

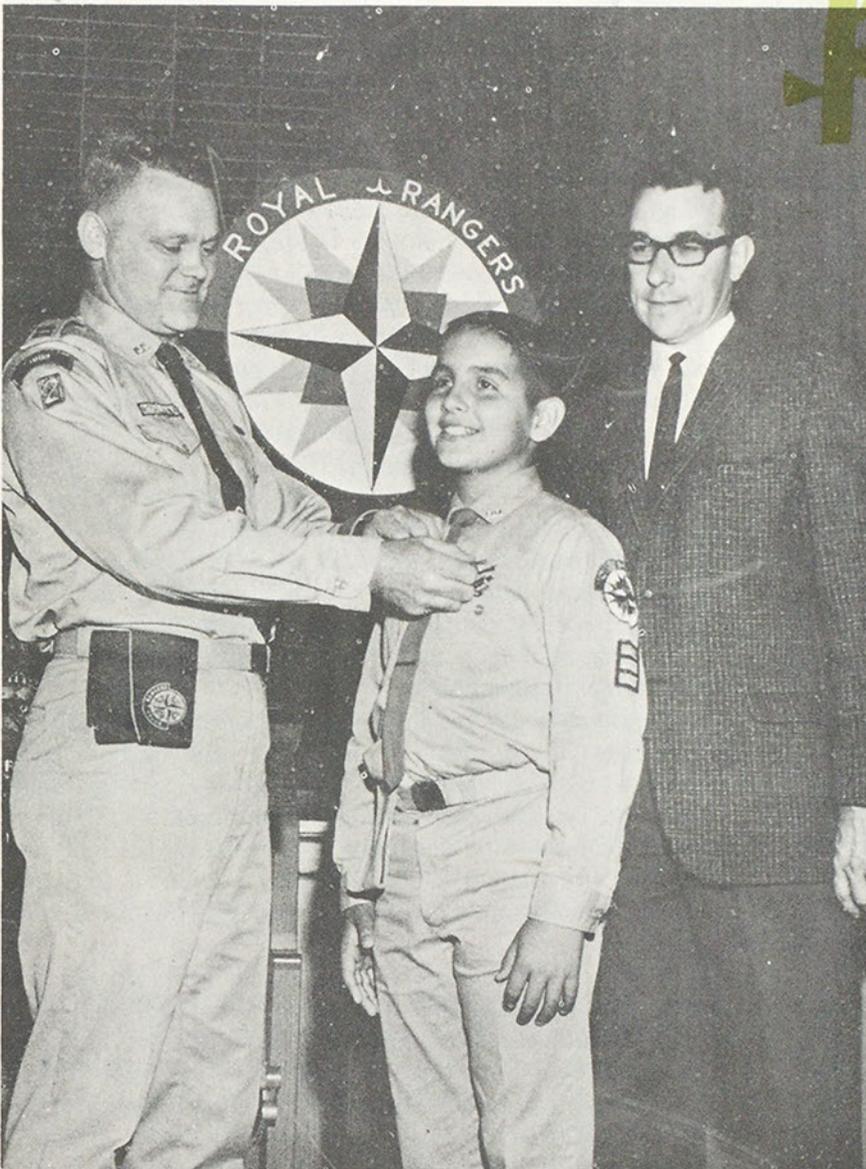
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD

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SENIOR COMMANDER BUFF SMITH PRESENTS THE SENIOR GUIDE OF THE PIONEER OUTPOST, DOUGLAS DAVIS, WITH HIS HARD-EARNED MASTER'S AWARD. PHILIP WANNEMACHER, PASTOR OF FIRST ASSEMBLY, WARREN, OHIO, LOOKS ON APPROVINGLY.

M F "CHURCH OF THE YEAR"

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**"Every man's work shall be made manifest;
for the day shall declare it" (1 Corinthians 3:13).**

IN A DAY OF BLOWOUT-PROOF TIRES, rustproof metals, and wrinkle-proof cloth, it might be in order to examine ourselves to see whether we have an eternity-proof experience in grace.

It has been said that "religious life can be lived on three levels: artificial, superficial, or sacrificial." And, sadly enough, it sometimes seems that the second of these most accurately describes the lives of many believers. On every hand one encounters superficial conversions, superficial healings, and superficial Baptisms.

Too many fail to heed seriously the exhortation of Christ, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." The fatal weakness of the Pharisee was his tendency to confuse the outside with the inside of his cup—his willingness to accept the seeming for the real, and his constant emphasis on that which met the eye of men rather than that which met the eye of God. Jesus rejected this attitude as utterly false and spiritually fatal, and He completely reversed their ideas by stressing the exceeding importance of "the heart."

Thus too the apostle Paul, by the Spirit, solemnly warned that "every man's work shall be manifest, for

ETERNITY- PROOF

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the day shall declare it." While the basic application of this passage is to a man's works, most certainly it can also be applied to a man's life; for it is unthinkable that God will look with favor and approval upon a *life* built of "hay, wood, and stubble," while rejecting *works* of the same materials.

It is not so much that we are deliberate hypocrites; it is simply that the human heart has infinite capacity for self-deception. This, of course, is closely related to deceiving others. Thus it is very possible that Ananias and Sapphira had *convinced themselves* that keeping part of the price of the property was only fair, and that it was nothing but normal human precaution to make provision for a rainy day. By the mental process of rationalization they made that which was actually grievous sin appear to themselves to be nothing more than a little self-serving maneuver.

But their action was not eternity-proof. When they came face to face with God's Spirit-filled servant, their excuses collapsed and their refuge of lies was swept away. Their deception stood up under the scrutiny of

man, but was instantly exposed when probed by the finger of God.

Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, seemed to have pulled off a very clever and profitable scheme when he ran after the newly healed Naaman and through falsehood obtained for himself the gifts that Elisha had refused. But the Scripture says, "He went in and stood before his master." That proved disastrous to his well-concealed dishonesty. Suddenly it was judgment day for Gehazi, and he suffered exposure, disgrace, and leprosy for the rest of his days. His deceit and greed could pass undiscovered under the gaze and scrutiny of everyone *except the Master!*

The apostle Paul greatly emphasized the solemn certainty of that moment when every Christian shall stand before his Master. "For we all have to appear without disguise before the tribunal of Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:10, Moffatt). That Paul should use the phrase, "without disguise," is clear recognition of the inherent human tendency toward pretense. But what possible profit is it, even if our disguise in this life is perfect and undiscovered, when at the end we must discard the mask and stand before *Him* as we *really* are?

What a fool a man would be to build his house with "hay, wood, and stubble" (none of which is fireproof) when there was available to him indestructible materials, as suggested by the "gold, silver, and precious stones." But a far greater fool is the man who builds his spiritual house with insincerity, superficiality, and pretense. "For the fire shall try every man's work, of what sort it is."

In His story of the two builders, Jesus praised the wise man because, when he began to build, he "dugged deep and laid the foundation on a rock" (Luke 6:48). Whether building a house or a life, failure to "dig deep" will eventually prove disastrous.

In this day of mass evangelism, with the emphasis so often upon numbers, crowds, and statistics, there is an ever-increasing need to press upon the people God's demand that they "dig deep." The spiritual mortality rate among the alleged converts in most of the large campaigns is heartbreaking. If even one out of every 10 who make "decisions" in these mass meetings would turn out to be a genuinely born-again convert, ready to leave the world and to take his place in the local church, it would be a most optimistic estimate. The obvious cause of their speedy demise as converts clearly lies in their failure to *dig deep* and *pray through* until they reach the Rock Foundation!

If there is to be any hope of spiritual growth and stability, "there must be no make-believe, no playing with words, no dodging of issues, no skirting of unpleasant realities, no resting in platitudes—it must be real." Has not God solemnly warned us, "Yet once more I shake not the earth only but also heaven... that those things which cannot be shaken may remain"? (Hebrews 12:26, 27).

Surely it is far better for us to remove from our lives *now* that which is shakable, than to wait for the Divine shaking and the day of fire to reveal that we have been sawdust men. Far better to judge ourselves *now* than to be judged (and found guilty) by Him *then!* The goal of every Christian must be an unshakable experience in grace and a walk with God that is eternity-proof.



I Was Afraid of the Protestants

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WHEN I LEFT ITALY years ago as a young man, my parents warned me to stay away from Protestants and from their churches. I had known only Roman Catholicism, having been baptized as an infant and confirmed at the age of 11.

After coming to the United States, I got a job as a coal miner at Westernport, Maryland. On the road to the mine there was an Assemblies of God church. I was afraid to pass it, thinking that the devil might come out and catch me, so I took another way.

One day a Baptist man in the mine talked to me about his religion, but I did not accept his testimony. Instead, I began to persecute him and did some evil to him each day.

I moved from one place to another, seeking the pleasures of the world in drinking, dancing, smoking, and attending theaters. Pleasure was my idol, but I still went to mass every Sunday.

One morning while working as a miner in Nelsonville, Ohio, I injured my finger. I began cursing because of the pain, and cursed all day. That evening I was so miserable as I left my home to go to a dance that I even thought of killing myself. Then I wondered if there could be a better way out of my troubles.

On the way to the dance I met a stranger who stopped me and asked, "Where are you going?" I told him I was going to a dance, but he said, "Come with me to our revival."

I explained that I must not go into a Protestant church, but he urged me to go with him, and I did. As I looked around the church, I said to myself, "How miserable are the Protestants! They don't even have a picture of a saint in their church!"

I was about to leave when I had a vision. In this vision I was hitting a man with a stone. I heard a voice saying, "The one you are fighting is Christ who

died to save you." At once I cried out for pardon, and Jesus forgave my sins.

But the next night I could not sleep. I asked the Lord what was wrong, and He reminded me that under my bed I had some whiskey and other things from the old life. I knew I should destroy them, and I did.

At four o'clock that morning God spoke to my heart saying, "You have entered into a new life. From now on walk with Me and be perfect."

This was the beginning of a new life for me. Old things had passed away, and all things had become new. The Christ I had cursed every time I spoke before I was saved had now become the Friend and Treasure of my soul.

The following Sunday morning I attended a high mass, but I was unable to go through the rituals as before. When I got home, I thought about this and wondered. I opened my Bible to Exodus 20:4, 5, and read, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image... thou shalt not bow down thyself to serve them."

From that time forward the Bible I had been warned against became very precious to me.

Seven months after my conversion I returned to Westernport, Maryland, and the day after my arrival I was invited to attend the Assembly of God I had once been afraid even to pass by. This time I went, and during a Sunday morning service I saw various manifestations of the Spirit. I asked the pastor to explain, and he told me about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I became so hungry for that Baptism that I fasted from Thursday until the following Sunday. On Sunday evening as I knelt to pray in the church, I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.

I am happy to be a witness for Jesus, telling to others the good news that Jesus saves.

Antidote to Fear

WITHIN PROPER LIMITS, fear is a good thing. We cannot live either our natural or our spiritual lives without it. A child will burn itself unless it has a proper fear of fire. A pedestrian will be knocked down and killed unless he has a respectful fear of traffic.

Until a man fears to put one rotten timber in a house, he cannot be a successful builder; nor can a man be a successful Christian until he fears to put one foul thought into his character. It is a healthy trait to fear both danger and sin.

But there is another kind of fear which is very unhealthy. This is the fear that brings torment. It may be a fear of the future; fear of war and what war may bring; fear of man; fear of criticism or ridicule; fear of failure; fear of financial reverses, loss of income. Or it may be fear that some awful sickness or personal tragedy may lie ahead.

These fears will paralyze a person. They may cause a physical breakdown. They will poison the body and stifle the soul. They can bind one's life into cruel knots.

The remedy for the *fear knots* of Satan is the "fear not's" of God. Someone has said that there are 365 "fear not's" in the Bible, one for each day of the year. And when God says "Fear not" He always gives a good reason why we shouldn't do so.

If you are afraid of war, read God's promise in Genesis 15:1—"Fear not, Abraham; I am thy shield."

If the fear of the future is haunting you, remember the word that came to Moses when God's people were trapped in a seemingly hopeless situation—"Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today . . ." (Exodus 14:13).

Are you tempted to be afraid your faith is weak, your abilities inadequate? Turn to Isaiah 43:1 and consider these reassuring words—"Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."

Never fear failure or defeat, for the mighty God is with you. He says—"My Spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not" (Haggai 2:5).

You need never fear poverty, for Jesus assures—"Fear ye not . . . ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

Do not be troubled with a fear of death. In Revelation 1:17, 18 the Saviour says—"Fear not . . . I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of hell and of death."

Be not troubled with the fear of man. Read Isaiah's comforting words in chapter 51, verse 7—"Fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment . . . but my righteousness shall be for ever."

There is a monument to Lord Lawrence in Westminster Abbey which bears this inscription: "He feared man so little, because he feared God so much." Have faith in God. Faith is the antidote to fear. Not faith in your faith, but faith in God. When temptation comes, say with the Psalmist—"I will trust and not be afraid." "I will fear no evil, for thou art with me."

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out all fear. Prove your love for God by trusting Him. Trust His power. Trust His Word. He takes good care of all who trust in Him. —R.C.C.

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT THAT if only certain hindrances were removed, God could work in your behalf? Take courage and believe that "with God all things are possible." He knows how to cut the red tape in order to meet your need.

The story of the raising of Lazarus (John 11) illustrates Jesus' determination to help His servant in spite of concerted opposition by honest people who stood in His way.

Whether you are the Lazarus in your situation, or one of those standing by, get your eyes on Jesus and work with Him if you would see a miracle.

Notice six hindrances that Jesus overcame in order to raise Lazarus:

1. FEAR

Two days after Jesus received word of Lazarus' illness, He said to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

"Judea? The Jews will kill you if you go back there!"

How often do we avoid responsibilities because of fear of one kind or another. "Don't go to the mission field. You'll never own anything," someone says. But what is there to own? Everything we have is on loan; God already owns all of it. David said, "The meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." God declared, "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

Jesus turned to His fearful disciples and said, "Are there not twelve hours in the day?" He knew the day would soon end: that day, and that year, and time itself. No wonder He said in another place, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

2. IGNORANCE

Jesus told the disciples, "Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep."

Then said His disciples, "Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well." Someone said, "If you're the only one who is calm when everyone else is upset, perhaps you just don't understand the situation." These disciples simply didn't understand the situation.

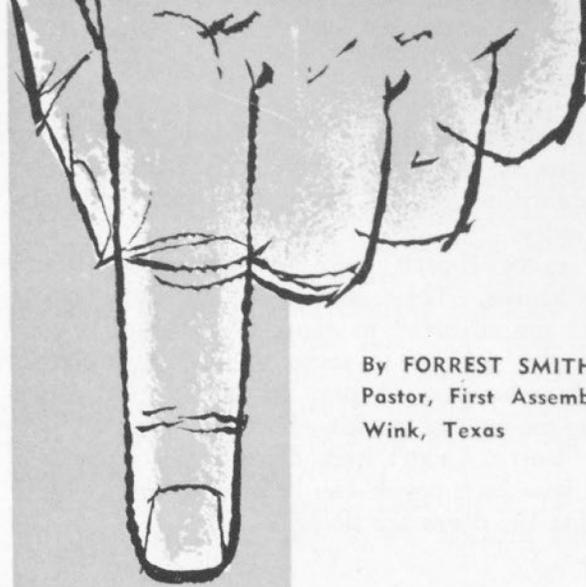
This is why many of us spend so much time with games and amusements. Nobody is screaming in our ear, so we assume everyone is all right. We didn't see the hordes tumbling blindly into the pit, so we're confident that "they shall do well."

The Pentecostal Evangel printed the following a number of years ago: "Among the 170,000 who die daily, over 100,000 die without any knowledge of Christ whatsoever." This vast number is increasing, and the fact should not encourage complacency among the people of God. There is work to be done. All is *not* well.

3. INDIRECTION

Jesus said plainly, "Lazarus is dead." Thomas replied, "Let us go die with him." He was willing, but his response revealed uncertainty of direction. He wasn't sure where he was supposed to be going. If there is one thing above others Christians must have, it is divine direction. We must not only be willing to go, but know what we are going for. We must know the mind of our Lord.

Lazarus did not need someone to share his tomb; he



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FEAR
IGNORANCE
INDIRECTION
DOUBT
CRITICISM

WHAT JESUS OVERCAME TO WORK A MIRACLE

needed to be made alive. Most people have enough self-pity to carry them through life, so they do not need mere sympathy. They need salvation, deliverance. Christians must follow divine direction to bring them the message of life and hope.

4. DOUBT

When Martha, Lazarus' sister, ran to meet Jesus, He told her, "Thy brother shall rise again."

"I know that," she said. "He will rise again in the resurrection, at the last day."

Martha was willing to believe for victory in the future, but not now. Too many of us are like her in that. We tend to put off the reception of blessings to some future date. This evasive action is prompted by fear of failure. Potential success can become failure if we postpone it too long.

Jesus told Martha, "I *am* the resurrection!" The voice that Martha heard was the same voice she will hear at the resurrection.

5. CRITICISM

"Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?" This from the friends of Lazarus!

The old proverb has it, "Those who can, do. Those

who cannot do, teach." It might have added, "And those who can neither do nor teach, criticize." These people lacked the ability to do or teach, but they still felt qualified to judge.

In almost every church there are some like these friends of Lazarus. They are too busy to attend revival effort; too involved to support the church; too timid to visit the sick, or to serve in any way. These are the people who say, "I pray at home." Or, "No point in giving me anyone to visit—I wouldn't know what to say." Or, "Sorry, I can't even drive a nail straight." Ever wonder how such people can become so knowledgeable about what the doers are doing?

6. PROPRIETY

Standing at the grave, Jesus commanded, "Take away the stone."

"But Lord," Martha protested, "he's been dead four days. He probably stinks by now!"

With the Son of God standing at her elbow and her brother dead, she worried about the stench! Over-sensitivity stems from a warped sense of aptness.

Many people fail to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit because of a false sense of propriety. They are afraid of what might happen if they yielded completely to God. Yet this same God is concerned about "decency and order" too.

Do you remember Captain Naaman? "Now Naaman was a great man, and honorable, and also a mighty man of valor. But he was a leper." He needed God. But when the prophet told him how to receive God's blessing, his sense of propriety was outraged. Why dip in the muddy Jordan when there were clear streams at home in Damascus? Naaman believed people should act in accordance with their station in life. If you are a businessman, or a mayor, or a captain, how important it is to be dignified!

If you're important, Naaman would have advised, don't go to a small church. Remember, people judge you by your associates. Go to a larger church, one more modernistic in its views. Guard your image!

"By now he stinketh." Indeed!

Bear in mind, in every instance of opposition noted above, the people involved were sincere. They were not rabble-rousers or rioters. They were not bootleggers,

racketeers, or honky-tonkers—they were followers of the Lord. Some of them were loved ones and friends of the dead man, people who certainly would not deliberately hinder the work of God in his behalf.

Yet to raise Lazarus Jesus had to elbow His way through the crowd of fearful followers, past spiritual believers who lacked comprehension, over protests of leaders who were charging full speed ahead in the wrong direction, around loved ones full of unbelief and false pride, past all the critics.

At last He stood triumphantly before the open cave where Lazarus lay lifeless. He spoke audibly to God for a moment, for the sake of those standing by. And then that voice of authority, the voice that could castigate religious racketeers, comfort a restless child, or calm the stormy waves, called, "Lazarus, come forth!"

And a man who could no longer hear, heard. He heard because the voice that once said, "Let there be light!" now called his name.

And a man who could not stand not only stood but

NO, GOD IS

By VERA HUTCHCROFT

Joy Teas looked with concern at her 22-month-old son playing on the floor. He could neither stand nor walk. Other children that age were at least standing. *Is there something wrong?* she wondered. *Should I take him to a doctor?*

No, she decided firmly. I'll ask help of the Great Physician. At Joy's request a minister prayed with her the prayer of faith.

The next day Robert stood up in his crib. Two weeks later he walked across the room.

This happened in 1953, the same year that God performed another miracle in the Teas family.

The husband and father, Al Teas, was afflicted with epilepsy but up until July 1953 he had only occasional seizures. Then while working as a switchman on the M.K.T. Railway, he suffered an accident in which his back was injured and a dental plate shattered.

Following the accident the epileptic seizures became more frequent, increasing to as many as four a day. The company sent him to a hospital for observation and tests. Soon Al gave Joy the news he would have to be in the hospital for at least a month. She was discouraged, for besides the illness she faced the problem of no income during this time.

At church Joy requested prayer for her husband. The

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Hear of the Bible

GREAT CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 27-DEC. 4

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PROMISE OF THE WEEK

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

GREAT CHAPTER DAILY READING PROGRAM

walked—a stumbling, ungraceful hop from the cave of death out into the glorious day! He walked because the lips that had breathed the breath of life into Adam now breathed his name, “Lazarus!”

And the odor of death which Martha feared was never mentioned again. It wasn't there, because Lazarus was alive!

Do you wish Jesus would speak your name with such power? He will!

Are you unsaved? Ask Him to cleanse you from sin. Is your body infirm, and wracked with pain? Ask Him to heal you.

There may be obstacles to every step of faith you take, but notice what Jesus said to Martha, “Said I not unto thee, that, *if thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?*”

Take the step of faith! Jesus will go around every obstacle, and by a miracle of grace He will speak your name. And He will command whatever binds you, “Loose him, and let him go!”

NOT DEAD!

NUMEROUS MIRACLES OF HEALING EXPERIENCED BY THE TEAS FAMILY PROVE IT.

evangelist called forward two believers from the audience. Laying his hands on them he prayed, and commissioned them to go and pray for Al.

The next morning Al called his wife from the hospital. “Honey,” he said, “I know God healed me. They're going to let me come home!”

From that time on Al Teas, by faith, stopped taking the medicine the doctors said he would have to take for the rest of his life, and God honored his faith. He has not had a seizure since. Praise the Lord!

Satan has more than one way of harassing God's children, however. With Al, he used fear—fear that his healing was not really complete. But in June 1966, after 13 years, Al was able to accept God's deliverance from fear that his sickness might return.

Another outstanding healing in the Teas family came in 1958 when their son Pat playing on the top bunk, fell to a cement floor. This fall left him minus three permanent front teeth. But God gave Al and Joy the assurance He would take care of this problem, and He replaced the missing teeth within a year.

In 1960 when a baby girl was born to the Teas family, her father had to serve as the doctor. God was with him; for when their own physician arrived, he found everything in order.

Six weeks later God was to perform an even greater miracle in keeping this baby girl alive. Joy had given her the eight o'clock feeding as usual that morning. Three

hours later the baby began to gasp for breath, and they rushed her to the hospital. After an examination, the doctor informed them the baby had staphylococcal pneumonia. Her condition was critical; one lung was already filled, and the doctor gave them no hope she would live.

Joy Teas was submissive. She prayed, “Thy will, not mine, be done,” and thanked the Lord He had loaned the child to them for this short time.

Al was talking to the Lord too, but his prayer was different. In his heart he told the Lord that if He would spare the baby's life, he would quit smoking and consecrate his life completely to Him.

When they telephoned their pastor, he prayed over the telephone, then came to the hospital and prayed again for the baby.

A few moments later the doctor came to the parents as they waited for news. Looking puzzled, he said, “It's most unusual, but the baby seems to have taken a turn for the good. If she lives through the night, she will have a 50-50 chance for recovery.”

That was all Brother and Sister Teas needed to hear. They knew God was going to restore their child. They went home praising God, and Al determined to keep his promise with the Lord's help. Al had been a chain smoker, smoking four packs a day, but after prayer the Lord delivered him completely.

Three years later they needed another miracle in their home. While the children were playing in the backyard, Pat jostled his brother, who in turn gave him a push. This sent Pat against a cement-block wall where he hit the back of his head, caving in his skull.

When Joy came in answer to their cries, she found Pat in a semiconscious state. Once again she called her pastor. He told her, “In exactly three minutes we will be praying here. At that same time, you lay your hands on the boy and pray too.”

This she did; and as the Spirit of God came upon her, she could actually feel the bones in Pat's head moving and resuming their normal shape. Pat regained consciousness. When he later complained of a headache, Joy prayed again, asking the Lord Jesus to complete the work. Praise the Lord, He did just that. Pat has not suffered any ill effects from that injury.

About a year later Danny was born. He had jaundice to the extent that the doctor thought it would be necessary to give him a blood transfusion. The first Sunday they had him home, however, they took him to church to be dedicated to the Lord. At the time of dedication the pastor prayed for Danny's healing. Overnight the condition cleared up, and no transfusion was needed.

In June 1966 Mary—now 6—got her foot caught in the spokes of a bicycle. It was badly cut, swollen, and painful. Her father had to carry her into the service at Eastside Assembly in Seattle. She hopped on one leg up to the front to be prayed for, but after prayer she walked back to her seat—all pain gone. The next morning the swelling was gone too, and she was playing as usual.

The neighbors were amazed, for they had seen her foot before prayer and knew what had happened. The Lord has used that healing, as well as the others, as an opening to tell many of what God can do.

Yes, the Teas family know they serve a living, miracle-working God. No wonder their favorite expression is, “Praise the Lord!”

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The MF group was chartered in February 1954 while Herbert E. Eicher was pastor. When land was purchased for the new church building, MF members cleared the land for construction, and later enlarged the parking lot.

In 1962 the Royal Rangers program was started. The commander and lieutenant commander were elected from the Men's Fellowship.

As missionary projects for 1966 the group collected and outfitted a tool box for Missionary Raymond Zents; gave \$50 to Harold Schmitt, former pastor and now a missionary appointee to Germany; and raised \$200 for Light-for-the-Lost.

Approximately 40 men proudly wear the Men's Fellowship lapel pin. A monthly contribution is sent to the national office, and the group subscribes to *Team* magazine.

About half of the men completed the course in personal witnessing, "So Send I You," and have engaged in visitation. On the first Thursday of
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OUR MEN'S DAY OFFERING

Once a year each church is asked to help support the National Men's Fellowship Department. This help is needed to meet the basic cost of operating the office.

Our offering to the National Men's Fellowship Department. \$.....

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'CHURCH OF THE YEAR'

OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATION IN ALL DIVISIONS OF MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

First Assembly of God, Warren, Ohio

(PHILIP WANNENMACHER, PASTOR)



Men's Fellowship President Robert Freer (left) is congratulated by Pastor Wannemacher upon receiving the 1966 MF "Church of the Year" award.



One of the finest Royal Rangers programs is carried on by First Assembly in Warren, Ohio. In the top photo Philip Wannemacher, newly elected pastor, addresses a combined meeting of the Royal Rangers and the Men's Fellowship. In the pastor's study (center photo) the Royal Rangers outpost council (consisting of the pastor, Royal Rangers officers, several board members, and the MF president) plans Royal Rangers activities. Tools and chest (photo directly above) were collected and given to Missionary Raymond Zents.



Each Sunday the men conduct jail services. Leaders are (far left photo): Ralph Brubaker (director), Bruce Villers, Ermy Mantavoni, and Clyde Freer. Once a month the men hold a meeting at the Warren Rescue Mission (left photo). Director James Wyninegar is behind the pulpit.

each month the men are responsible for the service at the local rescue mission. The Men's Fellowship purchased lumber and one of the members made a pulpit for the mission chapel. The men have souls at heart and their prayer is that they will truly be "fishers of men."

Meeting the first Saturday in each month, the group enjoys a variety of interesting programs—films, speakers, and banquets. In June, 110 attended the father-and-son banquet.

Present officers are: Bob Freer, president; Joe Kish, vice-president; Floyd Freer, secretary; Darrel Vil-
 lers, treasurer.



Both boys and men benefit from the Royal Rangers program (at top) supported by the Men's Fellowship of the First Assembly, Warren, Ohio. At the father-and-son banquet (top left) which 110 men and boys attended, Gerald Qualls, assistant pastor, leads in prayer. The men pick up coffee (above) for an enjoyable time of fellowship. When property was secured for the new church, the Men's Fellowship undertook the job of clearing the land (bottom right) and later enlarged the parking lot. Coin-a-meal banks (shown at lower left) are collected by members of the Men's Fellowship. The money provides support for the activities of the Royal Rangers, Light-for-the-Lost, Women's Missionary Council, and Missionettes.



THE KING'S WISDOM

Sunday School Lesson for December 4, 1966

MATTHEW 22:15-33

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

ARE YOU ENCOUNTERING opposition and pressure because you are a Christian? Think of the opposition and animosity Christ constantly faced as He ministered (Hebrews 12:3). Yet how poised He was! With what wisdom He silenced His critics!

ENEMIES ORGANIZED

Opposition to Christ, until this time more or less scattered, now became highly organized. Two rival parties—the Pharisees who were Jewish loyalists, and the Herodians who favored Rome—ganged up to trap their common enemy, Christ. Their method was subtle. But how little they understood Christ, and how perfectly He saw through their clever hypocrisy.

“Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth...for thou regardest not the person of men.” Here we have an example of:

1. *Unmitigated hypocrisy.* Evidently His enemies intended to throw Christ off guard by appealing to His ego. And many a man has been snared by such an appeal!

2. *Unwitting tribute.* Though they were insincere, they spoke the truth. Jesus was indeed impartial; He did “say and teach” rightly.

ENEMIES ATTACKING

“Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?” This was an artful, well-planned question. (See verse 17.) The Jews resented paying taxes inflicted by Rome—particularly this personal tax. If Christ answered in the affirmative, the Pharisees could use His answer to undermine His influence with the Jews. “Imagine a Messiah paying tribute to a Gentile!” they would say. If He gave a negative answer, they could report to Roman authority He had been guilty of treason, and He would be promptly arrested.

The Sadducees then asked Christ a question designed to ridicule His teaching about the resurrection. (See verses 23 to 33.) They projected a case in which a woman married and was widowed seven times. Then they asked whose wife she would be in the resurrection.

ENEMIES SILENCED

To the first question Christ replied, “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s; and unto God the things which are God’s” (v. 21). This principle settles a great many issues. Some believe the state is supreme and has a right to claim loyalty above all other powers. The result is totalitarianism. On the other extreme there are those who belittle the importance of loyalty to civil and state authority. This results in lawlessness and hypocritical religion. Others believe one part of life belongs to God, another part to the state, and the two do not mix. The result is great inconsistency.

Jesus taught that:

1. God is supreme, and loyalty to Him supersedes all other loyalties.

2. Nevertheless, a Christian should be more conscientious than others in obeying civil authority and should help make his nation’s government truly a “government of the people, by the people, for the people.”

3. The Christian is bound to recognize and obey rulership—parental, civil, and national—insofar as the laws of that rulership do not conflict with the rulership of God.

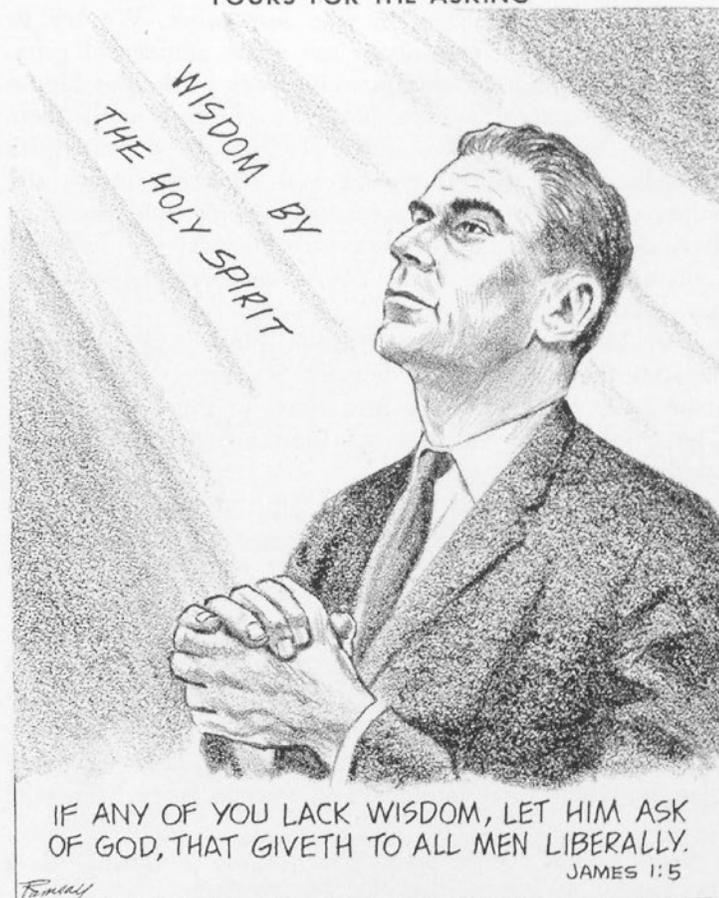
4. But in case of such conflict, the Christian “ought to obey God rather than man” (Acts 5:29).

In reply to the second question concerning the resurrection (vv. 28-33), Jesus taught that life in the resurrection is a different type than earthly life. It is comparable to what angels enjoy. This does not teach we will mean less to our loved ones than we do now. Rather, it means that though earthly distinctions may be no more, we shall all love everybody more than we do now. Undoubtedly we shall enjoy our heavenly relationship with them far more than we do on earth.

Finally, Jesus showed that Moses, whom the Sadducees respected, had believed in a resurrection. For Moses had spoken of God as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and, since God is the God of the living, and had said, “I am [not “I was] the God of Abraham,” then certainly these men were alive.

In both cases Christ’s wisdom completely silenced His enemies. And the same Spirit which kept Him in perfect peace and gave Him such wisdom is available to us.

YOURS FOR THE ASKING





By HELEN JOHNSON
Supervisor of the Juneau, Alaska,
Children's Home

CHRISTMAS IN THE JUNEAU CHILDREN'S HOME IS A MIXTURE OF LOVE, ANTICIPATION, AND HOPE. THROUGH THIS ARTICLE YOU MAY STEP INSIDE THE THRESHOLD FOR A SHINING MOMENT—AND HEAR A HAPPY CHILD SAY

'You Just Wait and See'

CHRISTMAS IS A TIME of great expectancy in this Home. Packages usually begin coming in a month or so before Christmas. We make a note of all the gifts and carefully put them away with names attached. Then we wrap, tag, and store them until Christmas morning.

It would help if everyone would send gifts tagged but not wrapped, for I must look at each gift to record it. In all the excitement and confusion of Christmas morning there is no telling where a gift came from. The older children keep the name tags from their gifts, but the younger ones seldom do; so I have to write it all down so I can tell later on who sent what. We try to see that each child gets about the same number of gifts.

In and through all this planning and work, the Home runs fairly smoothly. We help the children with their shopping and their plans. We see that they have gifts for school and church parties and let them in on the holiday plans too. We decorate the Home, and the children all help. Some of them go out with my husband Lyle and bring pine trees from the forest, just as in days of old!

The Home takes on a festive mood; pine boughs decorate the mantle and stair rails. Someone usually sends some holly which I place in a bowl in the living room. The children get out the old familiar tree decorations, adding some each year.

These children need others to think of them at Christmas and birthdays. They would have very little if God's people did not think of them and plan for them. So each year we hope for a lovely Christmas for the Home and for the children, and we have never been disappointed. I never have any funds with which to buy gifts for them or to provide a nice Christmas; but somehow it comes in time, and we always have a wonderful holiday. God's people are kind and generous; for while they plan for their own families and friends, they still take

Note: As this goes to press, Mrs. Johnson is seriously ill in the hospital in Juneau. Pray for her recovery.

time to plan for this Home and to share with us. Bless them!

The pastor and his family come out to see the children open their gifts, joining in the fun and general excitement. Then they return later in the day and have Christmas dinner with us. We always have some guests. It would not be Christmas without guests to share our good times with us.

Some of the children—the ones who were not with us last year—have never had a real family Christmas. We keep things as homey as we possibly can. Family feeling is encouraged at all times, but it overflows at Christmas. The whole home seems to bubble! I love it all—the work, the excitement, the planning, the getting and giving of gifts. Each Christmas is one to recall with pleasure. Sometimes children who grew up in the Home live near enough to return for Christmas and bring their children to enjoy our good times. They come home to

Children at the Juneau Children's Home with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Johnson (at right), directors.



“Grandpa” and “Grandma’s” house as naturally as grown-ups return to their own families.

I have overheard a child who has been here for some time tell a newcomer, “You just wait and see. At this Home we get all kinds of presents for Christmas, even things we don’t ask for.” What a wonderful thing it is to children when they receive gifts just for them in a world that hitherto has not proved mindful of their *needs*, let alone their *wants*. How wonderful it is to them to live in a clean house, to have pretty clothes, to be well-nourished; but even more important is the discovery that here they are wanted and loved.

All these things work a wonderful change in the children. They are carefully taught the Scriptures and the truth that Jesus loves them and wants them too. It is indeed “here a little and there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept” until they come to the knowledge of sins forgiven and enter into a Christian life. The in-filling and indwelling of the Holy Spirit is just as lovingly taught, and many seek for and experience the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This Pentecostal way is so precious to us, and we long for all to know the joy we possess.

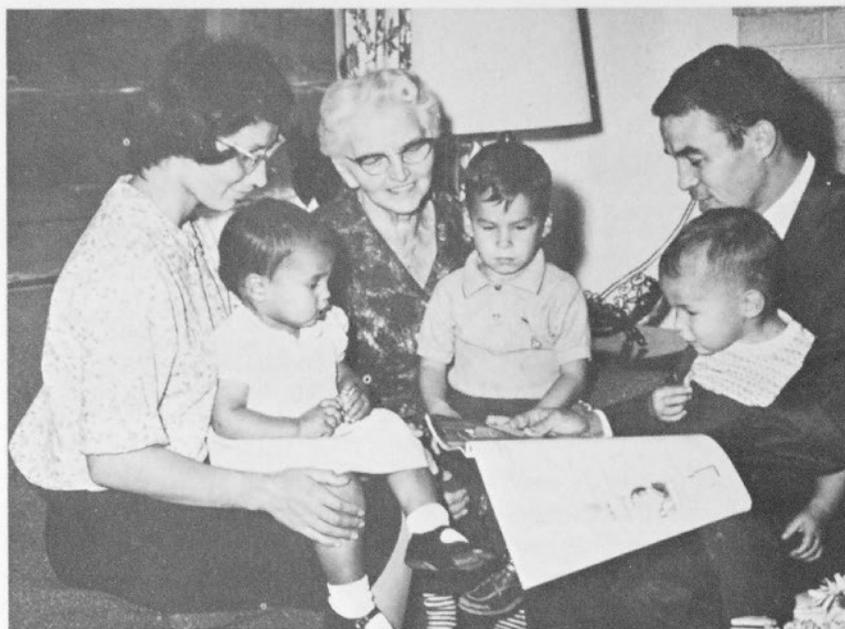
The Home buildings are getting old. We make repairs as we are able and try to keep the Home neat and clean. The dorm rooms need new floor tile. In all the rooms the tile is wearing out and in some places it is worn through to the underlay. All the rooms and hallways need repainting. That is one job I would like to get done *before* Christmas!

We need new throw rugs for all the floors. We like the woven rag rugs as they stand many washings. We would love to have many new, firmly woven rugs. Ours are worn out and hardly rugs anymore.

We are so grateful for the Volkswagen bus to take our children to Sunday school and church, and for the new snowplow. God bless those who helped us get these necessary pieces of equipment.

All the children and our dedicated staff workers join me in wishing every *Evangel* reader a merry Christmas. We thank you for everything you have done to make our Christmases happy ones, and may God make this one especially blessed. 

Gladys Graves, worker at the Home, sets up a miniature race track for inside fun.



Mr. and Mrs. Abbie Jorgenson and their children visit with Mrs. Johnson. Mrs. Jorgenson grew up at the Home.



The children like to play outside when the sun shines.

WHERE ARE THE MEN?

IS IT POSSIBLE we do not have churches in many areas of our districts because God has not found a man—a man with vision, a man with a burden, a man with a passion? The field goes unsown for lack of a sower; the harvest is unreaped for lack of a reaper.

We must fight flippancy and superficiality, which are growing tendencies among churches today. We cannot afford to be superficial in the face of the world situation. Leaders should challenge young men to enter the ministry, and ministers should encourage laymen to greater participation in church ministries. We need everyone—total involvement—to do the job before us, to extend the Kingdom outside our parishes.

There are those who feel unqualified and lament over what they do not have and cannot do. I have encouraged people to use what they have and to quit grieving about what they cannot do.

—W. GLENN WEST
Appalachian District Superintendent



Maxine Strobbridge (right), coordinator of the deaf and blind ministries, expresses appreciation for the Holloways' work at a rally banquet.

A HOBBY THAT BECAME A CHALLENGE

By ESTHER HOLLOWAY
Sacramento, California

FOR YEARS I was completely oblivious to the presence of the deaf about me—on the buses, shopping in the stores, passing on the streets, in exchanging a smile. Not until the spring of 1956 when my husband announced he was taking a course in dactylology did I realize that a whole world of people existed with whom I was unable to communicate—the world of the deaf.

Not only my husband enrolled, but all of the family as well. We spent many evenings studying and practicing the beautiful language of signs without exchanging a sound.

This new hobby consumed more time than anticipated. But to my husband it was all joy, for his lifelong desire to learn the fascinating language was being fulfilled. For me it required too much time. It was fun communicating with one another, but so much practice without benefit-

ing anyone seemed a waste of effort. So I dropped out of the class.

Not long after this we heard of a deaf family who had been deserted by the father and desperately needed help. We visited them, and my husband talked to the mother in the language of signs. I had forgotten my signs and resorted to communicating by the slow method of pencil and paper. My words of encouragement and guidance were always a little late, for when the conversation turned to a new topic, I would still be writing on the previous discourse! That night I decided to pursue my study of the sign language.

The next evening we again visited the home of a deaf couple. During the succeeding months we spent many hours each day seeking for the deaf the legal advice of the district attorney and other officials. We also spent

A Message for Jewish Friends



THE CURSE

By MONTY GARFIELD

MY JEWISH HOME was orthodox and very religious. During *Shabbas* (Jewish for *Sabbath*) we were not allowed to kindle a fire, use writing materials, tear paper, handle money, ride in a vehicle, wash dishes, and so on. Today I meet many Jews who will not answer the telephone on *Shabbas*.

At sunset on Friday evening we closed our store, and it stayed closed till sunset on Saturday. As a lad, I yearned to go outside and play in the sunlight. Because of the weekend holiday from school I longed to ride my bicycle and go swimming. But I was not allowed to do so. It was *Shabbas*, and God came first in our lives. The blessings and curses were set forth as it is written in our Holy Torah: "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day, and a curse if ye will not obey the com-

mandments of the Lord your God" (Genesis 11:27).

Not too many years ago, the majority of Jews were Sabbath-conscious. But as prosperity has come and modernism has crept in, many, including the rabbis, gradually have let down on the Law of God.

Today in our Jewish shopping centers, you will notice that most of the stores owned by Jewish folk are operating on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Many of the shoppers are Jews. Some of the owners may be in the synagogue wearing a Talith, with the fringes representing the Law, and kissing the Torah wherein is written: "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger within thy gates." Yes, they kiss the Torah which contains the Law and yet at the same time are defiling the Law. This has happened so often in the past, and God's judgment has fallen every time.

One man told me that the Christians changed the Sabbath to Sunday. He said, "That is why the Jews cannot keep Saturday holy, because we have to make a living." But years before Christianity ever came, our forefathers profaned the Sabbath (Nehemiah 13:15-18). This same gentleman will light a cigarette or cigar when Jews are not allowed to kindle a fire, and this has nothing to do with making a living. Our teen-agers profane the Sabbath with joy riding, with sports, and any kind of activity they desire. Oh yes, some go to the synagogue that morning. But that makes them more guilty because

much time interpreting for the deaf in the waiting rooms of social workers and in various other offices. I had resumed my classes in night school and eagerly looked forward to each lesson.

Gradually I built a better vocabulary and after a while I found the study was no longer just a hobby. It had become a part of me. I found my heart entwined deeply with the lives and activities of the deaf, as I interpreted in their legal and social affairs, public meetings, schools, hospitals, correctional institutions, and various other situations.

The church we attended asked us to continue their Christian education program for the deaf. My husband and I accepted. We found the courses of study we had taken for the hearing people could be quickly adapted for the deaf.

A robed choir, organized during the Christmas season, has remained as an active part of the ministry of the church. Although no musical sounds accompany them, their innate love of rhythm, exact timing, and complete uniformity (with the grace and ease that only the deaf can achieve) present a thrilling portrait. The choir has enjoyed singing at several churches in the Sacramento area.

Social activities enlist the cooperation of my entire family. Our two teen-age daughters add much to the festive and artistic touch at each social. Informative films, captioned for the deaf and obtained from Washington, D. C., are always a welcome addition to a party.

My continuous encounter with the deaf has made me

conscious of every beautiful word, song, and sound. I cannot refrain from forming these into a mental picture of interpretation for the deaf.

Many times when we feel we have been too busy and need relaxation, we will go to a restaurant. Before we know it we have planned a complete activity for the deaf or laid a foundation for a new project. It never fails! We find such evenings most enjoyable.

My hobby opened my eyes to a silent world around me. I discovered the neighbors who live across the street are deaf and lonely. The lady with whom I exchange smiles each week as our paths cross is also deaf and wanting to be understood.

If my husband and I can help these of the silent world, our time is not wasted. If they have received as much joy and satisfaction through our labors in counseling, instructing, and interpreting as we have received in doing this work, our effort has been worthwhile.

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Editor's note:

Mrs. Holloway recently was honored by Tom Bright, director of California Department of Highways, Sacramento, for her "outstanding contribution to the community in and around Sacramento" through her "tireless work with the deaf people and some of their organizations."

"In view of your many worthwhile activities relating to problems of deaf people," Mr. Bright's letter concluded, "I feel that you have contributed a meritorious service. . . . On behalf of the department as well as myself I wish to extend congratulations and to convey appreciation to you for a job well done."

Last year Mrs. Holloway was nominated for the Sacramento Community Service Award, sponsored by the city and county Chambers of Commerce.

they affirm that the very Law of God they are breaking is true.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never had any law and commandments. They lived before the giving of the Law (Matan Torah). So the Law is not of faith.

Praise God that He has made a *Way* whereby we poor sinners can be delivered from the *curse* of the Law. We read: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Gal. 3:13, 14).

Yes, Messiah became a curse for you and me because He died upon the Tree (Cross), as it is written in Deuteronomy 21:23.

Take Jesus as a sacrifice for your sins. By faith take Him into your heart. You will be redeemed from the *curse* of the Law and the *blessings* of Abraham will come upon you. Then you will not have to worry over *Shabbas* because God's Law will be written in your heart.

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The Assemblies of God has nine appointed missionaries to the Jews. Most of them are located in larger cities where the Jewish population is concentrated.

To acquaint the constituency with this Jewish work, the Home Missions Department is publishing a quarterly magazine, *The Jewish Witness*. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this stimulating periodical each quarter, send your name and address to the Home Missions Department. The first issue of this new magazine was published October 1.



More than ever...

We're doing something special for more people than ever at Christmas this year. Our home missions workers and institutions list is *so big!* How we wish we could crowd them all into one big hall for a happy holiday reunion. That's impossible, of course. But we *must* crowd them every one into our hearts. You can help by giving generously to the Home Missions Christmas Fund, from which we send remembrances to all our workers and institutions. Send your gift to Home Missions Christmas Fund, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

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By DON B. COLEMAN - Missionary to South Afr

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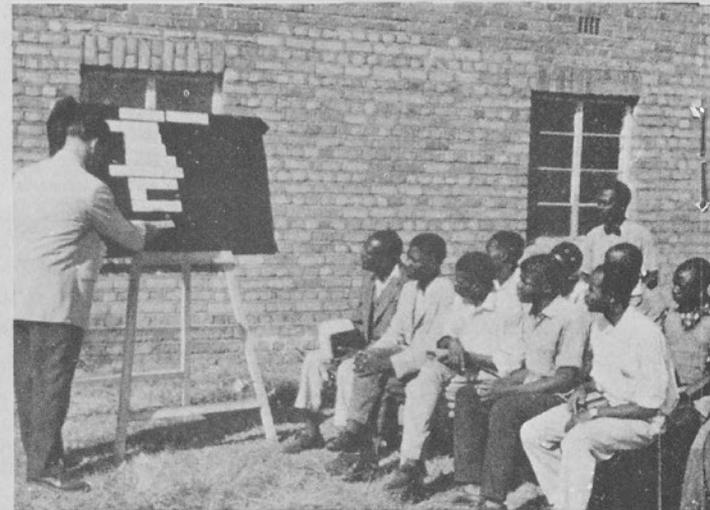
Several thousand Light-for-the-Lost tracts were distributed to people in the bush and town marketplaces. Many sat down immediately and began reading this gospel literature.



The young man pictured at left was to be present on a certain day at our Good News Crusade in Salimas. His father had informed us that the boy was deaf in both ears. I asked the Lord to grant me faith for a special miracle in the healing of this youth. The evening the young man attended the crusade, I preached a salvation message and then asked that he be brought to the front. Several of us prayed, and God instantly healed him. This witness of God's healing power resulted in many coming forward for salvation.

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The Lord performed another miracle in the village of Kalungama. This woman was healed of deafness in both ears. She has a tremendous testimony in her village.



It was my privilege to speak and teach at three ministers institutes during the Malawi Good News Crusades. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. In Lilongwe, the ministers helped pray several seekers through to the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

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A highlight of the closing service at the Salimas Good News Crusade was a special program by the WMC groups of two nearby churches. The ladies wore white scarves tied in back with the loose corners hanging to their shoulders. They are holding the WMC emblem in bright red and blue colors.



This Malawi young man was one of many who accepted a Light-for-the-Lost tract from me. We distributed gospel tracts among all who were present at the marketplace.

The people of Chisinga village and the surrounding area (left photo) bring their peanuts to designated points to be sold to buyers from the cities. At these marketplaces crowds up to 400 were attracted by tape recordings of gospel singing. Among those reached with the gospel were Chief Chisinga and his wife—both were saved and baptized in water during the Good News Crusade.

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God Did Not Fail Us



By MRS. JAMES H. ANDREWS

WHEN WORLD WAR II BROKE OUT, my husband and I were missionaries stationed in Yunnan, Southwest China, where we served for 25 years. The Japanese were sweeping everything before them, and the American and British consuls advised all missionaries to leave the country while it was possible. We were packing to leave when we received a letter from our Lisu Christians in the Iongbeh District telling of the first death of a convert.

The heathen in the villages around them would not let them give him a Christian burial but were demanding large sums of money, grain, and cattle.

This was a new work. The Lord had sent a mighty revival among these dear people when whole villages came out on the Lord's side. They ceased to be robbers and refused to grow opium. They burned their idols and began to live for Jesus. Now this was their real test, and they needed us to stand by them.

We got on our knees and prayed, and my husband felt definitely that the Lord would have him stay. He said he would feel like a hireling and not a shepherd if he left them when they were in trouble and needed him. I told him I felt the Lord would have me and the children remain with him. Our daughter, Ruth May, was 11 and James John, our son, was 9.

Yes, we knew what the Japanese were doing to the prisoners in their concentration camps and realized there was always a possibility of falling into their hands. However, we felt the Lord would take care of us. We unpacked and settled in again.

We had been on the field for over 10 years at this time, and our furlough was long overdue. Everything

was worn out. My husband's best suit had patches on both the trousers and coat, and I had to wash and press it to keep it fit to wear. It became a real burden to me, yet I praised the Lord that he had it. Our bed linens were worn and patched. Our kitchen stove, made of oil drums, was worn out. The dishpan leaked, and our only mixing bowl had a hole in it. Our dime-store egg beater had been sturdy, but after 10 years it would not work any longer.

Inflation came, prices rose, and money was cheap. We would go to market with bundles of \$10,000 in Chinese currency and come home with very little food. The sugar we could get rose to \$3,000 (\$30 U.S.) a pound.

I had always tried to make candy for the children on their birthdays, but this year I told Ruth she would have to do without because of the high cost of sugar. She cried and said, "American children can have candy every day of the year, and I can't have it once a year." I tried to explain to her that as a missionary's child she would have to sacrifice with us, but it was hard for her to understand.

Our extremity became God's opportunity. One day in January a native man came running to tell us that some American flyers were stranded out on a mountain. My husband went with him to search for them while I remained home and prepared food for them.

When my husband returned with the three American airmen, they told us they had been flying from India to China over the "Hump" with supplies when they lost their way, ran out of gas, and had to bail out. Two of them were injured. They did not know where they were, but they were very happy to hear my husband speak

English. We fed and cared for them until the American Army Headquarters sent a plane for them. When they left, they gave us two parachutes which contained many yards of nylon material. I gave one to another family and made clothes for my husband and children from the other. We even took the long silk cords apart and knitted them into nylon stockings.

How thankful we were to the Lord for this blessing, but more help was in store for us. One Sunday morning we heard a plane flying overhead and looked out to see a parachute floating down. Attached to it was a parcel addressed to my husband. It contained two new men's suits, one for summer and one for winter. There was also a case of milk which we appreciated so much. "Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

Shortly afterward the U. S. Army opened a weather station and airfield 10 miles outside our city. One day a letter came from the station saying, "Christmas in May! There is a planeload of food supplies out here for you. Bring at least 30 horses to carry the loads into the city."

My husband hired 30 horses, and they were needed. There were cases of all kinds of food—the best butter, a treat for us since we only had rancid yak butter; the best jam; cheese (we hadn't tasted cheese in years); milk; Spam; chili; and large tins of fruit juice, peaches, and apricots; flour; and other foods. I do remember the lovely whiteness of the flour. I hadn't seen white flour for years. They also sent us two cases of laundry soap, another luxury!

There was 160 pounds of granulated sugar (which was hard to get even in America during the war years). To top it off, there were two cases of candy! The dear Lord had seen my little girl's tears and sent us an abundant supply. He always does above all that we ask or think.

Looking at all that food—which was to last us until the war was over—I said to my husband, "Elijah didn't have a thing on us. The Lord sent him bread and meat, but He sent us bread, meat, and all the other things to go with it."

We worked for the past 10 years as missionaries in Jamaica, West Indies, but because of ill health we had to return home and are now nicely settled at Bethany Retirement Home here in Lakeland, Florida.

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The Assemblies of God fellowship is privileged to provide the comforts and blessings of Bethany Retirement Home for Brother and Sister Andrews and for others who have fought the good fight of faith in perilous times.

Your gift to Bethany is one way of expressing appreciation and encouragement to those who were true to the Pentecostal message in the face of danger and privation.

Several unfinished projects at the Home urgently need support now. Not all the rooms are furnished yet, and there are other needs. Send your offering today for Bethany Retirement Home, or write for more specific information as to current projects, to: Department of Benevolences, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

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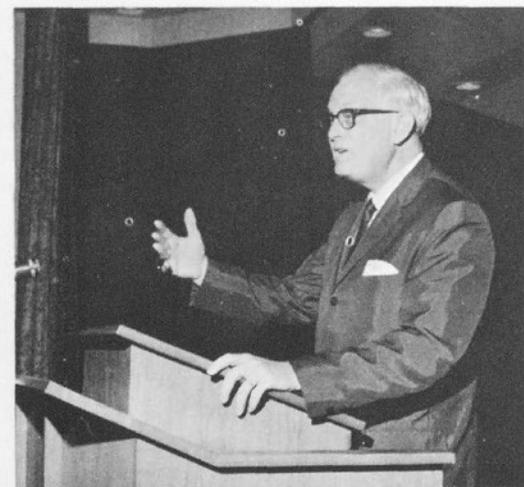
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Director Jim Fleming (above left) explains some of the techniques used by the Handbell Choir from St. Paul's Methodist Church, Springfield, Mo., which played in the evening services. The Hymntime Singers (above center) from Harrisburg, Pa., sing on the opening night of the conference. (Eddie Reece is the director.) T. F. Zimmerman (above), General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, addresses the opening session of the Music Conference. Dave Peters (lower left photo), chairman of Music Department at Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, Calif., answers a question during the daily question-and-answer period. At the speaker's table at the banquet are: John Hallett, Mrs. Anderson, Edwin Anderson, Bert Webb, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Zimmerman, and T. F. Zimmerman.



John Hallett, pianist, composer, arranger, and conductor, addresses the Music Conference. He is music editor for Rodeheaver Hall-Mack Company and serves as a minister of music in the Christian and Missionary Alliance in New Jersey.

341 ATTEND

NATIONAL MUSIC CONFERENCE

DELEGATES CAME FROM 27 states and Canada to attend the National Music Conference at Springfield, Missouri, August 22-25, 1966. Total attendance at this year's event, the fourth annual conference of its kind, was 341.

Guest clinicians featured on the program were John Hallett and Jesse Peterson. The former led sessions in choral techniques, arranging, and composing. Jesse Peterson, former head of the Music Department at Evangel College, led sessions on instrumental music. (Brother Peterson is now on leave from the college to pursue studies leading to a doctor's degree.)

The main emphasis this year was placed on choral and instrumental music. As a result, 181 choir members and 49 music directors were among those registered. There were several sessions on various aspects of these two areas.

Persons participating in other sessions were: Calvin Johansson, organ; Bonnie Plunkett, piano; Max Eleiott, Dave Peters, and Paul Ferrin, reading sessions; Margaret Wolverson, basic choral techniques; Russell Pratt, L. B. "Bud" Larsen, and Paul Fisher, choir directors.

A new feature this year was a choir festival held at Calvary Temple before a large congregation. It featured choirs from Oklahoma City, Okla., Granite City, Ill., and



John Hallett leads a choral workshop session.



The conference choir and instrumental ensemble minister at Central Assembly during the Festival of Music which concluded the conference. During the conference the singers and instrumentalists rehearsed daily under expert guidance.

Springfield, Mo. Jack Campbell, composer of "Jesus Use Me" and other gospel songs, also participated with his group.

The final festival of music held at Central Assembly featured the conference choir and orchestra under the direction of John Hallett and Jesse Peterson. Others taking part were Keith Wright, Carolyn Brunson, J. P. Monson, and Gladys Rankowski.

The conference was sponsored by the Music Division of the Gospel Publishing House. Bert Webb, executive director, participated in many of the activities and presided at the evening services. Edwin Anderson, music editor, was conference coordinator. Valuable assistance was given by Music Division staff members, Kelso Allen, Paul Cope, Ellen Hampton, and Judy Barravachia. 

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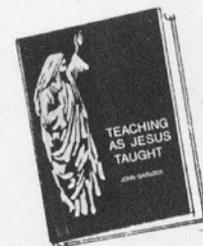
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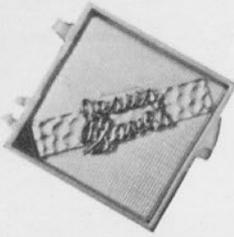
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Willi Graaff, talented German artist, is handling the layout and artwork for the new German translation of "The Farther We Probe Into Space, the Greater My Faith." He and his wife Maria were both saved during one of Evangelist Hal Herman's crusades.

TARGET:

GERMAN YOUTH

By RON ROWDEN

TRANSLATIONS OF Evangelist C. M. Ward's full-gospel books and tracts are extending *Revivaltime's* worldwide outreach beyond the realm of English-speaking persons.

New inroads of evangelism are presently being made with a German translation of *Revivaltime's* summer soul-winning miniature, *The Farther We Probe Into Space, the Greater My Faith*, the testimony of nuclear rocket scientist Dr. Wernher von Braun.

Through the efforts of Evangelist Hal Herman, 100,000 copies of the miniature will soon be distributed throughout Germany. Special targets for the literature distribution crusade are students in colleges and high schools, including the Free University of Berlin where Dr. Von Braun received his Ph.D. at the age of 22.

Conveying his enthusiasm for the project, Evangelist Herman writes: "We feel very sure that the faith testimony of Dr. Von Braun, one of Germany's most illustrious sons—and the man who is guiding America's effort to put a man on the moon—will capture the attention of thousands of German youths and cause them to think seriously about the reality and power of Jesus Christ."

While conducting special meetings in Paris, the Herman crusade workers handed out several hundred copies of the original Von Braun miniature among English-speaking students at the University of Paris—the largest and oldest university in Europe.

A long-time friend of *Revivaltime*, Evangelist Herman still remembers when C. M. Ward decided to write his

life story: "It all began one Sunday night after I had preached at Central Assembly in Springfield, Missouri. I was having supper with Brother Ward when he suddenly said, 'Herman, I want to write your story and put it on *Revivaltime*.'"

Hal Herman's story, *Good-bye Make-Believe*, was an immediate favorite of the *Revivaltime* audience. Formerly a Hollywood photographer and at one time press agent for the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur, he had a remarkable conversion and is now an internationally known minister.

Evangelist Herman has used this *Revivaltime* booklet wherever he has traveled. It has been translated into German, Italian, and Chinese. A French version, *Adieu Hollywood*, is just off the presses.

These and other translations have broken the language barrier for *Revivaltime*. The Radio Department is happy to have a part in the multilingual outreach of world evangelism.



Frau Gudrun Doring is translator for the German edition of Dr. Von Braun's testimony. She has also translated Evangelist Hal Herman's life story, "Goodbye Make-Believe."

TIMES OF REFRESHING FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

FOR ME, THE PRAYER CONFERENCE held in Aurora, Colorado, October 3, 4, was a time of spiritual renewing. It was a miniature of the great 50th Anniversary Convention when God lifted us into His presence and moved upon us in such a remarkable way.

Never shall I forget the final service of the golden jubilee in Springfield. Truly the blessing flowed "like

a river." It began as a murmuring stream and grew like a mighty wall of cascading water, filling the great auditorium and engulfing my soul with glory. The 4,500 Pentecostal saints were knit in unity of spirit as they raised their voices in praise to the Saviour.

"Reach out, reach out, and take the hand of your God; reach out, reach out, and take the hand of your brother; and go forward." Thus the Spirit of God spoke through one of His saints, and my soul melted into the living stream of praise.

It was a time of spiritual advance—a new era. I realized we are not a dry shell of an organization but a living organism in the body of Christ.

I was reminded of this anew at the Prayer Conference in Aurora. I am part of a living, vital fellowship. It is my responsibility, as part of this living organism, to have a personal relationship with Christ.

During the Prayer Conference the Holy Spirit again pleaded with us to keep ourselves a movement, a fellowship, a living organism, and not to dry and harden into a mere organization.

The Holy Spirit had charge of these meetings. He spoke through His servants, exhorting us to enter into the simplicity of true worship. He urged us to intercede in prayer for the accomplishing of spiritual objectives instead of letting our time be taken up with so many earthly things.

On Tuesday we gathered at 9 a.m. for prayer. There was no opening service—no special music—no offering taken—we just prayed. The auditorium of First Assembly filled so quietly that when I raised my head at 10 a.m., I was amazed to see practically every seat filled. Everywhere the saints were quietly praying.

For four hours the prayer and praise of God's people ascended to His Throne. At times the Holy Spirit would speak in prophecy or in a song. At other times someone would be moved to stand and read a portion of the Word. It all fitted together in such unity of thought one might think the participants had been coached in advance, but not so. It was God.

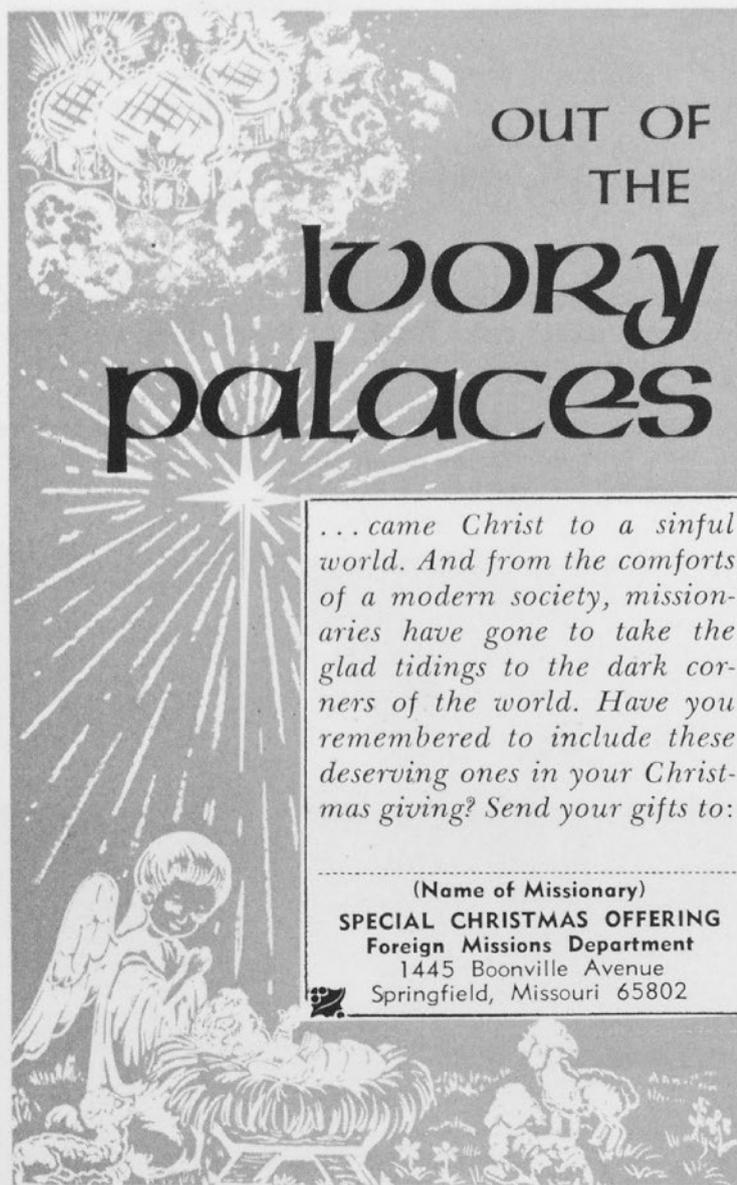
In the afternoon the requests for prayer were considered separately. Each need was taken to God individually. We took the burdens to heart as though they were our own. We raised our voices in supplication for each need, and felt the burdens lifted as God undertook. God's heart flowed out to us, and we felt His sweet assurance that all would be well.

As for myself, I came home with the cobwebs of discouragement cleared away and with a new zeal to fill my particular place in God's kingdom. I have a greater appreciation than ever for our Assemblies of God fellowship. I thank the Lord for the benefits we receive through the General Council, the District Councils, and all the departments in our fellowship. I realize He has given us excellent leaders, but I realize also that our leaders cannot carry all the responsibility of keeping our fellowship alive. It is up to me, and to every other member, to keep filled with the Holy Spirit and filled with God's Word, so our fellowship will shine out as a beacon light in a dark and dying world.

—by LILLY M. STRAYER
Layton, Utah

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The Prayer Conference at Aurora was the first of



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four. The second was held at Revere, Massachusetts, October 17, 18.

The other two are yet to come, and the dates are as follows:

December 5, 6, Bethel Church (Assembly of God) in San Jose, California. First service Monday 7:30 p.m.; services all day Tuesday 9 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m.

January 16-18, Weller Avenue Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. First service Monday 7:30 p.m.; services all day Tuesday 9 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday morning 9 a.m. to noon.

Note: The Prayer Conference at Baton Rouge will be a two-day, two-night meeting in the tradition of the Seven-District Prayer Conference. This will be the 13th annual Prayer Conference for the Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Texas, North Texas, and West Texas Districts. However, this year their conference will not be confined to these seven districts, for they have invited the ministers and laymen of every district to join them.

Let as many as can participate in this time of waiting on God. Give Him opportunity to move as He will upon your heart and life, and you will enjoy a memorable time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. 

ACTS OF KINDNESS BRING SCHOLARSHIP TO ROYAL RANGER

KENNETH HEPPNER, a 12-year-old Royal Ranger from Atwater, California, was recently rewarded in an unusual way for an act of kindness. He is receiving a \$500 scholarship to the college of his choice.

It all began when Kenny was endeavoring to fulfill his Christian Service requirement as a Second Class Trailblazer. He was required to send get-well cards to at least six shut-ins or sick people. He selected several names from the patient list at the Merced General Hospital and sent each a card. Among the names was Mrs. Anna Battistella. With each card Kenny also wrote a personal message to the patient.

Kenneth was so blessed by sending the cards that he sent additional cards at Christmastime—even though this wasn't part of the requirement. Mrs. Battistella received a holiday card with a little white handkerchief folded in the envelope.

In the spring, the nurse brought Mrs. Battistella another message mailed by the Trailblazer. With the printed verse was a school picture of Kenny and the notation: "Just a little Easter card to let you know I haven't forgotten you. I think of you often."

On July 14 Mrs. Battistella died. Shortly after the funeral her husband, Dominico, felt he had to meet the "fine young man with so much kindness." It was then that he visited Kenny's home and presented him with the scholarship for \$500.

Kenny is one of several thousand boys participating in the Royal Ranger program which places strong emphasis on Bible study, church indoctrination, character-building, and Christian service. He is a member of Trailblazer Outpost 68 and attends the Assembly of God in Atwater, California, where Carl Oney is the pastor. His commander is Leroy Arnold. 



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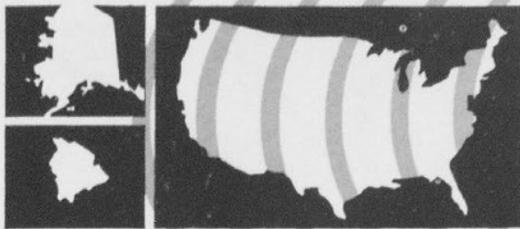
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HOMEFRONT HIGHLIGHTS

TEEN CHALLENGE

Crusade Scores Big

David Wilkerson, director of Teen Challenge in New York City, recently completed a 23-day preaching crusade through 18



David Wilkerson speaks in the Royal Albert Hall, London.

cities in England and Scotland. On the tour, sponsored by the Executive Council of the British Assemblies of God, crowds of 1,500 to 3,000 packed the auditoriums.

The Crusade began at Cardiff, South Wales, on September 3, with over 2,000 hearing the gospel.

In Preston, Lancashire, Mr. Wilkerson drew such newspaper headlines as, "Preacher Scores Bigger Hit than Wilson." One editorial comment stated: "Neither Harold Wilson nor Harold Macmillan ever filled Preston's Public Hall, but David Wilkerson

packed more people into that building than any of the great names in politics."

During his brief stay in London, Mr. Wilkerson visited Soho, center of London night life, and talked with drug addicts. He commented that London addicts were more sophisticated than those in New York and would need to become more desperate before they were ready for deliverance.

In preparation for the visit, two Kenley College graduates traveled the country with the film, *Teen Revolt*. This, together with the tremendous impact of the book, *The Cross and the Switchblade*, helped arouse widespread interest.

Center Growing Fast

Over 35,000 gospel tracts were passed out this past summer by the staff and converts of Teen Challenge in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Center now has 15 converts temporarily quartered.

ALASKA

Latest Reports

A 62-year-old man, who some time ago saw his Bible burned by people of another religion, gave his heart to the Lord at the mission in Stebbins, according to Missionary Lawrence Burton.

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Betty Glick rejoices in the opportunities for ministry she has found in addition to her service

at the mission church in Anchorage.

Mrs. Glick takes words of encouragement and songs of victory to elderly people confined in Anchorage rest homes.

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The Village Council of Tok has asked Missionary Patrick Donadio to work with the boys in the 4-H Club of that city.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

God Protects Refugees

Thirteen dissatisfied Cuban Christians last month found freedom in Miami, Fla., after escaping from Cuba in a 15-foot boat, testified one of the young refugees recently at the Evangelical Refugee Center in Miami.

He told how he, his mother, eight brothers and sisters, and three friends had sought the Lord to show them the specific day to escape.

Their trip across the channel was marked with near disaster as the motor on their boat failed after only 15 minutes at sea.

The elderly mother recalls the huge searchlight from El Morro Castle focused upon them while they were stranded helpless a few miles offshore.

They all crouched at the bottom of the boat as two fast gunboats scurried about looking for them.

The 13 were somehow hidden in the dark, and after a few hours

drifting were picked up by the U. S. Coast Guard and taken to Key West, Fla.

Within a week they were relocated in Chicago.

Latin American Convention

Delegates were encouraged to remain "Fervent in Spirit" at the eighth biennial convention of the Latin American District last August.

Pentecostals from 16 states met in Los Angeles for three days of business and spiritual blessing.

Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent, and Chas. W. H. Scott, executive director of Home Missions, were convention speakers. Jose Giron, superintendent of the district, interpreted.

District officers reelected by the convention were Jose Giron, superintendent; H. C. Ball, vice-superintendent; and A. F. Vigil, secretary. Kenzy Savage was elected treasurer.

AMERICAN INDIAN

700 for a Dollar

A home missionary in Chandler, Ariz., has estimated that 18,000 Indians could be reached with the gospel for only \$23. This would average about \$1 for every 700 Indians.

What Miss Olline Dingman has in mind is an evangelistic radio program to reach the 18,000 Indians living near Chandler.

Her proposed program is called *Indian Echoes* and would be from the Indians, for the Indians, and by the Indians.

The local station has already approved her request for a 15-minute weekly broadcast at the cost of \$23. Miss Dingman says her mission can help with about \$4 per week, but the remainder must be "prayed in."

Ten Tribes from Six States

The American Indian Bible Institute in Phoenix, Ariz., this fall enrolled 26 Indian students representing 10 different tribes and six states.

The school's male dormitory is completely full, and the girls' dormitory has been extended to include the married couples' apartment.

Five married families are living off campus. More students are expected at midterm.

The school needs more desig-

CBC STUDENTS PLEDGE \$8,500 TO MISSIONS

The annual missionary convention at Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo., recently received \$8,500 in faith pledges from students.

The pledges, ranging from \$25 to \$75 per person, will help many missionaries on home and foreign fields.

Campus Missions Fellowship sponsored the convention, and Missionaries John Hall, David Nyien, and Norman Correll were guest speakers.

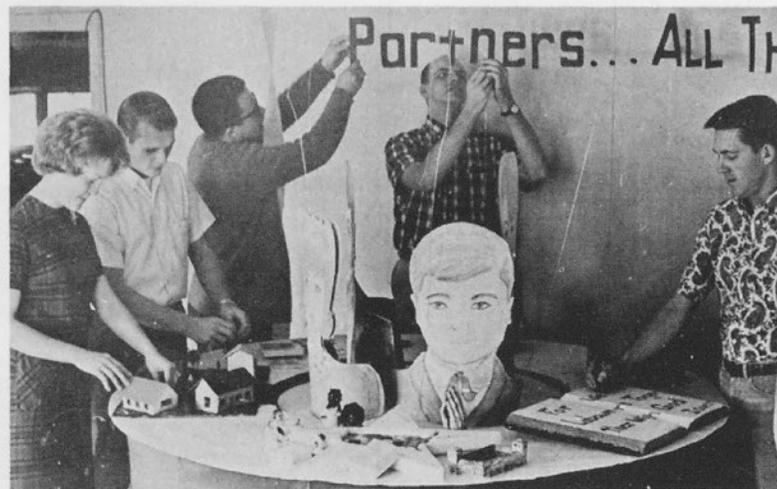
Several missionary workshops were held in conjunction with the convention, giving the students glimpses of the practical aspects of missionary ministry.

Five prayer groups, which meet weekly throughout the year to discuss and pray for various mission-

ary fields, entered exhibits for judging.

The Latin American group won

first place. The booth made by the Home Missions prayer group was first runner-up in the contest.



Home Missions prayer group members at Central Bible College put finishing touches on their exhibit for the annual missions convention.



Lula Baird (right), missionary among the American Chinese, rejoices as one of her elderly Chinese converts receives water baptism at a San Francisco nursing home.

nated support to cover the costs of additional salaries and facilities. Any church wishing to help should contact D. R. Ramsey, President, 4123 E. Washington St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85034.

Church Exceeds Capacity

R. W. Buchanan, pastor of the thriving West Park Indian Mission in Lumberton, N. C., is finding it necessary to build larger facilities for his congregation.

This Indian church has led over 100 souls to the Lord since the first of March, 44 of whom have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

With the coming of winter the need of a larger building has multiplied, for during the summer they conducted several Sunday school classes outside.

Missionary Ill

Lonnie Johnson, pastor of the Indian church in Sisseton, S. Dak., is currently fighting a battle against hepatitis.

Please pray that God will give him a speedy recovery.

Notes of Victory

June Mills, missionary in Riverside, Calif., rejoices that she is reaching several new Indian students with the gospel on the campus of Sherman Institute.

"Although some are not yet responsive to the message, many are open to receive the good news," reports Mrs. Mills.

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O. W. Greaser Jr., missionary in Albuquerque, N. Mex., says, "My heart is heavy at this time, for I realize the grave spiritual needs of some of my Indian people.

"Yet I also realize that the darkest hour comes just before the dawn.

"I know God is bringing our Indian mission to a place of great victory and harvest. Many of the Indians show real evidence of spiritual growth."

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Thomas Koons, pastor of the Indian Assembly in Cuba, N. Mex., reports his church building is nearly finished.

Several of his Navaho congregation have helped put on the roof, install windows, and mend the walls. Men from the Albuquerque churches have also lent a hand.

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The Virgil Sampsons of Phoenix, Ariz., report that their young people are actively at work for God.

The youth engage in visitation on Saturday afternoons and they plan to hold street services in Phoenix.

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The L. E. Davises, missionaries in Lancaster, Tex., are grateful for aid recently given them by the North Texas District for church repairs.

The contributions enabled the assembly to paint its building, to repair sidewalks and porches, and to revamp the Sunday school department.

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The Elmer Robersons, missionaries in Flagstaff, Ariz., recently began a Navaho language class in an effort to improve communication.

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Mary Booher, missionary in Phoenix, Ariz., is grateful to God for providing two much-needed Sunday school teachers. The new teachers are two young girls who recently found the Lord as Saviour and received the Holy Spirit.

HOME MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES

Robert Ray Stewart of Glendale, Ariz., recently received Home Missions appointment to work with Teen Challenge. He is licensed with the Arizona District.

Brother Stewart has worked with Teen Challenge in Los Angeles, Calif., and in Phoenix, Ariz. He is currently director of the Teen Challenge Center in Phoenix.

The Stewarts have two children: Terry Ray, 9, and Deborah Lynn, 4.



Robert Ray Stewart

"They come," Mrs. Booher says, "as a definite answer to prayer. When summer vacation ended the mission Sunday school was without teachers for the primaries and the beginners."

Special Services

Peter Knutsen, pastor of an Indian mission in Lawtons, N. Y., recently had Evangelist Douglas Johnson with him for a series of meetings.

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Missionary D. G. Surface of Livingston, Tex., reports that one of his young Indians, Joe John,

recently held evangelistic services at neighboring Moss Hill Assembly.

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The Floyd Beckstrands, missionaries in Rapid City, S. Dak., have just concluded meetings with Evangelist Frank Holmes of Siren, Wis.

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Frank and Ella Evans, missionaries in McDermitt, Nev., report that their Indian congregation was much encouraged by the ministry of the Ralph Holders during evangelistic services.



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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



LONG BEACH, CALIF.—The Sunday school staff and members of Glad Tidings Assembly here recently presented a play, "The Good Ship Sunday School Evangelism." At least two people found Christ, and the church enjoyed a "long-to-be-remembered" altar service. The play was directed by Miss Goldie Runyan.—Allan G. Snider, pastor.

FELLOWSHIP LAUNCHED FOR MINISTERS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Ministers of Christian Education Fellowship (MCEF), an organization to promote efficiency, fellowship, job placement, and an exchange of ideas for Assemblies of God ministers of Christian education, was recently launched by the National Sunday School Department.

Overseeing the organization of the Fellowship is Jerry L. Sandidge, workers training coordinator for the department.

MCEF has gained approximately 50 members in the first few months of operation. Enlistment of additional members will be conducted in five Assemblies of God Conventions early in 1967. Each convention will feature an hour-long workshop for ministers of education.

MCEF is being developed to help clarify the duties and functions of the minister of Christian education and to encourage personal efficiency and growth in spiritual development, in academic improvement, and in performance of duties. Members receive a bi-monthly publication.

Membership is open to persons whose primary responsibility is the educational program of the church. Associate membership is available to district Sunday school directors, teachers of Christian education in Bible schools, and missionaries whose primary ministry on foreign fields is Christian education.

Officers appointed to serve for two years are: Sam Peterson, minister of education, Central Assembly, Springfield, Mo., president; Fred Chilton, associate pastor, Evangel Temple, Akron, Ohio, vice-president; and Dwayne Turner, minister of education, Central Assembly, Tulsa, Okla., secretary-treasurer.

Members of MCEF will meet during the 32nd General Council in Long Beach, Calif., in August 1967. The first national business meeting of the group will be held during the Assemblies of God national convention slated for Kansas City, Mo., in 1968.

For further information on MCEF write to: Jerry L. Sandidge, Ministers of Christian Education Fellowship, 1445 Boonville Ave., Springfield, Mo. 65802.

OXNARD, CALIF.—First Assembly here just concluded a three-week "Back to the Bible Crusade" with Evangelist Arne Vick. The congregation not only enjoyed Brother Vick's messages but was also revived and drawn closer to the Lord.

The church has seen the power of God in action during recent years. A number of people have been saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Under the direction of Pastor Elmer T. Draper, First Assembly's membership has doubled, Sunday school attendance tripled, and C.A.'s increased. The edifice has been painted, the parking lot paved, and a large electric cross with the name of the church installed. New carpeting, drapery, chairs, and a public address system have also been added. A house has been converted into a C. A. fellowship hall and evangelist's apartment.

Brother and Sister Draper became pastors of First Assembly in 1965 after pastoring one church for 31 years and spending three years on the evangelistic field.

WOLFE CITY, TEX.—Young and old were blessed and inspired by the ministry of Evangelist Patsy Allen of Denton, Tex., in a Kids Crusade at First Assembly here recently. Many children and teen-agers and two adults made decisions for Christ.

After the Kids Crusade the church was blessed in two weeks of services with Evangelist and

Mrs. Arlis Thrasher of Gentry, Ark. Two were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit in these meetings.

—Curtis Owens, pastor

TOLEDO, OHIO—Evangelist and Mrs. Andrew Basell recently concluded a good meeting at First Assembly here. Some were saved, others healed, and several were re-filled with the Holy Spirit.

A number of visitors attended the meetings night after night. A spirit of revival continues.

—G. G. Martin, pastor

INDEPENDENCE, MO.—Englewood Assembly here enjoyed an evangelistic crusade with Evangelists Bob and Jeri Winford. Several decisions for Christ were made, and the entire church was uplifted.

Brother and Sister Winford's ministry in vocal and instrumental music was a real blessing. Another highlight was an unusual puppet presentation.

—William Sharp, pastor

PITTSBURG, KANS.—First Assembly here witnessed an outstanding move of God during meetings with Evangelist I. D. Rayborn. Several individuals were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Through the prophetic messages and use of a Bible chart, the church was greatly enlightened about the nearness of the second coming of Christ.

—Vyril L. Pember, pastor

RANSON, W. VA.—Special services were conducted at Calvary Assembly here by the Harvestime Gospel Team, Evangelists Irving and Mary Lou Howard of Mt. Morris, Pa.

Approximately 25 people came forward to accept the Lord as their Saviour. Others offered their lives to God for service.

Many unchurched homes were

contacted. There were 206 present for Sunday school the closing Sunday. Nine people joined the church at a special communion service, and eight followed the Lord in water baptism.

The church continues to enjoy the rich blessing of the Lord in its regular services.

—William P. Reed, pastor

Pastor William P. Reed of Ranson, W. Va., baptized eight converts in water at the close of a meeting with Evangelist Irving Howard.





Sunday School Superintendent Hall points to record attendance at Brownsville Assembly, Pensacola, Fla. Pastor Arnold (left) and Evangelist Eskelin look on.

PENSACOLA, FLA. — The Brownsville Assembly here recently concluded special services with Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Eskelin. A good number were saved and healed during the two-week meeting.

Television time donated to Brother Eskelin helped the crusade as hundreds of new people attended. Attendance records were broken twice, once with 408 and again with 527.

Dozens of young people dedicated themselves to full-time service for Christ after seeing one of Brother Eskelin's films of Africa. —*Carl Arnold, pastor*

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AMBRIDGE, PA.—The Assembly of God here recently held special services with Evangelist John Masto of West Virginia. The meetings were greatly blessed of the Lord, and attendance was very good. Several were saved, and many others testified to receiving God's healing touch.

—*Eugene Petroski, pastor*

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SAVANNAH, GA. — Christ's Ambassadors of the Fellowship Assembly here took offerings and sold donuts to sponsor special meetings with Evangelists Darrell and Carolyn Pilcher of Monroe, La.

These were the best attended meetings in two years. Three were saved, and two were baptized in the Holy Spirit. A new Sunday school record of 83 was reached.

—*G. D. Snodgrass, pastor*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH DEDICATION—Dec. 4 at First Assembly, Morgan Hill, Calif. Speakers: T. F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent; J. L. Gerhart, Northern California-Nevada District superintendent; L. R. Keys. All friends and former pastors are invited.—by Don Argue, pastor.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION—Dec. 17, 18 at First Assembly, Gulfport, Miss. Sponsored by Mis-

issippi District Council with emphasis on foreign and home missions. Speakers: Samuel Balias, Theodore Schultz, John Davis Sr., and William Hassler. Planning committee: F. L. Langley, district superintendent; Lloyd R. Logan, assistant superintendent; and W. H. Richardson, convention coordinator. Eugene Hassler, host pastor.—by W. H. Richardson.

CHURCH DEDICATION—Nov. 27 at Calvary Assembly, Lomita, Calif. Speaker: Don Mallough of Tulsa, Okla.—by Thomas O. Grams, pastor.

WITH CHRIST

OTIS L. ENGLAND, 90, of Charleston, Ill., went to be with the One he served August 31, 1966. Ordained in 1934, Brother England was a member of the Tennessee District. He served as an evangelist and also as a pastor in California and Tennessee. He spent a few years in Hawaii as a Bible teacher.

Brother England taught the adult Bible class in the Charleston Assembly until the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Mattie, four children, one stepson, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

WEBSTER B. JOHNSON, 83, of Cross City, Fla., went to be with Jesus September 24, 1966. Brother Johnson was ordained in 1934 by the West Florida District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Tallahassee, Cross City, Quincy, and Concord, Fla. Brother Johnson was also a district presbyter.

He is survived by his wife Annie; two daughters, one of whom, Lois Johnson, is pastor of First Assembly in Cross City; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

JOHN CLOYDE NEWMAN, 42, of Joplin, Mo., went into the presence of the Lord October 14, 1966. Brother Newman was ordained to the ministry in 1945 by the Southern Missouri District.

He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Poplar Bluff, St. Louis, and Joplin, Mo., and Centralia, Ill. He is survived by his wife Dorothy and two daughters.

HAYNIE NICHOLS, 65, of Modesto, Calif., went to his eternal reward September 19, 1966. Ordained to the ministry in 1927, Brother Nichols was a member of the Southern California District. He served as an evangelist and as a pastor in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Mary, four children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

LOWELL DUANE NELSON, 38, of Belding, Mich., went to be with the One he served October 18, 1966. Brother Nelson was ordained to the ministry in 1966. He pastored the Grace Memorial Assembly in Belding for about three years. Brother Nelson served under a handicap inasmuch as both of his legs had been amputated above the knees. He is survived by his wife Alice.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ariz.	Clifton	A/G	Dec. 11—	L. T. & Mrs. Bates	W. K. Blount
Ark.	Bearden	First	Dec. 4-11	Lindell & Mrs. Ballenger	George Clay
	Lonoke	Brownsville	Dec. 6-18	J. C. & Mrs. Nichols	Bobby L. Johnson
	Rogers	First	Nov. 27—	Oren Paris	Don Brankel
Calif.	Bakersfield	Riverview	Dec. 6-18	James H. Black	W. J. Cherry
	Pleasant Hill	Oak Park	Dec. 4-18	John & Freda Bryant	Eumid Freeman
	San Leandro	Haven of Rest	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Jerry Knibbe	Perry Scroggins
	Willows	First	Dec. 4-18	Johnny Bryant	Clifford Lawrence
Colo.	Longmont	First	Dec. 1-4	Kenneth Stottlemeyer	James I. Miller
Fla.	Bartow	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	H. Syvelle Phillips	D. N. Asbury Jr.
	Hialeah	Faith	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	J. Billy McIntosh	Paul Alessi Jr.
	Pinellas Pk.	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Don & Dixie Cox	Troy B. Helms
Ga.	Augusta	Calvary Temple	Dec. 7-18	Keetah Jones	Lura Mae Andrews
Ill.	E. Moline	First	Dec. 6-11	William Caldwell	N. L. Buntenschach
	Granite City	City Temple	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Winferd Mack	A. E. Cope
Ind.	Lawrenceburg	First	Dec. 6-11	J. Howard Thompson	Winton S. Dykes
Kans.	Iola	First	Nov. 27-Dec. 11	Lloyd & Irene Logan	Robert Morrison
	Wichita	Trinity	Dec. 6-18	The Singing Lunsfords	John Standridge
Ky.	Jeffersonville	A/G	Dec. 5—	Samuel & Patricia Calk	Fred Carrington
Md.	Deer Park	Full Gospel	Dec. 6-18	John Hamercheck	Gail Hixon
Mass.	Fitchburg	*A/G	Nov. 27-Dec. 2	Victor Etienne	Edward R. Neuhaus
	Natick	Wellesley Pk.	Dec. 4-9	Victor Etienne	Harold M. Beesley
Mo.	Charleston	First	Dec. 6-11	Ed Eaton	Jerald Ogg
N. Mex.	Artesia	First	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Tommy & Esther Lance	M. F. Hankins
Ohio	Akron	Springfield	Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Musical VanderPloegs	Joe Serbin
	Hicksville	A/G	Dec. 6—	James & Beulah Pepper	Dale Neller
	New Philadelphia	First	Dec. 7-18	Andrew & Mrs. Basell	Kenneth K. Shaffer
Okla.	Broken Bow	First	Dec. 4-18	F. R. McAdams Team	W. Gene Baker
	Granite	A/G	Dec. 4—	Hazel Burns	H. L. Morrison
Pa.	Hamburg	Tabernacle of FG	Dec. 6-11	Dave & Jan Olshkevski	John Leardi
	Littlestown	Bethel	Dec. 7-18	H. S. Ryan	Samuel Garrett
Tenn.	Heiskell	A/G	Dec. 7-18	Don & Sharon Parker	Shannon McCall
Tex.	Arlington	Bethel	Nov. 27-Dec. 4	Jesse K. Moon	Charles Savage
	Austin	Montopolis	Dec. 7—	D. A. Watson Family	Perry L. Moore
	Ft. Worth	Boulevard	Nov. 27-Dec. 11	Burnie Davis	Carl L. Stewart
	Houston	Long Point	Dec. 4—	Melvin McKnight	Gerald W. Davis
	Plainview	First	Dec. 4-11	Quentin Edwards	J. Don George
Utah	Tooele	First	Dec. 5-11	Jimmy Brown	J. E. Mayfield
Va.	Bentonville	Community Tab.	Dec. 7-18	"Little Joe" Peterson	James Robbins
	Charlottesville	First	Dec. 6-18	Irving & Mary Lou Howard	Gordon Young
W. Va.	Pennsboro	First	Nov. 29-Dec. 13	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Joyce A. Rutter
Wis.	Park Falls	A/G	Dec. 4-11	The Matschulat Party	Arnold Cox
	Sparta	A/G	Dec. 6-18	Bill & Naomi Hayes	Robert Eidsor
Canada	Edmonton, Alta.	Central Pent. Tab.	Dec. 4-11	Gene & Heather Burgess	R. W. Taitinger

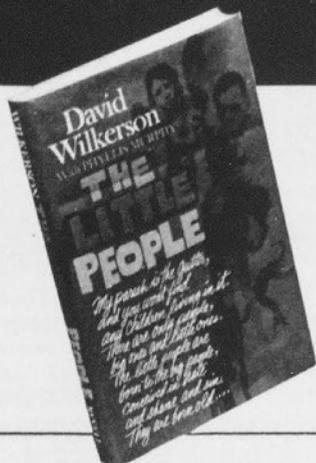
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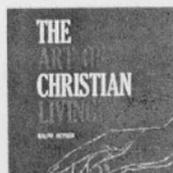
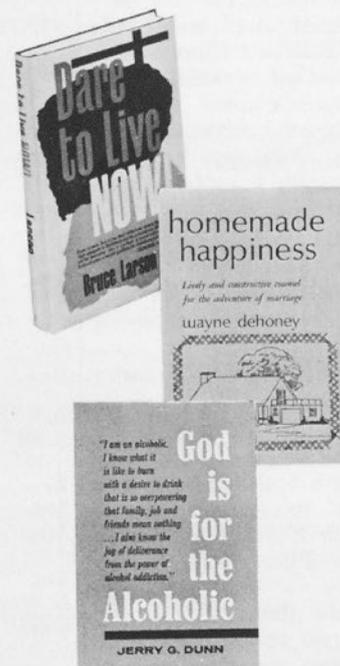
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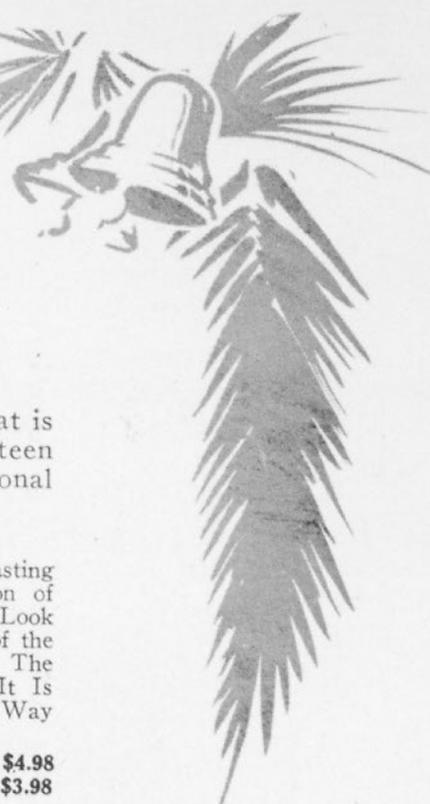


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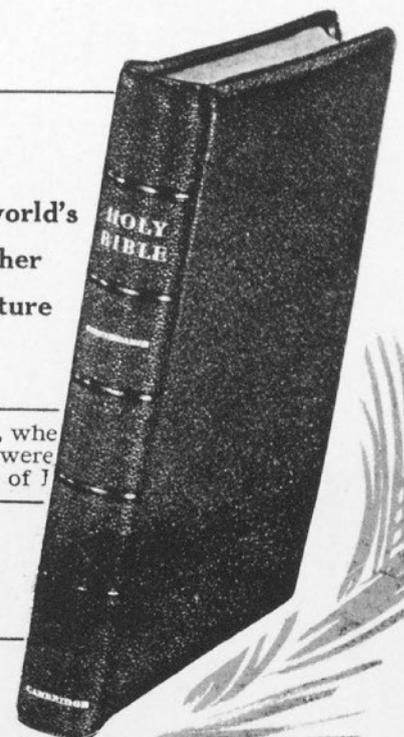
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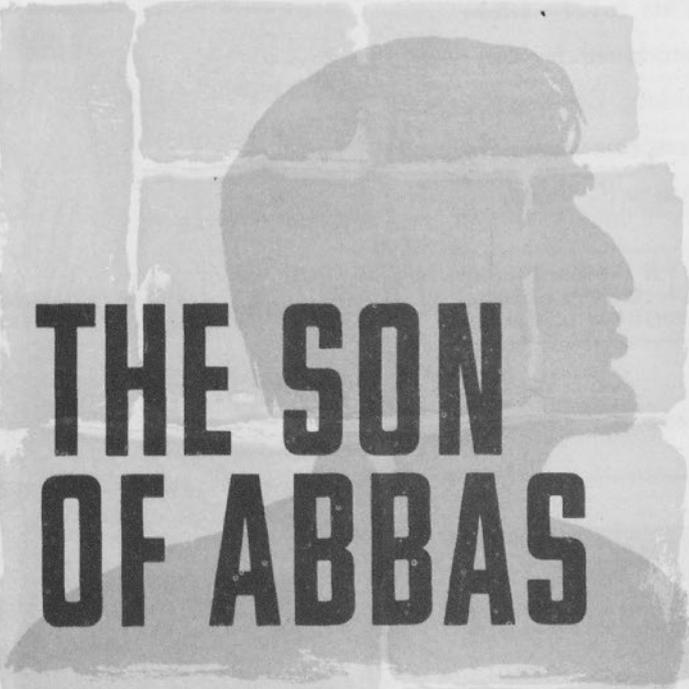
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NIGHT HAD COME AGAIN. Another day had gone, and all was still. But what matter? It was always night in the cold, clammy dungeon where Barabbas—son of Abbas—lay. The sun now and then did manage to penetrate the inky darkness that ever reigned beneath the surface of the ground. But even then it could not be called light—it was only less dark.

And yet there was a difference, for this particular night was the night of doom for the murderer who awaited execution. It was to be his last night on earth, and well he knew it. His career was ended, his last crime committed.

Back in the darkest corner he crouched, deep in thought. A few more hours, and all would be over. Or

By OSWALD J. SMITH



THE SON OF ABBAS

would it? In the morning he would hear the footfall of the death warden as he came along the corridor. Then for a moment it would cease as the warden paused before the door of his dungeon. The great key would clank in the lock, the bolt fly back, and the heavy door swing slowly open. And then he would be dragged out, led to the fatal spot, and nailed to a cross. And there for hours he would suffer the most excruciating agony that Roman ingenuity could devise, exposed to the public gaze of an indifferent populace—for he must pay the penalty of his crimes.

In the morning he heard the steps of the jailer as he came along the corridor. The great door opened, and Barabbas crouched in the darkest corner. But that was as far as his surmises of the night were realized.

"Barabbas, have you heard the good news?" It was the warden's voice, jubilant and strong.

"What good news?" responded the condemned man bitterly. "All I know is that I am to be crucified for my crimes." And he shrank farther back against the cold, wet wall.

"Ah! Then you don't know," replied the warden in the same triumphant tone. "Listen, Barabbas. Somebody died for you!"

"Somebody died for me! What do you mean?"

"Come with me, and I will show you."

Through the door, along the corridor, into the street, and beyond the wall of Jerusalem they made their way, the jailer forging ahead, hurrying his dazed prisoner along. At last they paused.

"Do you see that cross?" he inquired, placing his hand on the shoulder of Barabbas and pointing to a hill some distance away.

The condemned man looked, but several moments passed before he could clearly discern and comprehend the scene before him. But at last he saw and spoke: "Yes, I see. There are three."

"But do you see the center one?"

"Yes."

"Well, Barabbas, that center cross was made for you. You were to have died on it this morning."

Slowly the light dawned and broke on his beclouded mind.

"Then, then—that Man hanging on it is dying for me!"

"Yes, Barabbas, for you. Did I not tell you that *Somebody* died for you?"

"Can it be possible? For me! Taking my place! I should be hanging there now. And yet He is dying in my stead. He has taken my place! I can't understand it. I don't know why He did it. But He did, and I can't help but believe it. He is really and truly dying for me."

"Yes, Barabbas, for you."

And for you, too, sinner friend. Jesus Christ the Son of God hung there that day for you as well as for Barabbas. He took your place, died in your stead, became your Substitute, bore your sins, gave His life that you—a poor, lost, and guilty sinner—might live.

Isn't that good news? You deserve death, but you don't need to die. You ought to pay the penalty for your sins, but Another has paid it for you. Yes *Somebody* died for you, and that *Somebody* was God's only begotten Son. Will you now accept Him as your Substitute?