

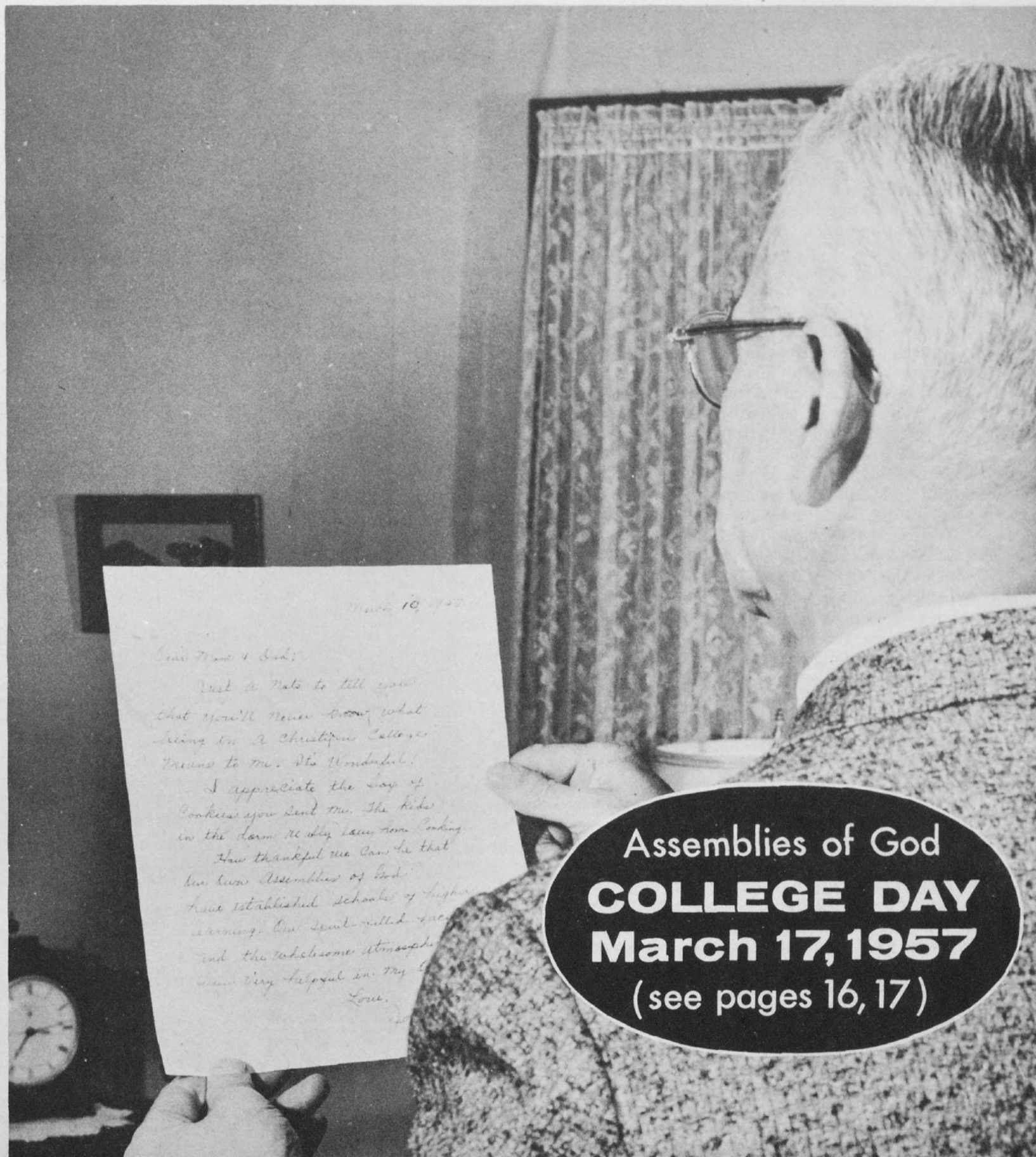
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



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Clearing the Channel

The task of clearing the Suez Canal is nearly finished. For several months crews of workmen have been busily engaged in raising sunken ships, repairing smashed bridges, removing war debris, and dredging the channel in a frantic effort to get traffic moving at the earliest possible moment, so that world trade can be restored and European industry can get back to normal.

The ill-fated invasion of Egypt left an American tanker, "Statue of Liberty," bottled up in the Canal for some time. A press report gave a graphic description of its plight:

"Stranded in the channel, unable to move either north or south, is a modern super-tanker of 30,000 deadweight tons. The proud ship is owned by Cities Service Company. Her flag waves gently in the breeze; she has not been touched by shot or shell; she bears no scars from the recent conflict; her machinery is intact; her crew is on duty. But she waits!

"On the side of the proud ship appears in large letters the name, 'Statue of Liberty.' Her captain is at liberty to go to his cabin. The crew is at liberty to paint the hull above the water-line, to polish the guard rails, to clean the deck, to repair machinery, to play games, to eat and sleep as usual, *but none is at liberty to move the ship through the channel to ports where industries wait for the oil she carries.*"

Is there a parallel between that bottled-up tanker and some of us present-day Christians? We present a very ship-shape appearance from a religious point of view. We go to church. We sing the hymns. We wave our flag as supporters of the church. In fact, we are born-again Christians and we testify to the fact that we have been baptized with the Holy Ghost—and yet we keep the Oil of the Spirit bottled up within ourselves and it never flows from us to the people in the world around us.

We even boast of our Pentecostal liberty, saying we believe in the liberty of the Spirit and freedom to worship God without inhibition in the meetings—but we lack that liberty by which the heart flows out to the unsaved and communicates with them in Christian love. We lack that freedom with which a child of God ought to share the blessings of salvation with others.

We need to remind ourselves that oil tankers do not use their cargo for their own selfish purposes. Think what a binge they could have if they spent their great cargo on themselves. There certainly would be plenty of light, plenty of heat, and enough fuel to drive each ship around the world on a pleasure trip. But tankers are expected to carry their precious cargo to those who need it: and we who have received the blessed Oil of the Holy Spirit are expected to carry the message of full salvation to men and women who do not have it.

What is clogging the channel in your life? Is it fear? Timidity? Or is it selfishness? The trouble with most of us is that we really do not care. If we would weep before the Lord in prayer for the salvation of the lost, we would find a way to overcome every obstacle. We would discover many God-given opportunities to lead souls to Christ—and oh, the unspeakable joy that would be ours when the Oil flows freely.

We need to clear the channel. Souls are dying without Christ and without hope of eternal life while we paint the ship, wave the flag, and feast our souls on the Bread of Life.

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IT WAS ISRAEL'S DARKEST HOUR. Uzziah, the great King, was dead; the hope of Israel gone, the nation given up to hardness of heart. At such a time as this, God's prophet Isaiah received a vision fitting him for the prophetic office (Isaiah 6). Do we not need such a vision for these dark days? Isaiah stands midway between Moses and Christ. He is the most evangelistic prophet of the Old Testament. He labored for many years untiringly, and tradition says he was sawn asunder in the reign of wicked Manasseh.

VISION

Always before a great task, a vision is necessary, and Isaiah sees the Lord in the temple high and lifted up, sitting upon the throne, His train filling the Temple. It is the first and only time in the Word of God we find the Seraphim mentioned. The meaning is "burning ones." It is the same Hebrew word used of the fiery serpents in Numbers 21:6. What are these strange figures mentioned here? Why imagine the Seraphim to be of different order of symbol to the cherubim? Could Isaiah have introduced a new order of representative figures unheard of hitherto, without giving any explanation thereof? I believe that these Seraphim are identical with the cherubim. In Ezekiel, he sees them as the living ones—Isaiah sees them as the burning ones, all in fire. From Revelation 4 and 5, we gather the typical meaning. They are typical representations of spiritual realities.

The beasts (living creatures) of Revelation 5, are said to be a redeemed company, and I believe that these Seraphim are identical with the cherubim (Ezek. 10:20), and the cherubim are representations of God's redeemed. They are always associated with the Throne, the Glory, the Fire, and the atoning Blood, wherever we find them. God dwells in the cherubim, rides in the cherubim, and moves through them—even as today God lives in and moves through His redeemed.

THE CROSS—GOD'S ALTAR

Each Seraph had six wings. We find this to be true about the beasts or living creatures in Rev. 4:8. Wings are emblematical of soaring spirituality, heavenly-mindedness.

With two wings they covered their face. This denotes hiding ourselves. With two wings they covered their feet. This denotes hiding our service.

"God, Make Us Your Burning Ones!"

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If we are aflame for God, we shall not seek to obtrude ourselves into the picture. With the other pair of wings they did fly. The Seraphim do two things: they burn and they fly. The Seraph flies because he burns. When we get cold, we cease to fly.

Notice the place to which the Seraphim fled: to the altar, God's great type of Calvary, the only means of getting peace and purity. The Seraph carries the purifying coal. Angels are not commissioned to preach the gospel. In Acts, chapter ten, when the angel appeared to Cornelius, he did not tell Cornelius how to become saved, but gave him the name and address of a man of God who would tell him how to be saved. God has reserved the ministry of reconciliation for men. It is committed unto us, and when we are aflame, we shall hasten to carry the gospel message to the needy, wherever they may be.

GOD'S BURNING KISS

The touch of the fiery coal upon his lips prepared him for God's service.

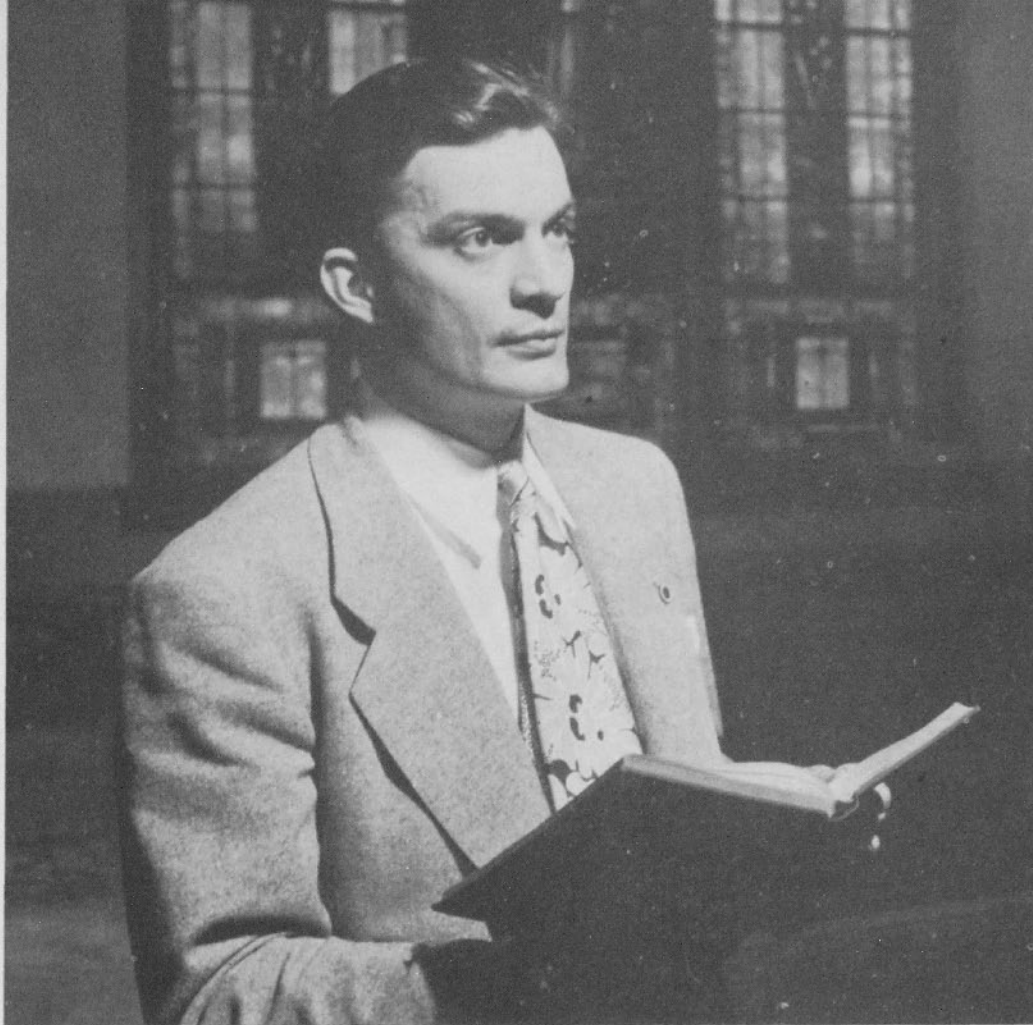
First, we have his confession. When Isaiah sees the King, he is undone, self is slain in that wondrous Presence. The "woe" of sinfulness finds its utterance in the blazing presence of the King. But he is not left there—the cleansing coal is quickly brought to him. With the words "Lo! [Behold! Look!] this hath touched thy lips; thy sin [by propitiation] is purged." The coal from off the altar did not

burn him—it kissed him with forgiveness. Can fire from the altar, which has devoured the Substitute, burn the penitent sinner? No. It covers his sin. From this time on, the one passion of Isaiah was to tell of the power of the bleeding Lamb to reconcile to God. His message, his burden, was the altar. No other prophet in the Old Testament had such a vision of the bleeding Lamb. He sees Him with smitten back, hair plucked from his cheeks, wounded, bruised, His visage marred, His soul an offering for sin, treading the winepress alone, having upon Him the dyed garments of Bozrah. This is the real meaning of the altar—the Blood of Christ to cleanse.

THE TRANSFORMING VISION

He is consecrated to the service of God. His own soul is set on fire. He is commissioned to do a hard task—"Send me," he says. He opens his mouth to speak for God, burning with love for souls. He becomes a Seraph himself, with wings of fire to fly to do God's bidding, living in the fire of His holiness.

With this vision of God, Isaiah is prepared to meet opposition and indifference. A judicial blindness is upon the nation; a hard, fruitless task confronts him. The nation is given up to hardness of heart. The figurative expressions used set forth this commission: Make their hearts fat, make their ears heavy, shut their eyes. Yet despite all this, he burns and flies in his service for God! **GOD, MAKE US BURNING ONES!** ◀◀



WE SERVE A GOD OF SONG

BY CAMERON WESLEY WILSON

WAS THERE EVER A MORE JUBILANT call to worship than this: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2)?

Our God is a God of song. Ages before there was one redeemed tongue to sing His praises, the morning stars called forth His excellence, and their harmony was answered by the "sons of God," whose joyful shouting must have rung through the universe and brought joy to their Father's heart.

The ancient Greeks had a legend that claimed a separate musical pitch

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for each star. They believed that if one's ears were sensitive enough, the stars would sing. Though they knew nothing about scientific theories of light and sound waves, today we understand that Greeks were given a dim clue of the musical glory that filled the eternal skies.

In the Scripture God enjoins us to sing:

"Praise him for his mighty act: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

"Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

"Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

"Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150).

When God wanted to open or close the great chapters of divine revelation,

He did so in song. When the era of the Law was ready to be revealed, God poured a hymn of deliverance into the heart of Moses, and the entire nation of Israel sang, "I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation" (Exodus 15:1, 2).

When God's justice bowed to His love, and the Day of Grace was dawning, it was in song provided by heaven's own choristers that the message was given, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

And we know that when time gives way to eternity the saved of all the ages will join together in a song that even the angels cannot sing. In Revelation 14 we learn of a massed choir of 144,000 Israelites lauding their Messiah, and in chapter 15 an unnumbered multitude of saints sing their great song of "Moses and the Lamb." Truly our God is a God of song!

Music is the language of the soul. Man's spirit couches its worship in the words of song. Man's soul expresses its hopes and fears in song. Man's mind states its faith in the song of his religion.

Let me hear a man, a congregation, a community, a nation sing; and I will tell you whether Jesus Christ has been preached and believed on and lived there! Listen to the world at prayer, and their song will tell you whether they have ever heard the full story of redemption.

Come with me to the Orient. Here are Japan, China, and the others, all pock-marked with pagodas and sacred arches. Follow the worshiper to the Shinto shrine, and see the Buddhist spin his prayer wheel and clap his hands to arouse his sleeping deity. Listen to the mechanical prayers and sad music in the minor key. I ask you, "Is there the slightest hint of hope in his song?"

Come to India, and see the gold and ivory temples that beggar description, temples erected to some of the 300,000,000 deities of Hinduism. See the grotesque temple carvings, too immoral to be viewed by a mixed audience. Observe the young temple girls who have been consecrated to the worst type of degradation. Listen to the millions wail their ancient prayers to gods who never answer prayer because they cannot hear the worshipers' des-

perate cry. Is there any ray of hope in their song?

Follow me to Africa. Weird, wild shrieks, accompanied by frantic drum beats, are the worship song of the fetish priest. See how his music inspires the audience to demon worship and depravity. Is there the faintest glimmer of hope in his music?

Travel northward to Mecca, and hear the benighted Arab as he bows before the sacred Black Stone in the Kaaba, the seat of Mohammedan worship. Watch him bow five times daily to the ground, and plead mournfully with Allah to promote him to a heaven of the grossest sensual delights. Is there any hope in his weird song that is inspired by a terrible hatred of Jew and Christian alike?

Enter St. Isaac's Cathedral, where the faithful members of the Eastern Orthodox Church prepare for service. Choir on choir call out a solemn anthem, amid rising billows of incense smoke. The mighty organ summons forth the robed monks, and as the gold iconostasis door swings wide they echo the story of the supposed tomb of the great apostle Paul outside the walls of Rome. I ask you sincerely and without any intent of religious prejudice, "Is there the positive sound of hope and pardon in their dirge?"

Pilgrimage with me to Rome, and cross the threshold of the Basilica where for centuries the "vicars of Christ" have intoned the Te Deum, the Gloria, the Sanctus, and the Agnus Dei. There they daily celebrate the Mass with rich pageantry and believe that the constant bleeding of Christ is the means of salvation. Listen to their funereal chant. Does it sound to you like the conquering step of a risen Christ? Are the victorious notes of the finished work sounded forth?

Thank God, an Augustinian monk of the 16th century broke through the barrier of pagan ritual that had incarcerated the sacred truth for centuries. It was only natural that God's revelation to Martin Luther should cause this man's voice to break through the sound barrier of roman liturgy and give to the world its great music of the Reformation, "Ein' Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott" (A Mighty Fortress Is Our God). Thus did God usher in the rebirth of vital Christianity with the rebirth of Spirit-inspired singing!

Two centuries later, when England was plunging headlong toward the fate of godless France, an Anglican clergy-

man received a Holy Ghost visitation that swept throughout Britian, moving the forces of hell before it. This awakening, now known as the Methodist Revival, was speeded along on the wings of song. John Wesley's brother Charles set the preacher's heartcry to meter and music. His 6,000 hymns have set every generation since then to singing,

"Love divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown. . . ."

Even the child in Sunday School shares in the blessings of Wesley's day when he sings, "Joy to the World," and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

God was faithful and gave the nineteenth century its own paeons of praise, when D. L. Moody and his song-fellow Ira D. Sankey "took England in one hand and America in the other and lifted both nations before the Throne of Grace." Moody is considered as perhaps the greatest evangelist who ever lived—yet isn't it strange that so few of us can quote as much as a line



THIS IS MY LORD

**Creator of the universe,
He hung the stars in space,
Rolled out the mountains and stooped down
To paint a pansy's face;
And all the waters of the world
Moved at His spoken word;
He breathed, and there was light and life—
My wonder-working Lord!**

**Redeemer of my guilty soul,
He laid it all aside—
The glory that was His—and came
To Calvary, and died.
The slanting silver of the rain,
The lifted leaf grow dim—
All beauty has come home to rest
And find its place in Him.**

—Helen Frazee-Bower

that he wrote? No, it isn't the sermons of Moody's day that linger in our hearts, but the songs that were sung when the altar call was given . . .

"I have a Saviour, He's pleading in glory,
A dear, loving Saviour, though earth-friends
be few;
And now He is watching in tender-
ness o'er me,
But, oh, that my Saviour were your Saviour,
too!"

When history's most dramatic century was very young, the Holy Spirit wooed a powerful American athlete off the professional ball diamond, and made him a titan of the pulpit. There are thousands still living for God who "hit the sawdust trail" in one of Billy Sunday's meetings. Once again, it isn't his flaming messages that linger in our hearts, but rather the songs of P. Philip Bliss and others who were associated with him. Mr. Sunday's words were made immortal in the glad song,

"'Whosoever heareth,' shout, shout the
sound!
Spread the blessed tidings all the world
around;
Tell the joyful news wherever man is
found,
'Whosoever will may come.'"

About fifty years ago God began another great chapter in His marvelous dealings with man. He renewed the fullness of the Holy Spirit's blessing. First to a little praying group in the central plains, then south, then west, then east, northward into Canada, and around the world. Pentecost's revival fires are being swept along on the wings of spiritual song. How well I remember the great camp meetings of my boyhood days in Ontario. We were told that our singing was carried by the summer breezes for several miles across the Grand River Valley from Braeside Camp as we sang out,

"They were in an upper chamber,
They were all with one accord;
When the Holy Ghost descended,
As was promised by our Lord."

The rhyme and rhythm of our lively song even became too cumbersome for our happy hearts at times, and we simply poured forth spontaneous praises not written in any book and in harmonies that earth-born authors cannot pen.

Our God is a God of song, and that is why He says, "Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:18, 19).

Have you met the God of our song?
Is there a melody in your heart? ◀ ◀

OUR GREAT NEED IS FOR POWER! We've heard a lot about that word since the discovery of nuclear energy. It had been with us all the time but was never understood and used. However, men studied and sacrificed to unlock nature's secret. They specialized. They searched until they solved the mystery.

It meant much work and self-denial; it required concentration on *one* job; and the scientists were rewarded with *power*.

The Church needs power, the power of God. He has an abundance, but there are conditions to be met. We read these words of Christ: "And ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you" (Acts 1:8). The Bible says that God gives the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him (Acts 5:32). In almost His last words to His disciples, Jesus told them to wait until they received this power. After He had taught them by word and example how to live holy lives, and after He had said to them, "Ye are My witnesses," and had given them a great work to do, Jesus knew they would not be able of themselves to accomplish it, and so He said, "Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on High." This wonderful power from on High which was given to the early disciples on the day of Pentecost, and which He will give to us today, is the dynamic we need for Christian service.

In the very first chapter of Genesis, we read that the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters; and God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. He spoke and it was done. If today your life is dark and hopeless without a gleam anywhere, there is power in God to bring light out of darkness, and order out of chaos. We need the moving of the Spirit of God upon our lives, our homes, our churches, and upon sinful hearts.

We read in 2 Chronicles 14 that King Asa went out against the adversary with a few mighty men equipped with spears and bows and arrows, while the great Ethiopian host of a million men came with chariots. But Asa prayed, and God answered and smote the Ethiopians. I fear that too often we go out against the enemy with the bows and arrows of our own fleshly energy,

POWER



*"By My Spirit
Saith the Lord"*

BY ETHEL L. TENNEY

and our own plans, when there is power in God and a plan to put to flight the armies of the aliens and give us victory.

So the Word of God tells us to pray without ceasing. The disciples obeyed: they prayed until they received the Power. Then one man preached and three thousand were converted in a day! God has not changed. Spiritual battles are still won by spiritual weapons. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord."

Is there any improvement on the "By My Spirit" method? I'm sure D. L. Moody would say, "No, a thousand times, NO!" There in that Congregational church in the north of London, Mr. Moody preached on Sunday morning with great difficulty. Dr. Torrey told how the evangelist afterward con-

fided in him. Mr. Moody said, "I had no power, no liberty; it seemed like pulling a heavy train up a steep grade; and as I preached I said to myself, 'What a fool I was to consent to preach. I came here to hear others, and here I am preaching.' As I drew to the close of my sermon, I had a sense of relief that I was so near through; and then the thought came to me, 'Well, I've got to do it again tonight.'"

He tried to be released from the evening service, but in vain. However, that afternoon a bedridden saint of God, learning from her sister that Mr. Moody was preaching in London, gave herself to fasting and prayer. That night the Spirit of God moved upon the congregation, and about five hundred confessed Christ. It was the beginning of a great revival. It was not a difference in the man. Mr. Moody went to that service with a heavy heart, and could scarcely believe the response God gave as he invited those who wanted to accept Christ as their Saviour to stand up. *The eyes of the Lord had been watching, not so much for someone to preach, as for someone to pray!*

There is power for our need—mighty, soul-saving, wonder-working power—but where are the men and women who will specialize in this one thing, and search and sacrifice and pray until the Fire of God falls again? Is there not too much ease in Zion, and not enough waiting upon God? Revivals come in one way—by prayer! Is God waiting for a man to stand in the gap before Him for the great need in your community? Is He waiting for you to meet His conditions before granting the divine power and anointing?

Let us look at the prayer of the prophet Habakkuk as he besought the Lord for a revival in Israel. He seemed to catch a vision of the trembling, smoking mountain when God came down on Sinai. He visualized His glory as His brightness shone forth, and he said, "There was the hiding of His power." Power that would drive the pestilence from before Him, as burning coals went forth at His feet; power to drive asunder the nations; power to scatter the everlasting mountains and bow down the perpetual hills. Then he remembered that God's ways are everlasting; with Him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Can we see something of that vision, and yet know also that there is the "hiding of His power"? But that power is available, and in response to the prayer of faith

it will be displayed. All that we read in the Book of Acts can be repeated, and greater things; for no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Again we ponder the words, "Not by might, nor by power" (Zechariah 4:6), and we think of organizations, committees, ways and means, man's best plans and greatest strength; yet not in these things is our help, but "by My Spirit, saith the Lord." Is not this the secret hidden away from carnal eyes, and given to those who pray and who appropriate it by faith? Is not this the Power that is mighty through God to the pulling down of the strongholds of the enemy? Oh, that the eyes of our understanding might be enlightened to

know what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us who believe! And oh, that, having caught the vision, we might tarry in prayer—real, earnest, effectual heart-crying unto God—until the Spirit of the Lord warms the hearts of His people, and moves backsliders to return, and melts hearts we could not touch, and changes human lives. "By My Spirit, saith the Lord"—this is the mysterious Force by which the impossible is brought to pass, and revival fires are kindled.

Every other means will fail to revive lukewarm professors, or to convict sinners, or to build up our churches. For God has spoken. His method is revealed. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."



"Draw Me, We Will Run After Thee"

BY A. G. WARD

"WE WILL RUN AFTER THEE." These are the words of the Bride of Christ and denote a sanctified will—a will abandoned to God's highest purposes for us. What a rare asset! Many of us have permitted our wills to become a liability. Our will is forever choosing wrongly and thus we are brought into endless trouble. But a will that is bent on running after God, in obeying Him at any cost, is sure to lead us into a large and wealthy place, out into Canaan's vast expanses and far up among the sunlit hills of the Land of Promise.

How blessed it is to get beyond experiences, however priceless they may be, beyond gifts, no matter how valuable, beyond all sense of personal blessing—out into the place where our vision is filled with our glorious Bridegroom, of whose fullness have we received, and grace for grace.

Only then are we surrendered up to Him and in a place where He can lead us through what George Watson calls the deep, interior crucifixions of our finer parts, our lofty reason, our brightest hopes, our cherished affections, our fervent zeal, our spiritual impetuosity, our natural culture, our creeds and Churchism, our success, our religious experiences, our special comforts—a

crucifixion ever progressing until we are dead and detached from all creatures, all saints, all thoughts, all hopes, all plans, all the tender heart yearnings, all preferences—dead to all troubles, all sorrows, all disappointments, equally dead to all praise or blame, success or failure, dead to all desire but for Himself!

"WE WILL RUN AFTER THEE!" Matchless Saviour! Glorious Bridegroom of the soul! None can compare with Thee! Thou, Lord, art the altogether lovely One. Thou art alone the sum of all our hopes, desires, affections. Thou art our All and All. Thou art "Ishi" (Hosea 2:16)—our Husband.

*Ishi, Ishi is the jewel,
Mine He is while ages roll,
Angels taste not of such glory,
Holy Ishi of my soul.*

*Many beauteous names are giv'n
Thee,
Jesus, Shepherd, Saviour, King,
But they none unto my spirit
Such divine support can bring.*

*Wilt thou have this glorious Ishi,
Bridegroom of thy soul to be?
He, the fairest of ten thousand,
Waits in love to welcome thee.*

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WILL YOU DONATE ONE HOUR A WEEK TO BECOME A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE?

Because the Department of Benevolences is different from all other departments of the church, it has no representation on the field. To carry out our ministry to the needy, this is not necessary.

But we do need people who are interested in homeless children and aged people who will volunteer to help us to explain the work our church is doing in this field.

The material pictured below has been prepared for Benevolences volunteer representatives.

Ask your pastor for details concerning the program, and for his advice concerning your interest in Benevolences work.



See your pastor for details.



IS ANYBODY MARVELING AT **YOUR** FAITH?

BY BETTY CARLSON

CHRISTIANITY WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE A
"HO-HUM" RELIGION. IT'S A
DYNAMIC, LIVING, MOVING EXPERIENCE.

IT IS THE EUROPEAN CUSTOM TO serve breakfast in the room, and in Switzerland on your private balcony. One has to be adjustable to be a good traveler. However, this custom causes few Americans any difficulty. This we can take in our stride!

My friends and I particularly appreciated it, because we liked to share devotions in the morning, quietly and leisurely, around the breakfast table.

Many Christian families miss much joy and power by failing to have morning devotions together. You say, "Don't make me laugh! You should see our family in the morning. It's a madhouse at our place!"

I know it. But I say again, "*You're missing something.*"

Many changes would have to be made. You would have to go to bed earlier in order to get up earlier. In order to go to bed earlier you would have to give up something. To give up some activities would be the best thing that ever happened to most Americans.

It all requires discipline. Discipline—one of the most unpleasant-sounding words when you first meet it, and one of the most beautiful words when you get well acquainted with it.

I repeat: there's joy and power in store for you when you have family devotions each morning. Try it for a few weeks.

I have observed that a large number of church people today take their Christianity for granted. It is dull to them. Their attitude says to me, "I'm a Christian—so what?"

So what!

It should mean *everything* to us if Jesus Christ is who He says He is. Christianity was never meant to be a "ho-hum" religion. It's a dynamic, living, moving experience.

Whoever coined the expression "full-time Christian workers" really missed the boat. As one of my enthusiastic young friends at Bible camp said to me, "They not only missed the boat, they missed the pier too!"

If you get nothing else from this article, get this: Everyone who names the name of the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour should be a full-time Christian worker!

I can hear somebody say indignantly, "What does she want us to do? All run to the foreign mission field?"

No, absolutely not.

What is more beautiful than a man who sells groceries in his home town and does this to the glory of God?

Or a salesman who not only sells roofs, or insurance, but whose very life "sells" his customer on the fact that it is a noble and right and good thing to be a Christian?

Or a widow whose husband left her a sizeable fortune and she not only

sponsors one missionary but five or six?

Or a doctor or psychiatrist who introduces his patients to The Great Physician?

To be this kind of all-out Christian requires courage. Religion is popular today, but only in small doses. The important thing is to have a little, but not so much that it interferes with the *way* you like to live.

I met a young man named Larry the other day in Lausanne. He's an American studying abroad. Larry and I did not talk about the cultural advantages of studying abroad, nor the magnificent scenery in Switzerland (though those were the factors that lured us to Switzerland). This is what he said to me,

"To think I had to come all the way to Switzerland to find out about Jesus Christ!"

Larry and I had a wonderful time of sharing experiences, because I too had seen the Light in the Swiss Alps.

We talked about why we had to come five thousand miles to meet the Living Lord. We both admitted that we had been stubborn, intense, positive young people. It was difficult for anybody to tell us anything! That was part of it.

But it was in Switzerland that we met this *unusual* family—he, two months ago; I, five years ago. We couldn't get over them. At first we thought they were utter fanatics, because their entire lives revolved around Christ. He was their Life. This was new to us.

As we dared to think about it, it hit us hard—if Christ is who He says He is, *this is the way* it should be!

Then we saw these new friends of ours persecuted because of their clear witness. We saw them ridiculed for what they believed. We saw some of their best friends turn their backs on them.

We saw them suffer, and *in the face of it all* we witnessed them lift their heads to God and say, as Peter and John did when they were threatened—

“We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

Most of us like boldness. Courage has strong appeal. “When they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”

We saw them open up their home (a lovely chalet in the Swiss Alps) to any of us who wanted to come and learn more about their Saviour. I don’t know how many hours of sleep they lost over me, but they gave their time unstintingly until through their tireless witnessing the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the Bible *is* God’s Word, and not just “another” fine book.

And very significantly, the one thing that marked this family as different from all other families I had known was their daily routine of sharing devotions around the table, morning, noon, and night. They never fed their bodies without feeding their souls too. I am finding this to be standard practice for the full-time Christian worker

I marvelled at their faith, these full-time Christian workers. *Is anybody marveling at your faith or mine?* ◀ ◀

Mark it on your calendar:

GENERAL COUNCIL — Cleveland, Ohio —

Housing forms for the 27th General Council of the Assemblies of God are being enclosed with the Quarterly Letter to ministers early in March. Persons interested in attending but not receiving the housing form may obtain copies from:

Howard R. Davidson
18408 Hiller Avenue
Cleveland 19, Ohio

(Be sure to send a stamped self-addressed envelope.)

Sessions of the Council will begin August 28 with the evening service and extend through September 3.

Sanctuary Blessings

BY ALEXANDER LINDSAY

“When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God: then understood I their end” (Psa. 73:16-17).

WE ALL KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT David, the writer of this psalm. He was one of the great Bible characters, and was called a man after God’s own heart. The Lord Himself chose him to be anointed king over Israel.

At this time David was going through such a hard trial that he almost backslid. He says, “My feet were almost gone; my steps had well-nigh slipped” (v. 2). His test came when he saw the wicked prospering in their evil ways, while he—though doing God’s will—was terribly afflicted.

Why should the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper in the world? That is a question that has made countless thousands of God’s people mourn. It is not always easy to believe “that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

David was tempted to think that God was giving him a raw deal: the more he thought about it the more painful it became. How common it is to think about our trials. We all do it, though it only makes matters worse. “When I thought to know this, it was too painful,” he said, until he went into the sanctuary.

Outside of the sanctuary David could only see the wicked prospering in their evil ways, but inside he saw their end. Their very prosperity was destroying them (v. 18). “What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul” (Mark 8:36)?

Thank God for the sanctuary! What a difference it made to David, and what a difference it makes to us. Outside of the sanctuary—defeat. Inside—victory. Outside—David was so foolish and ignorant he was as a beast before God (v. 22). Inside—he was made wise concerning the ways of the Lord.

Here we learn how weak and ignorant the strongest Christians become, when they fail to live in God’s presence.

Another sanctuary blessing is Beauty. “Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary” (Psa. 96:6). The sanctuary is God’s beauty parlor. Surely this is the place where the Bride is making herself ready for the coming Bridegroom. Moses spent forty days and forty nights alone with God. When he came down from the mount, his face shone with such heavenly radiance that people could not look upon him until he covered his face with a veil. It is recorded that “Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone” (Ex. 34:29-30). Oh, for the humility to shine for the Lord and not know it!

The world has many beauty parlors. In our own country alone, more than two billion dollars are spent annually for beauty treatments. Surely those who seek outward beauty—mere natural loveliness—have missed the mark. “The King’s daughter is all glorious *within*” (Psa. 45:13). The beauty that the King greatly desires (that cannot be washed off) is the beauty of holiness. Only Christ enthroned in the heart can make the face shine, and the life radiant with the beauty of Jesus (1 Peter 3:3-4).

In the Old Testament the sanctuary was the holy place, where the Divine Presence dwelt in the tabernacle. Today God does not dwell in temples made with hands, but in the bodies of all believers. These are the temples of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 3:16).

Let us make Christ the King of our lives and walk with God. Enoch walked with God: and one day he disappeared for God took him Home (Gen. 5:24). This can be the Blessed Hope of every believer.

*“Would you like to know the sweetness
Of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow;
This shall then be your reward;
And whene’er you leave the silence
Of that happy meeting place,
You are bound to bear the image
Of the Master in your face.”*



THIS PRESENT WORLD

Another Record Month for Church Construction

Church construction in January set another record. The government reported that \$68,000,000 worth of new church buildings were started—17 per cent more than in January, 1956.

Scandinavian Countries Help Hungarians

More than half a million dollars has been raised in aid for Hungary by the Lutheran Churches of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. This is probably the largest amount they ever received in special church collections for a single cause.

ABS Helps "Iron Curtain" Scholars

Theological students in countries behind the "Iron Curtain" are receiving gifts of scholarly editions of the Holy Scriptures from the American Bible Society. Since 1948 the Society has been sending annual shipments of Bible concordance, Greek New Testaments, and Hebrew Old Testaments to these students who have no other way of obtaining these necessary books.

Communists Balk at Church Rally Plans

Leaders of the Evangelical Church in Germany said that prospects for holding the 1957 Church Day Congress in Erfurt, in the Soviet Zone, have become very dim. Soviet authorities have withheld permission for the rally thus far, and unless permission is given very soon, it will not be possible to organize the event.

The great Protestant rally, held annually since 1949, was held in the Soviet Zone in 1954. More than 400,000 persons from all over Germany gathered in Leipzig for that occasion.

Spanish Evangelical Beaten

On January 11, Jose Rosa and his wife entertained three friends at lunch in their home at Casicas de la Toba, Spain. All are evangelicals. They spent time in conversation and sang some hymns. Then, according to *Missionary News Service*, two policemen arrived. After insulting and threatening the Protestants, they forced one, Juan Rodenas, to accompany them to the mayor's office. There they beat him—with fists and clubs—and told him to "take to the road and get away from here or we will kill you."

Communists Arrest Evangelicals in Shanghai

Special prayer meetings in the city of Shanghai ended abruptly when the Chinese Communist government arrested 500 people, according to one who succeeded in escaping to Hong Kong. He told how the Christians in Shanghai, saddened by the plight of Communist-oppressed people in Hungary, began to meet together for prayer. Soon groups were meeting all over the city. Attendance at the meetings increased. Christians were revived. Non-Christians became curious and many attended the prayer meetings and were saved. The government then stepped into the picture, ending the services, and arrested 500 persons. According to *Missionary News Service*, most of the persons arrested were evangelicals.

Urges Parochial Schools for Southern Baptists

Oklahoma Senator Robert Kerr told the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association that Southern Baptists ought to set up their own parochial schools. He said such schools are necessary to give elementary and high school education a greater Christian emphasis.

Do Parochial Schools Menace Public Schools?

The National Lutheran Council at its 39th annual meeting registered "grave concern" over a trend towards development of parochial education as a substitute for public schools. Delegates representing eight major Lutheran bodies noted that while there is a "legitimate place for parochial schools" in U.S. education, interest in them may lead to "indifference and even opposition to adequate provision for public school needs of a community." The delegates further expressed their conviction that "in our country public schools constitute the chief instrument of general education for our children."

Criticizes Cardinal on Education Issue

Paul Blanshard, in an address at Los Angeles, charged James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, with attempting to "evade the spirit of the Constitution." He charged the prelate had done this by suggesting that federal aid to education be put on the same basis as the G. I. Bill of Rights, which extends educational help to the individual, permitting him to choose his own school.

Mr. Blanshard made the accusation at the closing session of the ninth national conference of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Bill Would Aid American Missionaries

American missionaries abroad would be given the privilege of buying at commissaries and post exchanges maintained by the U. S. Armed Forces under a bill introduced in Congress by a Massachusetts representative.

5,411 Decisions in Manila Revival

During a recent three-week gospel crusade in Manila there were 5,411 decisions for Christ. Estimated attendance at the meetings reached 140,000. Fifty-five Protestant churches of various denominations united for the crusade which was called the most ambitious of its kind ever launched in the Philippines. Dr. Bob Pierce of Portland, Oregon, was the principal speaker.

New President Chosen for Youth for Christ

Ted Engstrom, of Wheaton, Illinois, has been named president of Youth for Christ International. He succeeds Dr. Robert A. Cook who will leave the organization September 1 to become vice-president and distribution manager of Scripture Press. Dr. Engstrom, executive director of Youth for Christ since 1951, will serve as acting president until his appointment is confirmed at the group's annual convention in Winona Lake, Indiana, in July.

Brewers Bid for Larger Market

Beer in cola is the brewing industry's latest effort to curb a declining per capita beer consumption, reports *Survey Bulletin*. Known as "Sassy," the new brew is designed to "capture a new market—people who enjoy a light alcoholic drink, but do not like the taste of beer or liquor."

Beer by any name is still beer!

Tipsy Drivers Now a Financial Problem

Allegheny County (Pennsylvania) commissioners have a "financial hangover," according to *United Brethren* magazine. Each time a motorist is arrested for possible drunken driving, he is examined by a physician. The doctor charges the county \$10.00 for this examination—whatever the verdict—and the commissioners have discovered they are paying out more for the examination than they are receiving in fines. Why not raise the fine for drunken driving? Such action might also cut down the number of offenses.

Missouri Proposes to Ban Liquor Sales Near Highways

Missouri will have taken a step in the right direction if a bill introduced in this session of the legislature is voted into law. The proposed bill would ban liquor sales within 125 feet of any state primary or secondary road, thus, partially at least, alleviating the menace of drunken drivers.

However, the proposed bill would affect only the establishment of new liquor outlets. Those already in operation near highways would be permitted to remain open if they did not allow their licenses to lapse.

Introduce Anti-Divorce Bills in South Carolina

Two bills aimed at reducing the state's divorce rate have been introduced in the South Carolina legislature. One would make the guilty party in a divorce suit, granted on grounds of adultery, liable for criminal prosecution. The other would require jury trials in all divorce cases except in those counties having domestic relations courts.

The sponsor of the bills predicted a 60 per cent decline in the state's divorce rate if the bills became law.

Israeli Authorities Arrest Coptic Leader

The head of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Israel has been arrested by Israeli authorities on charges of espionage on behalf of Egypt. The 45-year-old Egyptian-born priest was taken into custody as he crossed into Israeli territory from the Arab-held old city of Jerusalem. The Coptic Church, over 1500 years old, is the largest Christian body in Egypt, with some 2½ million members.

Ask for New Chaplain Arrangement at West Point

The controversy over the tradition surrounding the chaplain at West Point has flared up again. A bill has been introduced in Congress to repeal the existing statutory authority by which the President appoints a civilian chaplain at the Military Academy, and would leave it up to the Chief of Chaplains to fill the post. It has been traditional to appoint a civilian chaplain of the Episcopal faith to the Academy. The General Commission on Chaplains has urged that West Point be put on the same basis as the Naval Academy at Annapolis or the Air Academy at Denver where regularly commissioned military chaplains are appointed. Other religious groups have also urged that the civilian chaplaincy be abolished and that military chaplains be appointed on a rotating basis.



BILLBOARDS FEATURE NEW SALLMAN PAINTING. . . . A thousand new billboards carrying a drawing by Warner Sallman, entitled "Christ Looking at the City," are going up across the country. They are sponsored by Best Seller Publicity, a Chicago organization which in the past nineteen years has specialized in promoting Bible reading through streetcar signs, posters, and billboards.

Plan to Establish Ten Missionary Presses Abroad

Clyde H. Dennis, president of the Good News Publishers and of the New Christian Missionary Foundation, Chicago, has announced plans to establish modern offset printing plants in ten strategic locations in foreign lands for the publication of gospel literature in various languages. Total cost of the ten plants is estimated at \$300,000.

Bible Helps Capture Smugglers in Israel

According to the *World Christian Digest*, a Haifa policeman, acquainted with the Bible, got on the trail of a gang of smugglers. They used an ass-drawn caravan, and the policeman managed to capture some of the asses, even though the smugglers escaped. The officer let the beasts go without food for several days and then turned them loose. And, as he had predicted the hungry animals led police directly to the smugglers' hide-out! He based his prediction on Isaiah 1:3—"The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib."

It pays in many ways to be acquainted with the Bible. But it is even more profitable to be an adopted child of the Author!

Dayton Churches Buying Up Old Mansions

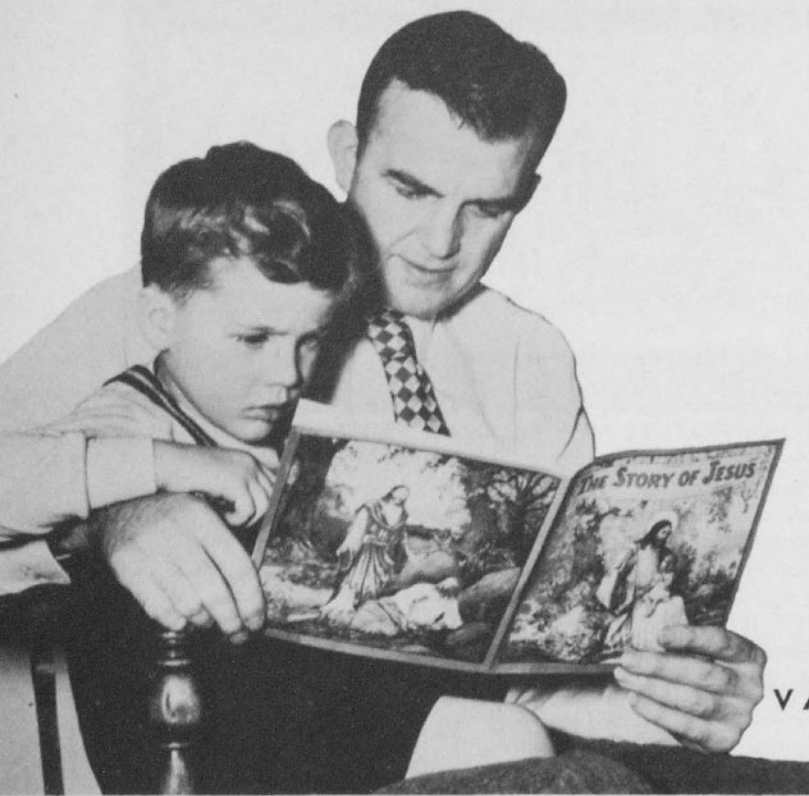
Converting luxurious homes on large estates into churches is getting to be a habit in Dayton, Ohio. An Evangelical and Reformed congregation is the latest to take the step by purchasing a four-bedroom, four bath, two-floor stone building, with servants' quarters, for \$65,000—half of what it cost to build the place twenty years ago.

Last summer an Evangelical United Brethren Church bought the million-dollar, 38-room mansion of a former General Motors executive at a bargain price. A new congregation was organized and services are being held there regularly.

But problems arise even in trying to convert a mansion. Last March a Lutheran church in Dayton took an option on a 43-room mansion built by a former president of the National Cash Register Company. An injunction suit filed by residents of adjacent homes has kept the congregation from proceeding with plans to use the mansion for worship and Christian education. However, Common Pleas Judge Calvin Crawford recently ruled that the mansion could be used as a church if no major improvements are planned. The congregation must now obtain an occupancy permit and permission to construct off-street parking facilities before it can move to its new quarters.

A Threefold Obligation

BY
WOUTER
VAN GARRETT



“WHAT SHALL I DO FOR MY SON?”

A great man asked that serious question many centuries ago, and we might well wish that countless fathers would be asking the same question today. If they were, there would be fewer young men mixed up in crime and law-breaking. In other words, there is a parental obligation that cannot be neglected without serious consequences.

Kish was the father who asked the question we mention above; his story is recorded in the first book of Samuel, chapter ten. Kish was a man of considerable means, a man the world regarded as a success. Among his many possessions there were some prized burros, and one day it was reported to him that they had either wandered away or been stolen. So he sent his son, Saul, to look for them and to bring them back.

A little while after his son had left on his mission an employee found the burros and brought them back to Kish. After waiting a reasonable length of time for Saul to return, Kish became anxious for his safety. And he kept asking, “What shall I do for my son?”

This question might well be the burden of every father and mother when the welfare of sons and daughters is being considered. There is more than one child lost in the world today because he had formed the idea that no one is really interested in what happens to him. What a horrible experience it must be for a youth to feel that no one cares, that parents are so pre-

occupied with their own affairs that they have little or no time to give to their offspring.

For more than ten years I was on the list of Sunday afternoon speakers at Glen Mills School, a boys' reformatory near Philadelphia. On my first visit, as I sat on the platform, and looked out over more than five hundred faces, I turned and asked Major Hickman, the principal of the institution, “Why are these boys here?” I was curious because so many of them looked no different from the boys I had seen in Sunday school and church that morning. He was quick with a reply:

“Ninety-five per cent of them are here because of broken homes. They got the impression that no one was interested in them. Shortly after they had reached that conclusion they were in trouble with the law.”

There are countless sons and daughters who are not confined to any reformatory but who have reached the same conclusion; they are convinced that their parents are really not concerned about what happens to them. In that idea lies the seed of serious trouble, and that is true whether it be a home of poverty or wealth.

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We owe the youth of today a threefold obligation. There is, of course, the child's *physical* welfare. Every parent ought to be concerned about his child's health. A strong healthy body is a tremendous asset in the race of life and it must not be overlooked by

parents; and as a rule it isn't. The average parent does provide well for the physical needs of his children. In days when life was more simple than it is today, the physical needs of life very largely took care of themselves. For instance, I had to walk one mile to get to school and one mile back in the evening, no matter what the weather. There were also a score of chores to be attended to after school. That was true of the average child of that day, so physical exercise was no problem. We raised much of the food we ate so there was no lack of nourishing meals.

But today the rapid growth of cities brings about certain congestion. Countless inventions have removed the need for chores which used to provide plenty of exercise at regular times. The average child now knows little of health-giving chores and tasks; so regular hours and health-giving activities must be invented.

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There is also an *intellectual* obligation. If the physical side of our children's lives needs care and development so does the intellectual. Legislators have designed laws to compel parents to send their children to school; child labor laws have been enacted to prevent the exploitation of children, all for the purpose of insuring proper physical and intellectual growth. Fortunes have been given to provide good libraries. On every hand we can see the efforts that have been put forth to meet these needs.

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But there is also a *spiritual* obligation. Physical power that is not consecrated may turn into brute power. Intellectual power that is not dedicated may become a perilous thing. As the gymnasium, the school, and the library minister to certain needs of the child so the Church and Church school have a worthy mission in the development of wholesome manhood and womanhood. But there is more than that.

Parents need to foster and develop religion in the home. The word of thanks

before a meal, the daily prayer before retiring, the kindly attitude toward the church and toward those who are directly engaged in her mission; all these have a place in the development of the spiritual side of children.

There are multitudes of youth who are headed in the wrong direction today because parents are satisfied when they have provided for the physical and mental needs of their children, and are neglecting their spiritual health. The great need is for parents who will take a child by the hand and lead him to Christ. How good it is to see father, mother, and children going up to the House of the Lord on a Sunday to be instructed in the ways of Christ, the Saviour!

Let there be a revival of the old-fashioned custom of the whole family going to church on the Lord's Day, and there will be less occasion for the press, radio, and television to send out terrible stories of juvenile delinquency.

For the Junior Reader

FILL THEM IN

Complete the following Bible verses by filling in the blanks. Each dash represents one letter of the word.

1. "The is my shepherd; I shall not"
2. "Enter into his gates with and into his courts with: be thankful unto him, and his name."
3. "Bless the, O my soul, and forget not all his: who forgiveth all thine; who all thy diseases."
4. "There is a that seemeth right unto a man, but the thereof are the ways of"
5. "Thy word is a unto my feet, and a unto my"
6. "Thy have I hid in my that I might not against thee."
7. "In all thy acknowledge him, and he shall thy"
8. "My son, if entice thee, thou not."

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ANSWERS: 1. LORD, WANT (Psa. 23:1); 2. THANKSGIVING, PRAISE, BLESS (Psa. 100:4); 3. LORD, BENEFITS, INQUIRIES, HEALETH (Psa. 103:2, 3); 4. WAY, END, DEATH (Prov. 16:25); 5. LAMP, LIGHT, PATH (Psa. 119:105); 6. WORD, HEART, SIN (Psa. 119:11); 7. WAYS, DIRECT, PATHS (Prov. 3:6); 8. SINNERS, CONSENT (Prov. 1:10).



Our Family Altar

Monday, March 18

SCRIPTURE: John 4:46-54
TODAY'S GEM: "The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto Him" (John 4:50).
FOR THE PARENT: Review briefly the story of the healing of the nobleman's son, stressing that (1) the man was persistent; (2) he expressed his faith in actions; (3) Jesus did not lay His hands on the sick boy—He merely spoke and the boy was healed.
QUESTION TIME: What miracle had Jesus performed when He was in Cana of Galilee previously? (v. 46) How did the nobleman know for sure that Jesus had healed his son? (vv. 51-53) Did Jesus ever lay His hands on the sick boy? (v. 50)

Thursday, March 21

SCRIPTURE: Luke 22:47-62
TODAY'S GEM: "He is despised and rejected of men" (Isa. 53:3).
FOR THE PARENT: (Additional material on "Christ, the Lonely Saviour" will be found on Sunday's Lesson page.) Point out particularly Peter's denial of Christ, showing that those who are close to Christ may grieve Him. Talk about ways in which we often deny Christ: failure to witness, failure to live consistently, etc.
QUESTION TIME: Had Peter had any warning of the fact he would deny his Lord? (vv. 31-34) What made Peter realize what he had done? (v. 61) What then did he do? (v. 62) What should we do if we fail our Lord? (1 John 1:9)

Tuesday, March 19

SCRIPTURE: John 5:1-9
TODAY'S GEM: "Wilt thou be made whole?" (John 5:6).
FOR THE PARENT: Here is another incident from Jesus' healing ministry. Review the story, stressing Jesus' concern for the sick and His healing power. Point out that Jesus is concerned when we are sick, and that He is both willing and able to heal us when we ask Him and believe in Him.
QUESTION TIME: What happened occasionally at the pool of Bethesda? (v. 4) Why was not the impotent man healed in this way? (v. 7) What did Jesus ask him? (v. 6) What did Jesus do? (vv. 8, 9)

Friday, March 22

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 3:14-30 (Sunday's Lesson for Juniors)
TODAY'S GEM: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5).
FOR THE PARENT: Briefly tell the story of the three Hebrew children showing: (1) their devotion to God; (2) their confidence in God, verses 17, 18; (3) God's deliverance; (4) the king's new decree, verses 29, 30. God wants us to be true to Him and trust in Him in difficult times.
QUESTION TIME: How did the three Hebrew children come to be in Babylon? (1:1-6) What had they refused to do? (v. 14) How did God deliver them? (vv. 19-26)

Wednesday, March 20

SCRIPTURE: John 5:10-24
TODAY'S GEM: "All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father" (John 5:23).
FOR THE PARENT: Review the incident of the healing of the impotent man. Then, point out that this healing occurred on the Sabbath, and Jesus' enemies tried to accuse Him of breaking God's law. Point out how Jesus showed that He, as God's Son, was equal with God. We have eternal life only through Him.
QUESTION TIME: What did the Jews try to do to Jesus because He had healed a man on the Sabbath? (v. 16) Why should we honor Jesus? (vv. 19-24)

Saturday, March 23

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 12:1-14 (Sunday's Lesson for Primaries)
TODAY'S GEM: "Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . gave himself for our sins" (Gal. 1:3, 4).
FOR THE PARENT: After Pharaoh refused to let Israel go from bondage in his land, the angel of God went through the land, slaying the first-born of man and beast. But God provided an escape for His people. Point out what this was, then show how God has made an escape from eternal death for us through the blood of Jesus.
QUESTION TIME: How were the Israelites saved from the death angel? (v. 13) Of what is this a picture? (see above)



Harold Herman prays for man with deaf ear. He testified to being healed.

Hong Kong Crusade

with Evangelist Harold Herman

BY H. A. PARK

WE SAW A FULFILMENT OF ROMANS 8:28 as God put forth His hand to confirm the preaching of His Word during the Hong Kong revival crusade recently completed here by Evangelist Harold Herman of California.

Due to the terrible Kowloon riots (which caused much death and bloodshed) just prior to the crusade, it was far from easy to secure police permission for large outdoor gatherings, but God moved to "open the door" and the meetings took place as planned. There were splendid crowds every

night as people from all levels of life came to hear the gospel. Many personally experienced the power of Jesus Christ to save the lost and heal the sick.

It was a thrill to see the crowds making their way to the altars for healing and salvation, and then to see them carefully taken into the prayer rooms to be personally dealt with by a trained corps of personal workers. Names were enrolled for new converts to receive a special Bible Correspondence Course to ground them in the Word of

God—a point of vital importance in this place where heathenism and idol worship flourishes. Visitation teams from our Assembly of God and co-operating churches are now busy on "follow up" work, calling on the people at home.

GOD'S WORD BEARS A HARVEST

Evangelist Herman presented a clear-cut message of faith in Jesus Christ as the One who is abundantly able to give victory over sin, sickness and death to all who will truly believe and follow Him as Lord. Decision cards were registered for 2260 persons who came to profess Christ as Saviour in the "open-air" Crusade, and several hundreds more prayed for salvation in meetings which Brother Herman conducted at the Assembly of God, Four-square and the Pentecostal Mission churches with Pastor T. M. Sung, veteran Chinese leader.

Some wept as they came to ask Jesus to save their souls. One joyful conversion was that of a woman who abandoned her thoughts of suicide to follow Christ. A man from the National Cash Register Company in Hong Kong was transformed as he found Christ as Saviour, and the joy of the Lord swept through his heart. Among those seeking salvation were mothers and fathers, young people, students, scholars, business people, workers and refugees!

HOLY GHOST Poured OUT

One of the main reasons for God's blessing upon this Hong Kong campaign was undoubtedly the services emphasizing the work of the Holy Spirit, which began at the Assembly of God and were alternated at the large church of Pastor Sung's. Daily attendance at these Holy Ghost "praise and prayer"

A view of the crowd who attended the final service.



Special meetings at the Assemblies of God Church.





"Suffer the little children to come unto Me." These children need healing and have been brought by their parents for prayer.

services ran between 150 and 500 persons—and the meetings continued for many weeks. After a short teaching on the Holy Spirit—with strong emphasis on consecration—the people were simply told to "lift your hands and pour out your worship and praise to the Lord Jesus Christ." As hundreds sang and "praised the Lord" the Holy Spirit fell—perhaps very much as at Pentecost. Many precious believers received the Baptism right where they sat. What a sight to see their faces lifted to heaven—as they worshipped the living God in the "tongues of angels and of men."

God blessed these meetings in a very special way. As many as ten, fifteen and twenty testified to receiving the Baptism in a single service. In one meeting at the Assembly of God there were eighty-four persons on their feet at one time to testify that Jesus had baptized them with the Holy Spirit during this campaign. Only the Lord Himself knows how many were filled in these glorious days of outpouring.

People came from denominational churches all over Hong Kong, Kowloon, and even farther to seek the face of the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38, 39). Some saw beautiful visions. Others sang in the Spirit. Sometimes the "two-hour prayer service" ran far overtime as hungry saints worshiped God. Between twenty and thirty members of one church choir testified joyfully to receiving the Baptism.

FIRE FALLS AT BIBLE SCHOOL

At the invitation of J. E. Morrison, principal of the Ecclesia Bible Institute, Brother Herman held three days of special meetings for the students.

Between fifteen and twenty testified to receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during this time, and many more were refreshed and stirred. Students and faculty had fasted and prayed, and a number of graduates returned to pray, as God visited this Bible training institute at the door of Communist Red China. "May these days count for eternity" was the prayer of the evangelist and the missionaries.

TAKING CHRIST TO THE REFUGEES

Eight memorable days were spent right in the center of the refugee resettlement area where the riots had first broken out, and where large numbers of refugees from all parts of China are stacked up together (literally) in seven-story-high tenements. There, at an Assembly of God mission chapel, Brother Herman ministered to one of the most unusual audiences he ever faced. "The anointing of the Holy Spirit on the gospel message was simply tremendous," Brother Herman said. "It seemed that God was just setting His word afire that it might bring the light of Life into those dark heathen souls." There were more than four hundred recorded decisions for Christ at this refugee chapel, and many healed by the Lord!

GOD HEALS TODAY

Large numbers came in the healing lines at the "open-air Crusade"—and also inside the churches. God wrought many miracles of deliverance. Some were instantly set free of all pain and sickness, and the Lord gave hearing to quite a number of deaf ears, and healed others of cancer and tuberculosis (the latter disease is much dreaded in Hong Kong). One case testified that they had the disease for a long period of time but X rays now show

complete healing! People were loosed from spirits of fear, and from mental affliction, and deaf and dumb children were made whole by the Lord. Church visitation teams report that a very high percentage of those prayed for "are fully healed."

A THOROUGH WORK

One thing that pleased us very much was that Brother Herman's ministry in Hong Kong was no hurried visit. He conducted meetings almost constantly, sometimes two and three meetings in a single day, from October right up until the beginning of January 1957.

He preached four weeks inside the four sponsoring Pentecostal churches prior to beginning the three-week open-air Crusade, and carried on special services dealing with the Holy Spirit for seven weeks straight. Then he began a series of eight-day services in the outlying areas.

As Evangelist Herman left Hong Kong to go on to other campaigns in Formosa and in the Philippines, he carried with him the good wishes and prayers of a host of Chinese friends who "heard and received" his message of faith in the Living Christ. May the Lord continue to bless him.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. Hittenberger, Tucson, Arizona

"We are deeply grateful for the strong spiritual emphasis and academic training our son is receiving at Southern California Bible College. We know of no better preparation for his future in the work of our Lord. We can sincerely recommend the school to parents who fear for the spiritual letdown of their children when away from home.

"We appeal to parents to support our Pentecostal schools both with their prayers and with their finances."

Mr. and Mrs. R. Nyberg, Chowchilla, Calif.

"Ever since our daughter was a small child we have had a great desire that she could attend Bible College to prepare for some phase of the Lord's work. You can imagine our happiness on the day that she enrolled in Southwestern Bible Institute.

"We are especially happy she has chosen to major in religious education, as we believe the teaching ministry is a fruitful field. The need is great and the results gratifying."

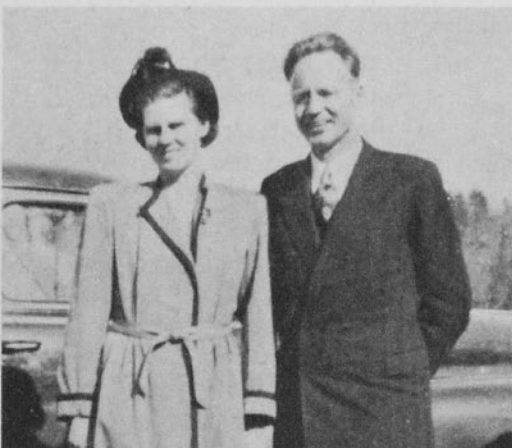


Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Manning, Springfield, Oreg.

"Since we are vitally interested in world-wide missions it is a source of great joy to us that our son Bruce has a call to the mission field. We are glad he selected Bethany Bible College to equip himself for service. He is now in his fourth year. The missionary emphasis and the practical training the students receive will be excellent preparation. Bethany's missionary tradition through the years is proven by the many alumni who have carried the gospel to the ends of the earth."

Pastor and Mrs. G. H. Berglund, Plainfield, Vt.

"In these days when trends of modernism would creep into even fundamental circles, we feel it is of utmost importance that Christian parents be concerned about the education of our young people. We are most happy that our son Paul felt God's leading to attend New England Bible Institute. He is receiving sound Christian training according to our Pentecostal testimony and standard, in an atmosphere of spiritual influence."



Pastor and Mrs. Paul J. Emery, Dayton, Ohio

"As a parent and a pastor it gives me real joy to know that my son is attending Central Bible Institute, preparing to carry on the glorious Pentecostal ministry. The school is to me a symbol of the future of our Assemblies of God. From its halls come those whose lives have been impregnated with the Word and the Spirit to carry the torch of Pentecost to the ends of the earth until Jesus comes.

"Our schools merit the wholehearted support morally, spiritually and financially of everyone who is interested in the future of our movement."

Pastor and Mrs. Walter Tyson, Mellen, Wisconsin

"Our daughter Waverly is a second-year student at North Central Bible Institute. Among the many Christian friends she has made at Bible school is one young man in particular. They plan to be married in June, and hope to serve the Lord in the field of evangelism.

"We have been in the ministry for twelve years, so our daughter knows both the problems and rewards of ministry for God. She feels that the ministry is the highest possible calling."



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AN URGENT MESSAGE

Only immediate financial help from you can prevent serious hardship for our youth who attend our Pentecostal schools. Rising costs of instruction and school facilities are forcing our schools to adopt emergency methods to maintain adequate training for our young people.

If students were asked to bear the full cost of their training, many who desire to study in Assemblies of God schools would not be able to do so. Already costs to students have had to be raised. *There must be financial help from other sources.*

How then will our schools succeed? Only through each of us doing his share to assist these young people who are training to become missionaries, pastors, evangelists and Christian workers! Secular education is being subsidized to continue. It is clear that our schools also must have help.

Please accept this urgent appeal as an invitation to share in a most worthy ministry. Forward your offering today. Assure our schools of your prayerful interest in the young people they serve.

J. ROBERT ASHCROFT
National Secretary of Education



Mr. and Mrs. Fred East, Jerseyville, Illinois

"Evangel College is just what we prayed for—a school where a student can prepare for a profession while receiving spiritual enlightenment to prepare for eternity. Our daughter, Margaret Ann, has been thrilled with every minute of her months at Evangel. The fact that she is under the instruction of professors who will strengthen her faith, rather than attempting to destroy it, is the greatest source of joy to us. We hope her younger sisters will go to Evangel, too, should Jesus tarry."

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Reichard, York, Pennsylvania

"We wish to write a few lines in appreciation of Eastern Bible Institute. As parents we are so proud that our son is going to a school that is spiritually alive. We have known some of the graduates in the past and are much impressed with their Pentecostal testimony."

"Certainly the schools of our movement teaching the truth of the Word of God and the reality of the Spirit deserve the support of us all. Our future lies in the lives of our youth."



Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Baunsgard, Seattle, Wash.

"The call of God upon a young life is both a privilege and a responsibility. As parents of a young man who has received his call, we feel the importance of proper preparation for Christian service."

"It is with a great deal of satisfaction, therefore, that we see our son Al enrolled in Northwest Bible College. He is a Bible and theology major, and leader of the college male quartet. It's a joy to us that he is studying to be 'a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. . . .'"

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Skipper, Pensacola, Fla.

"It was our pleasure recently to visit South-Eastern Bible College where our son Russell is enrolled. We were very much impressed by the evangelistic spirit in the school. Training is given in personal evangelism, street meetings, jail services, and other practical ministry."

"We arrived during quiet hour, so we waited in the car. We heard the students singing, praying and praising God! What a joy to know our son is in a Pentecostal school."



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"Land of the Midnight Sun"

BY DAVID HOGAN

ANCHORAGE, A CITY LOCATED ON Cook Inlet, has become the key defense city of the North American continent. In the last ten years it has grown from a small town of a few thousand to a modern city which, with its suburban area of some ten miles, boasts a population of over 60,000. With two large military bases adjoining, Anchorage can well claim one-third of the population of the entire Territory in its immediate area.

Anchorage is the nerve center of a vast network of radar stations scattered throughout the boundless northland. This network, known as the D.E.W. Line (Distant Early Warning), is able to detect any foreign plane approaching with malicious intent.

Elmendorf Air Base, one of the finest in our nation, is located here, and the latest jet interceptor planes fly a constant patrol of the north. Also situated nearby is Fort Richardson, where soldiers are trained for fighting in the frigid north.

Each summer thousands of construction workers engage in the building of great military installations, large housing areas and training centers. Quite a few of these workers each season remain to become permanent citizens; and some servicemen, finding good employment, remain after they have served their enlistment time; thus the city of Anchorage has grown rapidly. To provide for the increase, miles of new pavement have been laid, new

schools and other public buildings have been constructed, a \$12,000,000 airport has been developed, and other improvements have been made. These all were contributing factors in the city's being named an "All American City for 1956."

However, Anchorage has some things which are not so commendable. It has more bars and more liquor licenses, along with all its night clubs, than any city of its size in the nation.

But even as Satan has moved into the situation, God has made counter-acting moves and with the growth of the city there has come a great increase of churches. Many of these are evangelical in their teaching, and each year some twelve to fifteen churches unite in a revival campaign in the large city auditorium.

In the heart of this thriving city just three blocks from the Post Office is the Assembly of God. As pastors of this church, my wife and I have the assistance of A. Doyle Smith as Minister of Music in carrying on a very busy program for God.

The church has a thirty-minute radio program each Sunday morning over the Territory's strongest radio station, which reaches over half of the population of Alaska.

Many of the Sunday School staff and board members are graduates or former students of our own Bible Schools. Some have gone into the ministry from this church. John Cowlasky is one example. After he finished service he went to Southwestern Bible Institute at Waxahachie, Texas, married a fine young lady there, and now they are doing a most commendable work pas-



The Assembly at Anchorage, Alaska

toring our church at Fort Yukon, Alaska.

The Women's Missionary Council of our church prepares a noon dinner each Sunday for the servicemen, enabling them to spend a day away from the camps and remain in the afternoon for a time of spiritual relaxation and fellowship.

Servicemen from many states are represented and we have sons of four Assemblies of God pastors in the States in our group. On Sunday evenings our church stresses evangelism. A number of servicemen who have found God in our church are now enrolled in our Bible Schools preparing for the ministry.

The evangelism carried on among servicemen is a most encouraging part of our work. Scarcely a week goes by without one or more being converted. At a recent baptismal service, two were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Anchorage Assembly was started some years ago by Pastor and Mrs. James Reb, who are now pastoring the church at Sitka, Alaska. Brother and Sister Claude Rossignol put in a number of hard years of fruitful service here before leaving the church the latter part of 1955.

As presbyter of the Central Alaska Section, I have been asked to write a short report of the churches in this section.

WASILLA

This thriving church, located in the Matanuska Valley, though only a few years old, holds great promise. Paul Riley, formerly of the Anchorage church, married a fine young lady, Helen Havenmeister, reared in this valley. They have built a comfortable

David Hogan served as Treasurer of the Indiana District and pastored Glad Tidings Church in Muncie, Indiana, before he accepted the pastorate in Anchorage, Alaska. At the All-Alaska biennial Convention at Valdez last June he was elected presbyter of the Central Alaska section.

basement church that is nicely finished, fully paid for, and they have started a building fund for the upper floor, which they hope to finish this summer. A group of happy and energetic people is doing a great work for the Lord in Wasilla. Our workers and children from the Children's Farm Home at Palmer attend services here.

CHUGIAK

Standing beside the Palmer Highway at Mile Post 20.5 is the beautiful Chugiak Assembly of God Chapel with its neon lighted cross at the top of the spire shining against the background of the majestic Chugach mountains. Near the church is the parsonage where Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Craig, the founders of the church, reside. This lovely church stands as a testimony to their industrious and sacrificial work. The church ministers to nearby homesteaders, civil service workers at the bases in Anchorage, and to servicemen. They have outgrown their church and have made plans to enlarge it.

SPENARD

This young church, pastored by Cecil Perkins, a member of the Air Force, has a good future, being located on an improved thoroughfare in a rapidly growing community.

HOMER

This small group, under the leadership of Arthur Nichols, has just purchased a lot where they hope to build in the near future. This community is growing fast. It is becoming an agricultural community, due to its location on the bay and its very fertile soil. Large veins of coal lie exposed at low tide and the community has plenty of high quality coal available simply for

the hauling. It has a prosperous fishing port and a cannery.

KODIAK ISLAND

This island has a large naval base. It is also famous as the hunting ground for the large Kodiak bears which rove the island in such numbers that it is hard for the cattlemen to raise their cattle. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirschy, who established the church at Fairbanks some years ago, and have helped start several other churches in Alaska, are pastoring here. They have a growing group meeting each Sunday in their home. They have purchased well-located lots and surplus government buildings, and they plan to construct a chapel this summer. They hope also to arrange for a Servicemen's Center. This church has as many as 50 gathered each Sunday in the home, and is in real need of better facilities.

SEWARD

This town, located at the head of a perfect harbor, is a modern city with up-to-date stores, etc. Here the Alaska Freight Lines unload their sea barges on large transport trucks which, in turn, haul thousands of tons of supplies inland. Seward is a doorway into the large Chugach National Forest, where roam the largest moose and bears in the world. There is a lovely church, with a parsonage connected. The pastor is Bernard Tewell, filling in for George Geesy, who with his family has taken a leave of one year to go "stateside" for his health.

VALDEZ

Valdez is called the "Switzerland" of Alaska. The city was made famous during the gold rush at the turn of the century. Here ships brought gold seek-

ers and supplies for the trek across the glacier which was the shortest route to the Klondike. It has a very healthy climate. The town is surrounded by almost perpendicular mountains on all four sides except for a narrow gap which leads to the sea and affords the city one of the finest all-year deep-sea harbors in the world. We have a well-located church here with a parsonage next to the Valdez Assemblies of God Children's Home. The church is pastored by David Schmidt, who came with his new bride immediately after graduation last year from Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri. These young people are doing a good work and the church is growing.

CORDOVA

This fishing village, which can only be reached by sea and plane, was once noted for the copper-mining industry which is now closed. Large canneries handle salmon, clams, crabs and other sea foods. We have a very good church located here with comfortable living quarters upstairs. Byron Personeus (son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Personeus, pastors of the church at Pelican, Alaska) is pastor. Byron was reared in Alaska; his parents were the first Pentecostal missionaries to this Territory, coming here immediately after their marriage in 1917. The Personeuses are musical and have a good radio program each week called "The Gospel Ship". They are conducting Bible Scout meetings each week, reaching a number of boys and girls. While this has been a very hard field, the seeds which have been sown by some very good workers are beginning to bear fruit.

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Main building of the Children's Farm Home near Palmer, Alaska



Part of the congregation at Chugiak, Alaska





CHRIST, THE LONELY SAVIOUR

Sunday School Lesson for March 24, 1957

LUKE 22:47-62

The main portion of our lesson text deals with Peter's denial of Christ. Therefore, we shall develop the lesson from that viewpoint.

BEFORE THE DENIAL

Self-confidence (vv. 31-34). So confident was Peter of his own strength that he refused to believe even the prediction of his Master! Self-confidence is a great snare: consciousness of weakness coupled with a trust in Christ is the way to strength and safety! Read 1 Corinthians 10:12; Proverbs 11:2 and 16:18; 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10.

Prayerlessness (vv. 40, 45, 46). Self-confidence expresses itself in prayerlessness. Evidently Peter did not feel his spiritual need keenly enough to keep awake! Battles are often won or lost long before we come to them. Peter's battle was not lost at the fireside, but in the Garden! Christ, by contrast, "prayed through" in the Garden and consequently was prepared for the battles ahead.

Rashness (vv. 47-51). Because he had not fortified himself by prayer as his Master had done, Peter was upset by the appearance of Judas and the angry mob which he led. When he struck off the ear of one of the soldiers, he meant to defend Christ, but he was entirely out of harmony with his Master's will. The man who faces a crisis without having first prepared himself spiritually will nearly always take a course which is contrary to God's will, and cause more harm than the good he thought to do.

Half-heartedness (vv. 52-54). When Christ was arrested "all the disciples forsook him, and fled" (Matt. 26:56). But Peter soon recovered from his fright, and as the mob led Jesus to the house of the high priest, he "followed afar off." Peter's heart was divided. He loved Christ enough to follow Him, but self-consideration and pride kept him from following too closely. Distant discipleship invites many dangers. The easiest, safest, and happiest way is to follow Christ closely!

Wrong Company (v. 55). While Jesus was on trial in the high priest's house, Peter warmed himself at the fire of his Master's enemies. Another step in the wrong direction! Contact with the worldling is permitted of God in order that we may witness for Christ; but needless association with the ungodly, or fellowship with the world for the sake of personal pleasure, is another matter! See 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. Said Biederwolf, the famous evangelist: "This is the danger of fellowship with the world: it dulls the conscience, deadens the sense of obligation, weakens resolution, and so chills the spiritual life that cowardice becomes the master of loyalty, and ends in base and ungrateful denial of Him who loved you and gave Himself for you." Our associations help determine our attitudes.

THE ACT OF DENIAL (vv. 56-60)

He who had so confidently declared, "If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise," now wilted before the searching gaze of an insignificant servant girl. Not only so, but on three different occasions he flatly denied knowledge of his Master! It is easy to point the finger of scorn at Peter, but how many of us in times of testing much less severe have in effect denied the Lord who loves us? How do we deny our Lord? By failure to witness of His saving power to others; by every un-Christlike word and deed!

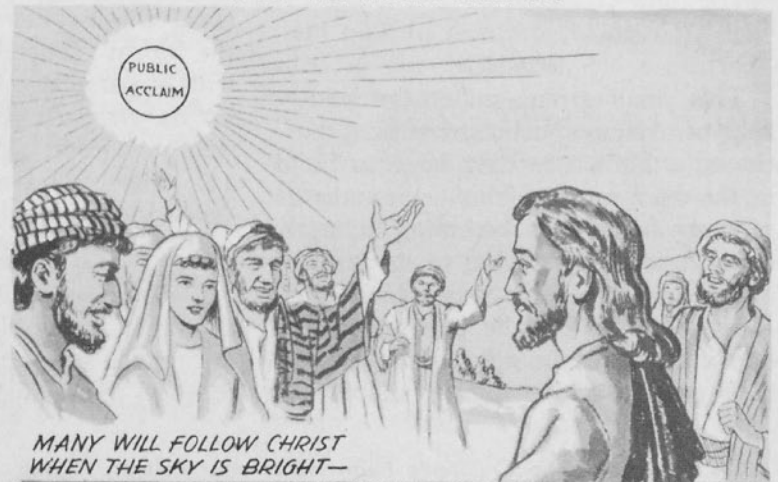
THE REPENTANCE AFTER THE DENIAL (vv. 60-62)

A moment after the last denial, Jesus turned and looked right into the eyes of Peter! Was there stern rebuke in the eyes of Christ? We think not. Instead, the look was one of wounded love—a look which like an arrow pierced the soul of the disciple. "And Peter went out, and wept bitterly"—but wept tears of deep repentance which paved the way for gracious pardon!

Are you sorrowing over some failure in your life? Have you shed bitter tears and suffered hours of anguish over the grief your failure has brought to the heart of your Lord? Weep no more! As it was with Peter, so may it be with you—your tears may be turned to joy, your night of despair may be followed by a brighter morning, by a new meeting with the risen Christ. You, like Peter, have another opportunity to confess your love for Christ and to prove your love by a life of devotion to His cause! See Mark 16:7; John 21:15-18; Acts 2:14-41.

—J. Bashford Bishop

FAIR-WEATHER FRIENDS





PRAY FOR REVIVAL!

Evangelist Billy Graham and Dr. George L. Ford, Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, are shown above, discussing prayer plans for the forthcoming Evangelistic Crusade which is to begin May 15 in Madison Square Garden, New York City. The National Association of Evangelicals is sponsoring a prayer effort which includes a midnight prayer meeting on Wednesday, April 3, at the annual NAE convention in Buffalo, N. Y., to pray for revival in New York and all across America. The NAE is inviting churches throughout America to join in this prayer meeting by interceding for revival during their midweek services the same week. Co-operating churches are asked to notify the National Association of Evangelicals, 108 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois, by postcard or by using the coupon that appeared in last week's *EVANGEL*. The cards and coupons will be displayed state by state at the convention in a demonstration of unity in prayer for revival. Be sure your Assembly is included.

Prayer is a sincere, sensible, affectionate pouring out of the soul to God, through Christ, in the strength and assistance of the Spirit, for such things as God has promised. —*Bunyan*

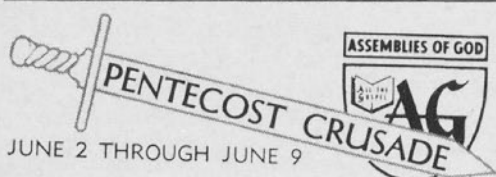
Assemblies of God, Official Statistics

JANUARY, 1957

| District | Churches | Rank | No. of Members | Rank | Average Church Membership |
|-------------------|--------------|------|----------------|------|---------------------------|
| Alabama | 251 | 10 | 12,542 | 10 | 49.9 |
| Alaska | 23 | 44 | 835 | 10 | 36.3 |
| Appalachian | 75 | 35 | 2,852 | 37 | 38.0 |
| Arizona | 81 | 33 | 4,397 | 32 | 54.2 |
| Arkansas | 451 | 3 | 25,677 | 4 | 56.9 |
| Eastern | 261 | 8 | 15,924 | 9 | 61.0 |
| Georgia | 129 | 25 | 9,521 | 20 | 73.8 |
| Illinois | 204 | 12 | 12,076 | 12 | 59.1 |
| Indiana | 154 | 21 | 10,630 | 15 | 69.0 |
| Kansas | 167 | 16 | 10,377 | 17 | 62.1 |
| Kentucky | 65 | 38 | 2,653 | 39 | 40.8 |
| Louisiana | 155 | 20 | 7,835 | 24 | 50.5 |
| Michigan | 176 | 14 | 11,466 | 13 | 65.1 |
| Minnesota | 147 | 22 | 7,906 | 23 | 53.7 |
| Mississippi | 88 | 31 | 4,885 | 29 | 55.5 |
| Montana | 67 | 37 | 2,969 | 35 | 44.3 |
| Nebraska | 84 | 32 | 3,821 | 33 | 45.4 |
| New England | 105 | 28 | 4,707 | 30 | 44.8 |
| New Jersey | 102 | 29 | 4,716 | 31 | 46.2 |
| New Mexico | 77 | 34 | 3,732 | 34 | 48.5 |
| New York | 156 | 19 | 8,960 | 21 | 57.4 |
| North Carolina | 71 | 36 | 2,843 | 38 | 40.0 |
| North Dakota | 50 | 41 | 2,154 | 40 | 43.1 |
| N. Calif.-Nev. | 335 | 5 | 22,099 | 6 | 65.9 |
| North Texas | 508 | 1 | 34,369 | 1 | 68.1 |
| Northwest | 269 | 7 | 18,554 | 7 | 68.9 |
| Ohio | 175 | 15 | 10,554 | 16 | 60.3 |
| Oklahoma | 493 | 2 | 28,329 | 2 | 57.4 |
| Oregon | 195 | 13 | 10,778 | 14 | 55.2 |
| Potomac | 166 | 17 | 12,122 | 11 | 73.0 |
| Rocky Mountain | 125 | 26 | 8,205 | 22 | 65.6 |
| South Carolina | 54 | 40 | 2,899 | 36 | 53.6 |
| South Dakota | 48 | 42 | 1,969 | 42 | 41.0 |
| South Florida | 160 | 18 | 9,127 | 19 | 57.0 |
| South Texas | 258 | 9 | 17,738 | 8 | 68.7 |
| S. California | 367 | 4 | 26,862 | 3 | 73.2 |
| Southern Idaho | 57 | 39 | 2,492 | 41 | 43.7 |
| Southern Missouri | 327 | 6 | 22,447 | 5 | 68.6 |
| Tennessee | 93 | 30 | 6,305 | 28 | 67.8 |
| West Central | 219 | 11 | 10,312 | 18 | 47.0 |
| West Florida | 137 | 23 | 7,338 | 25 | 53.5 |
| West Texas | 128 | 26 | 7,333 | 26 | 57.3 |
| Wis.-N. Mich. | 135 | 24 | 6,835 | 27 | 50.6 |
| Wyoming | 36 | 43 | 1,508 | 43 | 41.9 |
| TOTAL | 7,424 | | 441,653 | | |

| U. S. Branches | Churches | Rank | No. of Members | Rank | Average Church Membership |
|----------------|------------|------|----------------|------|---------------------------|
| German | 20 | 4 | 1,193 | 3 | 59.6 |
| Greek | 13 | 6 | 781 | 7 | 60.1 |
| Hungarian | 18 | 5 | 880 | 6 | 48.9 |
| Italian | 65 | 2 | 3,821 | 2 | 58.7 |
| Latin American | 322 | 1 | 19,636 | 1 | 61.0 |
| Polish | 18 | 5 | 892 | 5 | 49.5 |
| Russian | 13 | 6 | 519 | 8 | 39.9 |
| Ukrainian | 21 | 3 | 916 | 4 | 43.6 |
| Other | 2 | 7 | 70 | 9 | 35.9 |
| TOTAL | 492 | | 28,708 | | |

Grand Total—7,916 churches in the U.S. with 470,361 members.
 Average Membership of English-Language Churches 59.5
 Average Membership Foreign-Language Churches in U.S. 58.3



Revivaltime Released Live From Phoenix

ON SUNDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 27, REVIVALTIME was released live from the winter camp meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. According to reports, this was one of the highlights of the entire camp. For many months the District Superintendent, J. K. Gressett, and the District Secretary, V. E. Shores, had been planning for the coming of REVIVALTIME to the Arizona District for a network release that would resound across the nation and in many parts of the world.

Local pastors had also been looking forward to this great occasion, and members of the local church choirs had anticipated this important event when they personally would have an opportunity to sing on a network broadcast which would go into millions of homes.

Mrs. Robert Rainey, Phoenix, Arizona, wrote later, "I was at the auditorium tonight when you broadcasted. I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan, also of Phoenix, wrote and said, "We attended the winter camp meeting here and enjoyed it very much. We heard you broadcast Revivaltime also." And Wanda Reagan of Phoenix expresses, "I attended your meetings in Phoenix; in fact, I sang in the camp meeting choir. I enjoyed thoroughly your sermons and messages."

An expression of real gratitude comes from Evangelist A. L. Green of Arizona—"I am writing in regard to the REVIVALTIME broadcast. I have always enjoyed listening to the program and have received much help from it, but when you broadcasted direct from the auditorium I felt a greater sense of appreciation and desire to help the broadcast, realizing afresh that my work

as an evangelist is limited but yours is far-reaching and touches those that we could never get to. Brother Ward, I don't remember when I had such a burden for lost souls as I did that Sunday night. I say this in all sincerity and prayerfully—may God's highest and richest blessings be upon you and your entire staff."

To sum up the value of this "field" release, C. T. Beem, office manager for REVIVALTIME, who was in Arizona for this special broadcast, says, "Fishing to me is exciting! I find it so with others, too. Just before the great gospel net was thrown out once more at the Winter Camp Meeting at Phoenix, there was an air of excitement and expectancy. The crowd had gathered early to fill up the auditorium. As 'airtime' approached, they stood ready

to help the REVIVALTIME team in another great gospel effort to win the lost. The choir sang out the grand old songs, and then REVIVALTIME speaker, C. M. Ward, drew fresh fire from the story of the 'Burning Bush.' The invitation was given and the gospel net was pulled in. How many? How big was the catch? I don't know what happened in the radio audience—only eternity will give that answer—but I can say that the altar was filled in the auditorium. The power of God was present around that altar. Many expressed their deep appreciation for having an opportunity to see REVIVALTIME in action, and said that they now felt that REVIVALTIME just must be heard everywhere."

In fact, this is our constant prayer—that REVIVALTIME will be heard everywhere. Doors are constantly opening—more than we can enter. In view of the world situation today, we cannot hesitate about doing the Lord's business. Souls must be won now. We must go on these stations now or they may never open again. But it depends on the offerings from our faithful supporters. May we encourage you to write us your letter immediately. We can only win as many souls through REVIVALTIME as YOU help us win.

REVIVALTIME
BOX 70
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

A live release of REVIVALTIME from the Winter Camp Meeting at Phoenix, Arizona.



REVIVALTIME Giving



TOP TEN DISTRICTS
JANUARY 1-31, 1957

TOTAL GIVING

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| 1. Nebraska | \$3,048.93 |
| 2. Northwest | 2,486.88 |
| 3. New York | 2,018.47 |
| 4. West Central | 1,665.12 |
| 5. Eastern | 1,378.83 |
| 6. Wisconsin-N. Mich. | 1,306.31 |
| 7. Ohio | 1,285.97 |
| 8. S. California | 1,231.58 |
| 9. N. California-Nev. | 1,207.48 |
| 10. S. Missouri | 1,144.00 |

AVERAGE PER CHURCH

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|-----------------------|---------|
| 1. Nebraska | \$36.30 |
| 2. New York | 12.94 |
| 3. Wisconsin-N. Mich. | 9.68 |
| 4. Northwest | 9.24 |
| 5. West Central | 7.60 |
| 6. Ohio | 7.35 |
| 7. New England | 7.13 |
| 8. Kansas | 6.56 |
| 9. New Jersey | 6.08 |
| 10. Louisiana | 5.97 |

Fifteen Hundred at Mid-Winter Camp Meeting

The first Arizona Mid-Winter Camp went down in history as a memorable event. The attendance exceeded our fondest hopes with as many as 1500 present. People registered from twenty states and Canada. By request of the congregation and by vote of the District Council in session, we decided to make this Mid-Winter Camp Meeting an annual event, to begin the last Tuesday in January of each year.

The speakers, C. M. Ward and D. H. McLaughlin, were at their best. Their old-time gospel sermons were as refreshing showers on the desert; and as the wonderful aroma covers the desert after a shower, the peace and blessing of the Lord now pervades our churches and people. The ministry of these brethren was a God-send in these days of spiritual confusion. The release of REVIVALTIME (something new for Arizona) was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Waves of glory swept over the meetings and several outstanding healings were reported. One lady who had used a hearing aid for years was healed. She was so happy in the downpour of blessing that she could not remember who prayed for her.

We are now looking forward to the summer camp meeting near Prescott, Arizona. It will begin the last Tuesday of July and Brother A. N. Trotter will be our speaker.

—by J. K. Gresset, District Superintendent

Unless a man is ready to work for the salvation of others, it may be questioned whether he himself is saved. He who wants only enough religion to save himself is not likely to have even that much.
—Henry Clay Trumbull

C. M. WARD'S ENGAGEMENTS

The REVIVALTIME speaker, C. M. Ward, can be heard in person in the following cities:

MARCH 20-22—ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.; Glad Tidings Assembly, 532-33rd St., South. Missionary Convention.

MARCH 26—RICHMOND, CALIF.; Full Gospel Temple, 14th & Bissell. Radio Rally.

APRIL 2-5—ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. Harwood Methodist Church, 420 San Lorenzo. New Mexico District Council.

APRIL 9—PRATT, KANSAS; Assembly of God, Sixth at Hamilton. Radio Rally.

APRIL 10—SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS; Radio Rally.

APRIL 11-12—MILWAUKEE, WIS.; Milwaukee Gospel Tabernacle, 5511 West Burleigh. Church Anniversary.

APRIL 15—PALMYRA, MO.; Palmyra High School Auditorium. Sectional C. A. Rally.

CHANGES IN RADIO LOG

Stations Added

ASHLAND, WIS. (WATW)
Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

1400 Kc., watts. Contact cleared through R. G. Cobb

WILLIAMSTON, N. C. (WIAM)
900 Kc., 1,000 watts

Check local paper for time. Contact cleared through Raymond Hoggard

RED WING, MINN (KCUE)
Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

1250 Kc., 1,000 watts. Contact cleared through Mylo Rowcliffe

MOUNTAIN HOME, ARK. (KTLO)
Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

1490 Kc., 250 watts. Contact cleared through James Speak, Jr.

CODY, WYO. (KODI)
Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

1400 Kc., 250 watts. Contact cleared through Wade Kincade

KEENE, N. H. (WKNE)
Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

1290 Kc., 5,000 watts. Contact cleared through Roy Suhl

Time Change

MODESTO, CALIF. (KMOD)
Now heard Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Drinker Saved and Healed

In my early life I knew nothing about the importance of attending church, reading the Bible, or praying. There was never peace between my parents, and their children's future was apparently ignored.

The home life of my own children, years later, was no better. I worked in a large brewery, then as a bartender, and later on as a manager of a tavern. I helped to make and sell the products which destroy men mentally, physically, and spiritually. I myself became enslaved to the drink habit and other evils. Yet I was not satisfied, and I was searching for something that would give me peace.

It came as a shock to me, nine years later, when the doctor told me I had a serious liver ailment, and possibly cancer. Kneeling on the floor, I prayed earnestly for the first time in my life. I asked the Lord to let me die. I am glad He said "No" to that prayer.

On January 4, 1955, I attended the evening service at the Assembly of God in Fort Wayne, Indiana. While I stood before over five hundred people the pastor laid his hands on me and prayed. The sweet Spirit of God came over me as he prayed. I received instant healing in my soul and body, and I have never since had a desire for the sins that were lifted that wonderful evening when God met me. I have discovered the marvelous truth that "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).—Howard Nicolet, 1725 Short Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Endorsed by Pastor Glenn M. Horst, Fort Wayne, Indiana.)

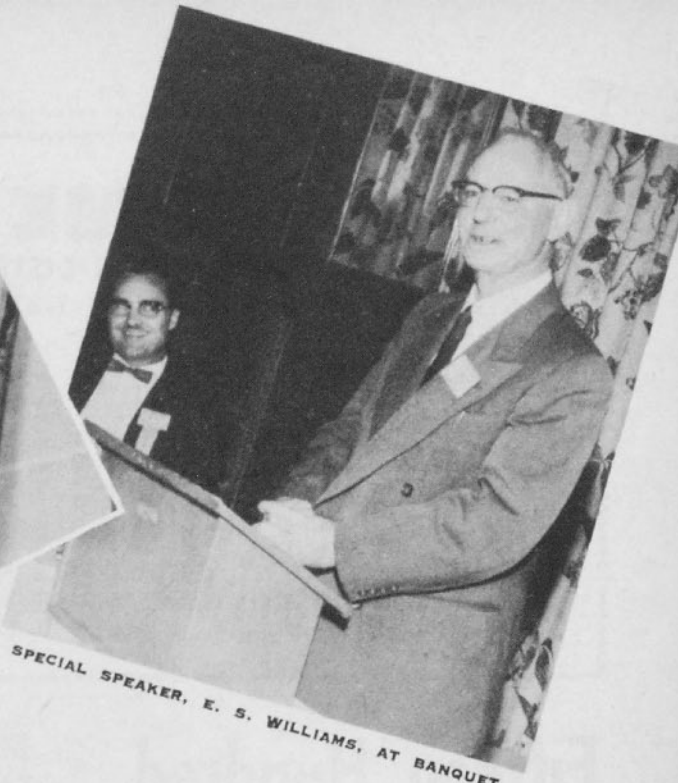
WRONG GATE!

A Philadelphia church has a marble plaque over the entrance, bearing the words, "Gate of Heaven," Beneath this was the legend on the church sign-board, "Closed during July and August."

CONVENTION NEWS



A PORTION OF CROWD ON THE SECOND NIGHT



SPECIAL SPEAKER, E. S. WILLIAMS, AT BANQUET



BASKET WEAVING IN THE CRAFTS SESSION



T. M. WALDRON RECEIVES AWARD FOR 12,500 DELEGATE MILES

Nearly two thousand people attended the first of the six Regional Sunday School Conventions to be held in 1957. This, the Southeastern Convention, was held in Jacksonville, Florida, from February 5 to 7.

Delegates returning to their churches after the two days and three evenings of services were inspired to do more for God. They had come to realize the unlimited opportunities which are afforded in Sunday School work.

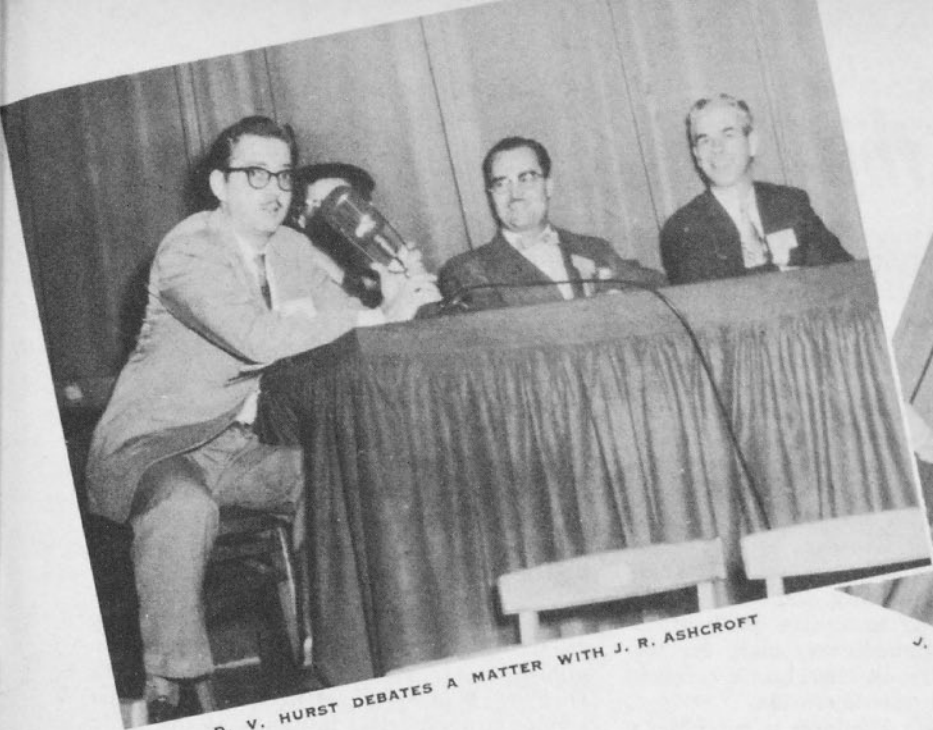
C. W. Denton, National Sunday School Secretary, gave the opening message on Tuesday evening. He told the delegates: "Now is the time for enlistment of workers. From 75 to 90 per cent of our population is unchurched. Without trained workers to reach them they will remain that way."

On Tuesday afternoon, a precraft conference for camp workers was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Don Fellows of Springfield, Missouri. Over 100 people filled the conference room and overflowed into adjoining rooms for this two-hour workshop where individual projects were made by those attending.

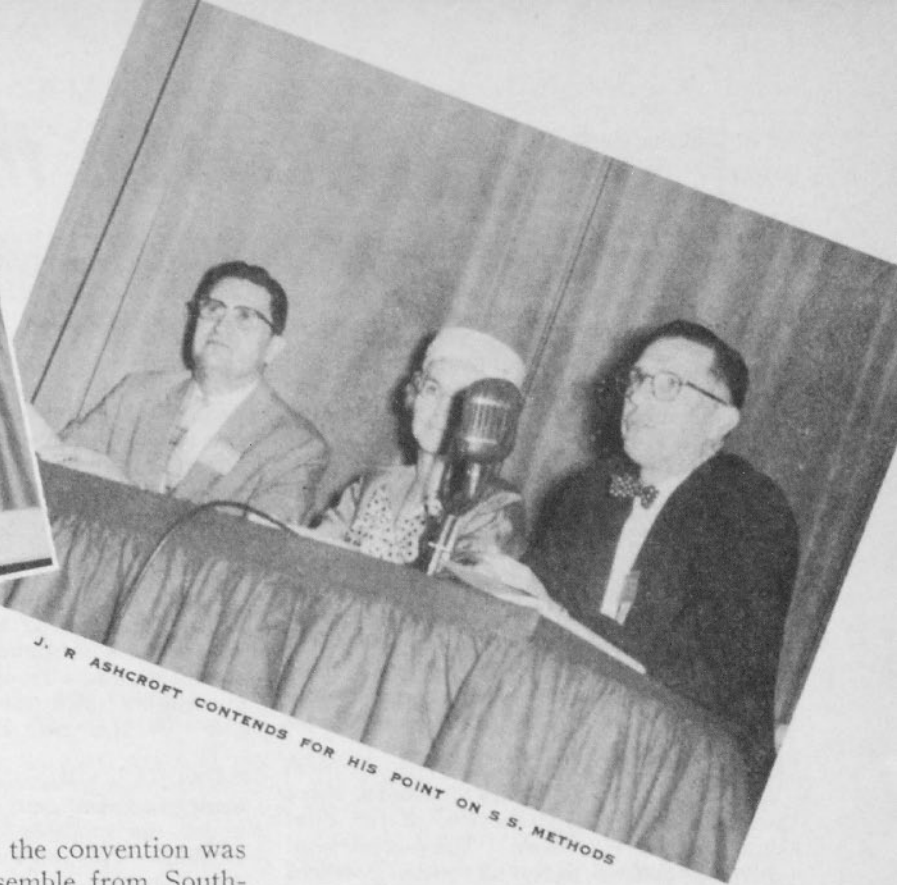
"Opportunity Advance" was the theme of the Wednesday morning session, featuring a visualized sermon series by Phil Wannemacher, L. B. Keener and E. B. Adamson. Bert Webb closed the session with a message on "The Challenge to Advance."

Each afternoon was devoted to workshop conferences covering every age level, crafts, publicity, visual aid, attendance building and administration.

E. S. Williams, special speaker at



D. V. HURST DEBATES A MATTER WITH J. R. ASHCROFT



J. R. ASHCROFT CONTENTS FOR HIS POINT ON S. S. METHODS

the second evening rally, told the audience that Sunday School teachers and workers have to know experimentally what they are talking about before they can intelligently indoctrinate their pupils. As he spoke on the subject of "Opportunity Indoctrination," he pointed out that comic books, radio and television are giving the wrong type of indoctrination. He challenged Sunday School workers to prepare themselves to offset this influence.

Always a highlight in any Sunday School convention, the visual demonstrations stirred the hearts of the delegates and inspired them to double their efforts. This was especially true of "Only One Year," the visual given during the last night's service. It was the story of the actual experience of a teacher of senior girls. It showed the joys, heartaches and reward of one year's activity as a teacher. One delegate remarked at the close of the visual that there was "not a dry eye in the house."

Another visual, "The Divine Call," was presented the first night of the convention. It pointed out the fact that for each individual, whether minister or layman, there is a divine call to Christian service.

Music throughout the convention was furnished by an ensemble from South-Eastern Bible College, under the direction of Jerry Eskelin. Not only did the students provide inspiring vocal and instrumental music as a group, but they also ministered with great blessing as quartets, trios, and other combinations of talent. Their music added much to the effectiveness of the visual demonstrations.

Sunday School Counsellor presented "Here's My Question," a panel discussion by ten members of the convention team, during the Thursday morning session. Three of the members were stationed in the audience with mikes to receive questions which were not submitted in advance. This arrangement proved both interesting and educational.

Church delegation awards were presented during the Thursday night rally. Calvary Temple in Jacksonville (Harold Schmitt, pastor) received the award for the largest registered delegation present (100).

First place award for the most miles traveled was awarded to the First Assembly of God in Beckley, West Virginia (T. M. Waldron, pastor).

Eighteen delegates from this church traveled a grand total of 12,500 miles one way to the convention.

Glad Tidings in Muncie, Indiana, was second with 5,700 miles, and Central Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee, was third with 4,380 miles.

Bond Bowman delivered the final message of the convention. He spoke on the subject, "Opportunity Evangelism."

"We have a responsibility to our generation," he said. He paraphrased a statement by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt to say that "Christianity must be reborn in each succeeding generation."

"There are 170 million Protestant Christians in the world today, but a very small percentage of that number has had a real experience of conversion reflected in influence on the community."

He maintained that "the Sunday School is the vehicle that can give individual members of the church the opportunity for evangelism."

—Reported by Romaine Hertweck

REGIONAL S. S. CONVENTION AT

JACKSONVILLE



Fagots From the Torch of Evangelism

Compiled by the Department of Evangelism, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

► **BELL, CALIF.**—The Spirit of the Lord was manifested mightily during the three-week meeting here with Evangelists Leslie and Olet Eldridge. There were a number of outstanding healings.

—*Douglas Brown, Pastor*

► **EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.**—The 57th St. Assembly of God recently concluded a very profitable revival with Evangelist Lolita Thompson of Springfield, Mo. Her ministry in song and the Word was anointed mightily. Souls were saved and filled with the Spirit. The church was greatly edified.

—*E. R. Bucher, Pastor*

► **GRANITE CITY, ILL.**—The Musical Vanns of Toledo, Ohio just concluded three weeks of evangelistic services at the First Assembly of God here. The ministry of this evangelistic party met with excellent response. Souls were saved nightly, and many were baptized in the Holy Spirit. About 40 were dealt with for salvation, and there were many results that cannot be reduced to statistics.

—*James Kofahl, Pastor*

► **LEFORS, TEX.**—Evangelist Edith Little just completed three weeks of revival here. During the meeting she used a chart with an unusual arrangement of numbers to prove the Bible facts she taught. Ministers and Bible students who have seen the chart on numbers say the details are fascinating and reliable. Sister Little speaks with an authority which is clear, simple, and sincere. People of all age brackets were blessed by her ministry.

—*H. C. Lonis, Pastor*

► **POMONA, CALIF.**—Evangelist Watson Argue just concluded two weeks of revival here, which old-timers say was one of the greatest moves of God's Spirit in the history of the church. About 50 came to the Lord for salvation, 12 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many were healed. The climax came the last night when 24 sought the Lord in the prayer room. One man had been separated from his wife and sons for six years because of drink. It was a wonderful sight to see him seek God and then be reunited with his wife.

—*W. H. Robertson, Pastor*

► **SELAH, WASH.**—During January the church here experienced a marvelous visitation of God without planned evangelistic meetings or even an evangelist. It really began the last Sunday of the old year, when, during the congregational singing, a young man began to praise the Lord and was refilled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God then moved upon the entire congregation. The young man went to the young people one by one. They were all led to the altar, some for salvation, others for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and many for a refilling. A goodly number were prostrate under the power of

God and there were blessed manifestations of the Spirit. The young people who had become cold and indifferent were set on fire again, and prayed for each other with a zeal and fervor not seen before. One young girl who had been difficult in her Sunday School class was saved one night and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit a few nights later. Another 12-year-old girl from an ungodly home was saved and is now tarrying to receive her baptism. The services continued every night for two weeks, and as a result the church received a veritable spiritual transfusion.

—*Mrs. Eric Youngren, Church Sec'y*

► **DALLAS, OREG.**—The church here recently enjoyed an old-fashioned revival under the ministry of Evangelist Johnny Hoskins. The meetings began on a Tuesday night, but there were good crowds and a good spirit of prayer. On the first Sun-

day night 13 hands were raised for salvation. The same spirit of conviction prevailed in the following services. Many sought the Lord for salvation and a deeper walk with Him. Brother Hoskins ministered with real anointing, praying for the sick and counseling with those who needed to have the power of sin broken in their lives.

—*Leland F. Morse, Pastor*

► **HUDSON, COLO.**—The church here enjoyed two weeks of revival under the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. E. Dwayne Madsen of Denver, Colo. Each service brought vital infillings of the Holy Ghost. Although the weather was exceedingly bad and the thermometer stayed near zero, the crowds were consistently good. Many were filled with the Holy Ghost, unbelievers received salvation, and the sick were healed. This was truly a move of God.

—*Robert J. Madsen, Pastor*

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

| STATE | CITY | ASSEMBLY | DATE | EVANGELIST | PASTOR |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Ark. | Pine Bluff | First | March 17-31 | C. L. Dixon | R. A. Thompson |
| Calif. | Bakersfield | Glad Tidings | March 10— | Oran E. Duncan | Vernon Ragsdale |
| | Lindsay | A of G | March 17— | B. D. Bennett | H. R. Grams |
| | South Gate | Firestone | March 19-31 | Lee Krupnick & wife | O. D. Butterfield |
| Calif. | Turlock | * Bethel Temple | March 18-31 | Willard C. Peirce | Robert Carrington |
| | Ft. Collins | First | March 17— | Wendell Reed & wife | L. A. Messick |
| D. C. | Washington | Full Gosp. Tab. | March 17-31 | Watson Argue | Lloyd Christiansen |
| Fla. | Highland View | A of G | March 19-31 | Nelson White & wife | T. C. Earnest |
| Ill. | Collinsville | A of G | March 24— | Billy Wolfe | Howard T. Wicker |
| | Danville | First | March 19— | A. F. DiMusto & party | James Hyllberg |
| Iowa | Clinton | First | March 19-31 | Joel Palmer & wife | C. E. Thompson |
| | Ottumwa | First | March 17— | N. B. Rayburn | Ernest Illum |
| Kans. | Cedar Vale | A of G | March 19— | R. D. Hastie & wife | Warren D. Goble |
| | Osborne | A of G | March 19-31 | R. W. Hastie | H. M. Hollis |
| | Williamstown | A of G | March 19-31 | Hugh Rosenberg | K. G. Swenson |
| Mich. | Battle Creek | Church of FFG | March 24— | E. T. Quanabush | E. A. Manley |
| Mo. | Valley Park | A of G | March 18— | John Wetzel & wife | E. L. Glenn |
| Mont. | Butte | A of G | March 19-31 | Ruth Specter | J. O. McCahey |
| N. J. | Moorestown | A of G | March 19-31 | David E. Gans | Anthony Giordano |
| | Paterson | Bethany | March 17-31 | Wright-Meyers | Ernest Berquist |
| N. Mex. | Hobbs | Glad Tidings | March 19— | George Gospel Team | Roy F. George |
| Ohio | Canton | FG Revival Ctr. | March 19-31 | Eddie Roush | Ferguson Wilson |
| | Cincinnati | First | March 24-Apr. 14 | Willard Cantelon | D. LeRoy Sanders |
| | Cleveland | W. 50th St. | March 12-24 | Warren Combs | C. L. Mooney |
| | Delphos | First | March 19— | L. Gillam Lyon | Elvin D. Irwin |
| | Salem | A of G | March 19-31 | Oliver Johnson & wife | Ray Armstrong |
| Oreg. | Salem | Central | March 10— | May Darden & party | Fred Versolenko |
| Pa. | Honesdale | A of G | March 17-31 | Buchwalter-Brosey | David Blattner |
| S. Dak. | Murdo | A of G | March 12-24 | S. H. Petersen | Leo Bankson |
| Tex. | Houston | Calvary Temple | March 20-31 | Christian Hild | C. N. Rice |
| | Port Arthur | Central | March 12-24 | Stanley P. MacPherson | C. L. Musgrove |
| | Port Arthur | First | March 17— | R. L. Kay | E. L. VanHorn |
| Wyo. | Casper | A of G | March 17-31 | Jimmie Mayo, Jr. | E. D. Beard |

* Workers Training

Announcements should reach the Department of Evangelism 30 days in advance, due to the fact that *THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL* is made up 24 days before the date which appears upon it.

► GREENSBORO, MD.—As pastor of the church here I would like to report a recent revival with Evangelist Eddie Roush of Clinton, Ind. The church enjoyed the presence of the Lord and the anointed ministry of the Word. Several souls were saved and the church was uplifted. Brother Roush also preached a union revival meeting at the Calvary Assembly of God in Dover, Del. at which I served as chairman. The results of the campaign were good. Special music by Brother Roush was a great asset to the meetings.

—James W. Miller, Jr., Pastor

► STAMFORD, CONN.—A mighty move of God was enjoyed by the Stamford Gospel Tabernacle during the three-week revival campaign with Evangelist Ronald Ripley of Elmira, N.Y. Personal workers prayed with 12 souls seeking salvation, and three received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The power of God was mightily present to heal the sick. During the campaign there were two all-night prayer meetings. The variety of music was enjoyed by everyone, and the revival spirit continues in the services.

—Roy T. Johnson, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NAE CONVENTION—Fifteenth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals to be held at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N.Y., April 2-4.

FOURTH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Mar. 17-25 at First Assembly of God, 1125 Allston Way, Berkeley, Calif.—by Eleanor M. Johnson, Pastor.

WORKERS TRAINING COURSE—Mar. 17-22 at First Assembly of God, Chico, Calif. Dewey Heath, instructor.—by J. C. Snyder, Pastor.

WORKERS TRAINING COURSE—Mar. 18-22, at Ashland, Oreg., J. Robert Ashcroft, Springfield, Mo., teacher.—by M. H. Thompson, Pastor.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City, April 28 to May 12 with Noel Perkin, J. R. Flower, Alice R. Flower, and other guest speakers. Special Jubilee banquet at Hotel New Yorker on May 10 with E. S. Williams speaking. For banquet tickets, write to Jubilee, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325 W. 33rd St., New York City.—M. E. Brown, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS

NAME CHANGED—The name of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Lewistown, Pa. has been changed to Lewistown Assembly of God.—A. D. Skyrer, Pastor.

NEW SECRETARY-TREASURER—C. Eugene Bell, 505 N. 21st St., Camp Hill, Pa. is now serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Eastern District Council.

OPEN FOR CALLS

EVANGELISTIC

H. G. Klepper, Box 4242, Beaumont, Tex. "Resigned pastorate in Beaumont, Tex." Charles E. McLeod, 2503 N. Third Ave., Laurel, Miss.

PASTORAL OR EVANGELISTIC

Dave Harris, 517 Withee St., Bakersfield, Calif. "Full-blooded Cherokee Indian."

NEW ADDRESSES

Pastor and Mrs. Orville K. Thomas, 309 West B. St., Brunswick, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil R. Bacon, Box 14, Cantua Creek, Calif. "Pastoring Full Gospel Church."

Ray Garrison, Route 3, Springdale, Ark. "Pastoring Assembly of God in Elm Springs, Ark."

Charles Wright, Box 1113, Bakersfield, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rhodes, 5020 N. Sunflower Ave., Covina, Calif. "Pastoring Charter Dale Assembly of God."

J. Renton Hunter, 7410 83rd Ave., Palmer Park, Hyattsville, Md. "Pastoring Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, 230 12th St. at "C" S.W., Washington 24, D.C."

Evangelist Earla McKinley, 2734 W. 95th St., Inglewood, Calif.

David M. Carlson, 20 Ripley St., Rochester, New York. "Pastoring Glad Tidings Church."

Lloyd Portin, 1070 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, Oreg.

Wilson W. Shabaz, R. R. 5, Terre Haute, Ind. "Pastoring Chamerlain's Chapel."

W. E. Thurmond, Box 115, Winchester, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. LuVerne H. Buck, Mount Ayr, Iowa. "Pastoring Pleasant Hill Church."

Pastor L. W. Anderson, 808 2nd St. Farmington, Minn.

Pastor and Mrs. James W. Lott, Box 938, Dos Palos, Calif. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

L. R. Helms, 110 14th St., Levelland, Tex.

Everett Linville, 17943 Martin Rd., Roseville, Mich. "Pastoring St. Clair Shores Assembly of God."

Pastor Hubert C. Robinson, 218 N. Center Ave., Miles City, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Collins, 508 Peachtree St., Vidalia, Ga. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Pastor Reginald Stone, Box 335, Hellertown, Pa. Charles H. Harthern, 5907 Granby St., Norfolk 5, Va. "Pastoring Glad Tidings Assembly of God."

Otis C. Hickman, Box 435, Shubuta, Miss. "Pastoring New Haven Assembly of God."

Merle J. Harris, 2209 N. 8th, Ft. Smith, Ark. "Have resigned as District C. A. President to pastor New Bethel Assembly."

Julian B. Goggin, 30 Fort George St., Phoebus, Va. "Pastoring Warwick Assembly of God in Warwick, Va. Temporary address until church and parsonage are completed."

Harold Yeates, 123 N. Jackson St., Winchester, Ind. "Pastoring Glad Tidings Assembly of God."

Clarence J. Larson, 2406 S. W. 29th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

George O. Flora, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. "Re-entering the evangelistic field."

W. W. Stott, Plain Dealing, La. "Pastoring Assembly of God."

Charles and Ida Shuss, 780 Powell St., Hollister, Calif.

H. M. Wisenbaker, 3502 Morningside, Victoria, Tex. "Pastoring Bethel Temple Assembly of God."

H. J. Snelgove, 45 Jones Ave., Rochester 6, N. Y. "Pastoring First Assembly of God."

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Smith, 1501 Castle St., Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel E. Davis, 4123 E. Washington St., Phoenix, Ariz. "Pastoring Indian Assembly of God."

WITH CHRIST

JOSEPH W. SALA, 76, Spokane, Wash., went to be with Jesus February 1, 1957. He was ordained in 1914 and came into the Assemblies of God in 1936. He pastored several churches in Washington.

JOHN W. THOMPSON, 73, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was called to his eternal reward recently. Brother Thompson was ordained in 1934. He pastored several churches in Arkansas.

HUBERT B. LAWS, 70, Malvern, Arkansas, went to be with the Lord February 6, 1957. Brother Laws was one of the early pioneer ministers, receiving ordination in 1914. He served as an evangelist and also pastored churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas.



LADIES' NIGHT—In January the Men's Fellowship of the First Assembly of God in Fort Smith, Arkansas, designated their meeting as "Ladies' Night" and the photo shows the turnout. A guest speaker, Dr. Art Martin, addressed the group on "Happiness, or Peace of Mind." B. Owen Oslin (inset) is pastor of the church, and S. James Colburn is his associate. The Men's Fellowship is one of the strongest branches of this church, having 200 members. Repeatedly men are attracted to First Assembly through the Men's Fellowship and are converted after attending only a few services. Officers of the Men's Fellowship are: Loy Griffin, president; Gene Redding, vice-president; Gene Riggins, secretary.

ALASKA

(Continued from page nineteen)



A Prayer for Courage

Keep me from turning back;
My hand is on the plough, my faltering hand,
But still in front of me is untilled land,
The wilderness and solitary place,
The lonely desert and its interspace.
What harvest have I? But this paltry grain,
These dwindling husks, a handful of dry corn,
These poor lean stalks? My courage is outworn;
Keep me from turning back.
The handles of my plough with tears are wet,
The shares with rust are spoiled, and yet—and yet,
My God! My God! Keep me from turning back.

What the C. A.'s Mean to Me

I am grateful for the *Christ's Ambassadors* program with its emphasis upon consecration, the foundation of a useful Christian life.



N. Lesterjette

To me the Christ's Ambassadors group is a place of training; for the program consists of visitation, witnessing, music and radio work, Sunday School endeavors, faithfulness to the finances of the local church, jail work, youth-led evangelistic services, prayer meetings, and participation in the church missionary program. These opportunities to serve are valuable in our training for Christian leadership.—Norman Lesterjette, Baytown, Texas.



CHILDREN'S HOMES IN CENTRAL ALASKA

The Assemblies of God is noted among the welfare workers in the Territory for having good children's homes. A number of children who otherwise would have had very little chance in life have been taken in and given good training and care.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANSION

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TOK JUNCTION. Located at the Junction of Glenn Highway and the Alcan Highway, this is a large settlement of road workers, Alaska Communication System employees, and homesteaders. Only one church now serves this community.

SEVERAL suburban areas out from Anchorage need churches.

Alaska needs spiritual lay workers, people with trades, civil service employees such as stenographers, maintenance men, schoolteachers, etc. These folk are needed to settle where we have churches and to assist with their talents and finance. Alaska is as expensive as any missionary field in the world, and our churches are faced with financial problems due to a shortage of lay workers to support the churches. It is truly a missionary field with a great future.

There are several native villages yet untouched by the gospel. Several years ago two Assemblies of God ladies, Mildred James and Agnes Rodli, went into a small village. They started a school using the Bible and a mail order catalog as textbooks. They taught the children to read and got the Government to open a small Post Office. The Territory took over their school in a year or so, and paid them to teach it; and today that village has a mission, a large group who can read and write, and a Post Office simply because two young ladies had vision, faith and courage.

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This is a land of opportunity for God. Pray for Alaska. Pray that many more gospel lighthouses may rise up to point the way to Christ, the Light of the World, in this Land of the Midnight Sun.

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Your Questions

ANSWERED BY ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

Why is there so much carelessness in the observance of the Lord's Day? People who say they are saved buy as if Sunday were an ordinary day, and some make the day little less than a holiday which they may use largely for personal enjoyment.

I believe it a mistake to make Sunday commonplace. It was on Sunday (the first day of the week) that the disciples met in the Early Church to "break bread" and worship. It is a testimony of devotion to God when Christians abstain from unnecessary buying and from making Sunday largely a "field day."

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Did the Lord mean for us to forget the Ten Commandments because Christ brought in the Dispensation of Grace?

It is true that we are not under the Law, but under Grace. Nevertheless, no true Christian is lawless. "What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:3, 4).

To make grace a license to sin leads to damnation. Paul recounts some of the products of walking after the flesh, instead of mortifying the deeds of the body, and concludes that "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21).

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Hebrews 10:22 admonishes, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Does this mean that we should keep physically clean?

While we ought to keep physically clean, this is not the thought in the mind of the writer of the Book of Hebrews. He is comparing Christian cleansing from sin with ceremonial cleansing under the law. Under the law the priests were washed as part of their consecration to their office (Exodus 29:4). They were to wash before they entered the sanctuary in service. At his cleansing the leper was

washed. The ceremonial washings were so numerous that the author of Hebrews summed them up as "divers washings" (Hebrews 9:10).

In contrast with such outward ceremonial washings, Christian washing is inward and spiritual, "the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5). When we draw near to God in prayer and worship "all filthiness of the flesh and spirit" is to be put away. See 2 Corinthians 6:14 to 7:1.

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Exodus 12:1 states that Miriam and Aaron murmured against Moses because he married an Ethiopian woman. Why was Miriam stricken with leprosy, while Aaron received no punishment?

I believe this was because Miriam was the one who began and agitated the discontent. Leaders of trouble-making are more guilty than those who follow through their influence.

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In John 10:34 Jesus quoted Psalm 82:6, which says, "Ye are gods." Please explain.

If you will read Psalm 82 carefully you will find that it is addressed to the rulers in Israel. Verse one shows that God, the great, eternal Elohim, judges among the mighty [rulers]. These rulers are spoken of as gods (elohim) in a secondary sense, since they judge and rule for God, the great Elohim.

Then the rulers are warned that they should judge and rule as God would, dealing justly, defending the poor and fatherless. The Lord then lets them know not only that they are gods (elohim), but that all God's children are gods also because they are "children of the most High." Then comes the warning that if they will not fill their office in the fear of the Lord they "shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes" in humiliation and shame.

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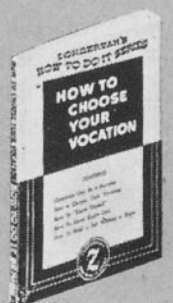
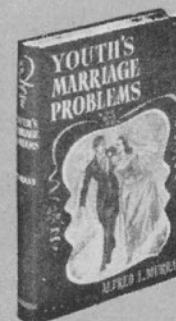
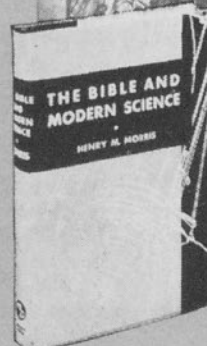
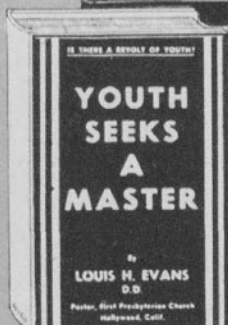
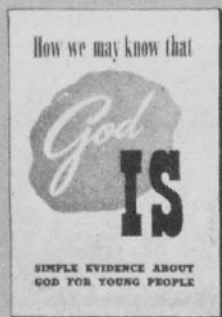
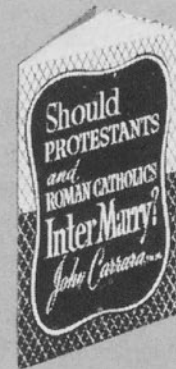
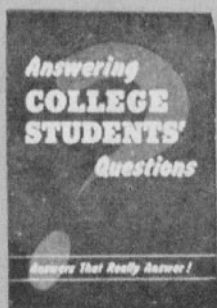
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The Israelites' task increased

CHAPTER 5

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Nine-Fingered Christians

BY VIRGINIA WHITMAN

THE ROMANS HAD A CUSTOM, IT IS SAID, OF CUTTING off the little finger of a deserter.

If every believer who has deserted his post of duty were so penalized, how many would be nine-fingered Christians?

Many have deserted the prayer chamber. They've been guilty of the sin Samuel decried when he said, "God forbid that I should sin in ceasing to pray for you." They have in figure, deserted the missionaries who left them to hold the air hose while they dived into sin's sea in search of the lost.

A returned missionary slipped unannounced and unrecognized into a back seat at the prayer meeting in a church which had contributed largely to his support on the field. At the close of the meeting he arose and identified himself. He went on to say, "I recently resigned from my post because I felt I had been a complete failure in my work. I was winning no souls to Christ, accomplishing nothing despite my earnest efforts. Now I know why. You failed to pray for me. Not once has a missionary or mission field been mentioned in your prayers this evening."

Some believers have deserted the Bible study, and

Sunday School teachers have failed to appear before their classes. All too often they have not even given notice or arranged for a substitute to take their places. A promising boy, in whom many had been deeply interested, became irregular in his attendance at Sunday School, and finally ceased coming entirely. When sought out and pressed for an explanation, he said, "Why, the teacher wasn't there half the time. If Sunday School didn't mean anything more than that to him, what did it have for me?"

Others have deserted the witness stand. They wouldn't have dared do so in civil court, but they failed to testify for Christ. When the time came for them to tell what they knew about *His* grace, they kept silent. They are like the Christian of whom Flora Lee Plummer wrote in "The Soul Winning Teacher." * She related:

"During a summer visit just after I had left school, a class of girls about my own age came to me a few times for an hour's singing. . . . Sometimes I accompanied them afterward down the avenue; and whenever I met any of them, I had smiles and an abundance of kind words for each, which they seemed to appreciate greatly. A few years afterward I sat by the bedside of one of these girls, the most gifted of them all. She told me how sorrowfully and eagerly she was seeking Jesus at the time of those singing classes . . . how she used to linger on the avenue on those summer evenings, longing for me to speak to her about the Saviour . . . instead of the pleasant, general remarks about the nice hymns and tunes. And I never did! She went for years without the light and gladness which it might have been my privilege to bring to her life. She said . . . 'I ought to have been yours.'"

Often Christians desert the worship service. Their pastor and their Lord have not asked daring or dangerous exploits of them. All that has been asked is that they stand in their places. But they have deserted, and the result has been worse than the loss of a little finger. It has been the loss of the warmth and glow of their presence.

Such a deserter was visited by his pastor who found him sitting by an open hearth on which a fire burned. After the greetings were over, the two sat for a time without speaking, gazing upon the bed of burning coals. The pastor picked up the tongs, lifted one of the red-hot coals from the bed, and placed it to itself on one side of the hearth. Presently its glow was gone and it lay there cold and black. "I see what you mean; I'll be back next Sunday," that repentant deserter promised.

Think of the times in your Christian experience when you haven't been where you ought to have been at the appointed time. Had God given you leave to be absent? In the armed forces a man or woman who is A.W.O.L. for more than ten days is classed as a deserter. If your service to Christ were measured by such a standard, would you, by Roman custom, be a nine-fingered Christian?

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