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This Voluntary

Co-operative Fellowship

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UNDERLYING THE PHYSICAL, MORAL and spiritual structure of the Assemblies of God is the idea or philosophy contained in the oft-quoted phrase: "Voluntary Co-operative Fellowship." Next to the Bible, the concept these words embody is the indispensable catalyst that prompts and protects our inter-relationships both personally and collectively.

Although one encounters difficulties in realizing all its ramifications, the

DEFINITION

of this basic tenet of our organization may easily be constructed. A "fellowship" is the name given to a company of equals or friends. "Co-operative" embraces the idea of working together. "Voluntary" means of one's own volition or will. Together the words convey the following definition: a voluntary co-operative fellowship is a company of equals who work together of their own accord.

That a very wide latitude is implied in the foregoing, no one can gainsay. Some admit of no bounds whatsoever and insist that no obligations be laid upon them. The word "voluntary," they maintain, makes it easy for them to shelter themselves beneath their own standard of liberty. Further thought, however, brings to light certain

RESPONSIBILITIES

that are a part of affiliation with an organization thus constituted. Granted that co-operation is willing and that coercion is forced, the fact yet remains that one who affiliates with others surrenders some of his own liberties and assumes direct obligations to those with whom he has associated. Anyone sincerely open-minded will acknowledge this truth.

No one can impose upon your liberty or license if you live in a world all by yourself. But the moment someone else is in that world with you, and is your equal, you surrender some of your liberties in order to maintain his. Logical, isn't it? Therefore as a member of a company of equals who work together of their own accord, you voluntarily assume the responsibility of acknowledging

the will of the majority and co-operate with them for your own welfare.

Undue stress on the volitional aspect of Voluntary Co-operative Fellowship makes it impossible to appreciate either the co-operation or the fellowship. Some will consent to no restraint or responsibility whatsoever, and prefer to be a law unto themselves. The selfishness of this attitude is quickly apparent, for those so inclined acknowledge that they prefer themselves before others. Freedom of the will is staunchly advocated—but at the expense of co-operation and fellowship. Liberty pushed too far results in license, for license implies excess of liberty or abuse of freedom. Where no law is, there is no real liberty, for law, when properly administered, guarantees the freedom of all. It is therefore impossible for one to voluntarily work together with another his equal without supporting the organization that brings them together.

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arise from the association of which we are a part.

The meeting of minds blessed with kindred purposes and illuminated by the Spirit of Truth, makes possible the formulation of doctrinal standards that are mutually beneficial. Random, unscriptural beliefs are discouraged and eliminated. Rather than be in a murky entanglement with doctrines that confuse, demoralize and destroy, we adhere to a system based on and authenticated by the Word of God. What we concur in is important; for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.

We benefit also by the maintenance of moral standards commensurate with what we believe. Standards properly adhered to and protected obviously will display themselves in all phases of our affiliation. From the highest to the lowest, our personal relationships with the church, with the world, and with all men, will be properly disciplined. Ministries and ministers will be obliged to conform to stated requirements set according to the Bible. The local church also—living, working and testifying to its community—will manifest the saving, baptizing, healing and keeping power of Christ as it regulates itself according to the Word of God.

Properly adhered to, Voluntary Co-operative Fellowship also provides the entire constituency (ministers and churches alike) with an organization committed to the proper use of dedicated facilities and funds, and assures the best advantage possible in propagating pure and powerful Pentecost. Protected thus, the liberality generated by this tremendous outpouring of the Holy Ghost can be channeled wisely into fields ripe for spiritual harvest. Money thus provided, and properly disbursed, promotes God's cause and enhances His glory, and does not encourage or condone any personal and selfish aggrandizement.

An organization thus set up must have as the reason for its being a

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primarily scriptural and pure. This kind

of institution cannot be the "lengthened shadow of a man." No person or group of persons may use its benefits to the disadvantage of others. It cannot be built or maintained to satisfy the whims or fancies of a few, for, in purpose at least, it is not a corporation but a co-operative. A Voluntary Co-operative Fellowship must be committed irrevocably to the purpose of propagating the Pentecostal message and experience throughout the whole world by all scriptural methods and means. Consequently the incentives that prompt our decisions must emanate from the Will of God. Better still, our motives must be manifestations of that Divine Will, for nothing else is true enough, nothing else is wise enough, nothing else is pure enough.

The foregoing is mentioned in our Constitution and so reads:

"The General Council of the Assemblies of God shall represent as nearly as possible in detail, the body of Christ as described in the New Testament Scriptures, recognizing the principles in-

herent in that body as also inherent in this fellowship, particularly the principles of unity, co-operation and equality. Its purpose is to maintain conditions under which it can, as a fellowship, demonstrate these principles and their consequent development."

It is undeniable that the New Testament concepts of Pentecostal experience, power and conduct can be fostered outside the organization we mention, but one can hardly gainsay the fact that Pentecost advanced according to the foregoing principles will be vital, useful, victorious and blessed. Where fellowship is real, the unselfish attitude pervades the thinking. The giving aspect is more blessed than the receiving. Fellowship therefore is many-sided for it is an association of equals. Equal in benefits, equal in respect, equal in mutuality, equal in opportunity, equal in responsibility! Sharing all the equalities, voluntarily, makes for better fellowship. After all, isn't that what we want—and what we need?

Him and fulfilled the Scriptures in condemning Him. We hear the sobs of a strong Man weeping outside the gates of Jerusalem; we see the tears of the Christ as He says, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . , how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! . . . There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

As we are reminded of their failure, we are not unmindful of our own, for not only have we missed God's best in the political realm, but individuals are suffering today because they have missed God's plan for their personal lives.

God's planning of our lives does not mean that He has fixed a groove in which we must run whether we want to or not. God has planned, and we may or may not execute the plan. God is the architect; man is the builder. Our lives will be victorious and useful just insofar as they are loyal to the will of God. Many have taken themselves out of the will of God, and have found only failure and disappointment. What a pathetic ruin was Saul! There are few pictures more pitiful or tragic than that of the poor, perplexed man as he wailed in his utter godlessness, "God is departed from me, and answereth me no more!" What was the secret of his ruin? It was disobedience—he took himself out of the will of God.

Not only individuals and nations have missed God's best; but the Church too has fallen "short of the glory of God." The present chaos of cults, the confusion of denominationalism, indicates that somewhere we have missed God's perfect will. Jesus prayed that we might be one, even as He and His Father are one. All schism and division is a result of carnality, our impoverished conception of God, our unwillingness to be led by the Holy Spirit. The Church ought to have more influence upon the world; she ought to be able to take a war-weary world by the hand and lead it out of perplexity and darkness into peace and harmony. The Church needs to give the world a demonstration of how men of different colors, different nationalities, and different classes can live together in love and self-forgetfulness, bound together by mutual love and allegiance to the Lord Jesus. Inability to do this shows that we have fallen short of what God intended us to be. Where have we failed?

The Church has failed in that she has not built according to God's pattern. God's pattern for the Church in all ages has been New Testament Christianity, and New Testament Christianity is Pentecostal Christianity. God instituted the Church and equipped it with Pentecostal power; the fruits and gifts of the Spirit were in operation, "God also bearing

PENTECOST— GOD'S BEST

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THE TRAGEDY OF HUMAN HISTORY IS that mankind has missed God's best. We have sinned and come short of the glory of God. As a result, suffering and confusion is imposed upon us.

Daniel was privileged to see 2,500 years of human history before it ever transpired. He saw the GOLDEN age of Babylon, the SILVER reign of the Medes and Persians, the BRASS dynasty of the Greeks, the IRON kingdom of Rome, and finally a political setup symbolized by a mixture of CLAY AND IRON. As each metal in the image in Daniel's vision was inferior to the one above it, so each succeeding political kingdom has been inferior to its predecessor, deteriorating from gold to mud. Both past and present chaos and confusion make it evident that God's blueprint has not been carried out; we have missed God's best in the political realm.

Oh, the unspeakable atrocities, the tremendous tragedies that have been suffered by the Jewish people. This nation that reached its zenith in the days of

Solomon, which at that time was a paragon people with a paragon King, became a nation of wandering feet and weary hearts. What was the cause of this tragedy? Somewhere they missed God's best.

When the Lord brought these people out of Egypt and established them in Canaan, He proposed to become their King. A theocratic form of government was set up. God was King of Jeshurun: but instead of recognizing His authority and doing the thing that was right in God's eyes, every man did that which was right in his own eyes. This led them into a state of confusion. So they called for a king to lead them out. Instead of looking to God for leadership they looked to man. God told Samuel, "They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me." They missed God's best.

God gave them another chance when He sent His only Son. The prophets foretold that He would come, meek and lowly, "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." But they failed to recognize

them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost" (Heb. 2:4). The record says that "with great power gave the apostles witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." The Lord worked with them, "confirming the word with signs following."

The result of this inundation of God's Spirit was very evident—it caused the people to live in harmony: "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." They were living in self-forgetfulness. They felt that they belonged to God and each other. The rich shared with the poor; they understood each other; they loved each other; they had all things in common.

Selfishness is the basis of most of our troubles; and Pentecostal New Testament Christianity is a sure cure for selfishness. How we need an infusion of the Spirit in the world today! Then the special problems would be solved. Nations would live together in harmony. There would be no place for Communism to show its ugly head, for Pentecostal Christianity is Christ's alternative to Communism. The Church as it was in the first century is the pattern for every century. There is a popular opinion that if any group will contend for Pentecostal power in this modern day they are either starry-eyed idealists or mixed-up fanatics. My defense is this, if I may paraphrase the words of Paul: "That after the way which they call fanaticism, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing that all things written in the Book of Acts are for us today."

The exhortation of the Word of God is to contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints. There are those who say that to expect Pentecostal power in these last days is to be dispensationally misinformed. But Paul's exhortation to "follow after charity" certainly is valid for the Christians of this hour. Then the Apostle said in the same verse, with the same breath, "Desire spiritual gifts." Therefore, we conclude, if it is dispensationally incorrect to desire the Pentecostal phenomena, it is also incorrect to follow after charity.

But Peter said the promise of the experience received on the day of Pentecost is "unto you, and to your children, and all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Therefore let us not relegate this experience to some past day, but let us be assured that Pentecost is available now, not as a spiritual luxury, but as a necessity to successful Christian service. The human spirit fails unless the Holy Spirit fills.

The Altar of INCENSE

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THE WORD OF GOD TELLS US ABOUT A certain priest named Zacharias and his wife Elisabeth, who lived in the days of Herod, king of Judea. "They were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless" (Luke 1:6). It is a wonderful thing to walk blameless before God, and I believe verse nine shows how it was possible for these two people to live this kind of life. It was Zacharias' lot, "according to the custom of the priest's office, . . . to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord." Then, if burning incense can help us to walk blameless before God, to live the victorious life, we want to burn some, do we not?

Revelation 5:8 helps us see what this incense is: "And four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours [incense], which are the prayers of saints." This verse shows us that incense is a type of prayer. Again we read, "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne" (Rev. 8:3). We see from these two passages that incense represents prayer and praise, or communion with God.

Now that we know the meaning of incense in the Word of God, let us turn to Exodus to see how it was made. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight: and thou shalt make it a perfume . . . tempered together, pure and holy: and thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy" (Ex. 30: 34-36).

The incense and the anointing oil were the two most sacred things in all the tabernacle service, and so the incense was to be used only for the purpose for which God had ordained it. But how often we take the most sacred things and use them for selfish purposes. If we were more aware of the supreme holiness of God we would be more careful of our thoughts and actions in His sanctuary and in our daily lives as well.

It was the custom of Zacharias as a priest to burn this incense. There was only one way in which he could burn it, and that was by taking fire from the altar of sacrifice. And this altar is the only place we can find God's real fire, for it is there that He sends the flame which consumes the sacrifice. No priest could put fire on the altar; it must come down from above. We may possess some of this incense, but it will never burn unless we take our coals from the altar of sacrifice. That is why burning incense is costly. We would like to burn incense without sacrifice, but it cannot be done. The blessings or the experiences we have which come without sacrifice or suffering have not much depth to them, and others easily recognize it. Let a little north wind blow with its blighting blast and that soul which lives only on blessings without making any sacrifice will be carried away. May God help us to go down deep into Him.

Now let us look at the ingredients that went into this incense and see if we can make any in our own lives. The first element was stacte, meaning "that which is dropped or distilled." It was taken from a small tree growing on the mountains of Gilead whose gum oozed out drop by drop; and in order to make



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it flow freely, an incision had to be made in its bark.

I am sure that the Lord is glad to see grace flow from our lives even drop by drop, but if we would only allow Him to cut us it would flow so freely, so abundantly. Are we willing to have the incisions made so that the spirit of prayer may flow in streams from our lives? When this is our experience, prayer does not have to be "worked up," but it comes spontaneously as the expression of the Spirit of the Lord within us.

Jesus Himself received incisions. He prayed all night in the Garden and sweat "as it were great drops of blood." He said, "Yes, Father," and Calvary followed—the place where the wounds were inflicted. The great drops of blood falling to the ground were not enough to please the Father, were not enough to save our souls. There had to be the incisions, the five bleeding wounds. Not just one incision, but five bruised the Son of God; and yet we do not want to receive even a scratch!

The next component of the incense was onycha. This was a shellfish found in the Red Sea which fed upon the nard or stems of fragrant plants that grew by the edge of the water. The apothecary would take the shell of the crab and grind it up to make a sweet perfume. This crab did not give off very much perfume when held whole to the nostrils, but the delightful aroma was released when the shell was ground up and burned.

I wonder, if our "shell" were ground up, if it would make any perfume. Is there anything about our lives which carries a fragrance wherever we go? God needs to grind us up, and He has a beautiful mill to grind us in, one for which everyone turns the crank! We say we would not mind if this sister or that brother turned it, but that when a certain other brother or sister turns it, then it is quite different. "There is that sister and she is telling all kinds of stories (and lies, too) about me." Well, let her grind; it is God's mill. You know, beloved, it is the overcoming life we need, and that is perhaps the reason our incense is not burning as it should—our shells have not been burned up.

The fire was not put to this shell till it was made into powder, and then it gave off the most fragrant of perfumes. And that is the only kind of fragrance that God is well pleased with. It costs something, but let us have it whatever the price. If we desire to please God above everything else we will not always please people, but there will be a blessing to the needy ones with whom He puts us.

It was what this shellfish fed on that made the perfume, and likewise it is what we feed on that perfumes our lives. Christ is our example. He said,

"My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." His Father's will filled His life, and He did always those things that pleased Him. If our lives were like that there would be always the sweet perfume emanating from us.

But I fear we have been eating too many of Egypt's leeks and too much of its garlic. The things of old Egypt will never fill the life with sweet perfume, no, never. The blessed Word of God is our sweet nard. When we feed upon it, how it unfolds our Father's will to us. It searches deep and cuts to the very bone and marrow, for it is a two-edged sword. And if we will allow it to, it will cut us away from all the things of this life which keeps us from sweet fellowship with the Lord.

The third ingredient was galbanum, which was a shrub or plant that grew on the mountains of Syria. The gum from this plant had a very bitter taste and a musty, disagreeable odor. It was said to have the power of driving away vermin and reptiles. It was not a perfume, but when it was added to the sweet ingredients it gave strength to the mixture. And so we see that even in incense there were both bitter and sweet elements. We will find in our prayer lives things that are not pleasant, things which are cutting and bitter, but if we will mix them together, the sweet with the bitter, we will find God has given us just what we need.

These ingredients were to be mixed in equal proportions. If there had been an undue amount of the stacte or onycha (the sweet and fragrant) and not enough of the galbanum (the bitter and musty), there would have been lacking that which stands for the strength and power to resist the enemy and to stand fast without compromise. Also, if there had been too much of the galbanum compared to the stacte and onycha, there would have been a bitterness, reminding us of that bitter spirit that results from an unyieldedness, a hard and strong self-will. And thus the Holy Spirit is working in each one of us so that our lives may be well proportioned, that the parts may be blended together properly.

Then to these three elements frankincense was added. This spice is mentioned often in Scripture. The root meaning of the word is "to be white," and perhaps this name was given to it because of the pure whiteness of the gum from which it was made. The tree which yielded it grew upon almost bare marble rocks and drew its nourishment from them.

I wonder if you and I could live in the hard places and grow even upon the rocks—if we could draw nourishment from the trials, the tests, the sorrows. I am afraid not many of us would even



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try, but we do need the hard places to make our lives like Christ.

What a beautiful type that is of our Lord, who came as "a root out of a dry ground." He appeared in the wilderness of this world where there was nothing of the natural to sustain Him. The cuts that were made on Calvary's hill have ever kept the great fountain of blood open for the world lost in sin. And we should allow our Father to bruise us that through us others might be brought to Christ.

God is longing to get His people to a place where they will stand in the midst of hard trials and still praise Him. But it means being beaten small. Now if there is any place where we can be beaten small, it is in Pentecost, is it not? For if you join this crowd you will not be popular.

Now that we have seen of what our incense is composed, let us think about

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ADJECTIVES ARE LITTLE TOOLS OF TERMINOLOGY that we cannot get along without in speaking or writing. But the use of them can be and is being overdone in religious circles, by laymen and preachers alike.

There can be no objection to the use of descriptive adjectives in the proper place. But surely we are not to string them out one after another like links in a chain, or pile them up like layers of a cake. One would think from the reports over the air, and from the platform, that ordinary preachers do not exist any more. Constantly we hear this evangelist and the other described as "great," "outstanding," "brilliant," "dynamic," "miracle man," etc. The meetings too, are "wonderful," "glorious," "marvelous," "miraculous," and "great." Ordinary meetings where plain preachers preach to ordinary crowds seem to be non-existent.

We have been in services that we thought were ordinary. Later, when we heard an over-enthusiastic preacher report the meeting over the air, and learned what a super de luxe service it was, we hardly recognized it! Some preachers seem to be vying with each other to see who can stage the most spectacular meeting. Some of the advertising material for these meetings is ridiculous. Restraints should be exercised in the use of adjectives; and the field of entertainment should be left to comedians and professional entertainers. The work of God is serious business and should be carried on as such. Let us hear more about the ordinary evangelists, who lay no claim to being "supermen," "miracle men," or anything of the sort, but who consider themselves to be plain preachers preaching a simple gospel.

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The definition of adulation is "hypocritical and fulsome praise, servile flattery." One hears too much of this superficial flattery these days. Some evangelists are being eulogized to excess. Evangelists, too, laud pastors beyond the bounds of propriety, and the lay members laud both. Some services seem more like a Mutual Admiration Society than a religious service where Christ is supposed to be pre-eminent. In some services it

is difficult to tell whether we are there to worship Jesus or the speaker. Job says, "Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man. For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my maker would soon take me away" (Job 32:21-22).

There is nothing improper in complimenting a preacher for preaching a good sermon. But excessive praise and laudation of the creature is certainly not pleasing to the Creator. Furthermore, it is dangerous for a preacher to drink in too much adulation, lest he become exalted and thereby let himself in for a fall. Remember Uzziah. Remember also Herod who made an oration on one occasion, and when he had finished the people lauded him—said it was the voice of a god. The foolish man drank in all the flattery. Immediately the angel of God smote him and he died on the spot. God will not give His glory to another. We should stop this glorification of the servant, and give more glory to the Master.

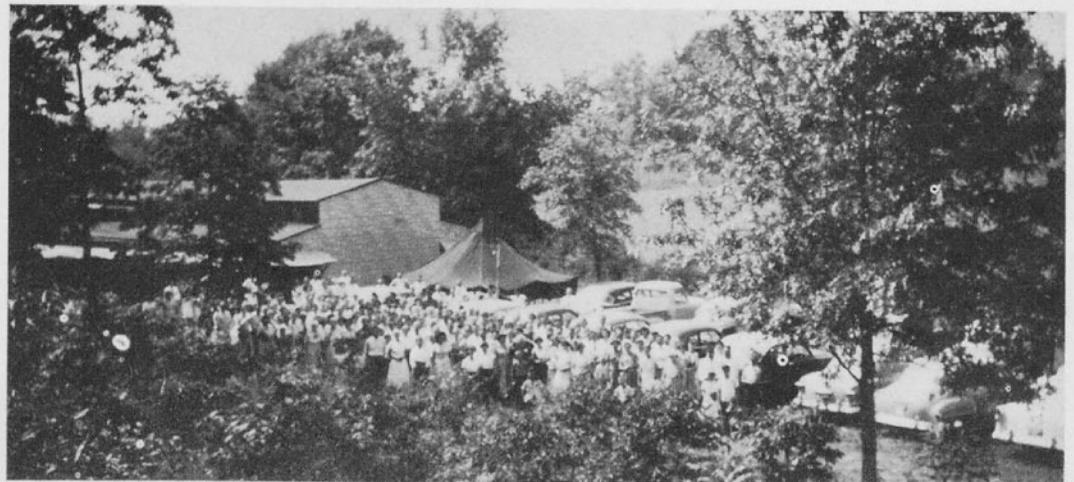
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Exaggeration means to magnify beyond truth or reason. Therefore evangelists, pastors, and laymen should be careful in

their report of meetings; there should be greater respect for the simple truth. Why should Christian workers get into this despicable practice of exaggeration? It is certainly no disgrace to report that only one or two were saved.

Noah's report would have been very brief, something like this: "Preached one hundred and twenty years, no one saved—ark completed, ready for the flood." Jesus preached to one lone woman at Jacob's well, and made a convert of her. At Philippi, Paul preached to a few women by the riverside—and at least, one (Lydia) was won by that first sermon. Philip hitch-hiked a ride with the Ethiopian eunuch, opened up the Word to him, and the man was won to the Lord. Thank God for the ones and twos! It is certainly no reproach to report that a meeting was just ordinary—with small attendance and few, if any, being saved.

Can it be possible that an evangelist exaggerates the results of a meeting, thinking it will add to his stature as a successful evangelist? The Lord forbid! Why must a crowd of a few score be blown up into hundreds, and a few hundred magnified into thousands? If only a few were saved, so be it; to God be the glory. If a few were healed, let it be a few, not scores. If a report must



SEVENTY RECEIVE THE BAPTISM AT TRI-STATE CAMP

EVANSVILLE, INDIANA—Many were saved and over seventy received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost at our first Tri-State Camp Meeting in this section. Warren Litzman was the camp evangelist. He preached on Pentecostal Power and God's blessing came down upon the crowds of people.

The photograph shows an afternoon crowd at the camp ground.

For five years our church had prayed that God would make it possible for us to have a camp ground. Then one day I received a letter from some fine people at Selvin, Indiana, saying they had a camp ground they would like to give me. I went to see them immediately, and found a five-acre site as beautiful as any I have ever seen: a tabernacle, concession stand, ten-room dormitory, pastor's cottage, shaded by scores of trees, and plenty of room to build! I just couldn't keep from shouting and crying when they said they listened to our radio broadcast regularly and when they told how God had laid it on their hearts to give the grounds to us. I told them that I did not want it for myself but said I would be happy if they wished to give it to

the Calvary Assemblies of God Church. This they did, with a clear deed, and we had our first camp on this consecrated ground this summer.

Only eternity will reveal all of the results. We invited all of our Assembly pastors and people in southern Illinois, southern Indiana, and northern Kentucky. The response was excellent. Our pastors felt that God surely had given this camp ground to us as there is no Assemblies of God camp closer than 150 miles. It is 200 miles from our Indiana State Camp.

Hundreds of people came night after night. Most of the churches in this section are Home Missions efforts. The pastor of one new church told me that thirteen of his congregation received the Baptism at the camp. Other pastors said nine, some four or five. The first camp was so successful we are making big plans for next summer. We hope to have a great Home Missions and Foreign Missions service next year, if Jesus tarries. We plan to have a Boys' and Girls' Camp, and also a Youth Camp, in addition to the regular Camp Meeting. Pray for this new Tri-State Camp. It is a gift from God.

—by H. P. Vibbert, Sectional Presbyter.

be made at all, let it be absolutely truthful. And let us stop this miserable business of exaggeration.

Why count noses at all? Let the Lord do the counting. He will, you know—"The Lord will count when He writeth up the people—" (Ps. 87:6). And His

tally will be absolutely accurate, make no mistake about that. It is quite probable that some preachers will be in for a rude shock, when they compare their list of converts with the Lord's, and find that so few of their sheep made it to Glory.

PASSING and PERMANENT

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Phonograph Records Banned

The Houston Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Commission has issued a long list of phonograph records of songs with objectionable lyrics which it blames for the rise in juvenile delinquency, along with television, movies, comic books, and pulp fiction. Other communities are picking up the campaign.

Printing School for Missionaries

Clyde H. Dennis, head of the Good News Publishers in Chicago, announces the opening in September of a training course for gospel missionaries who wish to learn the secrets of modern printing methods. Both a beginner's course and an advanced course in offset printing will be offered at no cost to the missionary.

Livingstone's Passion for Christ

When the motion picture, *With Stanley in Africa*, was being filmed in Hollywood, the director said, "We're having trouble with this picture. It's not hard to build up scenes of jungle life, or to create native atmosphere. But here's our main problem—how are we going to get across to the public the power that sent David Livingstone out to Africa and kept him there?"

Perhaps the answer which Hollywood couldn't fathom can be found in Livingstone's entry on his second-to-last birthday: "My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All! I again dedicate my whole self to Thee!"

Wesleyan Methodists Reject Merger

The proposed merger between the Wesleyan Methodist and Free Methodist Churches was voted down at the quadrennial general conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church this summer. The Commission on Merger was dissolved after twelve years of study.

Delegates voted in favor of a "friendly and co-operative" relationship between the two denominations in the exchange of convention speakers, union evangelistic services, and the possible establishment of a jointly-operated seminary.

Syrian Students Converted

Evangelicals in Lebanon report that a genuine revival has broken out in the predominantly Moslem student body at the American University in Beirut. Some 250 decisions for Christ were reported among the 3,000 students who attended special meetings.

Religious Bookstores Increasing

According to *Christian Life*, there are now about 3,000 religious bookstores in the U. S., as compared with a mere sprinkling ten years ago. About one-third of all bookstores are religious. The Christian Booksellers Association, founded in 1950 with eighteen members, now has a membership of about 400.

Learning Hebrew in Israel

Israelis are learning basic Hebrew at a rapid rate—more than 40,000 in the past six months. This is the estimate of Israel's Ministry of Education.

It took an American Jew with a G. I. background to devise a new system of teaching "Hebrew without tears." Yehuda L. Shuval uses the American Army's World War II system of teaching foreign languages and does not bore his students with grammar. Instead he teaches basic, simple Hebrew, consisting of 1,000 words, cutting out all the verbiage and grammatical niceties. Now even the older people are mastering the hard-to-learn Hebrew language.

Hebrew is the national language, and about two-thirds of Israel's population can use it freely. Several evangelical groups are distributing gospel literature for these new readers.

A Puritan Mother

A statue of a Puritan mother has been erected at Plymouth by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The mother's head is bowed in modesty. Her clothes are the hood, full skirt and buckled shoes of her day. In her hand there is a Bible. At the base of the statue are these words: "They brought up their families in sturdy virtue and a living faith in God, without which nations perish."

Airlift to America

A group of 73 Lutherans landed at Chicago's Midway Airport last month after a 25-hour flight from Munich, Germany. It was the first plane to bring immigrants directly from Europe to the Midwest under the Refugee Relief Act.

Universal Military Training

Religious groups opposing universal military training claimed a victory when the Defense Department gave up its fight for even a token start on a six-month training plan for 17- and 18-year-old boys.

Church Attendance Analyzed

The increase in church-going throughout America can be traced to one dominant factor, in the opinion of three out of every ten Americans questioned in a nation-wide survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion. That factor is public unrest and concern over the future. The second major explanation advanced by the public is the renewed faith of Americans in God as a Supreme Being.

In a recent survey of U. S. church attendance, the institute found that 46 per cent of the nation's adults attended church on a typical Sunday. Four years ago the figure was 39 per cent. Fifteen years ago it was 41 per cent.

If only 46 per cent attend church on Sundays, it means that over half the adults in America do not go to any house of worship. They are missing out completely on the benefits that could be theirs through visiting the house of God. There were eight different workers in charge of the church at various times during the first five years.

The Christian Home

Here is what a newspaper, *The Baltimore Sun*, says about the Christian home: "Why is the Christian home such a fine and precious thing? Because it is a garden of the Lord, a nursery for human lives to grow in. Its seclusion, its shelter, its wise and careful culture are invaluable to growing souls, and nothing can make up for the lack of them. The home is the God-appointed educator of mankind. We have a multitude of institutions which we call schools; but the real schools, where the real lessons of life are learned, are the homes of America. We still hear a good deal about the higher education, the highest that can be had. It is found in the lofty lessons of self-control, self-sacrifice, sublime faith, and splendid trust which home life has such a marvelous power to teach. There is no training to be had in school, or college, or anywhere in the world which can take the place of discipline of the home. Every true Christian home is a university, fully equipped, amply endowed, and able to give the highest education which can be got in this world."

General Council Preview

26th General Council to Meet in Oklahoma City, September 1 to 6

Preparations for the twenty-sixth General Council of the Assemblies of God, to be held in Oklahoma City, September 1 to 6, are nearing completion. For weeks and months many workers have been busy planning the program, arranging accommodations for the visitors, painting signs, making exhibit booths, preparing publicity, and doing a multitude of other tasks that must always precede a successful convention of the magnitude of the General Council.

The theme of the convention is spelled out in the big colorful letters that are shown on the cover page—"BY HIS SPIRIT." As the thousands of ministers, delegates, and other visitors gather for these days of fellowship, prayer, preaching, and counselling together to determine God's will for the Assemblies of God, may there be a deep consciousness in the hearts of all of us that blessing and success in our divinely-appointed task will not come through our own might, nor through any human power, but only by the Spirit of the Lord. May we say with David, "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him."

NINE WORKSHOPS

An innovation at this General Council, and one which promises to be very helpful to all who attend, will be the "Local Church Workshops," four of which will be on Saturday afternoon and five on Monday afternoon.

The subjects of the SATURDAY workshops and the names of those in charge are as follows:

All sessions of the General Council will be held in the Municipal Auditorium (shown below) except the Sunday night outdoor evangelistic rally.

HONORED GUESTS

Two honored guests at the General Council will be Governor Raymond Gary and Senator Robert S. Kerr. The Governor will give a brief address of welcome at the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday night during the Christ's Ambassadors Rally. The Senator will address the outdoor rally at the Fair Grounds Stadium on Sunday night.



Governor Gary

Senator Kerr

"The Part of Women in our Church"—Mrs. Arthur F. Berg, Sioux Falls, S. D.

"The Part of Men in Our Church"—James E. Hamill, Memphis, Tenn.

"The Church and Its Young People"—Melvin M. Brewer Jr., Cleveland, Ohio.

"The Church and Its Teaching Ministry"—E. Elsworth Krogstad, Eugene, Oreg.

On MONDAY there will be other valuable workshops, as follows:

"The Relationship of the Pastor and the Evangelist"—John H. Bostrom, San Gabriel, Calif.

The auditorium, lobby, and exhibit room are cooled with refrigerated air.

"The Church and the Use of Radio"—C. M. Ward, Revivaltime speaker.

"Evangelism in the local Church"—Roy H. Wead, Indianapolis, Ind.

"The Church's Responsibility to World Missions"—Andrew H. Stirling, Dunn, N. C.

"Christian Education Opportunities in the Assemblies of God"—Irvine J. Harrison, Costa Mesa, Calif.

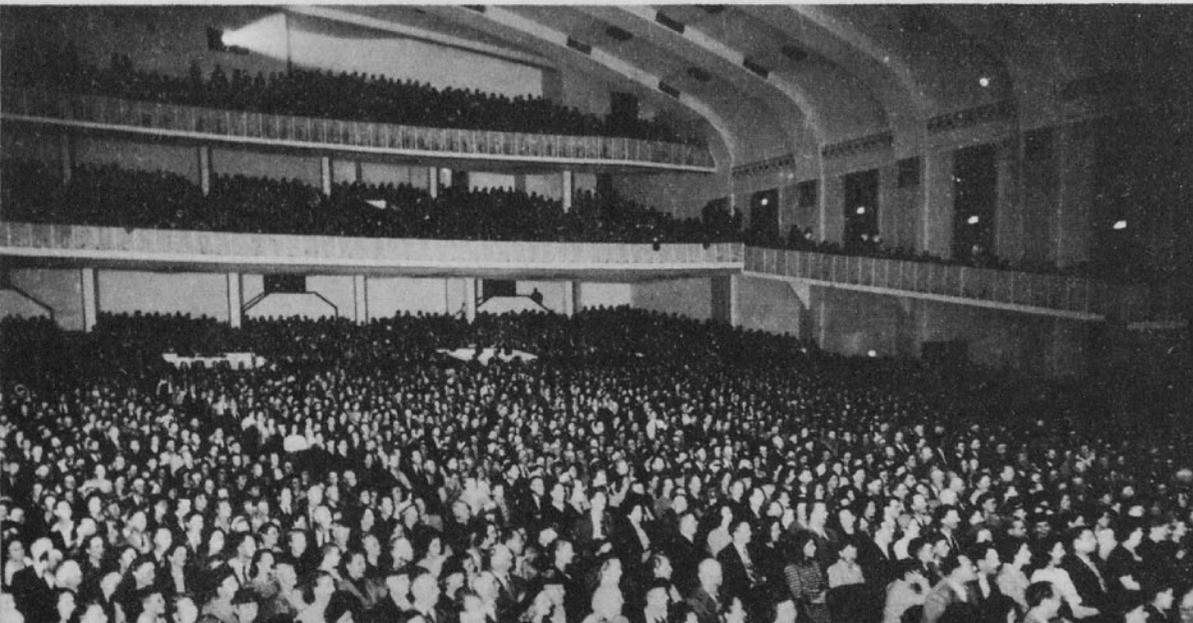
These workshops will last for one hour (1:30 to 2:30 p. m.) and all registered delegates or visitors may attend whichever workshops they prefer. You will want to jot down a great many things you hear at these workshops and take them home with you for future guidance.

GENERAL COUNCIL IN REVIEW

Another innovation will be the hour-long presentation on Friday afternoon and a similar presentation on Tuesday afternoon, at which the work of the various Departments at our National Headquarters will be explained. A part of the time will be devoted to questions and answers, in which the audience will take part. This feature will afford an insight into the activities of the General Council such as you may never have had. You will get a new appreciation of the vast scope of activities by which the staff at Springfield, Mo. is serving all of our local Assemblies.

EXHIBITS

The exhibits at this General Council will be more extensive and more varied than ever before. For the first time, commercial firms will be permitted to

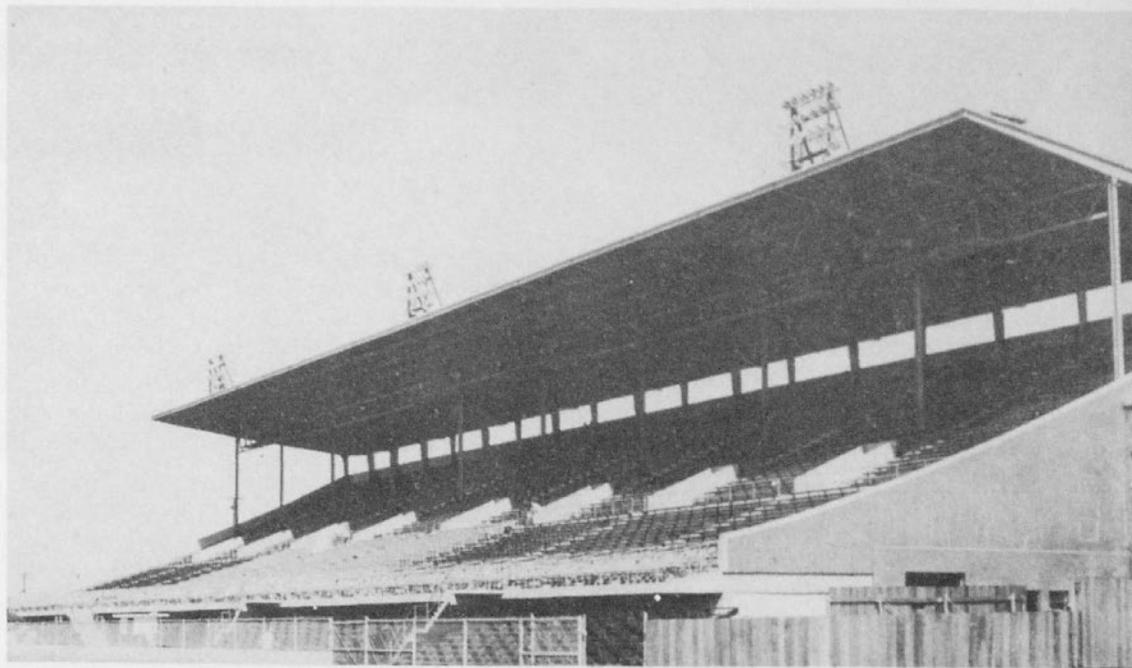


SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 7:30 p.m.—Youth Rally
 Friday 10 a.m.—General Superintendent's address and opening business session
 Friday 1:30 p.m.—"General Council in Review"
 Friday 6:30 p.m.—"Revivaltime" Transcription
 Saturday 7 a.m.—Men's Fellowship breakfast
 Saturday 1:30 p.m.—Workshops
 Saturday 7:30 p.m.—Home Missions Rally
 Sunday 10 a.m.—Devotional and Memorial
 Sunday 2 p.m.—Foreign Missions Rally
 *Sunday 7:30 p.m.—Outdoor Evangelistic Rally
 Monday 1:30 p.m.—Workshops
 Tuesday 1:30 p.m.—"General Council in Review"
 Prayer Meeting—every morning at 8
 Devotional Service—every morning at 9
 Musical Vespers—every night at 7
 Evangelistic Service—every night at 7:30

*The Evangelistic Rally on Sunday night will be in the Fair Grounds Stadium. All other services during the 'General Council will be in the Municipal Auditorium.

exhibit such materials as church furniture, musical instruments, and office equipment. In addition, there will be scores of booths displaying the work that the Assemblies of God are doing among children, youth, servicemen, people of foreign lands, etc. A large book store will contain all kinds of Christian books and supplies for the individual and for the church. Time spent browsing at the book store and among the exhibits will be well invested.



Grandstand at Fair Grounds where evangelistic rally will be held Sunday night

BUSINESS SESSIONS

For four days (Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday) there will be business sessions both morning and afternoon at which necessary business will be considered and officers of the General Council will be elected. The usual reading of reports will be omitted, to save time, but the reports will be printed in detail and will be given to all who register.

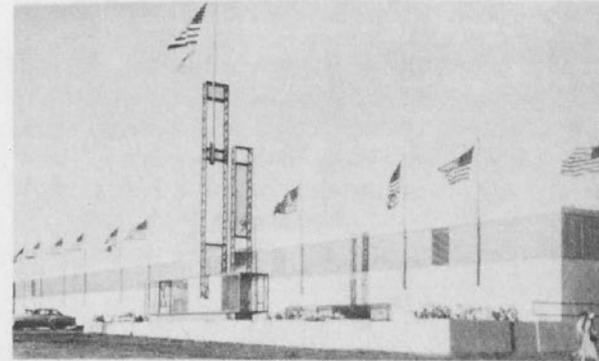
OUTDOOR EVANGELISTIC RALLY

A great crusade for souls will be conducted on Sunday night, September 4, when all the delegates and visitors attending the General Council plus all the members of the thirty-two Assemblies in the Oklahoma City area will converge on the Fair Grounds Stadium for a great evangelistic rally. There are 14,000 seats and the brethren in charge of the rally are expecting every seat to be occupied. The stage alone will seat over five hun-

dred. There is plenty of parking space. A large orchestra will provide sacred music.

In the early part of the service, Senator Robert S. Kerr will speak on the subject, "God and Man." The principal address will be a stirring gospel message by D. L. Sanders of Cincinnati, Ohio. Let us pray for a great harvest of souls at this rally.

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4-H Club Building at Fair Grounds

OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD AT GENERAL COUNCIL

Thursday night, Sept. 1—Paul E. Paino
 Friday morning, Sept. 2—R. M. Riggs
 Friday night, Sept. 2—C. M. Ward at 6:30
 Wiley T. Davis at 7:30
 Saturday morning, Sept. 3—Grady L. Fannin
 Saturday night, Sept. 3—Victor Trimmer
 Sunday morning, Sept. 4—Chas. W. H. Scott

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 4—Glenn Horst
 Sunday night, Sept. 4—Senator Robt. S. Kerr
 D. L. Sanders
 Monday morning, Sept. 5—R. L. Brandt
 Monday night, Sept. 5—W. M. Stevens
 Tuesday morning, Sept. 6—A. M. Alber
 Tuesday night, Sept. 6—Christian Hild



Paul Paino



W. T. Davis



G. L. Fannin



C. W. H. Scott



D. L. Sanders



M. F. Brandt



W. M. Stevens



A. M. Alber



C. Hild

ACCOMMODATIONS BEING RESERVED

Many have reserved space in hotels, motels, and other places including the large 4-H Club buildings at the Fair Grounds. These large buildings are practically new. They contain bunks, showers, and every necessary convenience except bedding and towels. There is one building for men, another for women, and the rate is only one dollar per night for each person. If you wish to reserve space in these large buildings, send a deposit of one dollar per bed which will be applied on your total bill. Mail all requests for any type of accommodations to: Douglas Freisen, Housing Committee Co-chairman, Box 4, Bethany, Okla. Be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply.

MORNING PRAYER

Beginning Friday, there will be a prayer meeting each morning beginning at eight o'clock with A. A. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo. in charge. These morning prayer meetings always serve as a thermostat, regulating the spiritual atmosphere. The degree of blessing always depends on the amount of prayer that ascends to God on behalf of the convention. Will you be there? Will you pray for the meetings?

There should be at least one delegate from each Assembly, besides the pastor. Plan to attend if you possibly can. If you cannot be there yourself, pray for those who do attend. There is every indication that this twenty-sixth General Council will be the BIGGEST of all. Let us pray that it may also be the BEST of all.

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The Altar of Incense

the best time to burn it. Aaron was to burn incense in the morning when he dressed the lamps and in the evening when he lit them. So we need to give off fragrance while our Priest is trimming us, although sometimes He cuts off so much of the wick that it hurts us. But if we are burning incense while He is working, we will never grumble nor find fault nor fear.

It also says here that "he shall burn incense upon it [the altar], a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations" (Ex. 30:8). It would take a good deal of incense to keep it burning like that, but we can do it with His help. Caleb said when facing a seemingly impossible task, "We are well able" (Num. 13:30). He could say it because he believed God. He did not look at the walled cities or the Anakims,

General Council to Be Scene of Revivaltime Broadcast on Friday

In a great Vesper service on Friday night, September 2 (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.) REVIVALTIME will be produced in the main auditorium at the General Council Convention in Oklahoma City.

It is a thrill never to be forgotten to be present and witness first-hand the great coast-to-coast network broadcast of the Assemblies of God.

Cyril McClellan, the choir director, will choose a choir from the Oklahoma City churches to be featured on this broadcast. You will see the REVIVALTIME organist, pianist, and soloist in action. Bartlett Peterson, the announcer and E. M. Clark, the producer will be there.

You will have the privilege of seeing Brother Ward as he preaches the Full Gospel message over 335 stations to 10,000,000 homes across the nation.

Don't miss this second great night of the General Council in Oklahoma City.



but rather at his God; and that is the path to victory.

There is one more truth about the burning of incense that I want us to notice particularly. We have often said, "Oh, for a vision of Jesus!" Note where Zacharias received his vision: "The whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared upon him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense" (Luke 1:10, 11). Note where the angel was standing—at the right side of the altar of incense. That is where the Lord always stands, and that is why some of us never see Him. We are standing around the altar of sacrifice all the time, watching our poor little offering burn and weeping over it. Rather we should bind it to the horns of the altar and then take the coals of fire from there and go to the altar of incense and worship God. If you have never tried this, do it now, and see what will happen.

The Lord appeared to Zacharias to give him a message, and that message was, "Thy prayer is heard." Have you been praying for loved ones and it seems there is no answer? Go to the altar and begin to burn some incense; make its smoke fill heaven's courts, and soon you will see by that altar the same vision and hear the same message, "Thy prayer is heard." And that vision and that message will repay you for all the hard days of suffering and toil.

So let us keep the incense burning on our altars continually.

How to Win a Child to Christ

Think of him as a soul, not as "merely a child."

Love him sincerely, and let him know that you love him.

Be interested, not only in his soul, but in his present life, and show this interest at all times.

Think of evangelism as a constant effort, and never limit it to a specific occasion on which you speak definitely to the child of his salvation.

Tell him the simple gospel story in your own words, never seeking to talk down to him, and yet avoiding terminology and symbolism which he may not comprehend. Emphasize the love of God, the sacrifice of Christ, and the responsibility of each person for his own sin. Invite him to attend regular services, and sit with him during these services if at all possible.

Suggest helpful Bible readings to him and try to lead him into greater Bible appreciation.

Encourage him to feel at home with you, to discuss his problems, confide his doubts, and ask questions.

Live before him an example of happy, purposeful Christianity.

Pray for him, and seek opportunity to pray with him.

—Billie Davis

Saturday Will Be

HOME MISSIONS DAY

at the General Council

"Think of it. In every one of our 7,000 Assemblies of God churches there was a first service held—a first sermon preached—a first soul saved!"

This simple but significant truth sums up why Victor Trimmer, National Home Missions Secretary, is convinced that church extension is one of the most important ministries of the Assemblies of God. Brother Trimmer will be preaching Saturday night, September 3, at the 26th Biennial General Council at Oklahoma City. That service will be dedicated to Assemblies of God pioneers!

Every pioneer pastor present that night will sit in a reserved section. Pastors who are presently pioneering will be seated on the platform.

During the service a special offering will be taken for blueprints and building plans. In many areas it is not possible to begin holding public meetings in anything except fireproof buildings. In other places there are regulations against using tents. Because of these and similar conditions, more and more pioneers are

finding it necessary to build churches. They need plans for buildings which can be added to and expanded as the church grows. To meet this unusual need, home missions officials have decided that the Saturday night offering should be used exclusively for this purpose. Pastors who wish to do so are urged to bring offerings from their churches to General Council for the blueprint offering. Missionary credit will be given.

The entire day, September 3, will be emphasized as Home Missions Day. All of the day's activities, which include a banquet honoring the pioneers, will be centered around the theme, "Pioneer!"

Pastors who have opened a church at some time during their ministry are asked to register at the Pioneer Booth in the exhibit room. Tickets for the pioneer banquet will be on sale for \$1 at the Pioneer Booth. The banquet will be held at the Kiwanis Hospitality Home at 5:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Following the banquet at 7:15 p.m. all pioneer pastors present at General



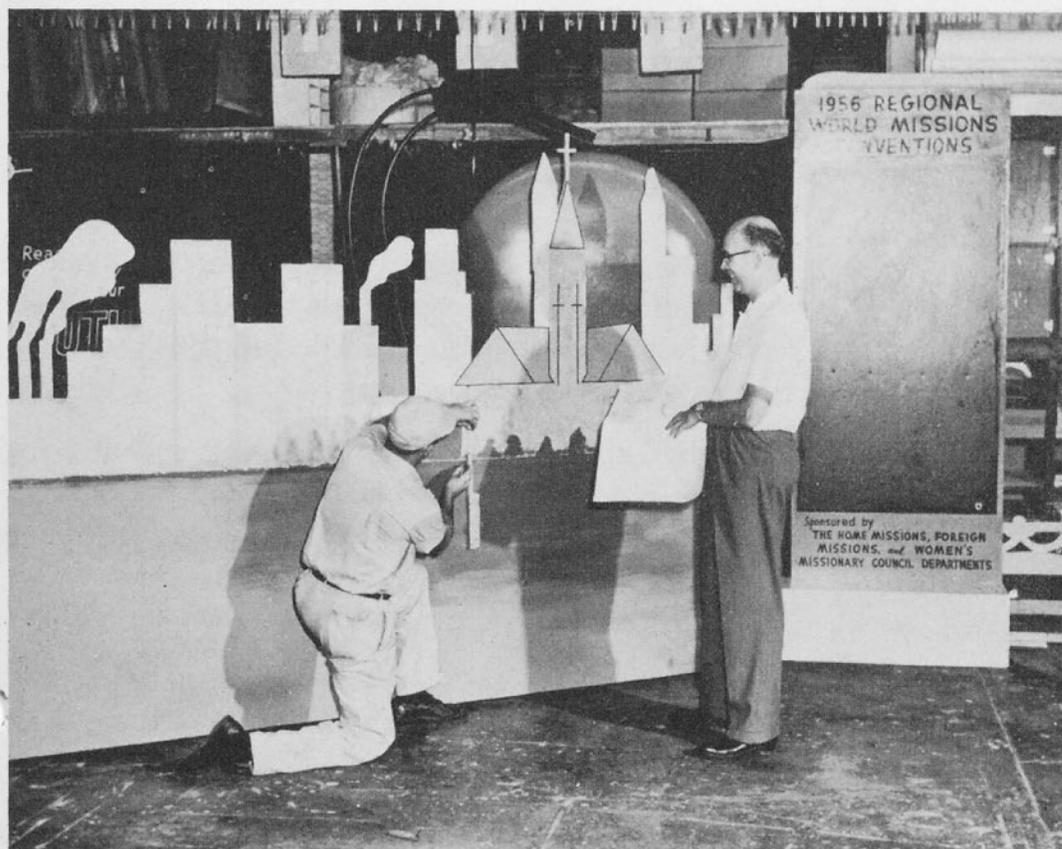
Victor Trimmer

Council, whether or not they were able to attend the banquet, will assemble to receive information about their part in the evening service.

On Monday and Tuesday mornings, September 5 and 6, Brother Trimmer and other home missions leaders will meet with sectional presbyters and home missions officers. These two seminar breakfasts will be held in the Derrick Room of the Biltmore Hotel at 7:30 a.m. Tickets for the breakfasts will be on sale for \$1.60 at the Pioneer Booth in the exhibit room.

At the seminar breakfasts, sectional men from all over the nation will have the opportunity to exchange ideas on promoting church extension.

Hardy Steinberg, Publicity Supervisor for the Home Missions Department, checks with the carpenter on final details of the Church Extension exhibit for the General Council in Oklahoma City.

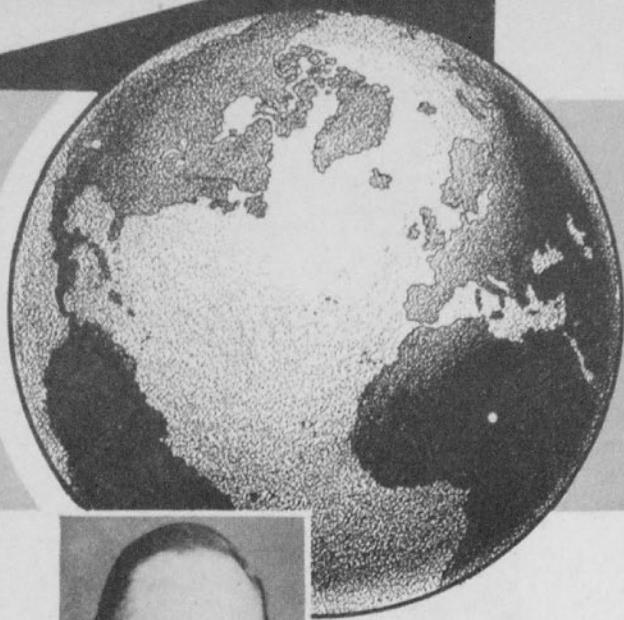


TOO MUCH PEACE OF MIND?

"Religion may be popular but repentance never is," Stuart Grizzard told students at the University of Richmond. He said many Americans are "trying to turn God into an aspirin tablet and Christianity into soothing syrup. All true religion involves sacrifices. It is immoral for us to think that we can get something for nothing." Christianity, said Mr. Grizzard, requires "a sincere turning from sin and a genuine contrition."

A psychoanalyst, Dr. Erich Fromm, said in Washington recently that the revival of religious interest in the United States is "as superficial as the wave of atheism twenty years ago." It is trying to "combine the ideas of the Judeo-Christian religion with the ideas of Dale Carnegie."

Said Dr. Fromm: "One is encouraged to use the ideas of the Bible to sell oneself, rather than see the profound cleavage between the teachings of the Bible and the materialism by which everyone lives today."



Support



Noel Perkin
Rally Director

World Evangelization

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One cannot think of any sizeable gathering of Assemblies of God folk without expecting some portion of the meeting to be given over to foreign missions emphasis. It has been this way from the beginning.

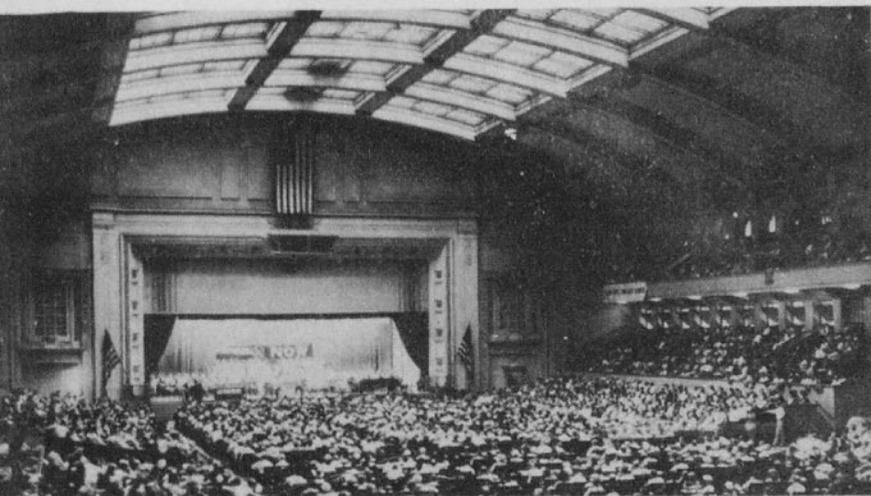
The co-ordination of foreign missions activity was one of the prime considerations that brought our General Council fellowship into being. One of the first departments to be organized was the Foreign Missions Department. This early vision for foreign missions has been maintained by the Holy Spirit until at the present time our Assem-

blies of God foreign missions enterprise stands at the very forefront of world missionary activity.

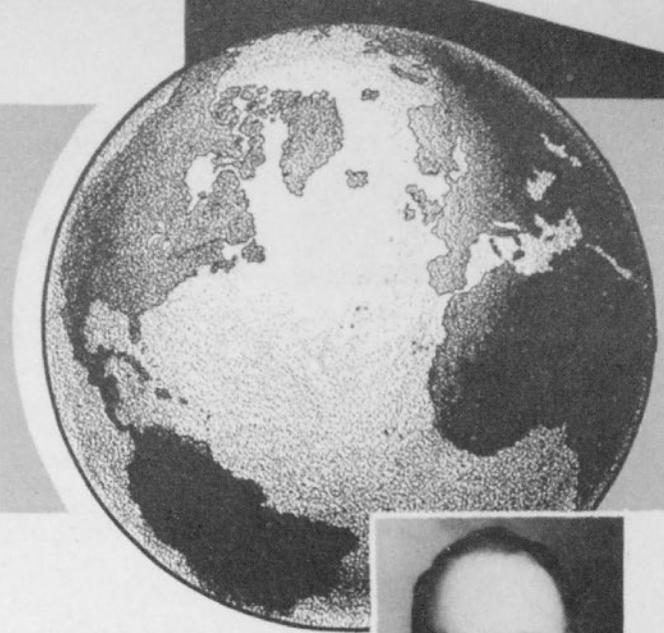
True to this early emphasis and vision, the biennial General Council meeting sets aside the Sunday afternoon of the Council sessions for a great Foreign Missions Rally. For many folk, this meeting has become a highlight of General Council. Who can forget the pageantry of the grand march: scores of missionaries, with their colleagues from many lands, marching in various costumes of their chosen fields? Who can forget the solid, heart-touching testimony of the veteran, missionaries, the eager longing of the newly appointed workers, the victorious reports of progress, of new fields opened, and the great challenge of the unfinished task?

The Lord willing, this year's Council meeting will follow the cherished tradition and the Sunday afternoon meeting will be even more inspiring than ever. Another glorious chapter will be recorded in the story of General Council missionary rallies.

In Oklahoma City you will hear the farewell message of Lillian Trasher. Seldom, if ever, has a missionary thrilled the hearts of our people like Sister Trasher. For eight months she has engaged



W-E Day



ion Day at the 1955

Assemblies of God in

OKLAHOMA CITY



Glenn Horst
Main Rally Speaker

in an almost continuous itinerary that few young missionaries could have endured. Yet today she appears stronger than when she stepped off the boat last December. Miss Trasher has made many new friends. To these as well as to the old friends who have stood by her work for many years, the "Nile Mother" wants just one brief moment to say "Good-by and God bless you" before she returns to her great orphanage work in Egypt.

The main speaker for the W-E Day Rally will be Glenn Horst, veteran missionary and Department representative, who has just returned from an extended ministry in the Far East. Brother Horst has recently assumed directorship of our

newest division, that of "Overseas Evangelism." His voice is not new to most of us, but he has a new message, a report of great REVIVAL. His account of the mighty sweeping revival in the



LILLIAN TRASHER'S FAREWELL



After eight months of continuous travel throughout America, Lillian Trasher will be giving her farewell message to the Assemblies of God at the General Council Missionary Rally September 4.

This will be your last opportunity to hear this great woman of God before she returns to her beloved orphans at Assiut, Egypt.

It will be worthwhile for you to attend General Council for this one meeting only. Those who have heard Miss Trasher will never be the same again, so stirring is the message of this woman of faith.

Philippines where thousands have been saved, healed, and delivered from Satan will stir every heart and bolster the faith of everyone present.

As always, Noel Perkin, our Executive Director, will direct the great W-E Day Rally. A capacity crowd is expected. Hope to see you Sunday afternoon, September 4, in Oklahoma City.

—J. Philip Hogan



Daily DEVOTIONS

BIBLE READINGS BASED ON NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

...they searched the Scriptures daily

MONDAY, August 15

NATHAN REBUKES DAVID—2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13, 14

"And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die" (v. 13).

This brief exchange of words contains the fundamental principles of salvation—man's confession of sin, and God's willingness to forgive. Every born-again Christian has experienced the emotions which must have possessed David at this moment. First there was the overwhelming, crushing sense of guilt—the deep, tearing regret which is one of the greatest agonies a human being can know. But the next emotion—David's salvation depended upon what that emotion would be.

It could have been cowardly shame or defensive pride, either of which might have led to attempts at self-justification. He could have turned away in defeat and self-pity, deciding that he was too bad to be saved. He could have risen in anger against his accuser—could have tried to bury his inward shame in outward arrogance. But David's immediate reaction was one of humility and honest, straightforward confession: "I have sinned against the Lord."

God's immediate reaction to sincere sorrow for sin and honest confession of it is always the same. He will "put away" sin from His sight and from the life of the new-born Christian if the Christian will feel as sorry for it, face it as honestly, and confess it as humbly as David did.

—BILLIE C. DAVIS

TUESDAY, August 16

DAVID AND URIAH—2 Samuel 11:6-17

"Send me Uriah the Hittite" (v. 6).

Veiled in this simple, personal request was the intent of David's diabolic crime. How innocent the request appeared to the unsuspecting. Love covers a multitude of sin, but one sin can affect a multitude of people.

Oh, who can know the evil heart? Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). Even the advanced knowledge of modern science must still confess that the veiled depth of human personality holds many mysteries—many of them mysteries of evil. One might well ask, "Does man ever really know himself?"

It is almost inconceivable that this David—here an adulterer and murderer—is the David we have hitherto known. Heretofore we have had reason to tremble for his integrity. Now he is acting like a child of the devil. All sense of righteousness seems gone. He burns with the passions of hell.

The full depths of the human heart can be known only by God. How well it behooves us to walk each day in the fear of the Lord and to pray constantly, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if

there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psa. 139:23, 24).

—MARTIN LUTHER DAVIDSON

WEDNESDAY, August 17

DISPLEASED TO THE LORD—2 Samuel 11:18-27

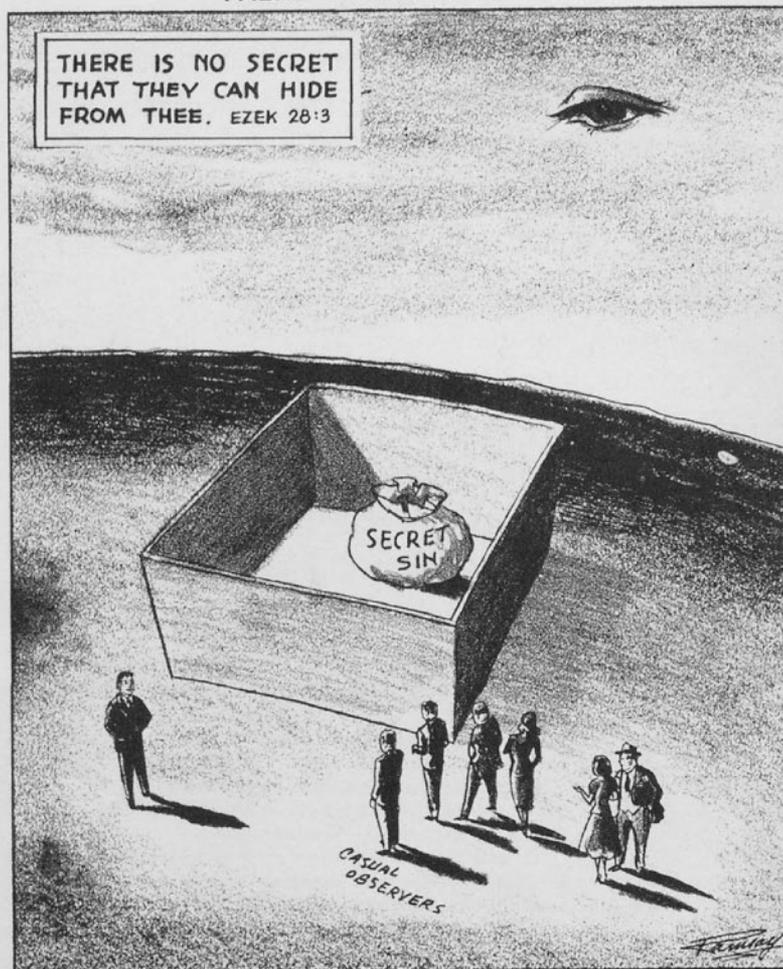
David, God's anointed, lusted in his heart and committed a great sin. The message of Joab to David was that the destruction of Uriah had been completed. This pleased David, "but the thing that David had done displeased the Lord" (v. 27). After much sorrow, repentance, and loss on the part of David, he was forgiven and his anointing was restored.

There are many ways in which even Spirit-filled people may displease the Lord. One sin is described by Paul in these words: "Are ye not carnal, and walk as men?" We must live with a rich anointing of the Spirit upon us constantly if we would please God and be ready to be used in His service.

Once a Christian worker in the slums met an old Jewish woman peddler, who later was hospitalized and called for her. The peddler said, "You're a good lady, or you wouldn't try to help those bad girls. Your church prays for the sick—please pray for my leg. They want to take my leg off; but if they do that I can't peddle and will starve." When the worker tried to point her to Jesus, however, she wasn't interested in being saved. She only wanted to be healed. "Oh! Don't bother me; please just pray for my leg."

As the Christian worker looked down into the hard old face, full of agony, she felt helpless. She cried to God for help, and instantly there poured from her lips a strange language. The old Jewish woman sat up and asked, "Where did you learn that? That was my mother tongue in Arabia; I have never heard it spoken in America." The worker explained that this was a miracle, and that Jesus was speaking to her. The Jewess at once cried out to God and believed Him to save her soul.

THERE IS ONE WHO SEES



Let us always be alert to the opportunities before us. Let us not displease the Lord by walking as mere men. It is our privilege and duty to be anointed with the Spirit constantly.

—ALMA WARE CROSBY

THURSDAY, August 18

A PRAYER FOR PARDON—Psalm 51:1-17

David saw sin in its true character. He realized the exceeding sinfulness of sin, which corrupted him from his very conception (v. 5).

Note his deep contrition: "My sin is ever before me" (v. 3). This confession blotted out all thought of his own noble and meritorious deeds.

David took the right cure for sin, making no attempt to cover it. He cried not for a mere washing, but for a thorough purging (v. 7) to remove the filth penetrating the very fiber of the sinner's being (v. 10).

David saw God in His true character—as One great in "tender mercies" (v. 1). That redemption from such a hopeless condition should be possible is almost inconceivable; but David experienced the glorious reality of it, as do all who come to God in true contrition.

From childhood David knew the purpose of the sacrifices. Here he names an important ingredient which the sinner must contribute in order to make God's part of the sin sacrifice effective: namely, "a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart" (v. 17). Without such an attitude all prayer for pardon is useless.

—J. J. MUELLER

FRIDAY, August 19

PENITENCE AND PARDON—Isaiah 55:6-13

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and . . . let him return unto the Lord. . . , for he will abundantly pardon" (v. 7).

Can a more gracious invitation ever be found? Man, the erring, fallen sinner, is offered abundant pardon.

Sin separates man from God. The origin of sin may seemingly be shrouded in mystery; but the terrible fact of its grip on man is everywhere revealed.

Man will not readily admit his sinfulness, but when the light of God shines on his soul he sees his lost condition. How shall he be delivered?

Pardon comes by true repentance and faith in God's saving grace. "Repentance includes a change of mind, of will, of feelings, and a godly sorrow for sin with determination to forsake it" (Finney).

Sin unrepented of brings eternal separation from God. True repentance of sin brings eternal pardon by God. Hear His invitation, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" (v. 6).

—G. RAYMOND CARLSON

SATURDAY, August 20

THE BLESSING OF FORGIVENESS—Psalm 32

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (v. 1).

A nineteen-year-old youth cruelly slaughtered a child. After his detection he was seen to wash his hands repeatedly. Questioned because of his conduct, he said, "I can't get the blood off my hands!"

An escaped criminal, caught years later in a factory where he was employed, surrendered saying, "I've been expecting this ever since I ran away. I am glad you have found me!"

Everlasting condemnation is the portion of the unforgiven; but oh, what peace and bliss comes with divine forgiveness!

God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Therefore "come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa. 1:18). Is any person too wicked for forgiveness? Not according to God's Word!

A bed too short is religion without repentance of sin, and a cover too narrow for warmth is the doctrine that denies His atoning blood. But peaceful rest and assurance is the possession of the man to whom God imputes no iniquity, whose sin is covered.

—MRS. MARJORIE LOOMIS

Sunday School lesson for August 21, 1955—
"Nathan Rebukes David" (2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13, 14).

The Thrill of the Pioneer

PAUL E. BILLS

(While serving as Sunday School Representative and Home Missions Director for the Central New Jersey Section, Paul E. Bills assisted in the opening of several pioneer works. He has pastored at Waverly, Port Jefferson and Brockport, New York. Recently he resigned his pastorate in Long Branch, New Jersey, and plans to go to Alaska.)

What Bible School student doesn't dream of the day when he will be able to step into his first church and preach to the fine assembled congregation? What he does not realize is that there are a few hundred other students who have the same idea and that there just are not enough organized churches to go around.

All churches must have a beginning. They don't just emerge by themselves. Wherever one finds people worshipping the Lord in Pentecostal fashion he can be sure that some consecrated servant of God travailed in blood, sweat, and tears. Someone had a vision for the church in which you worship, and someone, under God, worked faithfully until it was established.

Every pioneer is aware of the trials, heartaches, and discouragements peculiar to the work. Lest some be frightened by the negative side, however, let us hasten to declare that the blessings far outweigh the burdens. There is a romance and thrill associated with missions. Who has not sat in a missionary convention and felt the charged atmosphere as the workers related their experiences? The challenging spirit of the service affects one even to the emptying of his pocket-book. My wife and I while attending a home missionary meeting several years ago were sitting in different parts of the congregation. As a plea was made for a certain need we both, unaware of what

the other was doing, emptied our pocket-books.

I wish to suggest a few of the thrills that are associated with being a Pentecostal pioneer.

First, there is the thrill of trusting God for your needs. What pastor does not like to relate personal incidents of how God miraculously provided in the hour of need? How I rejoice when I remember leaving a job paying ninety dollars a week to go into a little pioneer work where I received fifteen dollars a week. Those were wonderful days. God was very real. Jehovah-pireh was not a cold, theological term, but a personal reality. Pioneer workers know the joy of "praying in" their needs. How thrilling to hear their testimonies!

Then, there is the thrill of seeing your first convert. We are living in the days of mass evangelism. Thousands are being saved. We rejoice in these wonderful reports. However, there is no greater rejoicing in heaven or on earth than when the pioneer worker sees his first convert weeping his way through to God. Then there is the moment when someone receives the blessed baptism in the Holy Spirit. What a thrill to know that you have been instrumental in bringing the Pentecostal fullness into the community.

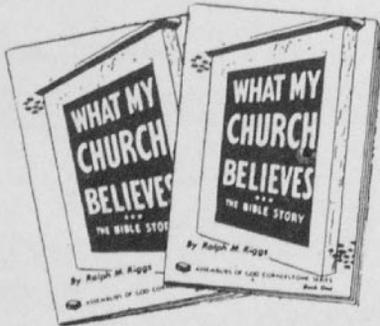
There is the thrill, too, of building your own foundation and training the people. Every preacher has his own ideals of church operation. The pioneer pastor



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Fourth, there is the thrill and satisfaction of observing the growth of a new work. We would not belittle the increase of an older established church, but the growth of an infant church is very fascinating. Month after month new ones are added to the number. Eventually it grows so much that it becomes necessary to expand. How great is the joy and enthusiasm of a pioneer worker and his church when the building program finally begins!

There is the thrill of just being a pioneer. Almost everyone has a little adventurous spirit in him. We admire the bravery and fortitude of the early American pioneers. How much greater the thrill of being a gospel pioneer, following in the steps of the patriarch of old!

Last, there is the thrill of realizing that God is pleased with your ministry. A pioneer worker is very close to our Lord's heart. He Himself left all the riches and conveniences of heaven to become the first gospel pioneer. He knows something of the burdens and hardships; therefore He draws very near to the worker. He bends low to hear their cries for help. He stands by to wipe the tears of discouragement from their eyes. Oh, the joy of knowing that He is pleased with our labor of love on the mission field.

There are many discouragements associated with the opening of a new work, but the thrill of being a Pentecostal Pioneer far outweighs the burden of the work.

Here in the National Home Missions Department we are made to realize the need for new churches. Recently one of the districts wrote us that they had over one hundred towns with a population of one thousand to fifteen thousand without an Assembly of God. It is essential that we take the message of the full gospel to the entire world.

Let us not forget that it cost Jesus His very life to purchase our spiritual blessings. Dare we be content with our present position when these gifts cost Him so much? Let us go quickly into cities, towns, and hamlets and preach the whole counsel of God.

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Back to Bible School

Cooler days are just ahead, and cool days are school days. All over the country, happy Pentecostal young people are planning a journey to an Assemblies of God Bible school to register for the Fall term which will begin early in September.

For hundreds it will be a return to familiar surroundings, a reunion with old friends; but to other hundreds it will be a new experience. New studies, new blessings, new friendships await them in an institution dedicated to the training of young people for gospel ministry.

If you intend to enroll in Bible school but have not yet made definite arrangements, do it without further delay. Write to one of the following addresses for an application blank and entrance requirements. If you can qualify for entrance, your life will be enriched and your ministry enhanced by a course of training in one of these Assemblies of God Bible schools.

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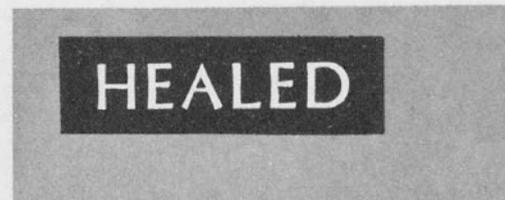
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If God has healed you recently, we invite you to write out your testimony for publication so that others who need healing will be encouraged to believe and receive the Lord's healing touch. Kindly make your testimony as brief as possible, and ask your pastor to sign it; then mail it to the Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

SCORPION BITE

On April 22, 1955, I was stung on the back of my right shoulder four or five times by a poisonous scorpion. It had crawled into my dress which was hanging on the door of the bathroom while I was taking a shower. I immediately pleaded the blood of Jesus over the area and applied ice to it to localize the poison.

Lina O'Donnell, pastor at El Mirage, Arizona, was visiting us. We all prayed, and then in obedience to the law we went into Phoenix to the emergency ward of Memorial Hospital for examination. Our home is thirty-five miles from the city, so it was well over an hour before we reached the hospital.

Scorpion stings can cause very distress-

ing reactions—convulsions, numbness, nausea, and, in delayed treatment, death. To the praise of our Lord I can truthfully say I had absolutely no reactions. The doctors and nurse could not seem to comprehend this. They had me remain there for some time in order to watch me and to see if any ill results would develop. None did.

I was, however, having pain in the sting area. It felt like many red-hot needles piercing me! All unasked for by me, I was given two hypodermics by the nurse: one for the pain and one to help me sleep that night. Neither one worked! God did the whole job of healing me.

The following day, Sister O'Donnell talked by telephone with the doctor in charge of the emergency ward and he told her he had been studying my record. He could not understand why I was not in convulsions when I reached the hospital. She told him of my using the ice, but he insisted that the stings ought to have produced convulsions in spite of the ice. Then she told him of our prayers, and he replied, "That is the answer." Praise God! It was. We have a wonderful Saviour and Healer.—Evangelist Pearle I. Moore, Box 22, Phoenix, Ariz.

(Signed also by Mrs. Lina O'Donnell, Pastor, Assembly of God, El Mirage, Ariz.)

CANCER

I want to add my testimony that the Lord Jesus Christ heals today just as He did when He was on earth.

I had been thinking for nearly three years that I might have cancer in my chest. It was so difficult for me to eat; I had to chew my food very fine to be able to swallow it. And recently I had started losing weight; I also tired very easily.

But on March 30, 1955, when we were taking prayer requests at our W. M. C. meeting, I told the ladies why I believed I had cancer and I asked them to pray for me. After the Bible teacher had started to teach, one of the ladies told her she felt they should lay their hands on me and pray. They did, and the power of God went through me. I danced in the Spirit.

In about ten minutes I turned deathly sick. I went to the wash room and vomited up four large black growths as well as some small pieces.

Now I feel like another person. I enjoy my meals and I can sleep at night. I can work all day without becoming worn out. Oh, how I do praise God for His healing power!—Mrs. Mary P. Johnson, 415 W. 19th St., Norfolk, Va.

(Endorsed by Pastor and Mrs. John W. Sullivan, Calvary Assembly of God, Norfolk, Va.)

SEVERE PAINS

I would like to give my testimony to the healing power of Christ, that others may have the faith to press on and receive their deliverance also.

About two months ago I began to have severe pains in my right side. They kept getting worse all the time, till I could scarcely turn over at night. I could hardly keep going in the daytime, either. I was alarmed, for I didn't know what was coming. I feared that I was heading for a physical breakdown.

At last, at one of our C. A. rallies, I asked some of the brethren to pray for me. There was no change that night, but within three days a remarkable change did come. The change was so noticeable that nothing but the hand of the Lord could have produced it. The pain left and I had comfort night and day so that I could continue my ministry.

I have proved to my own satisfaction that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is always ready to heal all who call upon Him in faith.—A. W. Lawrence, Pastor, Assembly of God, Defiance, Ohio.

WEAK SHOULDERS

Formerly a Baptist preacher, I was living outside the will of God until last January when the Lord wonderfully baptized me in the Holy Ghost and healed my body.

All my life I had been bothered with weak joints and weak muscles. Then while I was in military service during World War II my left shoulder was accidentally dislocated, and from then on it was frequently slipping out of place. Finally surgery was performed on this shoulder in an effort to correct the trouble. While I was recuperating from the surgery on my left shoulder, great strain was put on my right arm and shoulder, and it too became weak.

The years that followed this brought increasing weakness—and extreme pain at times. During this period if I raised either arm full length over my head the shoulder would slip out of place. This physical condition brought me much misery and embarrassment.

On January 23, 1955, our pastor and family were visiting in our home and we described my condition to him. Before they left our home we knelt for prayer, and the pastor prayed a very simple prayer of faith. In the days that followed I began to feel new strength come into my shoulders and arms, a strength I had not felt before. Heavy loads which I had been unable to lift on my job, became easy to lift.

At the time I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, I was just a little doubtful concerning divine healing, but within

three weeks He settled the doubts by giving me this wonderful answer to prayer. To His name be all the glory!—Earnest C. Reese, 500 Redford Lane, Fort Worth, Tex.

(Endorsed by R. M. Thompson, Pastor, White Settlement Assembly of God, Fort Worth, Tex.)

CANCER

For years I suffered from stomach ulcers which turned to cancer. I was X-rayed at the Veterans Hospital and was informed that I needed an operation. While the doctor and nurses were preparing me for surgery, I learned that three-fourths of my stomach was to be removed, and I refused the operation.

I returned home, and shortly afterwards visited the Assemblies of God church in Green Bay. One of the deacons, Brother DeWitt, prayed for me and I was instantly healed by the power of God. The Veterans Hospital again called me for a checkup, and after taking several X rays they could find no trace of cancer or any other malignant growth. I told the doctors that the Lord had healed me by prayer, and they agreed that it was a miracle. I was prayed for on March 25, 1954, and to this day I am still well. I give the Lord all the praise and glory.—Charles Philips, 126 N. Wisconsin Ave., Depere, Wis.

(Endorsed by Pastor E. A. Beck, Green Bay, Wis.)

HEART TROUBLE

I truly praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I had heart trouble for over a year. Last spring I went to a doctor, who put me on a special diet; but I steadily grew worse. I had much difficulty getting to sleep, and I could not lie on my left side at all.

By the middle of September 1954 I felt I just could not go on. I could hardly wait until prayer meeting night. When we were gathered for a cottage prayer service our pastor and others from the church prayed for me, and the Lord instantly healed me. I went to bed that night and went right to sleep for the first time in weeks. Also, I could sleep on either side. Truly the Lord is a wonderful Physician.—Mrs. Morris Miller, Clearwater, Minn.

(Endorsed by Merrill F. Christensen, Pastor, Assembly of God, Clearwater, Minn.)

DIABETES, ARTHRITIS, AND OTHER AILMENTS

I left the University Hospital of Iowa City, Iowa, on November 1, 1954, with the doctors' verdict, "We cannot help you." They had diagnosed my condition as diabetes mellitus, angina pectoris (a heart condition), hyperventilation (in-

crease in the quantity of air breathed), diaphragm hernia, and arthritis of the spine.

My hip sockets were filling with calcium so that in time it would be impossible for me to walk.

I had put myself in our Saviour's hands before I went to the hospital, so when I left I said, "Lord, I am still in your hands to heal me or to provide for me."

After returning home I phoned the home of R. A. Mason, pastor of the Berean Chapel. Mrs. Mason answered and told me that Brother and Sister Piper were holding a meeting for them at Berean Chapel, and that the power of our Lord was being manifested in the healing of the sick.

I was afraid to go to the church, so I went to the parsonage. Brother and Sister Piper came to pray for me. Well, praise the Lord; when the folk laid hands on me and prayed, I felt the power of God go through my body from head to foot. It was as though the Lord held a great funnel over my head and poured in His divine life. The following day I was able to walk one and one-half blocks; the next day I walked nearly four blocks; and on Sunday I was able to attend three services at the church. I grew better each day. Our precious Lord has done the work. Glory to His name.—Miss Helen Ridgeway, 900 East Sixth Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

(Endorsed by Evangelist Theodore A. Piper, Des Moines, Iowa, who states that after eight months Miss Ridgeway is still healed. "This spring Miss Ridgeway returned for a checkup at Iowa City and rejoiced in the doctor's statement that she is now completely well! She has been witnessing of the glorious healing ever since.")

DISLOCATED BONE

On December 28, 1953, Mrs. Lucy Eccless fell on the ice coming home from a neighbor's. Her hip began to hurt and kept getting worse, and finally she had to take hold of the back of chairs and other things when she walked. We feared what might happen.

But on Sunday night, January 10, 1954, Brother and Sister Merrill Christensen of the Clearwater Assembly came to my home and prayed for my mother's hip. She felt the power of God go through her legs. The next morning she felt the bone in her hip go back in place. For the past year it has been nearly perfect. She is now 83 years old, but she is able to walk several blocks at a time. To God be all the glory.—Mrs. Mable Hyatt, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Eccless.

(Endorsed by Merrill F. Christensen, Pastor, Assembly of God, Clearwater, Minn.)

NEWS

NORTHWEST BIBLE COLLEGE TO OPEN JUNIOR COLLEGE DEPARTMENT

The opening of a Junior College Department in conjunction with its four-year Bible training program has been announced by the Northwest Bible College in Seattle, Washington. This program has been designed to satisfy the increasing demands of the young people of the northwest area for Liberal Arts training in a Pentecostal environment.

Northwest is the third Assemblies of God Bible School to add a course of college work in the Liberal Arts field.

Southwestern Bible Institute at Waxahachie, Texas, has operated a Junior College Division for the past ten years, along with a Senior High School and a four-year Bible training program. The Junior College is accredited by the State Department of Education and its graduates may receive sixty-hour teaching certificates from the State.

The other Bible school offering Liberal Arts work is the Southern California Bible College at Costa Mesa, Calif. It offers a four-year program and its graduates may receive teaching certificates upon the completion of a few extra hours of work at a state university or college.

HUNDREDS CONVERTED, HUNDREDS HEALED IN HAGERSTOWN MEETINGS

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—Four states felt the impact of the Salvation-Healing Tent Campaign with Evangelist David Nunn which was held here June 5 through July 3. From the first service there was every indication that God would send a revival. We had God's man—with God's message—in God's time—and that always brings a Bible revival.

Our hearts were thrilled as souls responded to the altar calls that were clearly for the sinner. Each night tears of repentance and shouts of joy came from those who surrendered their lives to God. New faces are seen in our meetings as a result of this campaign.

Mighty miracles were in evidence from the beginning. Blind eyes received sight, deaf ears were opened, growths and ruptures vanished. Those crippled with arthritis were relieved of suffering; the stiffness in their joints left and they could use their bodies freely. A lady had a growth on her face and after prayer it dropped off. Another lady, who was blind in one eye, instantly received sight although the doctors had said she would never see with that eye again. Hundreds were healed of all manner of sicknesses and diseases.

God revealed to Brother Nunn the spiritual and physical condition of a number of the people in the audience. He pointed out one young lady and told her that she needed Christ as her Saviour, and that God wanted to save her now. She responded by repenting right there in her seat, and God saved her. Several hundred were converted during the campaign.

My wife was anemic since childhood, and as Brother Nunn prayed for her she was healed.

The gifts of the Spirit were manifested during this meeting. Consecration services brought hundreds of Christians to the altar to rededicate their lives to God. Many times there was not enough room in the prayer room for all who came. Brother Nunn encouraged the people to stand by their pastors and their local churches. The churches of this area were edified by his ministry.

This meeting has touched every part of Hagerstown and the surrounding area. We had to rent 1,000 extra chairs to take care of the crowds. Some nights the tent was filled to overflowing. It was the greatest move of God's Spirit we have known, and we have wholeheartedly invited Brother Nunn to bring his evangelistic party back for another campaign next year.—V. W. Miles, Williamsport, Md., Sponsor and Chairman.

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MIRACLES SEEN IN AUSTIN DURING CITY WIDE MEETING

AUSTIN, TEX.—We had a successful city-wide tent meeting with Evangelists W. V. Grant and Dean Underwood. The meeting was thoroughly Pentecostal from every angle, letting the public know what we really believe. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, as well as healed. Hundreds went to the prayer room each night to surrender their lives to God. People from many denominations and several nationalities were baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Many reported marvelous healings. Several totally blind eyes were made normal, and many deaf ears were made to hear. Deaf mutes heard plainly and were made to talk.

A lady testified that 20 joints were replaced in her back and that her leg which was four inches shorter than the other one is now the same length. One lady said a cancer left her face, and another said she was healed of cancer of the breast.

A man who had cancer and who was unable to walk or sit up, vomited up the cancer and many saw it after it was put in alcohol. He came back to the meetings night after night and was feeling fine.

Growths and goiters vanished; and others who walked with crutches were able to discard them. One was a helpless polio victim. Another was a man who had not walked alone in five years.—R. L. Bennett, Committee Chairman.

ALL W.M.C. OFFICERS RE-ELECTED IN TEXAS DISTRICT

LONGVIEW, TEX.—The Women's Missionary Councils of the Texas District had their annual convention June 7-9 in conjunction with the District Council. The following officers were re-elected: Mrs. M. B. Netzel, President; Mrs. E. B. Crump, Secretary; and Mrs. W. F. Mercer, Vice President. The W. M. C. program was presented on Thursday afternoon.

During the fiscal year ending June 4, 1955, the W. M. C.'s distributed 14,007 Bibles and Gospels, 1,341 cards, 219,920 pieces of gospel literature. They gave 7,782 meals to sick and needy, 46,969 garments, 6,172 pairs of shoes, and 503 quilts. They conducted 8,657 prayer meetings, 373 prison and jail services. They made 27,092 house calls, 15,950 hospital calls, and 27,755 sick visits in homes. They had 2,540 women on the roll, had an average attendance of 1,556 at the W. M. C. meetings, and gave 19,495 hours of service.

During the year they made the following financial contributions: Foreign Missions, \$2,506.60; Home Missions, \$2,829.51; local churches, \$6,507.56; new Assemblies, \$473.25; pastors and families, \$1,961.59; groceries, \$8,304.58; parsonages, \$2,767.82; Bible schools, \$843.38; Retirement Home, \$56.50; National Children's Home, \$1,162.87; Christmas missionary offering, \$78.47; cash to the needy, \$5,629.01; flowers, \$3,548.74; National W. M. C. Office, \$440.02; Zone and Sectional Directors, \$307.20; and Sectional Funds, \$143.86.—Mrs. E. B. Crump, District W.M.C. Secretary.

AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

LANDISBURG, PA.—We recently closed a salvation-healing meeting with Evangelist William Caldwell of Conyngham, Pa., in the sectional tent. God gave us exceptionally good weather. The presence of the Lord was felt each night as new people listened to the full gospel message. A number came forward for salvation and there were many definite healings. This church is only 15 months old and Brother Caldwell helped us very much in this new field. We set a new record in Sunday School with 75 present.—Anthony Sorbo, Pastor.

MARSEILLES, ILL.—We had a one-week meeting with Evangelist Billy Wolfe from Davenport, Iowa. The presence of the Lord was very real in every service. Many testified to bodily healing. The last Sunday night of the meeting, three Catholics came forward for salvation.

We have been here for a few months holding prayer meetings in our home. We secured a place to hold services in an upstairs building at the beginning of this meeting. The attendance was good every night. God is moving in a wonderful way, and we are praying for a lot on which to build a church.—Don Sneed, Pastor.

MANHATTAN, KANS.—Evangelist Philip Palser and family of Big Springs, Nebr. were with us for a meeting. The anointed ministry of the Word and the organ, accordion, and guitar music were greatly appreciated.—Ernie Camery, Pastor.

ROCKDALE, TEX.—For two weeks Evangelist and Mrs. G. D. Zercher of San Antonio, Tex. were with us. Seven were saved, one filled with the Spirit, and many refilled. There were many outstanding healings.—R. H. Zercher, Pastor.

MAURICEVILLE, TEX.—We have just concluded a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. G. Calaway of Arkansas. Seven were saved, and three received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The whole church was benefited by this meeting.—Nino DiPrima, Pastor.

Near LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—We had a three-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. C. L. Dixon of Covina, Calif. Twenty-three were saved, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost.—Leon Ketcherside, Pastor, Cole's Mission Assembly of God.

HILLSDALE, MICH.—We thank God for the way He moved during the special meetings with the Busse Evangelistic Team of New York City. Brother and Sister Busse were with us for two weeks in June. Eight young people were saved, and a number received definite healings. The fine organ music and splendid singing were greatly appreciated.—Howard B. Hawkes, Pastor.

McALESTER, OKLA.—Evangelist Hilton Sutton of Beaumont, Tex. just concluded a successful union meeting in this area. There were 35 saved and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The revival was a real blessing to all the churches.—L. H. Arnold, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

BRENTWOOD, CALIF.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. C. R. McQueary of Pittsburg, Calif. The church was greatly blessed by the anointed ministry of the McQuearys. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies were healed.—Dewey Childs, Pastor.

VIVIAN, LA.—We had a three-week tent meeting in May with L. G. Jordan, pastor of the Calvary Assembly of God in Shreveport, La. "The Lord was with us in a precious way each night. Sixteen were saved, several filled with the Holy Spirit, and a number were healed.—James Hood, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

EASLEY, S. C.—Evangelist and Mrs. C. P. Alsep conducted a three-week meeting for us beginning May 9. A wonderful spirit of revival was present throughout. Thirteen prayed through to old-fashioned salvation, including two for whom the church had been praying earnestly for several months. Several received outstanding healings. We praise God for the moving of His Spirit and for the growth in our Sunday School.—G. Earl Wilson, Pastor, First Assembly of God.



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Previous to this meeting we had a dedication revival campaign with Evangelist E. J. Robison of North Hollywood, Calif. Several were saved, filled with the Spirit, or healed in this wonderful three-week meeting.

We also had two other very profitable campaigns. Evangelist Gladys Pearson was with us for three weeks, during which time a goodly number were saved and 17 were filled with the Spirit. Evangelist Velmer J. Gardner was with us for a week. Over 100 knelt for salvation in his meetings, and there were many marvelous healings.

Our church has been greatly strengthened through these evangelistic campaigns.

—by Norman L. Gardner, Pastor, First Assembly

HOQUIAM, WASH.—We were privileged to have Evangelist and Mrs. Johnny Hoskins of Oregon with us for two weeks. We thank God for the old-fashioned preaching of God's Word. Souls were delivered, saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Ghost.—B. B. Robeson, Pastor.

ST. LANDRY, LA.—Evangelist Harlen J. Pate of Houston, Tex. was with us at the Lone Pine Assembly of God for the second meeting within a year. Some were saved or reclaimed, and a number testified to bodily healing. Many made new consecrations.—John M. Parker, Pastor.

NEWBURG, MO.—We have just closed a 2½-week meeting with Evangelist R. O. Jeffries of Lacona, Iowa. Eighteen were saved and 21 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some said that they had lived here for 30 years, and they had never seen an outpouring of the Spirit like this.—W. E. Wallace, Pastor.

GREENBRIER, TENN.—In June, Charles Cook, Jr., 18-year-old evangelist from Gallatin, Tenn. was with us in a glorious two-week meeting. Sixteen were saved or reclaimed. Four young people were filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School attendance record was broken.—J. Howard Tarver, Pastor, Zion Chapel Assembly of God.

WAUPACA, WIS.—We had a children's meeting with Marlene Anderson and Mavis Myers of Waupun, Wis. Called "Pioneers for Christ," the program was patterned after an old-fashioned western theme which certainly appealed to the children and teenagers. Thirty-three made decisions for Christ. A good revival spirit was created in the church.—R. A. Doorn, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

DETROIT, MICH.—We had a two-week meeting with Evangelist Billy Wolfe of Davenport, Iowa. Brother Wolfe's anointed ministry reached both saints and sinners—young and old. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and our people were encouraged. The Sunday School attendance increased. The last night of the meeting over \$2700.00 was raised in pledges and offerings for the building fund.—Holland Edmundson, Beth-el Assembly of God.

ESSEX, MO.—Our church and Sunday School has been growing. The second quarter of this year we averaged 103 in Sunday School. The first Sunday in July we moved into our new church although it is not yet completed. David Burris, former Superintendent of the Arkansas District, was with us for a meeting. The two Sundays he was here we had 113 and 114 in Sunday School.—Charley Rood, Pastor, Byrd's Corner Assembly of God.

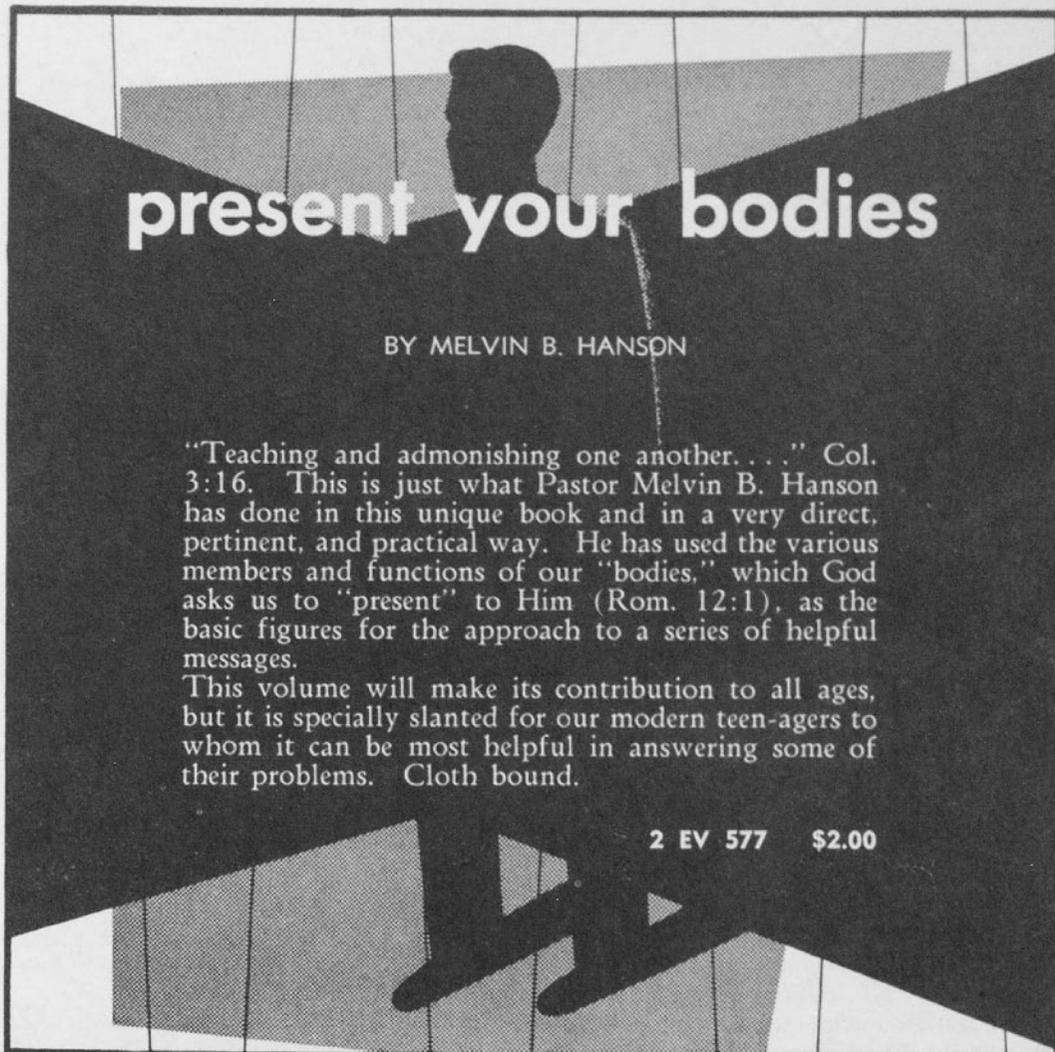
NACHES, WASH.—We have just concluded a two-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Oran E. Duncan of Delta, Colo. The inspirational musical program presented nightly was a blessing to each one. God's Word brought conviction as it was preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Duncans have an exceptional ministry with the young people, and we were happy to see our youth respond to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Many were saved, filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit.—William H. Needham, Secretary-Treasurer. (John H. Clark is Pastor.)

CLEVELAND, OHIO—The Lord has called us back to the U. S. A. after blessing us for more than two and a half years spent in Germany and Switzerland. We do thank God for all that He did in saving souls, healing sick bodies, and also baptizing believers with the precious Holy Spirit during these two and a half years. What an opportunity to sow the seed of God's wonderful Word and to see how it takes root and changes the hardest sinners.

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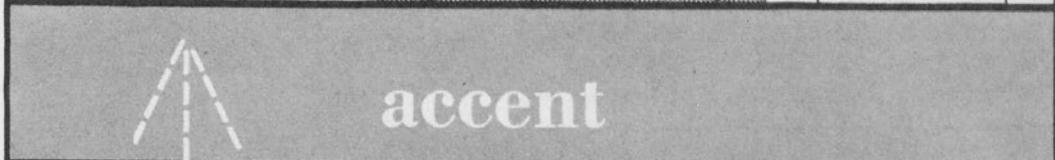
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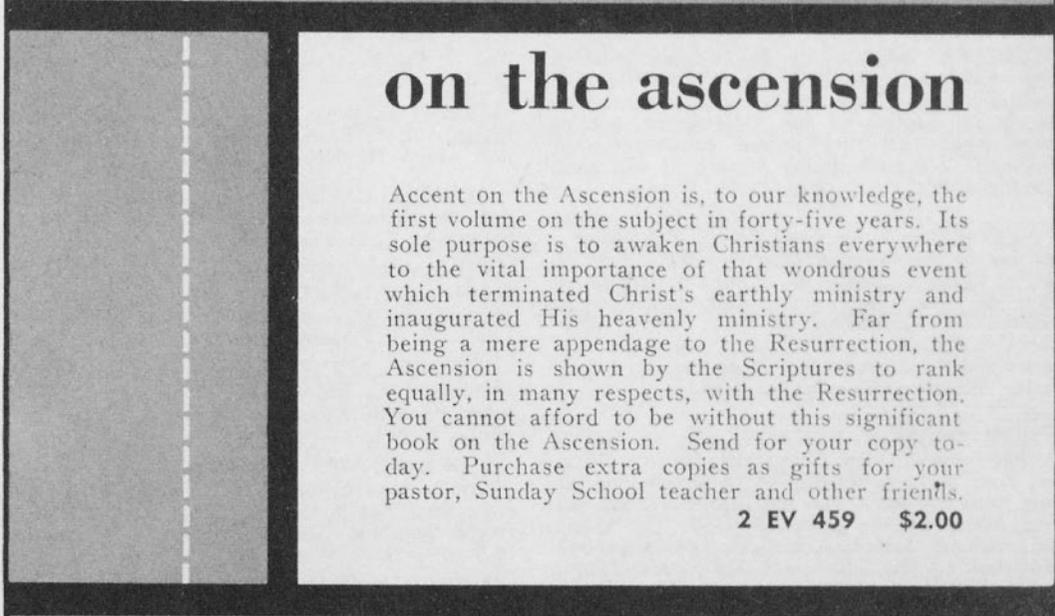


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STIGLER, OKLA.—We had a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Ogdon of Muldron, Okla. Four were saved and ten received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Almost every night the altar service continued until midnight. We are rejoicing because of this good meeting.—Dale D. Starling, Pastor.

NEEDHAM, ALA.—God blessed in a wonderful way in the two-week meeting with Evangelist Jimmy Fisher of Leeds, Ala. Over 50 were saved, most of whom were young people, and many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many were wonderfully healed. The revival spirit continues and souls are being saved.—Joe A. Luker, Pastor, Needham Assembly of God.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—In June we had a glorious revival with Evangelist Earnest Briggs and Party of Fort Worth, Tex. A goodly number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Several were healed by the power of God. The music and anointed preaching brought inspiration and edification to the church.—Haskell Grant, Pastor, Forest Hill Assembly.

EARTH, TEX.—We had a successful meeting with Evangelist Jack Branscum of Plainview, Tex. People were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit almost every night. This church is five years old, but we did not have enough members to set it in order. At the close of this meeting, 27 came forward to join the church. We now have ten married men in the church. God has blessed us and the Sunday School has more than doubled since we came a year ago. We plan to build a new church in the near future.—C. L. Diamond, 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.

FLEMINGTON, N. J.—Tent meeting, Aug. 14—28; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Graban, Vineland, N. J.—by Albert Testa, Pastor.

BRUNI, TEX.—Aug. 22—29; Evangelist Eldon Bryce, Baton Rouge, La. (P. L. Wilkins is Pastor.)

YANKTON, S. DAK.—Assembly of God, Aug. 9—21; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose, Harrison, Mich. (Wilbur Tiahrt is Pastor.)

ALCESTER, S. DAK.—Assembly of God, Aug. 23—Sept. 4; Evangelist and Mrs. Henry Rose, Harrison, Mich.—by Leonard J. Wipf, Pastor.

RANDLETT, OKLA.—Aug. 7—21; Evangelist and Mrs. Gerald E. Stahl, Oklahoma City, Okla. (H. R. Knightstep is Pastor.)

STANTON, TEX.—Assembly of God, begins Aug. 14; Evangelist Henry Lamb, Eutaw, Ala.—by E. W. Way, Pastor.

EDINA, MO.—Assembly of God, Aug. 9—21; Evangelist and Mrs. Carl W. Oney, Pleasant Hill, Mo. (Merle J. White is Pastor.)

EAST GADSDEN, ALA.—Aug. 9—21; Evangelist Dee N. Huff, Saginaw, Mich.—by Daniel Mosier, Pastor.

CAYUTA, N. Y.—Cayuta Pentecostal Assembly, begins Aug. 7; Evangelist Emma A. Dickerson, Elizabeth, N. J.—by Wesley C. Frary, Pastor.

MANILA, PHILIPPINES—Evangelistic Temple, begins Aug. 12; Evangelist Frank Lummer, Ocean-side, Calif. (Ernie Reb is Pastor.)

CODY, WYO.—Assembly of God, Aug. 7-21; Evangelist and Mrs. Clifford Sloan, Joplin, Mo.—by Wendell Reed, Pastor.

JEWELL, IOWA—Assembly of God Evangelistic Center, Aug. 16—21; Evangelist Christian Hild.—by S. E. Carlsen, Pastor.

DANVILLE, PA.—Area-wide tent meeting, Aug. 14—Sept. 4; Evangelist Leon Morrow.—by M. David Bowen, Secretary.

HARLINGEN, TEX.—Begins Aug. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Marlin Maddoux, Beaumont, Tex. (Leroy Blackburn is Pastor.)

DIMMITT, TEX.—First Assembly of God, begins Aug. 10; Evangelist Eldon Bryce, Baton Rouge, La.—by Joe A. Bradley, Pastor.

CHETOPA, KANS.—Assembly of God, begins Aug. 7; Evangelist Leon L. Ammons.—by Rueben O. Ruiz, Pastor.

FRONT ROYAL, VA.—Full Gospel Church, begins Aug. 7; Evangelist and Mrs. Robert McIntosh.—by V. R. Jackson, Pastor.

BENICIA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, Aug. 16—28; youth revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Rusty Baker.—by E. L. Klinsky, Pastor.

LONGVIEW, TEX.—First Assembly of God, Fourth and Marshall Sts., begins Aug. 10; Evangelists Leslie C. and Oleta Eldridge, Bakersfield, Calif. (D. E. Ferguson is Pastor.)

OWOSSO, MICH.—Assembly of God, 1150 N. Shiawassee St., begins Aug. 17; Musical Vanderploegs, Toledo, Ohio.—by R. L. and G. G. Berthume, Pastors.

SHICKSHINNY MOCANAQUA, PA.—Tent meeting, Aug. 21—Sept. 11; Musical Cavallinis Evangelists, San Francisco, Calif. (Don Veater is Pastor, Sunshine Assembly of God, Shickshinny, Pa.)

NORTH HORNELLS, N. Y.—Tent meeting, Seneca, Rd. at Park St., Aug. 7—28; Evangelist J. B. Woolums, Carlisle, Pa. (Ira E. Elliott is Pastor and Chairman.)

ELLENSBURG, WASH.—First Assembly of God, Aug. 7—28; Evangelist Paul Cantelon and party, Nanaimo, B. C., Canada.—by B. P. Birkeland, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANS.—Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 15th and North Park Pl., Aug. 14—28; children's revival with Evangelist Rosaltha Fisher and co-worker of Cherryvale, Kans.—by Floyd L. Dennis, Pastor.

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