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PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Sidewalk "Sermons" in El Paso

The Ministerial Association of El Paso, Tex., got permission from the City Council to stencil messages on the sidewalks, in connection with a Go-to-Church Crusade. At hundreds of spots, El Paso citizens who were watching where they walked looked down and saw these words on the concrete: "God Is Our Strength—Attend Church of Your Choice Every Week."

Chapel Opened in Chicago "Loop"

The Christian Business Men's Committee in Chicago, Illinois, has opened a chapel in its recently-acquired building in the downtown "Loop" area. The little air-conditioned church, known as Faith Chapel, has 125 seats. At present it is used only for noon-day gospel services. Soon there will be evening services also, and eventually it will be open all around the clock, with a counselor always on hand to offer spiritual help to those who want it.

World Congress on Evangelism

The Youth for Christ "World Congress on Evangelism" is being held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 17-24. Gospel teams will go to fifty Brazilian cities, following the Congress, to conduct simultaneous evangelistic campaigns.

It is reported that Roman Catholic leaders are disturbed by the inroads being made by Evangelicals in Brazil. They have scheduled a World Youth Conference to be held there in July. They declare that they must re-take Brazil before the Evangelicals or Communists do.

Huge Cross Planned for Illinois

Governor William G. Stratton of Illinois pledged support of a nation-wide campaign to raise three million dollars for erection of a huge cross in his state, described as the largest cross in the world.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, sponsor of the project, plans to erect a 500-foot cross and chapel atop Bald Knob, a hill in Shawnee National Forest near Carbondale, Illinois. It will be dedicated to greater unity of thought and effort among the major Christian faiths.

Leaders of the project said they will seek to have Bald Knob's name officially changed to Mount Calvary, and to have the section of Illinois State Highway 127 bordering its base redesignated as "The Way of the Cross." Easter sunrise services have been held on Bald Knob since 1937.

Christians Elected in Japan

Recent elections gave seats in the lower House of the Japanese Diet (Parliament) to fifteen Christians, two more than in the previous House. Since there are 467 members, the Christian representation is 3.2 per cent. Christians form 0.5 per cent of the total population.

Egyptian Barracks to Have Church

For the first time, an Egyptian military camp will have a Christian place of worship. A Coptic Orthodox church will be constructed soon in the huge Abbassia barracks near Cairo for the benefit of Egyptian soldiers of the Christian faith who are stationed there.

Many Converts in New Guinea

The number of Protestants among the Papuan natives of Netherlands New Guinea has increased from 80,000 to 140,000 in the past fifteen years. This report was made by the Netherlands Reformed Church at ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the launching of Christian missionary work in New Guinea.

Scofield Bible to Be Revised

A committee of eleven Bible scholars has started work on revising the Scofield Bible. The revised edition, to be published by Oxford University Press, will retain the familiar King James text, with some minor corrections, and will contain added helps for the reader, as well as some changes in the footnotes.

It is stated that no change will be made in the theological position of the present edition, and that it will be five or six years before the revision work is finished.

U. S. Opposes New Calendar Proposal

The United States opposes any change in the present calendar, the State Department said in a note to Dag Hammarskjold, secretary general of the United Nations.

A new World Calendar, proposed by India, was referred by the U. N. to member nations for study. It has been strongly opposed by the Lord's Day Alliance, the

Seventh-Day Adventists, and other religious groups because it would mean that the Sabbath would keep shifting.

The plan divides the year into four equal quarters, each having two months of 30 days and one of 31 days. The last day of the year, and, in leap years, the day following June 30, would be called "white" days and would not be part of any week or month. Thus, any given date would fall on the same day of the week every year.

The State Department said that any further study of the proposal would "serve no useful purpose." It said it would not be appropriate for the U. N. to sponsor any calendar change conflicting with the principles of important religious faiths.

Additional Scriptures Ordered For C. A. Reading Program

The demand for the special C. A. edition of the Book of Acts has been so great that the original order of 50,000 copies was inadequate and an additional 25,000 copies had to be purchased.

Pastors who have not yet mailed their orders for a supply are urged to do so immediately. The Bible-reading program begins next Sunday, April 24. The C. A.'s will read the entire Book of Acts in a four-week period.

The C. A. edition of the Book of Acts was especially printed by the American Bible Society. Pastors may obtain a copy for each C. A. in their church, without charge, by mailing their order to the National C. A. Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. When ordering, be sure to state how many members there are in your C. A. group.

Birth Control by Pills

Religious forces will have to deal with the moral problems created by a birth control pill which scientists are on the verge of perfecting, members of the Ministerial Union at Washington, D.C. were told recently.

Dr. Abraham Stone, noted authority on marital relations, said that research into anti-pregnancy hormones sponsored by the Planned Parenthood Federation has reached a point where "ultimate success is assured."

Women will soon be able to take a pill twice a month that will make pregnancy virtually impossible, he declared. Problems of immorality are sure to ensue from the development of such a contraceptive.

Methodists Buy Epworth Rectory

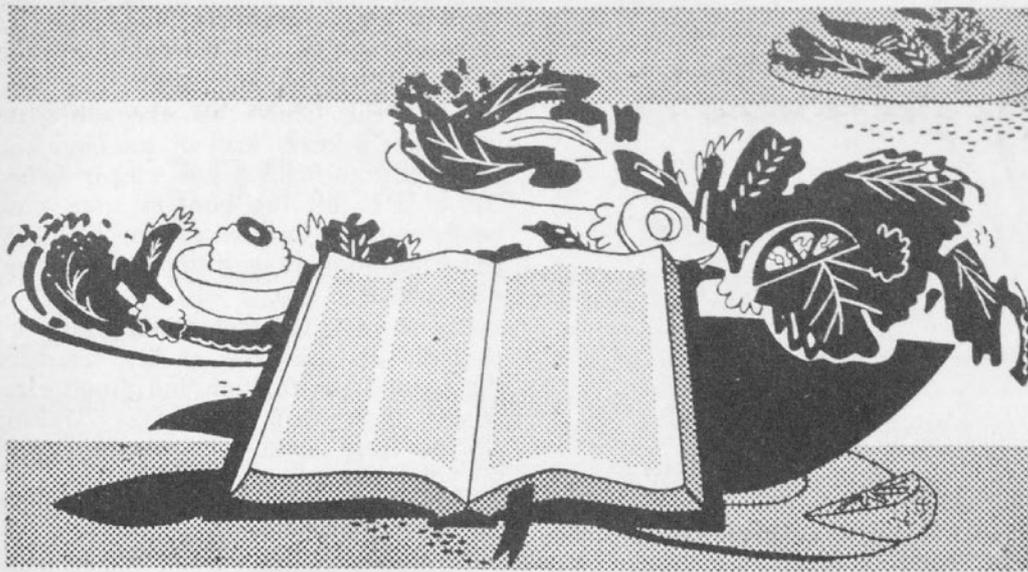
Epworth Rectory, the boyhood home of John and Charles Wesley, has been purchased from the Church of England. The Methodist Conference in Great Britain expects to convert the historic 17-room house into a home for aged Methodist ministers.



LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

APRIL 17

The Cross—Central
Theme of Christianity



“The Best Dish”

PHIL JOHNSON

SIX DAYS AFTER THE PASSOVER, AS JESUS was on His way to Jerusalem, He passed through nearby Bethany and turned aside to visit in the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, as He often did.

No sooner had Jesus entered the house than Martha, the older sister, began bustling about the kitchen preparing a meal for Him. No effort or expense would be spared in entertaining the Master. The best in food and drink was planned. For some time she boiled and baked, stirred and stewed, all the while worrying how everything would turn out.

All this time Mary lifted not a hand to help her sister. She was engrossed with Jesus Himself and was drinking in the gracious words which fell from His lips. One can imagine that Martha banged a pan loudly a time or two, hoping to attract her attention and remind her of the kitchen duties. As time went on, the banging probably became louder. Finally she rolled her apron around her arms, stormed into the living room, and said, “Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.”

Rather than comply with her request, Jesus rebuked her, sweetly but firmly: “Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:41, 42). Or, as Moffat translates it, “Mary has chosen the best dish, and she is not to be dragged away from it.”*

Jesus was rebuking Martha, not because she was busy, nor because she wanted to prepare Him a good meal, but because she did *only* that! She thought food for the body was more important than food for the soul. She placed more emphasis upon the material than upon the spiritual. Why, the Bread from Heaven, the Water of Life, the Honey out of the Rock was there in her home—but He might have been a million miles away as far as Martha was concerned!

Many are making Martha’s mistake today. They are emphasizing the material to the neglect of the spiritual. In seeking after the many “dishes” of the world, they are leaving the “Best Dish” untouched. They are concerned with the riches and cares of this life and never take time to sit at Jesus’ feet and listen to His Word!

To see what one is missing who leaves the “Best Dish” for lesser dishes, we have but to listen to the words of others who, like Mary, chose the “Best Dish.” David said, “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psa. 119:103). Job knew the value of this “Dish.” “I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food,” he said (Job 23:12). Jeremiah declared, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart” (Jer. 15:16). Listen also to Ezekiel: “So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll . . . and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness” (Ezek. 3:2, 3). From this we learn

that the “Best Dish” is *most satisfying!*

Often when one has nibbled at the many material dishes, he loses his appetite for the “Best Dish.” Some scientists once caught a sea gull, put it in a pen, and fed it only hard grain, such as a barnyard fowl would eat. The gull has a large, soft stomach which is adapted to certain sea foods. This bird survived for only a short while, and when it died they found that its large, soft stomach had shriveled and “resembled a gizzard.” Some Christians have fed on newspapers, magazines, novels, and television so long that their “spiritual stomach” has shriveled and they have lost their appetite for the Word of God!

Let us not forget that our inner man must be fed daily on the Word if we are to be strong and healthy spiritually. There is *life* in the “Best Dish” (John 6:68; 8:51). There is *cleansing* and *sanctification* in this “Dish,” too (Psa. 119:9; John 15:3; 17:17). There is also *healing* for the body in this “Dish” (Psa. 107:20; Matt. 8:8). So it is a full “Dish”!

This “Best Dish” is also inexhaustible. Like the widow’s meal barrel, it never gets empty. When Jesus fed the multitude with the few loaves and fishes, multiplying the food to meet their need, He had the disciples take up twelve baskets full of fragments. These fragments were not scraps—not fish bones and tails, and crusts of bread—they were, rather, a “reserve,” the same material and equal quality! So, although the Lord met the needs of the First Century Church, and has met the needs of the Church in all ages, His supply has not been exhausted. He has reserved a bountiful amount of His good provisions for us. His “Dish” is still full and satisfying.

The story is told of a miner who lived on canned fish and beans while he prospected in the Yukon Territory. Finally he struck it rich and returned to civilization, loaded with gold dust and nuggets. One of the first things he did after he had filed his claim and turned his gold into currency, was to look for a restaurant where he might enjoy a big feast. He tucked his napkin under his chin and scanned the menu.

“Give me one of these large T-bone steaks with all the trimmin’s,” he ordered.

“I’m sorry,” replied the waitress, drawing a line through that item with her blue pencil, “but we are sold out of steaks.”

“All right, then,” he said, “bring me some turkey and dressing, with cranberry sauce.”

Again the waitress said, apologetically, “Oh, I’m terribly sorry, sir, but we served turkey yesterday. We are not serving it today. That should have been marked off, too.”

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*Moffat sees a play on words here, so he translates the Greek word *meris* by “dish,” which the A.V. gives as “part.” He comments, “Jesus means that Mary has chosen well in selecting the nourishment of His teaching.”

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GOD-GIVEN ASSETS

to cover human liabilities

No one need suffer spiritual bankruptcy
when our Heavenly Father is so rich.

THOMAS F. ZIMMERMAN

IN ALL OF LIFE'S EBBS AND FLOWS, its ups and downs, its joys and sorrows, we have God's wonderful Word, which contains His faithful promises as our source of comfort, confidence, and help. Through these precious promises God has made available an adequate provision whereby the entire need of the human race can be fully met. God has already anticipated man's need and has graciously, bountifully, and completely made provision for the supplying of it all. Therefore we can take courage, realizing that by simply complying with the conditions stated in the promises of God's Word we may find that help which we so desperately need.

It is only logical that a God who has by omnipotent power created us in such a wonderful way should be able to meet *any* and *all* needs that might arise in our individual lives. God's love and grace attend the path of every life. No matter what the problem or test, you can find the help you need by honestly, sincerely petitioning God, basing your hope and trust on the foundation of His faithful promises. God's promises are made to be universally accepted. They are not given for the advantage or disadvantage of any group determined by social position, religious profession, color, race, or creed. "Whosoever will" may take God at His Word and joyfully appropriate His wonderful promises.

It is highly important, however, that we take God's promises in connection with the conditions laid down in His holy Word. It would surely be unfair for us to expect God to fulfill His promises in our lives if we are not willing to obey His Word. All of God's commands and conditions are reasonable. He never requires of us that which is beyond our ability. He requires only an honest, humble, repentant, and consecrated life.

Our motives for desiring Divine help often determine whether God will answer that particular prayer. It is unfair to God for us to ask Him, for instance, to heal our bodies unless we are willing to use that God-given strength to live for God and serve Him. It is not right for one to expect God to give him phy-

sical strength in order that he might use that strength in pleasure, sin, and self-aggrandizement.

To the unsaved, God has given a glorious promise in 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." To this is added the gracious invitation of our loving Saviour, whose tender entreaty echoes down through the centuries: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

These promises point the way to God. If we will but confess our sins and believe in our heart that God for Christ's

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sake will forgive our sins, we will certainly find forgiveness and cleansing. This is the unalterable promise of God, which cannot fail. In coming to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, all who are laboring under a heavy load of sins and burdens will find in Him one who is willing and able to lift the burdens from their hearts and give to them the incomparable peace resulting from intimate fellowship with Christ.

For those who are burdened and distressed with the cares of life, we have the beautiful instruction and promise extended to us in 1 Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Again we have God's gracious invitation in Psalm 50:15: "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." If perchance troubles and problems have come sweeping in upon you and it seems that you will be overwhelmed, take God at His Word. He longs to be our burden-bearer. He offers release and relief from all life's cares and troubles. He understands not only the pain we feel, but also the cause of our care and anxiety. He will not only give us release from the care, but will reach into the hidden recesses of our life and correct the situation that causes us to have this heartache and grief. If perchance temptation has left its mark upon your life, and the set of circumstances about you seems to be pressing you beyond measure, be assured with this wonderful promise: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

God fully understands the various elements of each of our lives. He knows exactly how much we can stand. He will not in any wise allow to come into our life that which would inevitably ruin or overcome us. On the contrary, He will give grace and help in every hour of our need. It is well to remember that God in all His dealings with mankind has but one goal in mind—man's ultimate good. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

On the surface, this promise sometimes seems inconsistent with human experience. In our lives there come times of testing and trials from which we can see no practical good at the moment, yet it is gloriously true that every trial will result in blessings in this life and eternal benefit throughout the ages to come. Much of our human perplexity results from trying to understand with

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EIGHT Brothers and Sisters

Once homeless and destitute, it appeared that this family of eight boys and girls would have to be separated. But a place was made for all eight at the national Children's Home.

NORMALLY CHILDREN MAKE THEIR ADVENT INTO A HOME one by one. Occasionally they may come in sets of two; more rarely in sets of three, or even four. In every case, the anticipated event calls for much preparation. The baby will arrive minus clothing, so it is necessary to provide a wardrobe and all the little things he will need for the first few months of his life. Baby will need a place to sleep. The prospective parents will plan for a crib—may even add a new room to the house. In fact, the entire household is geared to the arrival of a new member of the family!

Fortunate is the child whose parents not only provide for his material needs, but take his spiritual welfare into account as well. They plan far into the future. They know that when he comes he will be theirs for keeps—theirs not only to feed and to clothe, but theirs to train and to educate. They realize that God is loaning him to them, and that it is their business to prepare him for life and for the Kingdom of God. If they don't care for him, who will?

But it falls to the lot of thousands of youngsters to be born into less favorable homes. Some parents do not want their children. Others are the victims of sickness or poverty, and even though they love their children they are unable to provide a home for them. Yes, there are orphans, too, but the plight of those who have no father or mother is no more pitiable than that of children whose parents cannot or will not make provision for them.

Children such as these make their advent by ones, threes, fives, sixes, and even eights at the National Children's Home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Helpless to care for themselves, and



The National Children's Home family attends the First Assembly of God in Hot Springs, Arkansas. On the day this picture was taken the Sunday School gave a special offering to the Home. Pastor Fay Hutchinson is shown presenting a check to "Dad" and "Mom" Kvistad, Supervisors of the Home, while Sunday School Superintendent M. J. Groves and three of the "family" look on.

almost as destitute of clothing as a newborn babe, they arrive at the door that has been opened in Christ's name to care for that many more children. Much preparation must be made to receive them. Clothing of the right size must be assembled. Drawer and closet space must be found. Sometimes beds must be pushed together to make room for one more. And the food budget must be stretched somehow.

When the case of the eight brothers and sisters was presented to the Home, it called for exceptional measures.

"It's an urgent case," the message came. "The father and mother both have tuberculosis. They say the mother has only five months to live. The children are with their grandparents, but they just aren't physically able to care for eight youngsters. Can you help?"

Brother Kvistad, Supervisor of the Home, talked to the Assemblies of God layman from a nearby town, who was appealing on behalf of these children. "How old are they?" he asked.

"There are twins seventeen months old—they are the youngest. The oldest boy is nearly fourteen. Then there are five children in between."

The Supervisor wanted to help, but eight all at once when the Home was already about filled to capacity was a rather big order!

"It will be impossible for us to take the twins," he replied. "We don't have a nursery. And we are crowded in the boys' dormitory. Do you suppose the grandparents could keep the oldest boy, and the twins? We'll make a place for the rest of the children."

"But, Brother Kvistad, the twins are the greatest problem of all. Their grandparents just can't care for them. Can't you do something?"

No, "Daddy" Kvistad couldn't see any solution to the problem. Unless... "Well, we have one baby boy staying right in our own home," he said. "Three would be a handful for my wife and me, with all our other duties. If we took the twins we would have to put beds for them in our own room."

The good brother was relieved. "Oh, that would be all right if they could live with you!" he said. "I'll bring them right over."

And so it was that two carloads of boys and girls arrived at the National Children's Home on a hot afternoon in

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"Yes, Jesus loves me!" Eighteen months ago these eight brothers and sisters knew very little about Jesus—they had never attended Sunday School regularly—but now all of them know the love of Christ. Gorman, Stevie, Gentry and Sam are the older boys. The little ones are Mary Beth, Kathy, Joey and Josie. The whole family is musically talented; Sam and Gorman play in the High School band. (Mrs. Fay Hutchinson is at the piano).

JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL—1 Samuel 4:1-11

"The word of Samuel came to all Israel" (v. 1).

As a prophet Samuel was second only to Moses. He was God's spokesman to Israel, telling forth the Divine message, whether it referred to the past, the present, or the future. The God-given son of the godly Hannah, Samuel was dedicated to God's service as a life-long Nazirite (see Numbers 6), and he had been brought up in the high priest's family from a very early age.

God's first revelation to the child Samuel was a message of judgment, and we read of its fulfillment in today's portion. There were two clear causes of Israel's terrible defeat by the Philistines: formalism, and hidden sin. They thought that taking the ark into battle would protect them. They thought that it was all right to have those wicked sons of Eli in the priests' office.

Many a Pentecostal assembly has lost the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power by becoming formal. There was no change in doctrine or profession, but a loss of possession. And the secret may be the presence of hidden sin or a spirit of compromise with the world. May God send us more prophets like Samuel, who live a holy life and fearlessly proclaim His message to both saint and sinner.

—ALICE E. LUCE

THURSDAY, April 21

JUDGMENT ON THE PHILISTINES—1 Samuel 5:1-12

"But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them" (v. 6).

The Philistines discovered that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. They had taken the Ark of God in battle, and then had proceeded to set it up in the temple of their god, Dagon.

NO COMMENT NEEDED



Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, April 18

THE END OF ELI'S HOUSE—1 Samuel 2:27-31, 34; 4:12-18

Influence is a tremendous word. It cries out that we are our brother's keeper! No man lives unto himself! Our lives are a book that others read—and how do our lives read?

Like Eli the aging priest, God's children today may grow callous with the passing years until the pure consecrations of their youth seem like vague dreams. At the same time, they may be swift to serve in the accepted form of the church, undisturbed by the sins of the day. The fact is, God has always sought for lovers rather than servants. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." If we love God first, there is little danger that we shall fall into the sin of empty formality. The grace of God never releases His children from fulfilling His moral laws.

We must take care lest in going through the daily routine of serving others we neglect our own souls. Eli slipped very slowly into this sad state. Like the bride in The Song of Solomon, the complaint is always the same: "They made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept." Neglect!

The sons of Eli died prematurely because their father indulged them in matters of moral import. Perhaps he was too busy serving his generation instead of saving it.

—LESLIE W. SMITH

TUESDAY, April 19

ELI'S WICKED SONS—1 Samuel 2:12-17

"Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord: for men abhorred the offering of the Lord" (v. 17).

If religious leaders show no respect for the sacred truths of the Bible, their followers become indifferent to the things of God. The Temple sacrifices typified Christ in every phase of His atonement. Any deviation from divine instruction in the matter befogged the truth, and the offerings became of no avail.

Modernistic teachers show no reverence when considering the story of the Incarnation. Therefore men who believe them abhor the offering of the Lord. If Christ is not the Word made flesh, then the whole story of the atonement collapses and there is no salvation through His shed blood.

If we allow the modernistic priesthood to tamper with the divine offering for sin, we renounce our hope of eternal life. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Let us not follow the modern sons of Eli, but rather have faith in Christ, the Son of God, and cherish deep respect for the sacrifice He so freely made that we might be saved.

—ALLAN A. SWIFT

Twice the god Dagon fell on his face before the Ark; and the second time the head and hands of Dagon were cut off, and they lay on the threshold. This exposed the heathen god to both humiliation and contempt, since what lies on the threshold is ready to be trodden on.

No gods shall stand before Jehovah, whether they be Dagon of old or the gods of our twentieth century. God's hand of judgment rests heavily upon all nations and individuals who forget and forsake Him. The Scriptures exhort us to seek "first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness."

—EMIL A. BALLIET

FRIDAY, April 22

WISE ADVICE—1 Samuel 6:1-9

"Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts?" (v. 6).

For seven months anxiety, terror, and death reigned among the Philistines. Through warfare they had taken the Ark of God from the Israelites. Instead of bringing them blessing, it brought plagues. They called for diviners to give them advice. Elaborate instructions were given about returning the Ark to its rightful owners.

Hidden rather remotely among their instructions was the real reason for God's apparent frown upon the Philistines. Just changing the location of the Ark would not have changed curses to blessing. Bloodless offerings to Jehovah could not do it. Restoration of rightful property would not be enough. It was the *hardness of heart* in the Philistines that caused the lack of God's blessing. They tried to use the Ark as a blessing charm, while disregarding the voice of God.

There is no charm, hallowed custom, nor religious ritual that can bring God's smile if our hearts are hardened toward Him. Changing locations of one's idol won't help. Only as one changes his relationship to God can curses be changed to blessings. The reason the Ark meant blessing to Israel was that her attitude toward the God of the Ark was right.

—DON MALLOWH

SATURDAY, April 23

THE ARK COMES HOME—1 Samuel 6:10-21

"And they of Beth-shemesh... lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it" (v. 13).

In the course of the daily tasks of living, these men of Beth-shemesh saw the Ark, the symbol of God's presence, being returned to its ordained place. How often we complain of the sameness of life, when we have only to "lift up our eyes" to see God even in the daily humdrum that is common to mankind. The promise is, "Lo, I am with you always," but we must "lift up" our eyes

or we will not see Jesus at all, even though He is near.

Note, too, that these people were reaping the harvest "in the valley" when they saw the Ark. Without a valley there would have been no triumphant Joseph in Egypt; without a valley, no beautiful Psalms sung by David; without a valley, no Book of Revelation written by John. We shun the valley, but it is in the valley that the best harvest is reaped. "Though I walk through the valley... thou art with me."

"They lifted up their eyes... and rejoiced." Rejoice in the valley; rejoice in the harvest; rejoice in God's ark, Jesus Christ.

—M. K. MORRIS

Sunday School lesson for April 24, 1955—
"The End of Eli's House" (1 Samuel 2:27-31, 34; 4:12-18).

God-Given Assets

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our finite mind the dealings of an infinite God. God's ways are past finding out. They are as high above our ways as the heaven is high above the earth. The truly confident life is that which is fully committed to God; that life which trusts itself implicitly in the care of our loving Heavenly Father.

Finally, let us be reminded of that blessed promise given in Psalm 37:5, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." This provision includes your present need, whether it be spiritual, physical, or material. There is a fullness in the provision of God whereby each and every need may be met. Note carefully the instruction given: our part is to commit and trust; *His*, to bring it to pass!

Friend, look up to God just now, and believe the promises of God. Trust the adequacy of His eternal Word. Meet the conditions which He requires. If there should be unconfessed sin in your heart standing as a barrier between you and God, ask God just now for Christ's sake to forgive that sin. Then with the assurance that comes from knowing there is nothing between your soul and the Saviour, look up to God as your Heavenly Father and receive from Him that help which you need. He will not turn you away. He will accept you in His love and mercy and do in your life that which no other power can accomplish. He is the God who does wonders; therefore, believe in Him.

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YOUTH WILL HAVE ACTION

Action—the mark of youth! Restrained in one direction, it bursts out in another. Stopping youth activity is not the answer to delinquency, nor to the near-delinquency which masquerades as "fun." We must channel these springs of youth. The church must provide the young person with more activity; a greater demand for his loyalty; a more pressing challenge to all his powers.

Whether the church will provide that challenge is up to us. We can raise our pious eyebrows at juvenile delinquency—or at the antics of our own young people. But if we fail to provide in our churches the alive, on-fire youth program that young people demand, they'll be susceptible to more dazzling offers of Satan.

Our C.A.'s cannot be treated like step-children. We cannot ignore them—cannot merely tolerate them. They know when the church is half-hearted in its attitude toward them. Is it any wonder if a young person leaves a church which gives him a place only grudgingly, while the world waits to welcome him with open arms?

We must love our young people. We need them. They need us. We must give them some responsibility in gospel service. Make-believe, playing-at-church will not hold young people who are taught in school to interest themselves in world affairs; who are on the threshold of military service; who may even determine our country's future if, as many expect, the voting age is lowered. The action youth seeks is earnest, vital.

National C. A. Day this year has "ACTION" as its theme, and the Book of Acts as the pattern of action for our C.A.'s. We salute our C.A.'s who, like the young man on our cover, stand out in stark contrast to the dark picture of today's wayward youth. At the same time, we urge every Assembly to enlist its young people in a world-changing program of Christian action, before the world changes our young people. National C. A. Day, April 24, is a good day for your church to throw open its arms to youth—a day to inspire them to Action for Christ!

Literature Evangelism Outgrowing Facilities In Nigeria

—Rex Jackson

\$5,000 Needed NOW to Enlarge Printing Plant

OUR PRINTING PROGRAM IN NIGERIA IS in its youth—it was started only five years ago—but it is developing rapidly. In the past two years especially we have suffered from “growing pains.” The demand for literature, in a land where the population has been receiving more and more education, is insatiable. The work has increased until the original building has become so full of equipment that it is difficult for the workers to get around. And yet we find ourselves trying to take on more projects, simply because there is such a tremendous response to what we have already done.

The rapid growth of this work is not surprising, since the percentage of literacy in Nigeria is increasing yearly. The growth is natural, but like the mother who wonders what she is going to do about that son who is outgrowing his clothes faster than she can provide new ones, we wonder how we are going to find room for the new projects that seem to get started even when we try to keep from taking on any new ones.

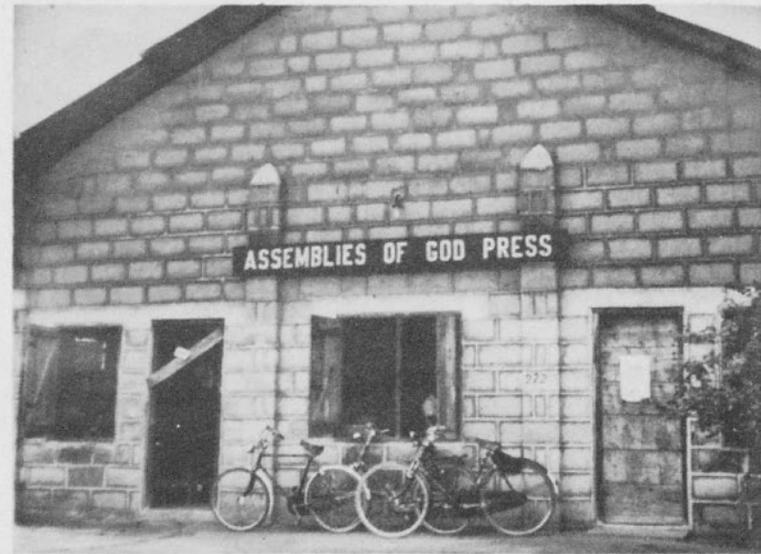
We have decided that the only thing we can do is to get larger quarters and just let our literature work go ahead and grow.

Therefore, we have begun construction of an extension to our present building which will more than double our present space. A separate room is needed for our four presses. Additional space is needed for folding and binding. The office where I do all my writing, editing, etc., faces the main street and almost every minute of the day there are several heads popping in through the window watching me. The white man is still a curiosity in Africa and you cannot blame the people for taking advantage of such a good opportunity to get firsthand information—but did you ever try to concentrate with a lot of whispering, giggling spectators at your elbow? We desperately need a more private office.

The new addition will be two stories with the binding and shipping rooms and offices upstairs, and a press room and store room downstairs. We have

figured the cost at about \$5,000. We have only about \$1,000 on hand so we have stepped out in faith, believing that many friends at home will want to have a part in this project. The Sunday School literature and other gospel material that we publish is not serving just a local group but will benefit all of the millions in Nigeria and in other parts of West Africa as well. Leaders of evangelical groups all agree that through the printed page multitudes can be reached in these last days. Please send your offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo. marked “Nigerian Printing Building.”

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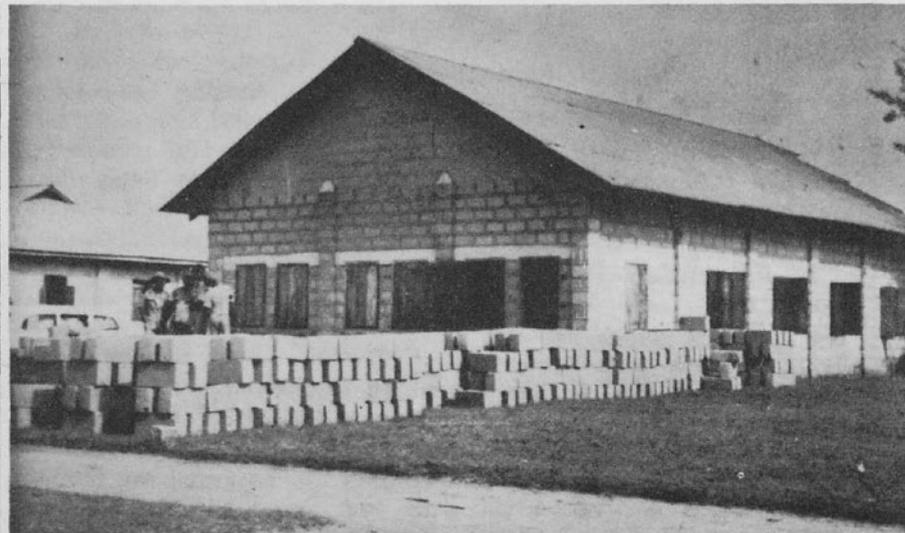


Here is the present inadequate building.

The national brethren making blocks



Present building and blocks made ready



Miogo the Leper Goes Home

Ethel M. MacLennan

Belgian Congo

"O kukufa, mino na yo azi wapi? O libadu, kulika na yo azi wapi?" (1 Corinthians 15:55).

How FORCIBLY THESE WORDS CAME TO me as I stood this morning with the lepers, under the shade of the forest trees. From the east the rising sun cast shimmering rays over the dew-bedecked forest. At my feet lay the remains of Miogo, and a newly dug grave waiting to receive them.

Only the Sunday before Miogo had stood at the altar with thirty-one others, to consecrate his life to the Lord, whom he had so recently learned to love, little realizing that before another Sunday dawned he would see his Lord face to face.



E. M. MacLennan

Miogo came to the Village of Hope four months ago—a quiet boy, having lost half of his fingers because of leprosy, but still able to make baskets and live a normal happy life in our leper village.

Four days before he went to meet the Lord he was a happy, carefree boy, joining in the games with the other leper children. Each morning would find him at our 6:30 a.m. service, and if you had taken a peek into Mopanga's class in our leper school you would have found Miogo there saying his a, e, i, o, u's along with the others. Suddenly he became sick with a headache, and by evening we knew that it was the much-dreaded encephalitis. For three days he was semi-conscious; the fourth evening he went to meet his Lord.

However, his death has not been defeat. As Setofano Babya, our native pastor, gave the short graveside message on the text, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," many of those standing by realized that they too would some day have to meet the Lord face to face—what would their answer be? Heads bowed, and then one by one they left, a very subdued and thoughtful people. Pray for them.

In the quietness my thoughts turned to the only other native funeral I have ever seen. What a contrast! Women wailing the whole night through—tom toms beating in a ceaseless rhythm—gourds rattling—despair written on every face.

We Christians can truly say, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory?"

But what of the others who are still groping in darkness, blinded by fear and superstition? The only answer is prayer, and it is in this that you are a co-worker with your missionaries. Please do not slacken in interceding at the Throne of Grace on behalf of these dear black folk, for the time is short, laborers are pitifully few, and our burden for these dear people is too heavy to bear alone.

The sun has set over Miogo's resting place. Tomorrow it will rise once more to cast its rays upon the three hundred and eighty who remain to receive daily care in our Andudu and Bodi leproseries. For these and the many thousands who yet remain untouched by the gospel message we ask your prayers that when He calls they too will be able to say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

"How Shall They Hear Without a (National) Preacher?"

L. M. McNutt

Togo, French West Africa

LISTEN! What is that humming, buzzing, ever-increasing sound?

It is the monotone of the Moslem children repeating their lesson from the Koran!

It is the chant of the pupils of the Catholic School reciting their "Hail Marys"!

It is the music of young voices from the government school singing the national anthems!

It is the joyful songs of praise coming from the churches!

LISTEN! Africa is coming to life. Out of her centuries of lethargy and darkness, Africa is bursting with desire for freedom, independence, expression.

All religions, all political beliefs are struggling to instill their doctrines into the hearts and minds of the millions of dark-skinned boys and girls.

Our two missionaries' families representing the Assemblies of God are the only Protestant mission representing Christ in Northern Togo. This area of 8,000 square miles with over 170,000 people has only two Protestant missionary families!

Togo has forty-eight different tribes, of which eight are native to this land—all

others are foreign immigrants or transients. Each of these forty-eight tribes speaks its own language or dialect. Think what a problem this presents. Forty-eight tribes, forty-eight languages! And each one must be given the true gospel. What is the answer? There is only one answer. *We must train the African!*

Will you help with your prayers and offerings? The Africans cannot be saved until they hear the gospel—and how shall they hear without a (national) preacher?

We have started a one-year training program to teach French to those who have been called of God to work for Him, so that they may enter the regular Bible School. This means that more living quarters are needed at the school. More class rooms. More support.

Will you join us and help by praying and giving to one or more of the following projects?

\$5.00 per month—to board, feed and train one single student.

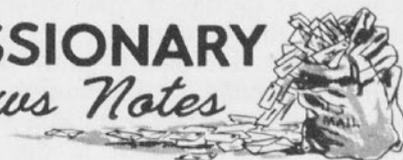
\$10.00 per month—to support an African missionary to one of these tribes.

\$50.00 to help build an African church in one village. (We need immediately enough to build five churches.)

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Send all offerings to Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo. designated "L. M. McNutt for student, native worker or church building."

MISSIONARY News Notes



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lindvall of El Salvador, Central America, have a new son, Richard Alvin, born on March 1. Congratulations!

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Williams of Cuba returned to the United States on furlough during March. Their present address is: 653 N. Edwards, Wichita, Kansas.

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Naomi Daraban has recently returned from Formosa. She can be reached % Mrs. J. Wieland, 138 N. Lake St., Los Angeles 26, California.

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D. L. Hasch writes from Liberia: "Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown are our first converts at a new station. They were from the 'devil society bush.' Mrs. Brown was delivered of demons when we prayed for her. Then she and her husband were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. They are living testimonies to the delivering power of Jesus Christ."

Missionary to America



M. A. Groff Tells How God Led Him

To a City of 100,000 Without an Assembly.

I WAS BORN AND REARED IN THAT PORTION of the country which is sometimes called the "Bible Belt." I attended an Assemblies of God Sunday School in Oklahoma City from the time I was six years of age. It never occurred to me that there were people who had never heard the name "Assemblies of God."

Even when the Lord led me into full-time ministry, I had little concern for Home Missions. As we traveled as evangelists we saw that the majority of cities or communities in the great southwest had Assemblies of God churches on the main thoroughfares, or attractive signs directing passers-by to the local Assembly, so I took the Assemblies of God for granted.

But while conducting a revival in Texarkana, Texas, a strange new fire began to burn in my heart. The godly pastor of the local church told of the many joys of establishing a new church, and I caught a little of the zest for pioneering.

Two years later that fire burst into full flame. I was pastoring a thriving Assembly in southwest Arkansas when the Lord laid the burden of an eastern city on my heart. He didn't "push" me, but with each passing day the burden became heavier to bear. I had many conversations with my wife in regard to the matter. Finally she said, "Why don't you set your mind at ease once and for all about that place?" I immediately went to the telephone and placed a call to the Appalachian District Superintendent, Glenn West.

I told Brother West who I was and asked if we had an Assembly of God in Huntington, West Virginia. My heart fell within me when he replied, "Yes—why?" But he went on to say, "We do have a building but there has been no pastor there for some time. There is no congregation whatsoever and we have been praying that God would give us the right man for the place." When I told Brother West that God had been talking to my heart about pioneering a work in Huntington, he asked me to write to him in fuller detail. I replaced the telephone with my heart leaping.

Soon after this I visited Huntington and saw the possibilities which lay before someone in this city of 100,000 souls. At the same time a tremendous conflict raged in my heart as I thought of giving

up my congregation. I must admit the thought of financial insecurity raised its ugly head, but when I said, "Yes, Lord," the peace that flooded my soul was overwhelming.

Just a few weeks before Christmas, my wife, baby daughter and myself said good-bye to our congregation of lovely, thoughtful people in Arkansas and came east.

So much could be told of those first few cold dismal days of unsuccessful house hunting, and of the first service with just my own little family present. (I had thought surely there would be a few Pentecostal people in the city who would respond to our advertising campaign, but there were none!) I spent many long, disappointing hours hunting a job. But those days of weariness and disappointment were lost in the joy of knowing we were in God's will. We watch Him vindicate His Word as each week passes.

The first Sunday of 1955 there were only six in our Sunday School. Since that date the Lord has blessed our visitation efforts and has answered our prayers. The last Sunday in February we had five classes and forty-six in Sunday School!

The full gospel message is new to most of the people who attend our services. The Lord has sent us some wonderful people of various faiths. The Holy Spirit is at work bringing conviction to the hearts of men and women. Believers are seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The ladies have already organized a Women's Missionary Council.

Recently, while reading the fourth chapter of Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthian Church, I saw new meaning in the words, "We are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; and labour, working with our own hands." I am learning what it means to be weak in the sense to which Paul referred. When undergirded by an active, well-evangelized district, I could not realize the weakness of a missionary district nor see its need. While surrounded by fellow believers and neighboring Assemblies, the need of our home mission fields seemed remote and unreal. Now we miss the conventions and the times of fellowship which we once took for granted. We eagerly drive many

mountainous miles just for a one-night service with other pioneer pastors.

We hug the radio, battling for an audible reception from a distant station to hear Brother Peterson announce, "Across the nation... it's REVIVAL-TIME EVERYWHERE!" I remember that we used to listen to REVIVAL-TIME only if it happened to be convenient. It's different now. With anticipation we wait to hear the stirring, anointed Pentecostal music. Our hearts are thrilled as Brother Ward's clear voice rings out the powerful message of the Word of God!

Sometimes, when the radio is silent again, we bow our heads in prayer and ask God to speed the day when in our own city the name "Assemblies of God" will be known and recognized by everyone as an aggressive full gospel movement.

Do "ye who are strong" stop to consider the "weak" of our home frontiers? Not that any pioneer worker wants sympathy! There isn't a man or woman in home missions but feels it is a privilege to serve God in a pioneer work. It would be comforting to know that as pioneer workers we are not isolated from the thoughts and prayers of our "strong" brethren.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you."

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Not long ago the staff of the National Home Missions Department was thrilled when a man and his wife felt led of the Lord to send \$1,000 for the opening of new churches in one of our districts. We praise God for their great faith and willingness to share in winning souls through the establishing of new Assemblies.

While we know that not all of our readers can send large amounts like this, still we pray that as you read Brother Groff's story, your heart will be moved and God will lay before you a vision of the tremendous need of lost souls in the homeland. Will you give for this great Home Harvest? Pioneer workers across the country are sacrificing.

In the hearts of many of our lay people, Home Missions has a special place. Recently a lady wrote and told how the Lord had been dealing with her about the need for Home Missions. She had desired to buy some silverware, but the Lord laid a burden upon her heart and now she would like to pledge the cost of the silverware (\$240.00) to Home Missions. She is paying a portion of this amount each month. After making her pledge, she learned that the Lord was returning an equal sum to her and more besides.

Will you have a part in building some

new church in a field where at present there is no full gospel message? You may designate your gift to the MISSION U.S.A. Share Plan Loan Fund. Money given to this fund is loaned to pioneer workers, and will be used over and over again to build new churches—perhaps one in your own district.

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Healed While Listening To Revivaltime

Although the main emphasis of REVIVALTIME is placed upon salvation, scores of people are being healed each week in answer to the prayer at the close of the broadcast. Real faith is generated as thousands unite their hearts in prayer. The following is a testimony received just recently from a REVIVALTIME listener.

“For more than a year prior to your broadcast of January 16, 1955, I had suffered with a rheumatic condition in my lower limbs and was unable to dress and undress myself without the assistance of my good wife.



F. E. Mitchell

“But, thank God, Brother Ward, from that night it has been different. My wife and I had returned from church an-

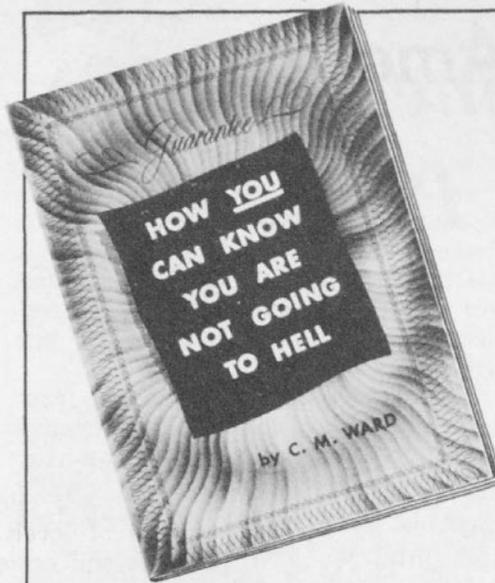
prepared to retire, but remained up for the REVIVALTIME broadcast.

“When you asked those who wanted an interest in your prayer of faith to lift their hands, we both lifted our hands and prayed with you. I recognized the wonderful presence of God’s power as you prayed, and rejoiced in my heart, but did not yet know what God was doing for me.

“Not until I awoke the next morning and put my feet on the floor, did I know the physical deliverance wrought in my body during REVIVALTIME. I dressed myself without difficulty, praising Him who ‘took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.’ I have been well from this infirmity since that wonderful night.

“Since then I have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and I am unspeakably happy in God’s wonderful mercy and grace shown to me through Christ my Redeemer.”—Fort E. Mitchell, Sr.

(Endorsed by Edgar W. Bethany, Pastor, North Highland Assembly, Columbus, Georgia.)



A Letter to You

from

C. M. Ward

REVIVALTIME SPEAKER

Dear Evangel Reader:

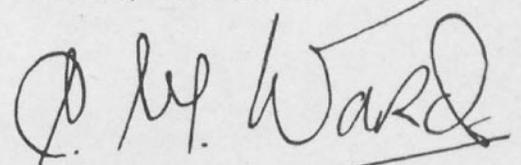
My Pulpit Series book, “HOW YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE NOT GOING TO HELL,” is a must for your library. Thousands of people are “not sure.” In the multitude of letters that cross my desk, these questions are asked the most: “How may I KNOW if I am saved?” “What must I DO to be saved?” “Can I ACTUALLY KNOW?” “I have prayed, but I DON’T FEEL any different; AM I SAVED?” “How can I UNDO THE WRONG in my past life?”

Every Christian should have several copies of this book to hand out to friends whom he wishes to see saved. It can be a handbook to every soul winner. Every Sunday School teacher should have it as an “assistant” in leading his class to Christ. The teacher of a soul-winning class can use it as a study guide.

I can’t repay you who have so faithfully stood by me with your financial help. This book is my personal “thank you.” It is something I have written personally for you, and for all those multitudes who are unsaved and will go to hell unless someone tells them about the only way of escape. Enclose this coupon with your monthly offering and the book will come to you as a gift from me.

God bless and prosper you.

Yours by Calvary’s ties,


C. M. Ward

REVIVALTIME

P. O. BOX 70
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

This is my offering to support the radio ministry of REVIVALTIME, \$..... I should be happy to receive Brother Ward’s latest book: “HOW YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE NOT GOING TO HELL.” I am happy to invest in souls by giving to REVIVALTIME.

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TEAM, Magazine for Men, Is Highly Praised

The spring issue of TEAM, official organ of Men's Fellowship, has recently been sent to all subscribers. The Department of Men's Fellowship and the leaders of the Assemblies of God have been pleased with the excellent reception given to this 32-page, pocket-size magazine for men.

Bundle roll subscriptions are entered for local MF chapters and individuals have entered their single subscriptions also. Many favorable comments have come from the men of the Assemblies of God. A typical one is from M. W. Putnam, of Vernon, Texas. He writes, "I certainly did enjoy every page and I think it is geared to a real goal—that of reaching men."

Although TEAM is primarily for the men of the Assemblies of God, many favorable comments have come from other churches also. One group from another organization ordered two hundred copies, stating it was just what they needed. Others have asked for lesser numbers. Editors of other period-

icals and leaders of other denominations have been generous with their complimentary statements. Here are just a few:

"May I pass along my sincere congratulations. First, for a most attractive publication—editorially and design-wise. Second, for an excellent idea greatly needed in our churches today."—Robert Walker, Editor *Christian Life*.

"Your TEAM is excellent. Very promotional, very inspiring and challenging. Attractive in layout, design, art work, and pictures."—B. R. Williams, Executive Director of Light and Life Men's Fellowship of the Free Methodist Church.

"Congratulations on your neat little magazine, TEAM. . . . You have done a good job on this pilot number."—J. Fred Parker, Editor *Conquest* and President of the Evangelical Press Association.

"Through EPA News we have learned of your new publication, TEAM, and have just looked through a copy of your first issue. We wish to commend you for the fine work you are doing on this

new periodical."—Elzina Oakberg, Associate Editor *Christlife Magazine*.

"It looks like an interesting magazine and we feel certain it will fill a real need in your men's organization."—Elmer Kraemer, Editor *The Lutheran Layman*.

"Heartly congratulations on your fine publication. The material is interesting and is attractively presented."—Dave Enlow, Editor *Contact*, Christian Business Men's Committee.

Already many of our men have commented that the latest issue is the best yet. Some of the articles are: "Each One Counts," by James E. Hamill; "A Preacher Plus," Ralph W. Harris; "Just a Dream," Atwood Foster; "In and Out," Don Mallough; "God's Man in Ceylon;" and other interesting features. This spring issue is still available on subscriptions entered now.

Orders should be sent directly to the Gospel Publishing House, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. The low rates are: single subscription, 75c per year; bundle of four or more to one address, 60c each per year (Foreign and Canadian: single subscription, \$1.00 per year; bundle of four or more to one address, 85c each per year).

"The Best Dish"

(Continued from page three)

The hungry man looked over the diminishing menu for a moment and asked, "Well, do you have this roast beef?"

"No, sir, I'm really sorry, but we're out of that also. May I suggest that you try our fish? And we serve lovely baked beans."

"Don't mention fish and beans to me," he thundered, and he stormed out the door.

You get the point. Some have blue-penciled the Lord's menu. They tell us that the "Best Dish" is not as full and satisfying as it once was. We should not expect a heartfelt experience of salvation with its accompanying joy and peace, they say. The Lord doesn't heal the body and confirm His Word with miracles, signs, and wonders, as He once did, they assure us. The baptism in the Holy Spirit, with its initial evidence and its accompanying power for service, was for another day, they affirm. That is what patrons are told in some churches, which are supposed to be "spiritual cafes" where hungry souls can be fed. But I thank God that Christ is "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8), and that "all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God" (2 Cor. 1:20). Hallelujah! The "Best Dish" is inexhaustible.



COMMITTEE TO REPORT TO GENERAL PRESBYTERS ON FINANCIAL APPEALS

Last September the General Presbyters appointed a committee to study the General Council financial structure with the possibility in mind of eliminating the multiplicity of financial appeals to the churches. Since that time the committee members have met twice—once in Kansas City, Missouri, in December and in Springfield, Missouri, in March. While studying the financial problem, the committee sent a questionnaire to 2,500 ministers for their co-operation in answering ten questions. Based on findings of this study, recommendations are being prepared for presentation to the General Presbyters for their approval prior

to the General Council this year.

The five District Superintendents and five pastors that comprise the committee have spent many hours fulfilling their duties. Members of the committee that attended the Springfield meeting are, left to right: T. H. Spence, Alabama; Ernest Sumrall, Illinois; Obie Harrup, Potomac District; Atwood Foster of Oregon, chairman; Robert J. Brandt, North Dakota; R. J. Bergstrom, New Jersey; Louis H. Hauff, Northern California; and James Van Meter, Southern Missouri. (Committeemen not in the picture are R. E. Goggin, Oklahoma; and E. E. Krogstad, Oregon.)



SEATTLE, WASH.—Four Sunday School enthusiasts proudly display the attendance figures for Calvary Temple, Seattle, on February 6 when a record was set with 1,026 present. Left to right: Evangelist Bill Lewis, C. E. Spencer, Cecil Walsh, Assistant S. S. Superintendent, and Mrs. L. E. Gunnarson, S. S. Superintendent. (Photo by Don J. MacLeod.)

This "Dish" becomes yours for the choosing. "Mary has chosen. . . ." David said, "I have chosen the way of truth." Yes, it is a matter of choice. "Choose ye this day" which dish you will feed your soul upon.

Jesus told of a foolish man who chose "things" instead of God's "Dish" (Luke 12:15-21). He chose goods instead of grace, barns instead of spiritual blessings. He laid up treasures on earth instead of in heaven. But he found that he could not feed his soul on gold and grain. He found that although the bray of the mule in his barn could be stopped with the fruit of the field, material things could not stop the cry of his soul. He found that he could feed his body the produce of the soil, for it had come from the dust; but his soul had come from God and had to be fed on the things of God! He found that material things alone do not satisfy. He found that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the "things" which he possesses.

Money may well represent material dishes and all that this world has to offer. Just a simple comparison will show how miserably "things" fail to meet the needs of the soul.

Money will buy clothes, but not character.

Money will buy a house, but not a home.

Money will buy medicine, but not health and life.

Money will buy company, but not love and friendship.

Money will buy cosmetics, but not beauty.

Money will buy recreation, but not joy and happiness.

Money will buy a prominent place in this world, but it won't buy an entrance into heaven!

The prodigal son chose the world and its dishes for a while, but when he found himself in the hogpen he discovered that although husks will fill they will not satisfy. He began to think about Father's house and the "Best Dish." He came to himself and said, "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!" So he humbled himself and went home. He found that Father still loved him and had a place for him at his table.

Friend, have you made the wrong choice? Have you found the world's dishes tasteless and disappointing? Our Heavenly Father has made provision for you; there is a place at His table for you. Come to Him through Christ, and begin to feed your soul upon the True Bread—the "Best Dish."

Eight Brothers and Sisters

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September 1953. The friend from the neighboring Assembly and the grandparents of the children ushered them all into the living room of the Home.

Sam, who was then fourteen, came along too. A place was made for him in the room with his three younger brothers. "They are used to crowded quarters," the grandfather said reassuringly.

Before long the entire family had become a part of "Mom" and "Daddy" Kvistad's big household. They are a little "special" in at least one way: every six months they get to go to the health center for a regular physical checkup.

Their story is pathetic. For several years, this family had wandered from town to town, and from State to State. Then the parents became ill. For a time they lived in Arizona. But when the mother was told that she had but five months to live, the children were brought to their grandparents, and the mother entered a sanatorium. Soon the father joined her.

The grandparents, finding it impossible to care for their daughter's large family, sought out our National Children's Home. They wanted their grandchildren to be raised according to Christian precepts.

Before these children came to us, they never had attended Sunday School. They knew very little about God and the Bible. But the first week they were with us, three of the boys were saved in a tent revival sponsored by the Hot Springs Assemblies. Sam, the oldest boy, was saved a few days later. Then Kathy, who will be seven on May 14, was saved during morning devotions in the Home. Stevie

and Gorman have been filled with the Spirit.

All of the children have been praying for their father and mother to be saved and healed. And both of the parents, though their cases had been considered by doctors to be hopeless, have shown a marked improvement. We believe that the prayers of the children will be answered; and that some day, in the providence of God, this entire family may be reunited in a Christian home.

This is only one of the reasons why we believe that the National Children's Home at Hot Springs is fulfilling a vital ministry of the Church. Through the years the Home has taken in 217 homeless boys and girls. We have twenty-three family units (sets of brothers and sisters) in our big household. All the cases are different, yet all have one thing in common—children who had no home and no one to care for them are brought into a Christian atmosphere and receive loving care and practical Christian training. In every case there is an opportunity for the Lord to work in the lives of the children—and sometimes, through them, in the lives of the parents—to bring peace and blessing out of confusion and unhappiness.

Would you like to know more about this ministry to homeless boys and girls? We have a monthly paper which tells about life at the Home. We will be happy to send it to you, free of charge, if you will drop us a card. Just ask for the bulletin called "Down Home." Address your card to the Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

—by Ruth Nourse

NEWS

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR SECOND ANNUAL A.C.T.S.

The second annual session of the Advanced Christian Training School will be held May 30 through June 3 on the campus of Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri. The school is designed for those engaged in, or interested in, full-time Christian work.

There will be courses for district Sunday School directors, sectional Sunday School representatives, Christian Education directors, Vacation Bible School workers, Workers' Training instructors, Sunday School evangelists, Child Evangelism specialists, pastors, and Sunday School superintendents. The school is not limited to people in these categories, however. All who wish to attend and take any of these courses are welcome to do so.

Instructors in the school will be J. Robert Ashcroft, Cordas C. Burnett, Gail Busby, Guy Davidson, C. W. Denton, Edith Denton, Ralph W. Harris, J. Calvin Holsinger, D. V. Hurst, Dr. A. G. Jelinek, L. B. Keener, Nicholas Nikoloff, Cecil Parrish, Robert Pirtle, Lin Springer, Edwina Trimmer, Paul Trulin, Philip Wannemacher, Bert Webb and Thomas F. Zimmerman.

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DISTRICT C. A. PRESIDENTS GATHERED IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, FOR TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thirty-nine of the forty-three District C. A. Presidents attended the annual conference at Springfield, Mo., March 23 to 25. "Accent on Action" was the theme of the annual event, at which the leaders of the youth work of the Assemblies of God review the entire C. A. program and plan their work for the coming year.

The conferees evaluated the Speed-the-Light program, the Youth Camp

program, and other phases of the Christ's Ambassadors work. They passed a recommendation that a National Standard for a local C. A. group be set up as soon as possible.

The Executive C. A. Director, T. F. Zimmerman, the National C. A. Secretary, Dick Fulmer, and other members of the staff of the National C. A. Department are shown here with the District C. A. Presidents.

tuition has been arranged for each person who wishes to stay in the C. B. I. dormitories. This price includes room for five nights, Monday through Friday, the evening meal on Monday, three meals a day for the remaining four days, and tuition. Two persons will share a room. For those who will not be living on the campus, tuition will be \$6.75.

Those who wish to attend are requested to send \$5.00 with their application to the National Sunday School Department, 434 West Pacific, Springfield 1, Missouri. This will be deducted from their total bill upon arrival. For a complete description of courses and subjects being offered, a free catalog is available on request.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m., Monday, May 30. There will be six classes each day for the four days. Morning devotions after breakfast, a time for handcrafts and recreation in the afternoon, and a special lecture followed by a time of fellowship in the evening, will be included in each day's activities. Commencement will be held 3 o'clock, Friday afternoon, June 3.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

HOPE, ARK.—The Stephen Vandermerwe Evangelistic Party of Springfield, Mo. were with us in a meeting. God blessed in every service and there is evidence that lasting results were achieved for the kingdom of God.—C. S. Walker, Pastor, Hope Gospel Tabernacle.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Our church and Sunday School were greatly benefited by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Oney of Pleasant Hill, Mo. They were here for two weeks. Souls were saved. We enjoyed Sister Oney's music and singing. We are looking forward to their return.—Harlin Hines, Pastor, Calvary Full Gospel Church.

FARMERSBURG, IND.—We have started a home missions effort here. Cottage prayer meetings have been held twice a week since the first of the year and representatives from more than ten homes are attending regularly. Now we are having regular services in a rented building. We plan to set up a tent for summer-long evangelistic services in this area. At present our "Assembly of God Hour" is broadcast over station WBTO in Linton, Ind., each week-day morning, 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock, and on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30. Five co-operating churches take turns on the broadcast.—Karl D. Strader, Pastor and Radio Director.

GARLAND, TEX.—We have enjoyed a 3½-week meeting with Evangelist Homer Pittsinger and family of Sachse, Tex. God marvelously blessed us. Quite a number were saved, some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the sick were healed. A 65-year-old lady, who had never been saved, came to the altar to give her heart to the Lord. The Sunday School increased and our people are encouraged to do more for God. We enjoyed the anointed preaching and singing.—W. A. Edwards, Pastor, Bethany Assembly of God.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.—The Hill Crest Assembly has enjoyed a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Maurice Evans and daughter, Patsy Fern, of Abilene, Tex. A number were saved or baptized with the Holy Spirit. One man was saved after he had been on an eight-day drinking period. He had joined a church a few years before, trying to find something that would satisfy, but he gave it up because he knew he did not have God in his life. He and his wife were both saved and filled with the Spirit and now they are happy in the Lord.—H. E. Boatright, Pastor.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.—The Sunshine Evangelistic Party of Covington, Ky. were with us at the Chamberlain's Chapel in East Glenn. Bad weather prevailed during most of the meeting, yet we witnessed the greatest crowds we have ever had. Over 50 came forward for salvation and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The last night we brought in extra chairs to accommodate the people.—Marvin C. Miller, Pastor.

NATIONAL MINE, MICH.—We had a fruitful meeting with Evangelist David A. Lewis. Several confessed their need of salvation and stepped forward to seek the Lord. Two outstanding features of the meetings were Brother Lewis' message on "Communism in the U.S.A.," given the closing night, and the "Booster Band" meetings prior to the regular services. The children were thrilled with the evangelist's object lessons and stories.—A. E. Peterson, Pastor.

FLORENCE, S. C.—We have just concluded a successful three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Duncombe of London, England. A number were saved, and the church was benefited by the versatile ministry of the Duncombes. A number of sick folk were healed. On the closing night the mayor was present to help in the dedication of the newly completed baptistry, and the first baptismal service was held in our new church.—Roy Nylin, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

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.

GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, begins Apr. 27; Evangelist Paul Franklin.—by R. G. Markey, Pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 19—May 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (L. H. Bottroff is Pastor.)

DETROIT, MICH.—Birghtmoor Tabernacle, Fenkel Ave., began Apr. 12; Eskelin Family. (Bond P. Bowman is Pastor.)

WASHINGTON, IND.—Began Apr. 10; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Fort Myers, Fla.—by M. C. Johnson, Pastor.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—First Assembly of God, W. 14th and Myrtle Sts., Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelist Bill Lewis, Long Beach, Calif.—by Kenneth D. Baker, Pastor.

WHITTIER, CALIF.—Assembly of God, S. Milton and College, begins Apr. 20; Evangelist and Mrs. Hazen C. MacDonald, Costa Mesa, Calif. (Robert L. Ward is Pastor.)

PERRYTON, TEX.—Assembly of God, East 1st and Elm Sts., Apr. 10—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Walter E. Lane, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by R. F. Jones, Pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL—Assembly of God Church, Cor. of South and Praley Sts., Valdese, N. C., Apr. 19—21. C. M. Ward and Arthur H. Graves, guest speakers.—by Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

LA PORTE, IND.—Pentecostal Assembly of God, Apr. 12—24; Evangelist and Mrs. William Moorman, Bedford, Ohio.—by W. R. Wainscott, Pastor.

BAYARD, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, Apr. 17—May 6; Youth Evangelist Ken George, Hobbs, N. Mex. (William C. Hemphill is Pastor.)

EASTERN DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE—Shamokin Gospel Tabernacle, Market and Spruce Sts., Shamokin, Pa., Apr. 26—27. Gayle F. Lewis and D. V. Williams, guest speakers. For accommodations write host pastor, John D. Tubbs, 24 S. Fifth St., Shamokin, Pa.—by Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary.

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NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—The Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelists Lyman and Helen Jolley, Flint, Mich.—by C. A. Davenport, Pastor.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—First Assembly of God, 401 S. 11th St., Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelist and Mrs. G. W. Hardcastle Jr.—by C. C. Crace, Pastor.

CALDWELL, KANS.—Assembly of God, began Apr. 3; Evangelist and Mrs. Beauford Hannum, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by John Morar, Pastor.

ROSEVILLE, CALIF.—Apr. 12—24; Evangelist N. L. Ballew, Lincoln, Calif. (Reuben Wilson is Pastor.)

SULLIVAN, IND.—Apr. 19—May 1; Evangelist H. J. Keener, Delano, Calif. (C. Johnson is Pastor.)

ATHENS, TEX.—May 1—15; Evangelist Ivor H. Hugh of Florida.—by C. E. Wilson, Pastor.

AMES, IOWA—Assembly of God, Apr. 24—May 8 or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. M. Lefkowitz, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by Vinton E. Huffey, Pastor.

BOZEMAN, MONT.—Assembly of God, 539 N. Rouse, Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Currell Muirhead.—by W. A. Redmond, Pastor.

GARRISON, N. DAK.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 12; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald R. Patz, Grand Forks, N. Dak. (Lyle Larson is Pastor.)

QUINCY, ILL.—Bethel Assembly of God, begins Apr. 12; Evangelist Bartley Lasater, Whittier, Calif. (Merwin Price is Pastor.)

WINDSOR, ONT., CANADA—Pentecostal Church, London and Bruce, begins Apr. 19; Eskelin Family, Detroit, Mich. (William Fitch is Pastor.)

RICHLANDS, VA.—Began Apr. 3—; Evangelists Edna Koonce and Ellen Blackwell. (J. E. Winstead is Pastor.)

NOWATA, OKLA.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 17; Evangelist and Mrs. L. L. Ammons, Dallas, Tex.—by J. W. Henegar, Pastor.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelist Orrie Hosmer, Eagle Bend, Minn. (Arthur Berg is Pastor.)

OSAWATOMIE, KANS.—Assembly of God, Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelist Wesley Goodwin.—by I. D. Rayborn, Pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Grace Pentecostal Church, Ash and Golde Sts., Apr. 5—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew Basell.—by Charles C. Eyer, Pastor.

WAYCROSS, GA.—First Assembly of God, Apr. 19—May 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Hollis E. Petersen of Tex.—by E. L. Gilliland, Pastor.

MUSKEGON, MICH.—Central Assembly of God, Irwin and Terrace Sts., Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelists Percy and Dorothy King. (R. A. Rieben is Pastor.)

DUNCAN, OKLA.—Bethel Assembly of God, Apr. 18—May 1; Evangelist and Mrs. D. L. Bullock. (W. Lowder is Pastor.)

VISALIA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, begins Apr. 17; Evangelist T. B. Don Carlos.—by O. H. Mitchell, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Fremont Tabernacle, 753 N. 35 St., May 1—8 or longer; Evangelist Hattie Hammond.—by Milton Barfoot, Pastor.

CROFTON, KY.—Begins Apr. 16; Evangelist and Mrs. Wayne Brashear, Tulsa, Okla.—by Mrs. Altbee Pyle, Church Secretary. (V. I. Wardlow is Pastor.)

ENOLA, PA.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, York and Altoona Aves., Apr. 19—May 1; Evangelist A. D. Skynner, Haddon Heights, N. J. (Guy Watts is Pastor.)

TORONTO, CANADA—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 833 St. Clair Ave. W., Apr. 10—May 1; Evangelist Bud Chambers and the Victory Crusaders, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by H. R. Panabecker, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Dundalk Assembly of God, Cleveland and Central Aves., Apr. 19—May 1; Evangelists William F. and Ethel C. Voodre, Durant, Fla. (N. R. and Mrs. Jones are Pastors.)

JACKSONVILLE, TEX.—Pierce's Chapel, Workers' Training Course, Apr. 11—24; Mr. and Mrs. David L. Johnson, Olney, Tex., instructors.—by Kenneth W. Roote, Pastor.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Bethel Tabernacle, 612 N. 84 St., Apr. 17—May 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Marlin Maddoux, Beaumont, Tex. (Paul V. Chamless is Pastor.)

HAMLIN, TEX.—Area-wide tent meeting, begins Apr. 20; Evangelist G. R. Cozby, Stamford, Tex. Several neighboring churches co-operating. Prayer for the sick each night. (W. G. Miller is Pastor.)

FOURTH ANNUAL S. S. CONVENTION of the Italian Assemblies of God, Broadway Tabernacle, 39 Broadway, Paterson, N. J., Apr. 16 (2:30 and 7 p.m.), and Apr. 17 (3:30 p.m.) Speakers: Frank Maccarone, Philip D'Angelo, John S. Marckese, Alfred J. Perna, John L. Beretta, Samuel C. Totaro, and Anthony Piraino.—by J. S. Marckese, Sunday School Director.

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 7:30 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.

GENERAL COUNCIL

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God, Sept. 1—6, in the Municipal Auditorium, Oklahoma City, Okla., beginning with Thursday night rally. For reservations write Douglas Friesen, Housing Committee Co-chairman, Box 4, Bethany, Okla.

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