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



Assemblies of God officials arrive at Stockholm for World Conference of Pentecostal Churches

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## Thousands of Delegates Attend World Pentecostal Conference

#### A News Summary by R. M. Riggs

THE OPENING SERVICES OF THE GREAT World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, held at Stockholm, Sweden, last month, were very impressive. Pastor Lewi Pethrus, the popular host pastor, extended a warm welcome to the twelve thousand delegates who were assembled from all over the world.

Three huge tents sewed together, and seated most comfortably, constituted the mammoth auditorium. A choir of about four hundred voices, an equally large Swedish string band, a sixty-piece brass band, a full orchestra, besides quartets, duets, and soloists, provided high quality music at all of the services.

#### NATIONALS FROM 34 COUNTRIES

It was thrilling to us all when nationals from thirty-four countries were presented in the evening service. Every continent was represented. The roll was called and nationals of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, U.S.A., Canada, England, Ireland, Denmark, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Poland, Bulgaria, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, France, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Egypt, Congo, South Africa, India, Ceylon, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Australia came to the platform to be introduced. Missionaries from many additional lands were also on hand.

The larger delegations were seated together in specified sections of the big tent, and had their own interpreters. There were over six hundred from Finland, three hundred and fifty from Norway, and smaller groups from Portugal, France, Germany, and the Slavic lands. All platform messages were presented in Swedish and English, and were translated into the other languages simultaneously. There were about a hundred and fifty from England, and fully as many from the U.S.A. and Canada.

The advisory committee, consisting of Donald Gee (England), Leonard Steiner (Switzerland), Lewi Pethrus (Sweden), J. R. Flower and Noel Perkin (U.S.A.), was asked to present a slate of nominations for the presidium, a panel of five men who should take turns in presiding over the business sessions. The following men were thus elected:

Africa—Petru Shematsi, Congo Australia and Indonesia—Henk Thiesen Asia—Harry Liddle, India North America—Paul Walker, U.S.A. Europe—Willis Sawe, Sweden

#### DISCUSSIONS IN DAYTIME SESSIONS

The morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to a consideration of various phases of the Convention theme: "The Calling and Commission of the Pentecostal Movement: a Re-Valuation."

J. Roswell Flower of the U.S.A. spoke on "The Origin or Genesis of the Pentecostal Movement." He likened the Movement to a great atomic bomb which God exploded at the beginning of the century and which mushroomed over the entire world.

Umberto Gorietti of Italy declared that God's purpose with the Pentecostal Movement was to flow over all the world to wipe out sin and glorify Christ. As a swelling river sweeps all in its path, so the power of Pentecost must sweep allbefore it, he said.

### Conference Highlights

- Delegates came from 34 countries to this fourth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches.
- Every continent was represented. All proceedings were officially translated into seven languages.
- The conference tent, seating 10,000 to 12,000, was filled night after night.
- Warm fellowship, inspiring music, and outstanding preaching characterized the eight-day conference.
- The opening address, given by J. R. Flower, stimulated profitable discussion.
- R. M. Riggs, who addressed a capacity crowd in the great Filadelfia Church in Stockholm on Saturday night prior to the conference, was elected to serve on the new Advisory Committee.

The next World Conference will be held in Toronto, Canada, in 1958. Pastor Paul Rabe of Germany declared that the principles of receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit are hunger, appropriation and sacrifice. Pastor John Dyke of Great Britain reduced these principles to the simple words: ask, believe, receive. A very striking and anointed message on "The Baptism in the Spirit, Goal or Gateway?" was given by G. R. Wessels of Johannesburg, South Africa.

On Wednesday afternoon Donald Gee of England reported on his editorship of the magazine "Pentecost." This fine periodical now has 7,000 subscribers; unfortunately, however, the American subscribers have decreased from 1,200 to 900. This is an excellent quarterly, well illustrated, carrying the latest Pentecostal news from all around the world. The subscription rate is only \$1.00 for two full years. Orders can be sent to Noel Perkin, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, U.S.A. Brother Gee was requested to continue as editor of this valuable magazine.

#### MESSAGE ON MIRACULOUS HEALING

The message on Miraculous Healing was awaited with interest. Dr. Oswald Orlien, former pastor of the great Pentecostal Church at Oslo, Norway, maintained that all healing is of God, but God has a supernatural healing as well as a natural. All true Christianity is miraculous, and so we should expect the supernatural in body as well as in soul. He said that sin and sickness are both the result of the Fall. Sin prevents contact with God, but sickness does not prevent contact with God. He pointed out that God has no fixed way of healing; we cannot harness the Almighty.

The conference elected the following to constitute a standing Advisory Committee: W. E. McAlister of Toronto, Canada; Paul Walker of Cleveland, Tenn.; David J. du Plessis of Stamford, Conn.; Leonard Steiner of Basle, Switzerland; Allan Tornberg of Stockholm, Sweden; John Carter of London, England; Emilio Conde of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; G. R. Wessels of Johannesburg, South Africa; Harry Liddle of India; Nicholas Bhengu of South Africa; Lawrence Williams of Norfolk, Va.; and R. M. Riggs of Springfield, Mo.

#### 1958 CONFERENCE IN TORONTO

It was voted that the next World Conference of Pentecostal Churches should be held in Toronto, Canada.

The Committee on Religious Liberty was reappointed with the following members: Noel Perkin, Lewi Pethrus, and David J. du Plessis.

On Thursday evening, Walter E. Mc-Alister spoke ably on the theme, "The Holy Spirit and the Holy Scriptures."



Delegates from the U.S.A. and Canada present at the World Conference in Stockholm, Sweden

He pointed out that our Pentecostal experience is based upon the Scriptures, and that we should take care that we maintain a balance between the operation of the Spirit and the teaching of the Bible.

Our host had arranged a series of sightseeing tours in and around Stockholm on Friday, and a delightful day of outing was enjoyed by the thousands of visitors.

Pastor Donald Gee re-valuated the speaking in other tongues and prophesying in his message of Saturday morning. The value of speaking in other tongues, he said, is that it makes the Baptism in the Spirit a definite experience. Water may be very hot without boiling, but it has to really boil to make good tea. The tea kettle whistles when it boils. Hot water spilled on the foot will hurt, and hot water spilled is wasted. This Baptism, which he represented as the real "boiling" experience, is intended of God to be most beneficial. But he warned that it can actually be abused and wasted. He said we should seek for a useful and proper operation of the gifts of the Spirit.

The closing messages of the convention were on the subjects of Young People and Children, World Evangelization, and the Second Coming of Christ. The Lord richly blessed Brothers Pethrus, Steiner and Liddle as they spoke on these themes.

#### EVANGELISTIC SERVICE EACH NIGHT

The speakers for Sundays and the night services of the conference were Noel Perkin, Frank Lindquist, Rolf and Mrs. McPherson of U.S.A., Fred Squire and Donald Gee of England, Toivo Manninen of Finland, Walter E. McAlister of Canada, and Andre Nicolle of France. The evening services were strictly evangelistic and there was a thrilling response each night.

Of the four World Conferences that have been held thus far, this was by far the largest and many considered it the best. All are looking forward with joyful anticipation to the fifth conference, to be held in Canada in 1958 should Jesus tarry.

A beautiful and glorious spirit of love and unity prevailed throughout the whole convention. Different opinions were expressed on some subjects, but a spirit of charity was manifest everywhere. Surely never before have so many thousands of Pentecostal people from so many countries, speaking so many languages, met together in such love and sweet fellowship for so many days.

#### WEEK OF FASTING AND PRAYER

The World Conference in Stockholm adopted a resolution "inviting all Pentecostal believers throughout the world to unite in a week of prayer and fasting from September 19 to 26, 1955." The purpose is to "pray specially that God will cure the lukewarmness that pervades so much of Christendom at the present hour, and also that the Lord will succour all those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake."

The resolution declares that our distinctive testimony to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit "has a special value for the whole body of Christ," and rejoices over "the closer fellowship which the Pentecostal churches are now experiencing with other bodies of believers."

#### COVER PAGE

Assemblies of God officials are shown at the airport in Stockholm, upon their arrival from London. Left to right: Brother and Sister Riggs, Donald Gee, Brother and Sister Perkin, Brother and Sister Flower.

## The Baptism With the Holy Spirit — NOT A GOAL BUT A GATEWAY

G. R. Wessels of South Africa, at World Conference in Stockholm

IS THE BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT a goal for the believer, or is it just a gateway to a fuller and richer spiritual life?

If a person is filled with the Spirit, does it mean that he has reached the highest level of spirituality, or does he only find himself in a new spiritual realm in which there are still greater and more glorious experiences awaiting him?

I wish to state emphatically that the Baptism with the Holy Ghost is just the gateway, and not the goal. My reasons for such a statement are as follows:

#### 1. BECAUSE THE BIBLE TEACHES SUCH.

The purpose of the Baptism with the



Holy Spirit is not merely to fill man and let him have a wonderful experience. No, God's Spirit comes to indwell man in order to do something through him; to lead man to a powerful and holy life in the Lord.

G. R. Wessels

We read in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter has come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." Therefore He has come, not merely to fill man, but to enable him to live a life which will testify of our Lord Jesus.

The same thought is found in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me.' In other words, the Baptism with the Holy Ghost was to be the gateway, through which the disciples would be led in order to be mighty witnesses of the Cross.

Therefore, the great miracle in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit is not limited to the fact that the disciples were filled with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost and had spoken in tongues, but includes the powerful witness which flowed forth from that Baptism. What would have been the blessing of the day of Pentecost, if there were not powerful messages by means of which thousands were converted; and if there were not wonderful healings and other miracles wrought; and if there were not victorious lives full of joy, as a result of it? This same fact is substantiated in Mark 16:20, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

The Book of Acts tells us how the disciples were first of all endued with power from on high; then, because of that, they went forth to proclaim the glorious message; and after they did that, God's miracles followed. God worked with those who realized that the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is the gateway to a life of consecration, service and sacrifice. The Pentecostal baptism is a glorious revelation of God, but there await many other divine works for those who are not satisfied with an experience, and who employ their Pentecostal enduement to the glory of the Lord.

In the Bible we read that thousands

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were filled with the Holy Spirit, but only the names of those who considered the Pentecostal experience as a gateway to a life of victory and service are mentioned. It is they who founded Chris-tianity and carried it to the uttermost parts of the world. It was in their ministry that the mighty miracles of God took place, and it was they who possessed the most attractive Christian characters. Just think of men like Peter and Paul.

Accordingly, the Bible teaches us not only to be filled with the Spirit, but also to covet earnestly the best gifts (1 Cor. 12:31; 14, 1). In other words, one can be filled with the Holy Spirit and yet not come to that stage of usefulness where spiritual gifts may operate through him. Therefore, after one has been filled with the Spirit, many new spiritual heights are awaiting him.

The church members of Corinth were filled with the Holy Ghost, and it is even said of them that they came behind in no gift, and yet in many respects they were like babes (1 Cor. 3:1-3). They were lacking so much, especially as far as sanctification was concerned.

We therefore cannot do otherwise than to believe that, according to God's Word, the baptism with the Holy Ghost is a gateway and not a goal.

#### 2. BECAUSE THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY PROVES IT.

We, as representatives of Pentecostal works right over the world, must acknowledge with regret that we know of many who were once filled with the Holy Ghost, and yet are doing so little for the name and sake of the Lord. They have indeed once received the Pentecostal blessing, but they are not witnesses of the power thereof.

There are even those who once had the Pentecostal experience and spoke in other tongues who today are stumbling blocks in the way of others. In spite of their glorious experience, they became the prey of sin and carnal lusts. They have never gone so far as to experience that to walk in the Spirit is the only safeguard against the lust of the flesh (Gal. 5:16). Isn't that perhaps the reason why many Christians are not desirious to receive the Pentecostal Baptism-because what they have seen in (Continued on page eleven)

Brother Wessels preached this sermon in the Afrikaans language that is so common in his native land of South Africa. All of the speaking at the World Pentecostal Conference in Stock-holm was translated into Swedish, English, and several other tongues.

## The Bird With the Blood-tipped Wing

#### Our crucified and risen Saviour provides a cleansing for all spiritual lepers

#### T. J. JONES

"THE TYPES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT are as accurate as mathematics," says A. J. Gordon. God has selected leprosy, the foulest and most loathsome disease known, to be a type of sin. Leprosy shows us vividly, in the human body, exactly what sin does invisibly to the human spirit. It is a dreadful symbol of sin.

Just as leprosy makes a man "unclean," so sin defiles a man morally. Both are diseases of the vitals; "for from within, out of the heart of men," proceed evil thoughts, words, and deeds (Mark 7:21).

Leprosy is contagious. So is the deadly legacy of Adam. Its insignificant and imperceptible beginnings show how sin can spread through a family, through a nation, through a race, and through a world.

The leper is a vile, polluted, loathsome spectacle to men. So is the corruption of sin in the eyes of God. "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores" (Isa. 1:6). "Their throat is an open sepulchre" (Rom. 3:13). When this dread disease has progressed far enough, the victim loses feeling in his members; his limbs drop off; his body rots to pieces. So is the heart that is calloused with sin.

The leper is in misery. His rent clothes, his disheveled hair, his bare head, his covered upper lip are emblematic of his grief. His cry is, "Unclean, unclean." Men have no mercy or sympathy for him; he is counted as dead. His abode is outside the city; he is banished from the camp, forbidden to enter the Temple. He dwells alone, having no fellowship with the redeemed; he is cursed, cast out.

Leviticus 14 presents a simple and lovely picture of the ceremonial cleansing of one who has been healed of leprosy. Probably the healing of this dread disease has come in answer to prayer. After the healing there is the ceremony with which the former leper is readmitted to the fellowship of God's redeemed.

The leper is passive in these rites; everything is done for him by someone else. He remains outside the camp, waiting hopefully for the priest to come to him. At last the Levitical priest goes out to him. When a careful diagnosis assures the priest that the man is healed, the ceremony begins. The priest takes two birds—clean birds—not hawks, but doves. Birds are creatures of another realm, a picture of Him who came from above. One bird is killed in an earthen vessel over running water. This typifies the fact that Christ died in a vessel of clay —a human body—at the hands of men.

The vessel becomes full of the blood and water. The bird dies for the leper. Then the living bird is dipped in the blood of the slain bird, and the live bird is set free to soar in the open heavens. The bird with the blood-tipped wing is a symbol of the One who rose from the grave and ascended to the Father. Here are represented the two aspects of our salvation—Jesus dying for our offenses and rising again for our justification (Rom. 4:25). The scars of His bloody passion are still upon Him. "Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears, Cause of endless exultation To the ransomed worshipers."

The leper is sprinkled with blood and water seven times. Thereupon he becomes as free as the liberated bird. He has been pronounced clean. There is a new song in his mouth. He washes his clothes, bathes his flesh, and comes into the camp seven days later. At the tabernacle door he shaves off all his hair, setting forth the further works of grace that are wrought in the soul brought nigh by the blood of Jesus.

The blood of the lamb of the trespass offering is put upon the leper's right ear, right thumb, and right toe. Thus all his being is employed for God and consecrated to Him. Then the holy oil is placed on top of the blood, as a type of our sanctification. The remnant of the oil is poured on the head of the cleansed leper. Oh, praise God for the Oil that can be poured upon us. This is a picture of that blessed Baptism, when the oil of the Holy Spirit is poured upon sinners who have been brought nigh. We are brought right near to God and anointed with the Spirit. Truly this means that we who once were far off are made nigh, accepted and anointed in God. He had died; now He is risen. We were polluted by sin; now we are clean. The living bird dipped in the blood of its fellow sets forth our risen Saviour through whom alone the leprous person can be saved, restored, brought near to God and anointed. Glory to His name!



THE PRESIDIUM—These five men were chosen to preside over the daily sessions in Stockholm during the World Conference of Pentecostal Churches. From the left: Harry Liddle, India; Willis Sawe, Sweden; Petru Shematsi, Belgian Congo; Paul Walker, U.S.A. and Henk Thiesen, Indonesia.

Brother Jones is Dean at North Central Bible Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## "Cleanse the Leper . . .

#### Maynard L. Ketcham

#### Field Secretary for Southern Asia

THE PATHETIC, EMACIATED LITTLE FIGure sat huddled upon a grass mat by the dusty roadside. It was Bhushon the leper.

Where did he come from? No one knows. Does he have a family? No one knows. Is there no one that might care for him? (India's enlightened government subsidizes some fine homes for lepers, and makes a heroic effort to provide care and treatment for these unfortunates. But none of this for Bhushon. His wanderlust will not reconcile itself to the confinement and regimen of a home. Then too, he knows that most home facilities are reserved for those who have at least some hope of healing, or of becoming "arrested" cases. And so, for Bhushon ... the freedom of the streets and the open road.)

Bhushon is a hopeless case; his fingers are completely eaten away; there are great running sores on his body. His feet are reduced to stumps; leg muscles atrophied; legs drawn up in tight knots under his ravished body. He is helpless. Other companions in misery must poke a few morsels of rice into his mouth; others must pull him around on his little wooden cart.

However, in spite of all his handicaps, our Bhushon is very fortunate in one respect: he has a source of income. He does not need to eke out the uncertain existence of the ordinary leper beggar. Bhushon has powers which can be sold for money; for he has sold himself to the devil. He is often overcome with trances, having powers of divination. To this miserable man, the future is an open book to some degree; and many people come to him for help.

Is there to be a birth in the family? Just ask Bhushon whether it is to be a girl or a boy. If the fee is sufficient, he will guarantee a boy! Is there to be a marriage? Just ask Bhushon to set an auspicious day. Is someone ill? Send for Bhushon and let him exorcise the evil spirits and drive them out. And yet, his own body is in the grip of the powers of darkness—what hope is there for Bhushon?

Can it be that such a one as Bhushon the leper is simply flotsam and jetsam on this turgid tide of humanity? No. The all-seeing eye of a loving Father in heaven marks the Bhushons of this world....One day, into these horribly disfigured hands there falls a gospel tract in the Tamil language. Who dropped the tract we shall never know. In any case, it bears the imprint of the Assemblies of God Shencottah mission station where Brother and Sister Robert Edwards are carrying on a soul-saving station, under the shadow of the purple hills of Travancore.

Bhushon reads the tract—and re-reads it. What is this? A Saviour? Hope? Someone to lift the load of suffering? Someone to take away the writhing anguish of a soul sold into the clutches of Satan? Surely this is worth investigating!

Bhushon begins to pray, then wrestles in prayer; for Satan does not intend to give up his captive without a struggle. His place under the spreading banyan tree becomes a battleground...and for an entire day Bhushon lives in the aura of radiance cast by this new message of hope. The next day he is cast into deep gloom and despair, cruelly torn and tormented by the evil spirits. But gradually the powers of Light triumph, and the evil spirits take their departure. In his untaught heart, Bhushon believes on the Lord Jesus Christ....

Bhushon has joy now, the first real



. . . Even his name was changed!

joy he has ever known. But to the world, he is still the necromancer, the whimpering leper who has communion with evil spirits.

One day his services are in demand. There is sickness in the home of one named Anand. Anand's mother is dying; not that anyone cares in particular, but the old woman's pitiful cries, her miserable wailing, makes the entire household miserable and troubled. In desperation, she asks the young men of the household, "Where is that miserable leper who communes with bhuts (demons)? Go fetch him in a hurry!"

Rather reluctantly, the young men harness the bullocks to a creeking cart and head down the road where Bhushon is sitting under the banyan tree.

"Hey, you miserable cur! Come on home with us and cast a spell! The old woman is dying! Trot out some of your devil powers! There is a job for you to do!"

Bhushon answers, "But I can't cast spells any more. I have no truck with bhuts. I am a different man now."

The young men pay no attention, "Oh, bother; why give us all that bat! Come along! Crawl up on this wooden plank, you wretched shalla (brother-in-law). We must get going!"

Sputtering his objections, the leper inches his way onto the plank, and is hauled roughly into the cart, all the while voicing loud protests.

When they reach the house of Anand, the young men carry the leper on his plank into the sick room, dump him onto the floor with a resounding thud, and make their exit.

Anand turns to the leper, "You cursed son of Satan, call on your *bhuts!* Don't you see that the old woman is in her death agonies, and is making life unbearable for the whole household! I will pay you well! Go to work!"

Again Bhushon pours forth his protests, "The old power is gone! The old power is gone! I do not yield myself to the evil spirits! I was brought here against my will! I now worship a new God, and He gives me peace and joy instead of the old agony and torture!"

Suddenly, as Bhushon raises his festering hand to emphasize his point, something happens! A fire surges through his body. Strength comes to his withered limbs. He stirs from his pallet and rises to his knees—and to his feet. He is healed! The leper is healed!

Our Bhushon walks out of the sick room into the open air, rocking along on his stump-like feet—for it takes toes to give a proper sense of balance. The toes do not return. But the sores all over his body have been instantly healed; strength comes to his legs and arms, to his entire body—Bhushon has lost his leprosy. He is now a clean and well man! Bhushon remembers the address of the mission, printed on the gospel tract that brought him face to face with Christ. Without delay he makes his way to Kanakapilai Valesai; and those remarkable missionaries, Brother and Sister Edwards, are there to meet him. He tells them his story. What rejoicing! What hallelujahs follow!

They announce a baptismal service, and Bhushon, the erstwhile leper and slave of Satan, emerges from the water as Peter, a new man dedicated to God.

Peter stays on at the mission for some time; he learns to pray and sing; he studies the Bible. Gradually, the old wanderlust returns. But this time, it is the urge to go out with Bible, song book and tracts. One day Peter's blanket is missing from his corner of the porch. Peter is gone to tell others.

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Three years later, Brother Edwards and his workers are holding a convention at Pulangudi. The going is stiff. Although there are new converts and a church has been established, there seems to be a sense of tension and fear; and the convention is far from a success. One evening an apparent stranger comes into the little pandal (shelter) where the meetings are being held. He stands up to testify, unrecognized; the crowd listens:

"I used to be Bhushon, the demonpossessed leper. Now I am Peter the Christian. Jesus healed me...gave me a new body...and a new soul....During these past three years I have been from one end of Travancore to the other testifying everywhere...I have seen healings. Jesus Christ is right here in this pandal. ...He will do for you all that He has done for me."

This breaks the meeting. The listeners, both Christian and non-Christian, ask to hear the story again and again. Mighty conviction power descends! The non-Christians are moved toward Christ and the Christians are filled with the Spirit of God. Waves of revival break through upon the pandal in a way that would always be remembered.

Where is Peter today? We do not know. But we do know that he is no longer sitting on the roadside, a miserable leper. He is probably out somewhere along the dusty roads of India, telling the people that Christ can cleanse the leper's spots, and make the sinner whole. Tonight, he may be sleeping under some banyan tree, or thorn bush. But tomorrow, we know that he will be witnessing; for as long as there is a hungry soul, an unsaved soul, in the land of India, Peter will never be content to accept personal comfort and ease.

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Reader, what does the story of Peter,

# W-E Day Coming!

Yes, another great WORLD EVANGELIZATION DAY is coming! But this year we are expecting every one of our churches to participate. In order to make it possible for all of our churches to take part in the W-E Day offering, we are announcing the following:

The special W-E Day offering will be taken on Sunday, August 28, just one week before W-E Day. Sunday, September 4, will be W-E Day at the General Council in Oklahoma City. At that time the offering receipts will be announced publicly, the same as at the 1953 General Council.

We urge all of our pastors and churches to prepare for this special offering on August 28. Two years ago, our churches raised \$100,000 on W-E Day for World Missions. This year, we believe we can go far beyond this figure; in fact, we ought to be able to raise over \$200,000 for World Missions if all our churches co-operate.

Let's all get ready for WORLD EVANGELISM DAY! Men and women, boys and girls, pastors and evangelists, Sunday School teachers and officers; let everybody plan to make one great big nationwide offering for World Missions on Sunday, August 28. If your pastor has not read this notice, please bring it to his attention! Thank you one and all, in advance!

the former leper, mean to you? When you sit down to a well-laden table; when you retire in your comfortable bed; when you drive your beautiful new car—remember Peter! Can you afford to do less for your Master than Peter is doing in the land of India?

### CHURCH PARTICIPATION IN MISSIONARY GIVING

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R. L. Cimino, missionary at Umahia, Nigeria, was recently appointed Director of Evangelism for the Nigeria District. He requests your prayers that God will make him a real blessing in this ministerial responsibility.

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8.	Michigan	156	130	.85
9.	Montana	64	54	.84
10.	New Jersey	82	68	.83
11.	Potomac	153	125	.82
12.	New York	135	110	.82
13.	S. Missouri	301	241	.80
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#### THE ARK BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM-2 Samuel 6:3-12

"The Lord hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God" (v. 12).

The Ark was the most important article of furniture in the Tabernacle, for it symbolized the presence of God. But because of her backslidings during the time of Eli, Israel had lost not only the Ark but also the reality of God's glory and presence. No longer did the Shekinah dwell among them.

To Uzzah, who tried to steady the ark on the cart, the ark brought judgment; but to Obed-edom and his house it brought blessing. Why? Because of their attitude toward it. To the saint it is joy and peace, but to the sinner it is dread and unrest.

A consciousness of God's presence and obedience to His commands will bring blessing to any individual and to any household. We need not be victims of environment or heredity, as some would have us think. Rather we can rise above circumstance or ancestry by making place for God in our lives. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

-G. RAYMOND CARLSON

#### TUESDAY, July 19

#### REVERENCE FOR HOLY THINGS-Numbers 4:4-15

"They shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die" (v. 15). Preparatory to their journeyings, God gave His chosen people instructions about the Tabernacle and other sacred things. Aaron and his sons were to dismantle the Tabernacle and carefully wrap each sacred article and piece of furniture. (No irreverent hands were to touch, nor careless eyes survey, the emblems of worship.) This done, the sons of Kohath were to bear the holy burden, taking care not to touch it under penalty of death.

What sacrilege and destruction the touch of flesh has wrought, hindering the work of God! We see the Church exposed to the dust storms of carnality, the stabbing hail of discord, and the downpour of malice and contempt. Tongues set afire of hell touching God's anointed! Where the Word of God is not reverently observed, it is manhandled with argumentative theory.

"Ye shall not surely die!" belittles the serpent. God says, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). Life or death? Be it unto us according to our obedience!

-MRS. MARJORIE LOOMIS

#### WEDNESDAY, July 20

#### DAVID AND MICHAL-2 Samuel 6:12-23

"And as the ark of the Lord came into the city..., Michal ... saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart" (v. 16).

Was David emotional in his religion? Why, certainly he was. Every man's emotions are stirred when he comes into the presence of Jehovah. Only the dead are not moved. There is no such thing as approaching God's presence unmoved!

Some men are naturally more demonstrative than others, but every man who is truly "born again" and baptized with the Holy Spirit is moved emotionally. God made us that way.

In this modern Pentecostal revival the Holy Spirit (typified in our text by the Ark) has come upon thousands of men and women, boys and girls. Many of the quietest and most retiring have been the most demonstrative when the Holy Spirit has come upon them. They have spoken in other tongues, laughed, cried, shouted, and danced before the Lord.

But Michal's heart was out of tune with God. She neither saw nor sensed God's presence. David's dancing before the Ark was only a man showing off, so far as she was concerned. And this reaction has been shared by thousands in our generation, both inside and outside the church. But know this, my friend: the Ark of God's presence is still moving in the land. And God still has His "Davids" who will dance before Him.

-ATWOOD FOSTER

#### THURSDAY, July 21

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT—Exodus 25:10-22

"And they shall make an ark.... And there I will meet with thee" (vv. 10, 22).

The "ark of testimony" (Ex. 26:33), so called because it contained the law of testimony written on stones, was also known as the "ark of the covenant" (Num. 10:33); it was a place designated by God where He would meet His people on the basis of the blood covenant. The Ark was the only piece of furniture in the Holy Place within the veil.

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Then let us submit to this divine program, for He has said, "There I will meet with thee."

-U. S. GRANT

#### FRIDAY, July 22

SACRIFICE AND SONG—1 Chronicles 16: 1-11

It was a glad day for all Israel when the Ark of God was returned to Jerusalem. The Ark symbolized the presence of God, and upon its restoration the spiritual loneliness of the people was ended. Sacrifices were offered unto the Lord to express the nation's appreciation, and then David led the people in songs of praise to their merciful God.

Of songs there is no end. Probably millions of them have been composed. It would have been good if many of them had never been born, while others have been of incalculable blessing to mankind. The song that David led here had an "obligato" of sacrifice. For this reason it must have been very sweet and meaningful to every Israelite. The hymns of the Church which have survived, and will continue to live, are those that were born in the crucible of suffering, sacrifice, and crises. There is a price for everything that blesses—including songs. To sacrifice is to sing with pure delight.

#### SATURDAY, July 23

-LLOYD CHRISTIANSEN

MINISTERING BEFORE THE ARK—1 Chronicles 16:37-43

"So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the Lord Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually" (v. 37). Steadfastness! David said, "I have set

Steadfastness! David said, "I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved" (Psa. 16:8).

David's love and joy had overflowed as the Ark was being brought back. Then he had danced, clothed in fine linen, before the Ark; and the elders, the captains, the master of songs, and singers had all rejoiced. There was shouting, the sound of cornets, trumpets, and harps. It reminds us of some sacred scene of glory on an old camp-meeting ground. But how about afterward? Thank God, men were appointed to minister before the Ark continually, and they did it with joy.

Steadfastness! We read in Leviticus 6:12. that the fire was to be always kept burning upon the altar, never permitted to go out, and the priests were to burn wood on it every morning. The Lord is constant. May the praises of our hearts be constant too. Many Psalms are attributed to Asaph, so David made a wise choice in placing him there; no doubt Asaph served before the Ark with great joy and praise. Let us serve the Lord continually, and let there well up within our own hearts the constant praises of God.

#### -ZELMA ARGUE

Sunday School lesson for July 24, 1955—"The Ark Brought to Jerusalem" (2 Samuel 6:3-12).

#### HEARTS FULL OF JOY

When Haydn, the great composer, was asked on one occasion why his sacred compositions had such a glad ring, he answered, "I cannot compose anything without it; for I translate into music the state of my very heart. When I think of the grace of God in Jesus Christ my heart is so full of joy that the notes fairly dance and leap from my pen."—Selected

## WORKING TOGETHER To Establish New Churches

"Workers together" has long been the motive of Pastor F. H. Toliver and his congregation in Macomb, Illinois. In this college town of 10,000 stands a thriving Assemblies of God church which averages about 250 in Sunday School. Through a daily radio broadcast, Pastor Toliver reaches another 40,000 people. Evidence of the effectiveness of working together is seen in the fact that eight individuals from the church have gone out into the ministry within the past five years, and six are now studying for the ministry or are actively engaged in holding services in surrounding communities.

Two new Assemblies of God churches have been opened within a fifteen-mile radius of Macomb in the past two years. The church in Industry (opened under the "mother church" plan) and the church in Fountain Green (opened by one of the lay members of the Macomb church) stand as testimonies to what can be accomplished when the children of God work together.

INDUSTRY, ILLINOIS is a small community of about 500 located twelve miles southeast of Macomb. For a number of years Pastor Toliver had been burdened to start meetings there. The possibility of accomplishing this became even more apparent when several families from Industry began attending the services in Macomb and were saved.

In May, 1953, the Home Missions Committee of Section III, in co-operation with the Macomb Assembly, purchased a building on the highway that goes through Industry. The purchase of the building itself was a miracle since the man who sold it to the district gave the first \$1,000 toward the purchase price, even though he belonged to a church of another denomination!

The property was purchased with the understanding that the work would be under the direction of the Macomb Assembly until such time as the church would be strong enough to have a fulltime pastor.

The building formerly had been a garage and had not been used in recent years. Consequently, a great deal of work

PHOTOS AT RIGHT: (Top) Assembly of God in Macomb, Illinois; (Inset) F. H. Toliver, Pastor; (Bottom) The congregation at Fountain Green, Illinois, with Pastor Fred Shields, his wife and daughter, Roberta, at the extreme left. was necessary. A number of the Industry men worked with the Macomb men and a beautiful auditorium was made ready for worship.

The building was packed beyond its seating capacity of 150 for the opening service held on a Sunday afternoon in August, 1953. Neighboring churches cooperated, but keen interest was shown by the people in the community. After a two-week revival in which several were saved, services were continued on Sunday afternoons with one mid-week service. The young people of the Macomb Assembly helped the pastor and his assistant in conducting the services.

Between fifteen and twenty have been won to the Lord. A man 84 years of age gave his heart to Christ. One entire family was saved. Several young people accepted the Saviour. One of these was a professional painter who helped paint the church. Some of the converts have since moved to other communities and are active in Assemblies of God churches there.

Since the first of the year the assistant pastor of the Macomb church, Richard G. Champion, has conducted Sunday evening services at Industry with attendance averaging 25. Plans are now being made to begin Sunday School and morning worship services.

FOUNTAIN GREEN, ILLINOIS, the second home missions work of the Macomb Assembly of God, was opened largely through the efforts of a lay mem-



ber, Fred Shields. Mr. Shields had been a board member of the church from the time of its organization in the early 1930's until he went forth like Philip of old to preach Christ in Fountain Green.

Fountain Green is located about fifteen miles from Macomb in a rich agricultural region. Fred Shields lived near the community, working as a blacksmith and farmer. Throughout the years he had felt a special burden for this area. This burden became so heavy that he talked to Pastor Toliver about the possibilities of evangelizing Fountain Green. After much prayer Brother Shields began conducting prayer meetings in a rented building two nights a week.

That was in April 1954. In August the first Sunday services were held, with eighteen in Sunday School. Since that time the blessing of God has been very evident. Fifteen have been saved, including a family of five.

Recently the group purchased the building they were renting, on condition that it be moved from its present location. They secured a lot in an ideal location on the main street of the community for one-third of the original price. The building soon will be moved to the lot and a full basement put under the structure. Several people in the community who are not members of the church have already offered to bring equipment and help in this project. The Sunday School is now averaging 35 and is divided into four classes. Additional classroom space will be available as soon as the church is moved and the basement completed. Pastor Shields reports that there is only \$300 indebtedness on both the church and the lot. God has miraculously supplied all needs.

The opening of Fountain Green shows how advantageous it can be for a *lay* member of the church who feels the call of God to launch out in faith to establish an Assembly in a nearby community. Fred Shields has been a real testimony of the grace of God to the people in the Fountain Green area for many years. Working and living among the people, he has been able to win their confidence, and thus lead them to Christ. Brother Shields now holds ministerial papers with the Illinois District Council and is hoping soon to devote his full time to the church in Fountain Green.

Since the members of the Macomb Assembly have friends and relatives in these communities, they are personally interested in the impact which the new churches are making. Their close relationship makes them more conscious of existing needs, more willing to pray, and to give of their time, energies and finances. Naturally, opening pioneer works in this manner has taken good members and families out of the Macomb Assembly, but the Lord has compensated for these losses. In spite of losing families to these new endeavors, the Macomb Assembly has experienced a growth in attendance over the past two years.

Pastor Toliver feels that either of these plans can be adapted for use in other Assemblies of God churches with good success. He does not feel that there is any single secret to success in this field, nor an easy way to open new churches. Working together has brought into existence two new churches and strengthened the home church as well.

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### NOT A GOAL BUT A GATEWAY

#### (Continued from page four)

the lives of some Pentecostal people did not attract but rather repelled them?

Such Pentecostal people are like a man who has received a good set of tools, and yet does nothing with them. At each opportunity he shows his tools to others, praising them, but never does he produce an article made with the tools. Such a person, boasting of the fact that he is well equipped, but not using his equipment, has begun to deteriorate.

Likewise is it with someone who, having received the enduement of the Holy Ghost, yet never comes to that place where God's Spirit can do something through him. It therefore often happens that people, because of this reason, come to a spiritual standstill and even backslide after they have received their Baptism.

Yet, on the other hand, we are also witnesses of the many dear brothers and sisters in the Lord who are not merely testifying of an experience, but

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who are also truly instruments in God's hand, because of their exemplary lives and the gifts operating through them. How we do thank God for such Pentecostal men and women! It is they who cause the Pentecostal flag to fly high and victoriously; it is they who form the nucleus of the wonderful Pentecostal testimony right over the world.

What is the difference between them and the others who are also filled with the Holy Spirit? The first group came as far as the Pentecostal experience, but no farther. That was their goal and there they stopped. The latter group considered their Pentecostal experience just the gateway to a more powerful and more useful Pentecostal life.

#### 3. BECAUSE THE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CONFIRMS IT.

The Holy Spirit is a Person, a powerful active Being in the Godhead. He is not a mere gift for man to receive, and not a mere influence affecting man's heart. He is God, and therefore He is omnipotent and desires to do mighty things.

### JULY IS HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH

Therefore it is not so much man receiving the Holy Spirit, as it is the Holy Spirit getting hold of man. But the Holy Spirit does not only want to bring man under His control; He wants to use him as an instrument whereby the divine plan can be worked out on earth. The Holy Ghost came, first of all, to fight against sin and the devil; and secondly, to reveal in the assembly God's power and other divine attributes.

The Spirit of God is not passive but is the most powerful force in the whole universe; He is the mighty creative and sustaining Power from all eternity. Not only does He want to seal the believer by means of an experience, but He wants to make him an effective co-worker of God. And because man is a free moral being, the Spirit of God will never force him, but will use him only according to the measure man submits himself to the Spirit. God wants to do great things? but He is searching for that man who, with a whole-hearted surrender, is willing to be a co-worker in God's plan (1 Cor. 3:9). Therefore we read in 2 Chronicles 16:9, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." And we read the following exhortation in Rom. 6:13, "But yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

We as Pentecostal believers, men and women filled with the Holy Spirit, must take full possession of our glorious Pentecostal heritage, by deliberately yielding ourselves more and more unto the Holy Spirit.

The people of the world boast of their mighty men, their learned ones, their artistic ones, etc., but the world must still see what God can do through a man or woman who is fully surrendered to God. There exists no power on earth so blessed as a man who is not merely baptized with the Holy Spirit but who also becomes a mighty instrument in the all-powerful hand of God. And this usefulness comes through a process, through spiritual experiences beyond the Baptism.

I want to repeat, there is no power more blessed and greater on earth than a man or woman through whom God's Spirit works unobstructedly.

I want to illustrate it in the following way. Scientists declare that the atomic energy stored in one man's body is sufficient to kill millions of people and destroy many cities. Every man carries with him that immense atomic energy, and can truly testify of it every day of his life. Yet it amounts to the same as if he had been without it, because this potential power is never employed. Not until he is willing to sacrifice his body, and until there are scientists clever enough to split the atoms of his body, will that indescribably great force be released, and will the world know it.

But dear brothers, we as Spirit-filled men have a power endlessly more powerful than the atomic bomb in our livesthat is the Holy Spirit invested in our spirit. He is a force, not to destroy, but to save, to cast out demons, to heal the sick, to bring the world on their knees before God-yes, even to raise the dead. Let me go even farther-we have the omnipotence of God in us, that same power which brought forth the vast creation. But brethren, that power is bound-bound by our spiritual lukewarmness, indifference and unbelief. If we are willing to go farther than just . to be filled by the Spirit-if we, like Paul, will consider ourselves dead and

with whole-hearted and complete consecration lay ourselves on God's altar— He will set free the divine omnipotence which is in us. And each of us will be a spiritual atomic bomb in the neighborhood.

The world declares that the time of ordinary weapons has passed; we now fight with atomic bombs. But remember, the same applies to our spiritual warfare. We are living in a time when halfhearted, formal and man-fabricated religion is of no avail. We need spiritual atomic bombs. The strongholds of Satan are formidable; the onslaughts of his hosts are almost overwhelming. Only spiritual atomic bombs can stop him. Where is God's atomic arsenal? May God help us! It is possible for us to become it; we want to become it; and we are going to become it. Let the first spiritual atomic bomb explode here in our conference.

## Paul Paino to Address Youth at General Council

The 26th General Council, convening in Oklahoma City, Okla., will open with a great Youth Rally on Thursday night, September 1, featuring the Christ's Ambassadors Department and the Servicemen's Division. Speaking for the C.A.'s at this meeting will be Paul E. Paino, pastor of the Assembly of God at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Registration for delegates and guests at the convention will begin at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and continue throughout the day. One of

the largest attend-

ances in the history

of the Assemblies of

God is expected. All

services, workshops,

and exhibits will be

in the Municipal

Division will open the

first day's activities at

The Servicemen's

Auditorium.



Paul Paino

9 a.m. Thursday with a seminar for Armed Services Chaplains. The sessions, which will be an information-sharing get-together, will continue until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Assemblies of God now has 18 full-time chaplains in the Armed Services of the U. S.

In addition, sessions will be held on Thursday afternoon for the 16 Civil Air Patrol Chaplains. Carrying out the General Council theme of "By His Spirit," the evening service will be evangelistic with a slant to youth. Chaplains, servicemen's contact pastors, and the 43 District C.A. Presidents will be requested to join C. A. Department officials on the platform to present the scope of the C.A. work.

Participating in the evening service will be Thomas F. Zimmerman, executive director of the C. A. Department, presiding; Dean Duncan, Southern California D-CAP, leading the singing; Keith Hill, Seattle, Wash., playing the organ; Richard Fulmer, national secretary of the C.A. Department, assisting Brother Zimmerman; and Jean Fulmer, pianist.

During the service the C. A. Department will officially inform pastors and youth workers of the Tract Emphasis Campaign, a 50-day drive to distribute one million tracts from September 11 to October 30.

Brother Paino, speaker of the evening, is pastor of an Assembly now averaging between 800 and 1000 in Sunday School. He has served as District C. A. President and Presbyter in Indiana and is now serving as Assistant District Superintendent.

A special guest on the opening night of the General Council will be Oklahoma's Governor Raymond Gary who will speak briefly prior to the address by Brother Paino.

### NEWS

#### DALLAS CHURCH PLANS NEW EDUCATION UNIT

The Maplewood Assembly of God in Dallas, Texas, plans to build a \$65,000 educational unit as a final step in its \$185,000 church building program.

The plans were announced last month as the church celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of its pastor, Ray R. Soper, with a Homecoming program. Brother Soper became pastor of the Maplewood Assembly in June, 1934. At that time the attendance was around 36. Over the years the attendance has climbed to an average of 332 at the present time. On Homecoming Day it reached an attendance of 504.

Brother Soper, a graduate of Glad Tidings Bible Institute (now called Bethany Bible College), comes from a family of Assemblies of God preachers. His father, J. K. Soper, recently conducted a one-week Bible conference at the Maplewood Assembly. He has two brothers in the ministry; Kirk Soper, of Tracy, Calif., and Leonard Soper, of Inglewood, Calif.

#### AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BUSHNELL, ILL.—We thank the Lord for all He has done for us here. In April, Evangelist and Mrs. Harry Call of Burlington, Iowa, were with us. The Lord blessed the ministry of the Word, and our people were refreshed and blessed. The Sunday School broke all previous records. —W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

IRVING, TEX.—We enjoyed a one-week meeting with Evangelist Clarence G. Mitchell of Fort Worth, Tex. The messages and Bible lessons were mightily anointed by the Holy Spirit. Several were healed.—H. W. Marney, Pastor, West Irving Assembly of God.

AKRON, OHIO—We closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Don Tanner of Willmar, Minn. The music as well as the preaching was a real blessing to the people. The spirit of revival continues.—Lillian Derfer, Pastor, Bethel Temple.

WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.—After almost four years, I have resigned the pastorate here to enter the evangelistic field. Gerald Fry has been elected to fill the vacancy, and he began his ministry here on Sunday, June 5.—William Vickery, P. O. Box 336, Walnut Creek, Calif.

SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA—Evangelist Lolita Thompson was with us and the Lord gave us a good attendance. Several were saved and a number reclaimed. Sister Thompson preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit from night to night. Our whole church profited from this meeting.—James Ryan, Pastor.

BREWTON, ALA.—Evangelist Roy Wasdin of Tampa, Fla. was with us for a two-week meeting. Souls were saved, and a number received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Brother Wasdin was a prize fighter before he was saved. The church was benefited by this meeting.—Mrs. Lee Johnson, Church Secretary, Damascus Assembly of God. (Rufus Palmer is Pastor.)

BROOKSVILLE, KY.—On March 20, we began a meeting with Evangelist Emma A. Dickerson of Elizabeth, N. J. The meeting was scheduled for two weeks, but continued for five, and two additional weeks were spent in home visitation. Sister Dickerson places emphasis on the power of God's Word. The Holy Spirit revealed sin and hindrances to revival. Confessions and restitutions were made. A number were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and the sick were healed.—Floyd and Mildred Taylor, Pastors. 7he Rainbow edition of The HOLY BIBLE Beloved King James Version



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God sent him to the brook Cherith .... "The ravens will feed you there."

Elijah went according to His word.

The ravens brought him bread and meat.

But Cherith dried up.

Then the Lord sent Elijah to Zarephath.

- "I have commanded a widow to feed you."
- So he arose and went to Zarephath to find the widow.

He asked her for a morsel of bread.

She gave him the last bread she had ...

"And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the Word of the Lord."

What secret is behind these miracles?

Faith or works?

Faith is the secret, but we only know it by its works.

Count the action words . . .

See how much Elijah did.

See what the widow did.

- They had faith in what God said, so they obeyed Him. Faith hears, and works obey.
- So by faith AND works God meets the needs of His people.

"Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and shaken together." As you give, God will supply both your own needs and the needs of the little children and the aged ministers that are under our care.



CRESCO, IOWA—On April 24, we closed a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. H. J. Hansen of Sioux City, Iowa. The attendance was good. Five were saved, and several received definite healings. A man with a dislocated disc was healed; a girl was healed of deafness; and another person was healed of heart trouble. Before this meeting three people were healed of cancer.— Harold E. Higbee, Pastor.

BARSTOW, CALIF.—May 16—Evangelists Gene and Ruth Martin of San Diego, Calif. concluded a successful meeting with us. Sinners came to the altar weeping their way to salvation in the old-fashioned manner. Brother Martin prayed for the sick each night. A great number testified to definite healing.

The church is in good spiritual condition as we leave to tour the Holy Land and to attend the World Pentecostal Conference in Stockholm. —A. K. Moore, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

HANCOCK, MD.—W. C. Blewitt, who has pastored the Assembly of God church here for the past five years, has resigned to pastor the church in Triangle, Va. During the time Brother Blewitt was here, many souls were saved and a large number received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We also made improvements on the church; the new addition was dedicated on May 2, 1955 at the Sectional Fellowship Meeting. Brother J. L. Smith of Elk Garden, Va. will take the pastorate here.—Bonnie Peck, Church Secretary.

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.—Recently, Helen Grams and Francis Renburg of Minneapolis, Minn. conducted a Children's Crusade at our church. Their ministry was a real help to us in many ways. The enthusiastic response of the children surpassed anything that I had witnessed. Approximately 200 children attended and a large number of them were saved. We have made many new contacts with adults through this meeting that we might never have reached in any other way. We have also reaped a goodly number for the Sunday School. We appreciated the way the evangelists co-operated with us in every way.—Neale Sheneman, Pastor.

BEACON, N. Y.-Evangelist and Mrs. W. F. Garvin of Tulsa, Okla. were with us for two weeks. Five were saved, nine baptized with the Holy Spirit (including three men who had tarried for a number of years), and five were gloriously refilled. There were also some outstanding healings. A definite forward move among the young people was evident from the first service on. Our people have been enriched by the anointed preaching, and we particularly appreciated the emphasis on the great truths of our Pentecostal testimony. God used Brother Garvin to encourage our people to walk more closely with the Lord.-James L. Tate, Pastor, Beacon Assembly of God.

PUEBLO, COLO.—We would like to report the blessing and goodness of the Lord to us the past few months. The Sunday School attendance record was broken with 648 present on Easter Sunday. The average for April was 512. The attendance this year is nearly a hundred above last year's average.

Evangelist and Mrs. Okra Gaddis were with us for a meeting. A lady who had been a Catholic for 25 years was wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost. (Other evangelists who have aided in our growth and development this past year are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Bibler.)—R. D. Emerson, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

OZARK, ALA.—Since coming to the First Assembly of God here last August, God has blessed our efforts in every way. The Sunday School has almost doubled, and someone has been saved in almost every service.

We have just closed a 2½-week meeting with Evangelist F. U. Whaley of Tampa, Fla. Fifteen were saved—most of them adults.

The foundation for a new church had already been laid when we came. God has enabled us to do enough work on the building so we could move it. God surely helped us in our building program. When we started we had nothing but God's promises, but we found them sufficient. We hope to finish the building soon.—T. A. Williams, Pastor. BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—The blessing of God was poured out upon us during the meeting with Evangelist Byron Lee Wright and Musician Paul Myers. The ministry of this evangelistic team was deeply appreciated by the folk of all ages. The definite emphasis was upon youth. Over, 50 young people came forward to receive Christ during the three-week meeting. The last Sunday there were 138 in the teen-age class. The entire Sunday School broke all existing records with 621 present on May 22.—E. A. Manley, Pastor, Church of the Four Fold Gospel.

HORNBECK, LA.—On May 1, we closed a two-week meeting with Evangelist Harlen J. Pate. Several were saved or reclaimed and the church was greatly helped. Consecrations were made and the spirit of revival continues. Outsiders who came to the meeting continue to attend the services. Others carried the blessing back to their own churches. One Baptist pastor expressed his appreciation of Brother Pate's ministry and how much the meeting meant to his people who attended.—William R. Craighead, Pastor.

WINDSOR, ONT., CANADA—From April 17 to May 1, the Eskelin Family were with us. Their southern music and singing had a special appeal for both young and old which resulted in a number of strangers attending the meeting. Souls were saved, and the Sunday School jumped from a little over 400 to 570.

The Busse Evangelistic Team were with us from May 3 through 15. Their Pentecostal background has given them a rich ministry. The old Pentecostal hymns that thrilled our people years ago were made a rich blessing to us as Mrs. Busse sang them again. Brother Busse faithfully presented the message of God under the anointing of the Spirit. Souls were saved, some were healed, and others received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—William H. Fitch, Pastor, Bethel Pentecostal Church.

HOUSTON, TEX.—May 17—The Sunnyland Assembly of God has been enjoying a steady growth under the leadership of Pastor O. L. Davidson.

son. During the past year we have enjoyed the ministry of Charles Taylor, Glenn Dunn, Kenneth Berry and Party, and Floyd Reb. Souls were saved, numbers were filled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies healed by the power of God. Nine were baptized in water recently. Three were young Spanish-speaking women who have been saved from Catholicism. The Sunday School has had a steady growth.

The Sunday School has had a steady growth. The average for the last seven months was 279. We broke the attendance record last Easter with 438 present.

Plans are now under way to purchase a twoacre tract with a five-room house located just behind the church. We believe that a larger auditorium, more classrooms, and parking space are vital to the future growth of the church.— Claudie B. James, Reporter.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Ten years ago we came here with a vision to build a church and a Christian grade and high school. In the providence of God this vision is coming to pass.

God this vision is coming to pass. On Monday evening, April 11, the Oakland Revival Tabernacle celebrated a great mortgage burning. W. T. Gaston, District Superintendent, Mayor Rishell of Oakland, and Evangelist Ethel Hooke, together with the pastor and his wife, participated in the burning of the mortgage. The tabernacle has a valuation of over \$200,000, and occupies almost a half block in the heart of downtown Oakland.

The congregation of several hundred worship in an attractive auditorium with a seating capacity of 1100. The educational annex houses a spacious C. A. chapel, W.M.C. commissary, kitchen, offices, and nursery.

Recently the quarters for the new Christian grade and high school were completed. Plans are being made now for the opening of the school in September.

The mortgage burning marked the climax of six weeks of glorious revival with Evangelist Ethel Hooke of Scotland. Before Sister Hooke came for this meeting, God laid it on her heart to help raise the money to pay off the mortgage. Because of her obedience to God, the mortgage burning was made possible at this time.—Cecil J. Lowry, Pastor. HAWTHORNE, NEV.—Evangelist and Mrs. Dewey L. Heath from Pampa, Tex. were with us for four weeks. Two were saved and many made new consecrations to God. Brother Heath stirred our people concerning missionary giving and many pledged to be consistent givers.—Travis F. Baker, Pastor.

RUSTON, LA.—Evangelist Erling Saxelid closed a 3½-week meeting here recently. God blessed in a wonderful way. A businessman was healed of a brain tumor. About five were converted and eight baptized with the Holy Spirit. Eleven members will unite with the church as a result of this meeting. People of other denominations attended this meeting and were helped by Brother Saxelid's Spirit-anointed ministry.—Roy Baker, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

JACKSONVILLE, TEX.—We had a three-week tent meeting with the Sutton Evangelistic Party of Beaumont, Tex. A goodly number were saved or reclaimed, and some filled with the Holy Ghost, including several Baptists and a Nazarene Sunday School teacher. Many were gloriously refilled and blessed during the meeting. Many reported wonderful healings including ruptures, partial blindness, deafness, kidney ailments, ulcers, and nervous conditions.—R. O. Garlington, Pastor.

WEST FRANKFORT, ILL.—We had a fourweek meeting with Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Davenport, Iowa. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Twenty-seven were saved or reclaimed, 21 filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number testified to healing. A lady had walked on crutches for 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> months, but after prayer she handed her crutches to Brother Wolfe and began to walk, then to run. We praise God for His blessings to us.—Howard T. Wicker, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

DALLAS, TEX.—Last December we began a new Assembly on Masters Dr. just off Elam Rd. In February Evangelist W. G. Martin of Seagoville, Tex. was with us for our first meeting.

On May 29, we closed a good meeting with Evangelists K. C. and Erma Holcomb of Sulphur Spring, Tex. There was good interest in the meeting and new people attended every night. Three were saved and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance record was broken the last Sunday.—J. E. Staples, Pastor.

ONEONTA, N. Y.—On June 5, Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue Jr. concluded a 2½-week meeting with us. At least 18 were converted or reclaimed. One teen-age girl received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and some testified to bodily healing. The attendance was good, and some nights we had to use extra chairs. A number of first-time visitors attended the meeting. We broke the Sunday School attendance record with 125 present. Another feature of the meeting was the 38-voice children's choir.—Morris S. Williams, Pastor, Assembly of God Revival Center.

BOGALUSA, LA.—We had a successful meeting with Evangelist Gene Thompson of Camden, Ark. The interest and attendance throughout the meeting was very good. Many new people attended our church for the first time. Quite a few were saved and some received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Several nights sinners came to the altar to get saved before Brother Thompson preached.

We were on two radio stations daily during the meeting. One of the broadcasts was our regular program which has been sponsored by the largest station since we first came to this city.—R. D. Jones, Pastor.

WILLIAMSPORT, MD.—We have just closed a meeting with Evangelist L. C. Robie of Union Springs, N. Y. Approximately 100 made decisions for Christ, and many were healed.

A dear lady from our church, who had cataracts over both eyes for many years, was miraculously healed. Another lady had practically lost the use of her left arm because of arthritis. After prayer she was able to stretch it forth immediately. A third lady who was blind testified, after prayer, that she could see, and she wept tears of joy. Several days later she stood in the congregation and said she was seeing better all the time.

The week-end crowds filled both auditoriums. Many unsaved people and a large number from other denominations attended the meeting.—Vernon W. Miles, Pastor, Assemblies of God Church.



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QUARTZ HILL, CALIF.—Our church and Sunday School was greatly benefited by the ministry of Sister Mildred Mara, pastor of the Assembly in Shafter, Calif. Our hearts were thrilled as she preached the old-time gospel. Two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was blessed by her ministry. While Sister Mara was here, we purchased the land for our new church.—Viola Duncan, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Evangelist C. W. Trenum of Middletown, Ohio was with us in March for a meeting. Our people were stirred and blessed. Then in April, Evangelist N. A. Golusin of Cincinnati, Ohio came for two weeks. We appreciated Brother Golusin's ministry. A man from our church, who was formerly a Baptist and who had sought for the Baptism time and time again, was gloriously filled according to Acts 2:4. We thank the Lord for these meetings. —Jack A. Stewart, Pastor.

#### COMING MEETINGS

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

WISTER, OKLA.—July 10—24 or longer; Evangelist Loyd Henson, Malvern, Ark. (Jewel Anderson is Pastor.)

HOBBS, N. MEX.—Assembly of God, begins July 17; Evangelist E. E. Pendergrass. (Roy F. George is Pastor.)

MARSHALL, TEX.—First Assembly of God, July 17—31; Evangelist A. L. Todd, Joplin, Mo. (F. E. Kennedy is Pastor.)

WHITE DEER, TEX.—Assembly of God, begins Aug. 1; Evangelist Glen H. Lester. (George Knight is Pastor.)

MICHIGAN CITY, IND.—Assembly of God, begins Aug. 4; Evangelist Billy Wolfe, Davenport, Iowa. (Stewart H. Robinson is Pastor.)

FOND DU LAC, WIS.—Assembly of God, Third and Marr Sts., July 19—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Christian Hild.—by O. W. Apple, Pastor.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—Brentwood Assembly, July 17—31; Evangelist Forrest Whaley, Tampa, Fla. (Leon C. Hall is Pastor.)

GONZALES, TEX.—July 17—31; Evangelist Eldon Bryce, Baton Rouge, La. (James Martin is Pastor.)

NEW IBERIA, LA.—Began July 6; Evangelist Paul Glover, Oklahoma City, Okla.—by C. E. Gilbert, Pastor.

NEW LONDON, CONN.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, began July 10; Evangelist Artford W. Freese and family, Winona, Mo.—by Ove Pettersen, Pastor.

SYLACAUGA, ALA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, July.17—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Nelson E. White, Fort Myers, Fla. (E. B. Carter is Pastor.)

DALLAS, TEX.—Grace Assembly of God, 2421 Exeter, July 17—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Marlin Maddoux, Beaumont, Tex.—by S. Fred Davis, Pastor. FORT ASHBY, W. VA.—Assembly of God, July 10—24; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass. —by R. E. Kirby, Pastor.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—First Assembly of God, 3053 Oswego, July 10—24; Evangelist and Mrs. Stephen Vandermerwe.—by Lloyd R. Logan, Pastor.

BATON ROUGE, LA.—Calvary Assembly of God, begins July 13; Evangelist L. C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (Ira M. Bryce is Pastor.)

HOUSTON, TEX.—Estates Assembly of God, July 10—24; Evangelist and Mrs. James Colburn, Houston, Tex. (W. L. Suter is Pastor.)

COLUMBIA, MISS.—Assembly of God, July 17—31; Evangelists Joel and Esther Palmer. (R. G. Hardy is Pastor.)

VINELAND, N. J.—Assembly of God, July 17—31; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Bristol, Attleboro, Mass. (John Garrahan is Pastor.)

TORONTO, CANADA—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 833 St. Clair Ave. W., July 17—Aug. 7; Evangelist Don Carroll, Columbus, Ga.—by H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—Dedication of new Calvary Temple, 200 S. University Blvd., July 24 at 2:30 p.m. Bert Webb, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker.—by Charles E. Blair, Pastor.

FENNVILLE, MICH.—Tent meeting, July 10 —24; Delores Huff Evangelistic Party. South Haven and Holland Assemblies co-operating in this pioneer effort.—George Krist, Pastor, Holland Assembly.

COLUMBUS, GA.—Bealwood Assembly of God, July 31—Aug. 14; Evangelist and Mrs. Hollis E. Petersen (the Musical Petersens).—by Daniel G. Flanagan, Assistant to Pastor. (B. W. Flanagan is Pastor.)

#### RADIO PROGRAMS

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.—"Headlines in Religion," station KVEC, 920 kc., Saturdays at 9 a.m.—Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor.

ALTON, ILL.—"Assembly of God Gospel Hour," station WOKZ, 1570 kc., Sundays at 8 a.m.—J. C. Kofahl, Pastor.

LINTON, IND.—"Assembly of God Hour," Monday through Saturday from 7:30 to 8 a.m. over WBTO, 1600 kc.—Karl Strader, Director.

HANFORD, CALIF.—"Full Gospel Hour," station KRDU, 1240 kc., Sundays at 2:15 to 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Glad Tidings Assembly of God.—Gene Forrest, Pastor.

#### MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NAME CHANGED—The name of the Bethel Assembly of God has been changed to Central Assembly of God. The address is Brown and Vine Sts., Akron 4, Ohio.—Ray S. Armstrong, Pastor.

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