; Evangelist Arthur S. Arnold, Cincinnati, Ohio.—by Ivar A. Frick Jr., Pastor.

PARKERSBURG, W. VA.—First Assembly of God, begins Apr. 3; Evangelist L. C. Robie.—by Joseph Caetta, Pastor.

HANNACROIX, N. Y.—Alcove Assembly of God, Apr. 24—May 8; Evangelist Carl Walker Jr., Charleston, S. C. (Charles Flach is Pastor.)

STERLING, COLO.—Apr. 12—24 or longer; Evangelists Carl and Edna Goodwin, Pomona, Calif.—by James A. Call, Pastor.

HAYWARD, CALIF.—New Bethel Assembly of God, Apr. 3—17; Evangelists Fulton and Lorraine Buntain.—by James Swanson, Pastor.

MILES CITY, MONT.—Assembly of God, began Mar. 27; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald R. Patz, Grand Forks, N. Dak. (Eric H. Seaberg is Pastor.)

GARLAND, TEX.—First Assembly of God, began Mar. 30; Evangelist H. C. Noah, Dallas, Tex.—by Leonard Wood, Pastor.

RAWLINS, WYO.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 10—17; Evangelist Eugene Perrault.—by Murray W. McLees, Pastor.

GILLETTE, WYO.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 10; Musical Biblers, Fresno, Calif. (C. L. Thomas is Pastor.)

RICHLAND CENTER, WIS.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 19; Evangelist Al Silvera, Fresno, Calif. (W. C. Anderson is Pastor.)

LAWRENCE, KANS.—Assembly of God, 13th and Massachusetts, Apr. 12—24; Evangelist Bennie R. Harris, Bennett, Colo.—by J. J. Krimmer, Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—Central Assembly of God, begins Apr. 12; Evangelists Frank and Gladys Lummer, Oceanside, Calif. (R. S. Peterson is Pastor.)

ALLIANCE, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Apr. 17—May 1 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Walker, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. (R. S. Denny is Pastor.)

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelist Oliver Johnson, Powers Lake, N. Dak.—by B. F. Correll, Pastor.

MISHAWAKA, IND.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 19—May 1; Evangelist H. B. Kelchner, Flintstone, Md.—by D. A. Edwards, Pastor.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Murray Hill Assembly of God, Cor. Gilmore and Woodruff St., begins Apr. 10; Evangelist Charlotte Rodgers, Portland, Oreg.—by M. L. Thompson, Pastor.

DES MOINES, IOWA.—First Assembly of God, 31st and Ingersoll Ave., Apr. 17—May 8; Evangelist H. E. Hardt, York, Pa. Prayer for the sick. (Z. E. Miles is Pastor.)

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 12; Evangelists Virgil and Edythe Warens, Fullerton, Calif.—by Charles O. Green, Pastor.

SPOKANE, WASH.—First Assembly of God, Lincoln at Indiana Sts., begins Apr. 17; The Musical Mathans, Kansas City, Mo.—by Wallace S. Bragg, Pastor.

McMINNVILLE, OREG.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 12; The Evangelaires, Lodi, Calif.—by Orville Clark, Assistant Pastor. (Albert C. Davis is Pastor.)

WASHINGTON, IND.—Assembly of God, 324 S. Meridian St., Apr. 10—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Fort Myers, Fla. (M. C. Johnson is Pastor.)

GREENVILLE, TEX.—Central Assembly of God, began Mar. 30; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (E. W. Hancock is Pastor.)

HAWTHORNE, NEV.—Begins Apr. 10; Evangelist Dewey L. Heath. (T. F. Baker is Pastor.)

MANTECA, CALIF.—Begins Apr. 10; The Musical Silvatones (Evangelist and Mrs. Ted Silva, Ted Silva II, Jimmy and Betty Winkle). (Don Annas is Pastor.)

BIG RAPIDS, MICH.—Begins Apr. 18; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert J. Salter, Hillsboro, Tex. Sister Salter will conduct children's church. (W. W. Menzies is Pastor.)

TEMPLE, TEX.—First Assembly of God, 1117 W. Ave. "H", Apr. 17—24; Sunday School revival with Evangelist Floyd Garrett, Harrisburg, Ark. (Orin T. Finch is Pastor.)

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 10—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Wilkerson, Compton, Calif.—by Donald M. Cox, Assistant Pastor. (M. M. Brewer Jr. is Pastor.)

MODESTO, CALIF.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, 6th and "G", Mar. 29—Apr. 10; Quana-bush Evangelistic Party, Costa Mesa, Calif.—by J. S. McMullen, Pastor.

NOCONA, TEX.—Homecoming at First Assembly of God, Apr. 29—May 1. Begins Friday night at 7:30. Special speakers and singers at each service. Dinner served after the morning worship on Sunday. All former pastors, evangelists, and other friends invited.—by Paul Everett, Pastor.



### NEW CLOTHES FOR EASTER

A little girl about four years old was walking along the edge of a cemetery with her father. She pointed to the graves and asked, "What are they, Daddy?"

"Oh, they belong to the people who have gone to heaven," he replied.

She stared at the gravestones marking the different mounds of earth and thoughtfully decided, "This is where they leave their clothes, isn't it?"

She was right. This was where they left their clothes, the robe of flesh; for in heaven, through Christ, they were to receive a new body. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:53).

The dead will have new "clothes" in the resurrection morning. But we who are alive can have new clothes right here on earth. We can have them this very Easter. We must first put off our old garments of self-righteousness, for "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" in the sight of God (Isa. 64:6). The few good deeds that you try to hold out to God—the fact that you don't beat your wife, that you haven't murdered anyone, or even that you have given liberally to charity and to the church—these are as nothing in the sight of God. "We are unprofitable servants: we have done that

MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINN.—Assembly of God, Apr. 19—May 1; Evangelist David A. Lewis.—by Delbert Nultemeier, Pastor.

CHARDON, OHIO.—Assembly of God, Apr. 12—24; Evangelist and Mrs. William R. Eccles, Mansfield, Ohio. (Elder Boytar is Pastor.)

GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 17; Evangelist Paul B. Franklin. (R. G. Markey is Pastor.)

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Woodbine Assembly of God, Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Duncombe of England. (Ernest R. Driver is Pastor.)

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.—City-wide tent meeting, Apr. 24—May 8; Evangelist W. V. Grant. (Otis Runyon is Chairman.)

AURORA, COLO.—Apr. 10—24 or longer; Evangelist O. E. and Hallie Gaddis, Arkansas City, Kans. (C. L. Walker is Pastor.)

OLATHE, KANS.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 12; Anspugh Chord Makers.—by E. E. Henley, Pastor.

BRISCOE, TEX.—Apr. 10—24; Evangelist Glenn Lester, Waxahachie, Tex.—by James D. Gitchell, Pastor.

DUMAS, TEX.—First Assembly of God, begins Apr. 10; Evangelists Joe and Betty Calabrese, Kansas City, Mo. (H. L. Stevens is Pastor.)

which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10).

Then, having put off our own righteousness, we can put on our new garments. First there is the "garment of salvation, . . . the robe of righteousness" (Isa. 61:10). This is our basic garment—His righteousness, not our own. We need not struggle to do a few good deeds to present at the throne of Christ; rather, having no righteousness but His only, we stand complete in Him. When we accept Christ as our Saviour, trusting His death on the cross as our sufficient atonement, we are covered with His righteousness.

The garment of salvation is sufficient for all eternity. But as Christians who love the Lord, we want the other new clothes which He has for us. We should be "clothed with humility" (1 Peter 5:5). Humility is the working dress of the saints. Humility is so comfortable. Once one is clothed with it he doesn't strive for recognition. He seeks no self-glory; he can just get in and work for the Lord. With equal grace he can be either janitor or song leader. All positions are the same with the true Christian servant, for all positions are service for the Lord.

The Christian may also be "clad with zeal as a cloke" (Isa. 59:17). So many people are afraid of zeal—zeal for the Lord's house, zeal for His service, zeal for reaching others. But of the Lord Himself it was said, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up" (John 2:17).

Men consider it fitting for a person to be diligent to love husband or wife. It is considered proper for one to have zeal for his job. How much more zeal, then, should the Christian be in loving and serving the Lord of Resurrection, who gives us a new body for eternity and a new spirit for this life!

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## IT BRINGS RESULTS!



Maxine Mitchell, Education Director at Bethel Temple, hands Certificate of Recognition to Owen Aivazian II.

LOYALTY is a virtue that must be carried into every phase of the Christian's life—young and old alike. The Christian must be LOYAL to Christ, to church, and to his fellow-believers. Of great importance in the matter of LOYALTY is regular attendance both in the church and in the Sunday School.

The haphazard attendant of church and Sunday School needs to be made to realize the vital necessity of regular attendance. The LOYALTY CAMPAIGN is designed to do just this. It has brought results in many churches and Sunday Schools when the entire congregation actively participates. The results brought are eternal blessings in the lives and destinies of boys and girls, men and women!

### TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

The LOYALTY CAMPAIGN means seven weeks of teaching opportunities. That which will help the learning process should be welcomed in every church and Sunday School by both the learner and the teacher.

The workers of Bethel Temple in Sacramento, California, consider the teaching of LOYALTY a pleasant and important duty. Workers have discovered that the children of Junior age are interested in LOYALTY. They grasp readily the important truths stressed in the LOYALTY CAMPAIGN. The boys and girls in the Junior Department of Bethel Temple had important doctrines impressed upon their minds and hearts during last year's LOYALTY CAMPAIGN.

### PARENTS SET AN EXAMPLE

The superintendent of Bethel Temple's Primary Department discovered that the LOYALTY of many of the children depended greatly upon the parents. After hearing the campaign explained, a little six-year-old's face brightened and he said, "I'll be here every Sunday if my Mommy and Daddy brings me!" The parents are the key to the teaching of LOYALTY to the child. It demands that they be loyal.

Because a need of parental influence was seen, letters were sent from Bethel Temple Sunday School each week to the parents of the younger pupils. The parents were also contacted by phone and urged to bring their children. The result was obvious—many of the parents became regular attendants as well as the children. Old and young need the valuable influence and teaching which comes from attending Sunday School regularly.

### VISITATION AND LOYALTY

People must be made to realize their need of the church and Sunday School. Every member must be a worker. The Bethel Temple Sunday School carried out

a departmental plan of visitation for the LOYALTY CAMPAIGN. They visited the absentees at their homes. They called on prospective members. They worked to "keep the people coming." They realized that the regular attendance of every member was a must not only for the sake of the Sunday School but especially for the spiritual growth of the individual. That is why the workers of every church and Sunday School must "go out and get them"!

### THE RESULT OF LOYALTY

The result of right teaching is right living and spiritual growth. Bethel Temple Sunday School leaders noticed that many pupils, at the end of seven Sundays of faithful attendance in the LOYALTY CAMPAIGN, had a new love and appreciation for their classes and teachers. Those who learn to come regularly during the Loyalty Campaign are not in the "hit and miss" group during the rest of the year.

Bethel has had an increase in attendance every year that they have conducted a LOYALTY CAMPAIGN. The teachers and other workers are encouraged as they see the growth and the response within each class.

### THE PASTOR AND LOYALTY

The participation of the pastor in the LOYALTY CAMPAIGN is a vital link in its success. Bethel Temple's pastor, Clyde Hensen, preached each week on the LOYALTY CAMPAIGN THEME and the sermons were received by the people with great interest.

Pastor Hensen says, "The LOYALTY CAMPAIGN stirs the members of the

Here are the adults in the Bethel Temple Sunday School at Sacramento, Calif. who made 100% in attendance during the

1954 Loyalty Campaign. The 100% boys and girls are shown at the right. Each one received a Certificate of Recognition.



church and Sunday School to more faithful attendance and the whole church is benefited spiritually. This campaign causes the pupils and workers to advance in Christian character development."

#### LOYALTY BRINGS REVIVAL

Every church is praying for revival—a revival that will awaken each member of the congregation to his responsibility toward Christ and toward the lost. An awakening will come to the church that prays, plans, and works.

That is the secret of success in the LOYALTY CAMPAIGN—prayer, planning, and hard work. It will bring results in your church as surely as it has in others.

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The Loyalty Campaign begins today and continues through May 29. Is the new LOYALTY AWARD PIN SYSTEM going to be used in your Sunday School? Many churches are introducing it today. They are giving an enrollment pin to each member of the Sunday School. After six months of faithful attendance they will award the pupil with the bronze award pin. At the end of a year of perfect attendance they will award him a permanent gold-plated pin. This pin has a removable disc which can be replaced each year with a numeral to indicate the number of years of perfect attendance.

For further information and suggestions as to how the LOYALTY AWARD PIN SYSTEM works, write to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. When writing ask also for a copy of the Loyalty Campaign Handbook. You will find many useful ideas in it.

God bless you—and your Sunday School—and give you good success in the Loyalty Campaign.

## Now Is Christ Risen

*(Continued from page three)*

ple ought to know concerning the kingdom of God, set an example of a life of holiness and love. Then when He came to the end of His earthly ministry and the cross lay before Him, He prayed out of the deep longing of His soul, and this is what He said: "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Thou me with Thine own self with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was."

How many times Jesus must have longed to get back to heaven! Now He was crying out for it. Thank God that when He came forth from the tomb He arose in glory. His body was now glorified. He went back to the right hand of the Majesty on high. Oh, what a wel-

come He must have received! He saw the Father's face. He heard the Father's voice. The Father said, "Thou hast indeed finished the work I gave thee to do. Thou hast purchased a perfect redemption. Thou hast provided salvation for every man and woman who will receive of Thine atonement. I accept Thy work. I accept Thine atonement. Now be Thou seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high." There must have been a wonderful scene in heaven that day! Thank God, the Saviour is risen.

#### 5. RISEN TO RULE

I call your attention to the fact that He is risen to sit at the right hand of the Majesty on high and to exercise unlimited power. He declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." All authority is vested in Him. All Jesus has to do is to speak the word, and His will is done in heaven. He can say to the Father, "There is a repentant sinner. I died for him. Save him, and send the Holy Ghost to him." He speaks and it is done. He commands the angels. He says to them, "There is a follower of mine down yonder and he is in a hard battle. The devil is against him. Go down there and fight for him." He speaks, and the angels obey.

The command of Jesus has power on earth, too. He has full authority. When a wicked ruler sought to execute Peter, and cast him in prison, Jesus said: "Look here, Father. They want to do away with Peter, but I don't want him to die yet. Send an angel down to deliver Peter." The angel came down and opened the prison doors. The angel caused the shackles to fall off Peter's hands and feet, then awoke him and said, "Get out of here, Peter; you have some more preaching to do yet." All power in heaven and in earth is vested in Jesus. He has authority as a result of His crucifixion and His resurrection.

I am glad that this mighty Saviour is on our side. He is our great High Priest. He ever liveth to make intercession for us. We are poor creatures compassed about by infirmities. When there is a deviation in our lives, I am glad we have a High Priest in heaven, an intercessor, an Advocate. Satan accuses us before the Father. He says, "God, look how that man has failed. Look what a sin he has committed." God may say, "Yes, I see that he did do wrong." But our High Priest says, "Listen, Father, I died for that man. He did wrong, it is true, but I gave my life a ransom for him. He is repentant now. He is asking forgiveness. Remember he is a follower of mine, washed in my blood. Five bleeding wounds I bore at Calvary. I present them before you on that man's behalf." I am thankful today that He ever liveth to make intercession for us.

#### 6. RISEN TO RAISE US

Jesus said to His disciples, before He was crucified: "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also." His resurrection therefore is a pledge of our resurrection too.

Jesus taught that there is going to be a resurrection both of the just and of the unjust. Each person has to decide which resurrection he will be in. If you arise in the resurrection of the righteous, heaven will be your home, eternal blessedness will be your portion, and you will be associated with Jesus in the glory of the Father with all the holy angels and all the pleasures heaven contains. If you refuse to accept Jesus as your personal Saviour, you will arise in the resurrection of the condemned, the resurrection that is described as the resurrection of damnation. You will hear the Lord say, "Depart from Me, ye workers of iniquity, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." It will be an everlasting sentence. You will find yourself banished forever from the presence of God, banished from redemption, banished from all the blessings that Jesus purchased for you with His own precious blood. You do not need to hear those awful words. You can be saved today. Jesus offers you everlasting life and everlasting happiness as a gift, if you will accept Him.

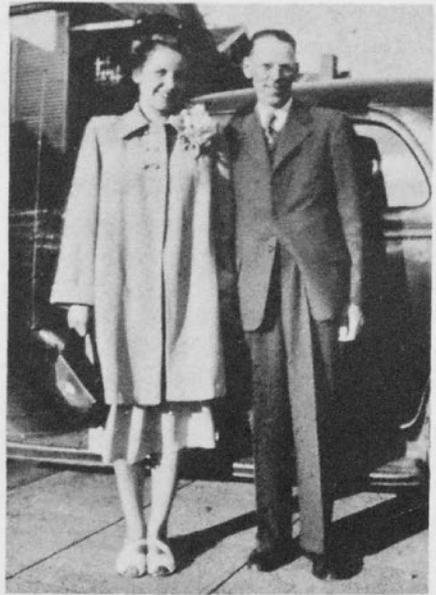
#### 7. RISEN TO BE WITH US FOREVER

One final thought: the resurrection brought Jesus back to life so that He could be with you and me forever. When He gave His parting message to His disciples, He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." I am glad that His is a friendship that will never fade or fail. Earthly friends may tire of us; they may seek new friends; or circumstances of life may come between and separate us one from another. But Jesus has promised to be with us forever. He has never forsaken you in the past and He will not forsake you in the future. If He stayed by you until you were converted He will stay by you until you receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. If he stays by you until you receive the Baptism, He will stay by you until your hair turns gray. If He stays by you until your hair turns gray, He will stay by your side until you reach the very end of life's pilgrimage. He said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." He will be our Companion all through this earthly life—and when we go into the glory world He will continue to be our Companion for all eternity.

He ever liveth! He lives to save us, to justify us, to intercede for us, to help us, to guide us, to fellowship with us. What a wonderful Saviour!

# The Unfinished Church

*The Olsons Are Seeking Funds With Which  
to Finish the Church at Haines, Alaska*



Leonard and Genevieve Olson

The church in Haines, Alaska, was begun in June 1953 but never finished. The builders simply ran out of funds.

Brother and Sister Leonard Olson started the building with faith strong and hopes high. A saw mill owner gave them lumber at a special price. Another man sold them windows and material for a chimney at wholesale prices. Others gave them free use of a concrete mixer, power saws, and other equipment. A church in the States gave them seventy opera seats. It seemed that God certainly was honoring their faith.

When the funds ran out, the Olsons could have remained in Alaska and carried on somehow. They could have let the unfinished church stand, empty and unused, until enough offerings piled up to complete it. But they felt that God wanted the church completed quickly so that His work might go forward without delay—so they returned to the States with the intention of doing secular work and earning money needed to finish the building.

Would you like to help them? While the Olsons are in the States, Byron Persones and his wife Marjorie are carrying on at Haines, Alaska. They are holding services in a little hall in back of a restaurant. They are also holding

regular services at Klukwan, a village 22½ miles from Haines. Souls have been saved and healed as a result of the gospel work in Haines. No doubt the work will grow rapidly as soon as the church building can be completed.

Haines, Alaska, is located seventy-five miles northwest of Juneau on Lynn Canal. It is the sea terminal of the Alaska Highway. It is a strategic spot for an Assemblies of God church.

The church building, with living quarters at one end for the pastors, would not take long to finish. It is all sheathed; the roof is on; the outside walls are covered with building paper; the windows and doors are installed and painted. But funds are needed to buy cement for the floors, siding for the walls, plumbing fixtures, and many other materials, before the building can be put into service for God.

The Olsons have interrupted their ministry by going to work in order to see the church completed. What can you do? As the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart, kindly mark your gift "For the church at Haines, Alaska" and send it to the

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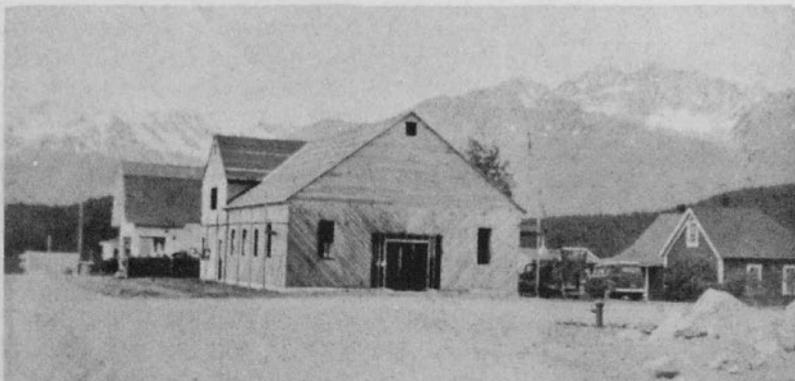
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MICHIGAN DISTRICT COUNCIL—First Assembly of God, 1125 Webber Dr., Lansing, Mich., Apr. 25—28. G. Raymond Carlson, District Superintendent of Minnesota, guest speaker. C. A. Rally Monday evening at 7:30. Day sessions at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. For reservations write host pastor, L. A. Thompson, 2418 Woodruff, Lansing, Mich.—by Everett D. Cooley, District Secretary.



The picture at the left shows the unfinished church at Haines, Alaska. Since the picture was taken the windows and doors have been added, and the outside walls have been covered with building paper, but the building cannot be used for gospel services until funds come in for floor



cement, siding material, plumbing fixtures, and other supplies. The far end of the building will serve as living quarters for the pastor and his wife. The picture at the right shows the congregation at Klukwan, an "outstation" 22½ miles from Haines.