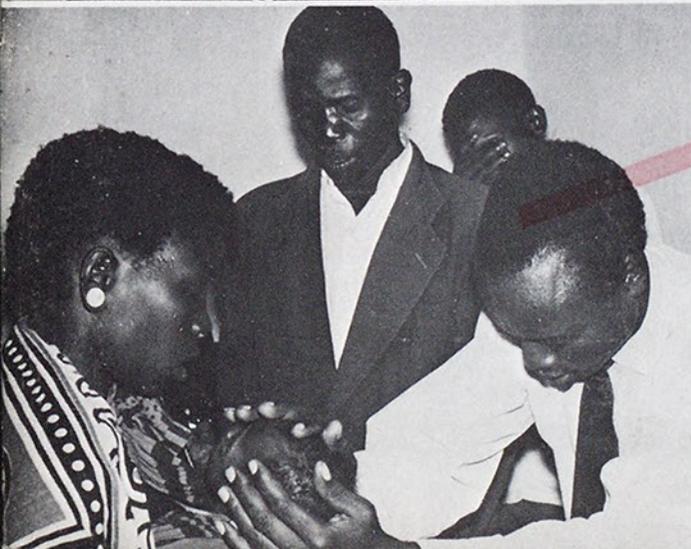




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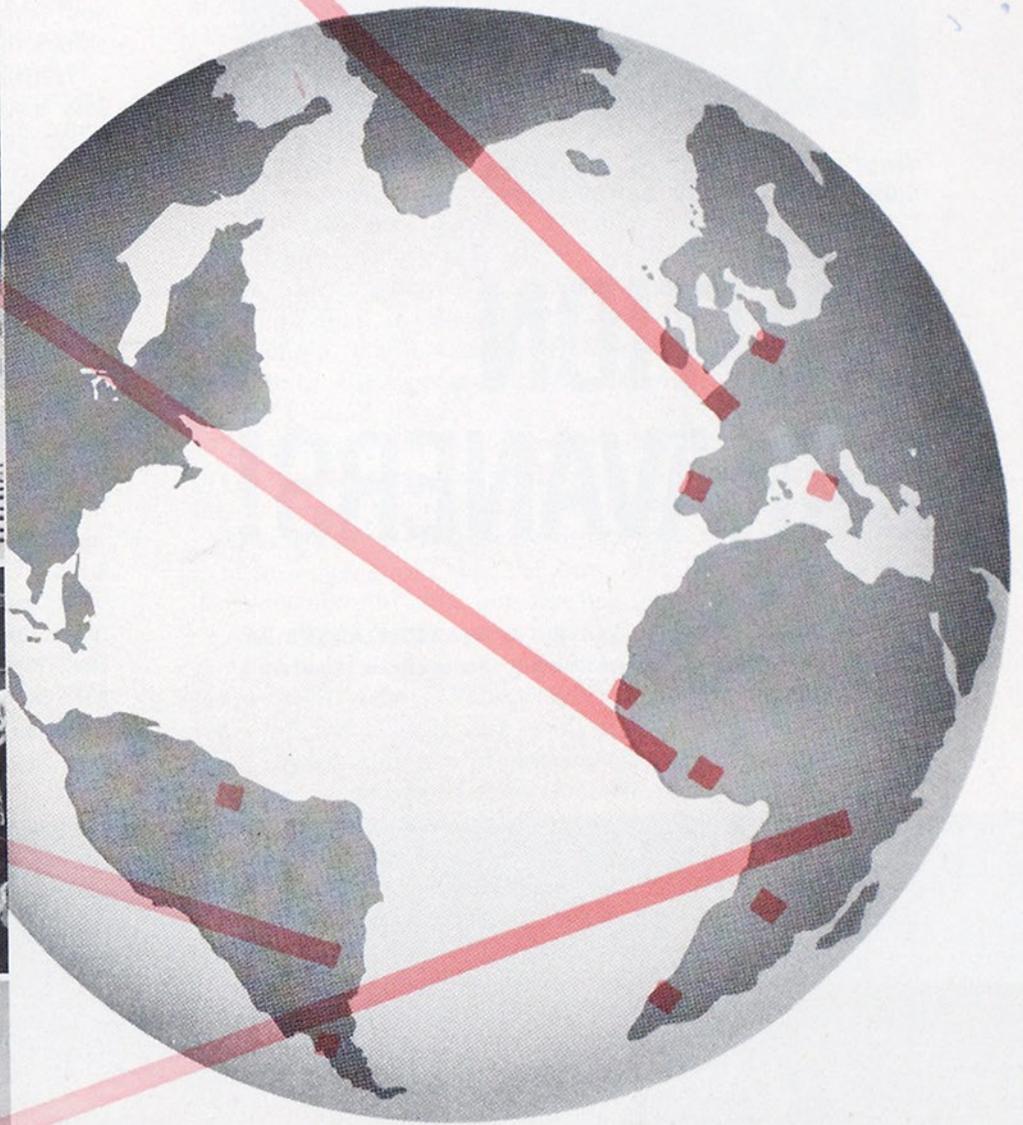
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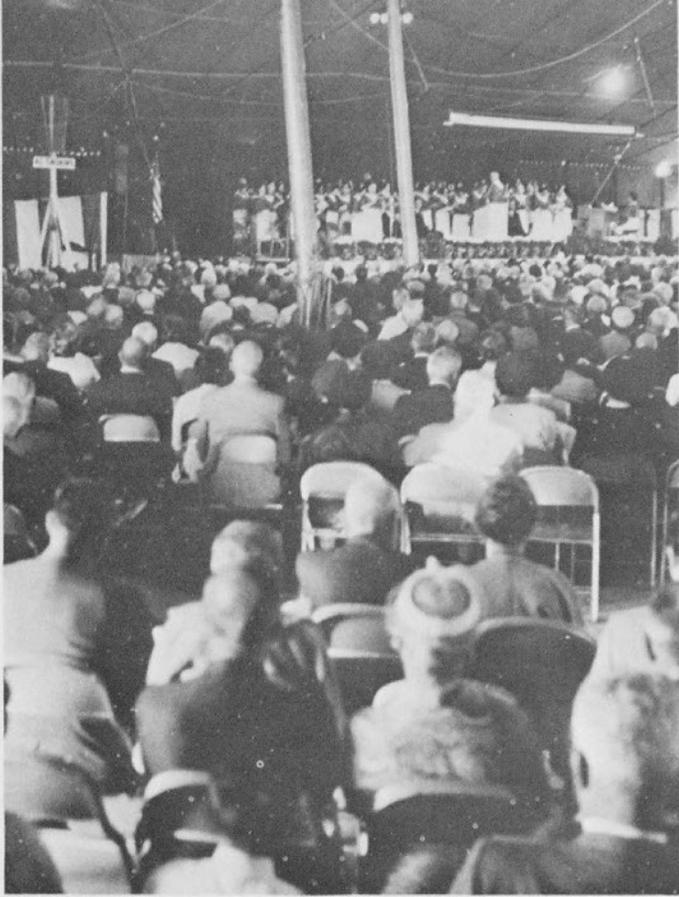
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CAUTION, CARAVANERS!

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IN LUKE 12:16-21 IS A PARABLE which I think is especially fitting for this congregation today, for it seems to me the scene was something like this:

Dad, getting up in years, is looking out of the window of his living room over a vast acreage of bountiful crops. He says to his wife, "Martha, it is going to be a terrific year. We've never had a crop like this. In fact, my biggest worry right now is, What am I going to do? How am I going to contain the grain? The elevators will never hold it. The barns will never contain the abundant harvest. Martha, let's just dream for a moment."

And, paraphrasing from the words of Christ where He said, "Eat, drink, and be merry," and, "Soul, take thine ease," perhaps this man said, "I am just going to hang up the shovel and the pitchfork, park the plow, and turn the keys over to the younger generation. I am going to hook up to that Wally Byam caravan, just enjoy myself, and let the world go by."

In the middle of the parable Christ interrupted this scene with these words: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" (Luke 12:20).

Jesus used very strong language. In fact, He warned His disciples once that anybody who used the term *fool* to speak unkindly of his brother would be in danger of hell fire.

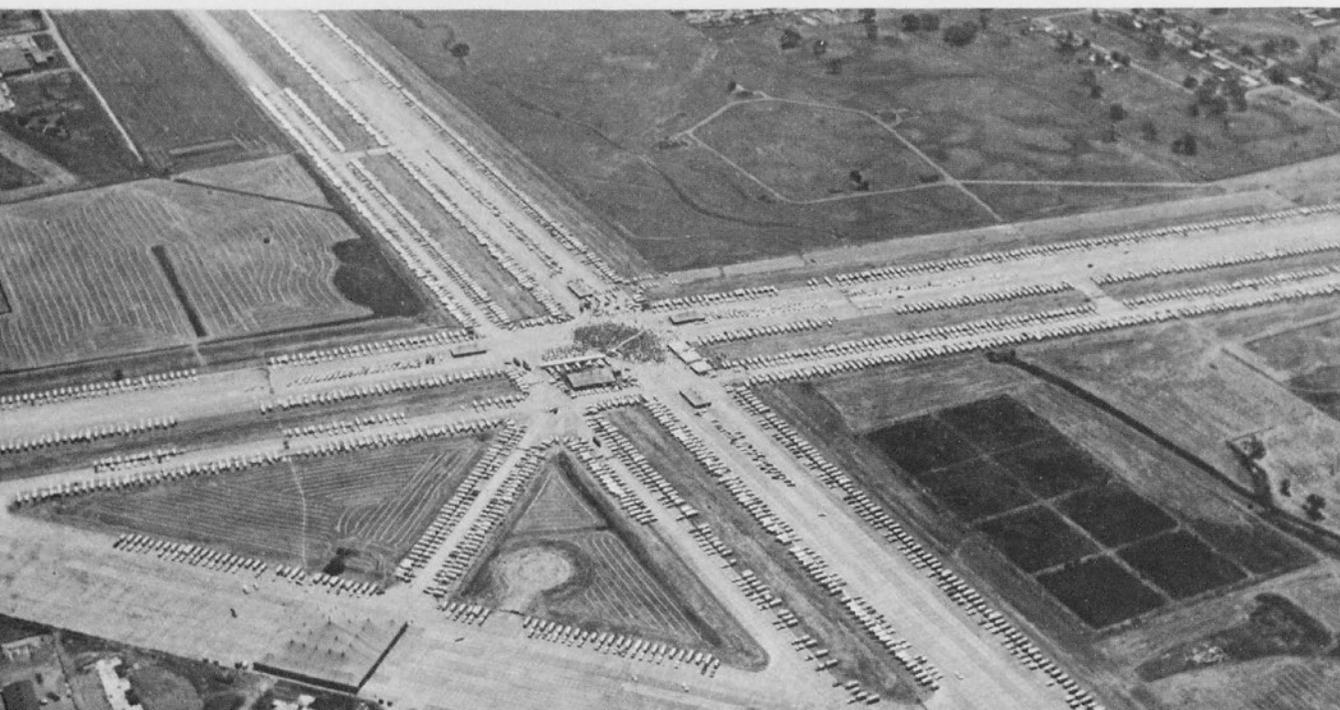
What was so urgent in this message? What was the warning He brought?

These five verses of Scripture reveal that the man spoken of had many desirable qualities.

First, he was wealthy. You know, there is nothing wrong with being wealthy. Sin comes when the almighty dollar takes the place of Almighty God. Jesus did say it might be harder for a wealthy man to be saved because he has more to give up. But certainly there is nothing to be held against a man who is wealthy.

Second, he was industrious. I lived on the farm for a short while, and I know that land doesn't produce bountiful crops by itself. This man worked his way into this situation of barns that were full and granaries that were overflowing. He was industrious. He probably worked 12 months out of the year.

Third, he was intelligent. Jesus told us he sat down and thought about the problem. He was a thinking



Approximately 3,000 Airstream trailers made up this "instant city" at the old Naval Air Station near Santa Rosa, California. Some 12,000 club members from Canada, Mexico, and all parts of the U.S. gathered here for the 10th International Rally of the world-famous Wally Byam Caravan Club International from June 27 to July 4. The club is limited to owners of Airstream trailers and is composed largely of retired or semiretired persons. The large tent on the runway (lower left foreground) is where special events, such as the religious service, were held.

Watson Argue Jr., is shown preaching to the Wally Byam Caravaners at the Sunday morning Protestant service. Pastor Argue was chosen by the local ministerial association to preach on this occasion.

man. He used his head and the common sense God had given him. And, this is commendable. It is important to be diligent. Some people think that Christianity is the easy way out; we just don't have to do anything, for God is going to come and take care of us no matter what. But the Christian way, the godly way, is where people take some responsibility. They do everything they can for themselves; and then when they can do no more, they have this confidence that they can look to a Heavenly Father who cares and is understanding and will help in time of need.

Fourth, this man was ambitious. We can't condemn him for that. He had a goal. He was going to enlarge. He was also respectable. No businessman could prosper like this and be a drunkard, a brawler, an adulterer. Being prosperous, industrious, and successful in the community requires a disciplined life. Yet with all these favorable things, God called this man a fool.

Just briefly I would suggest three reasons why I believe God called this man a fool.

First, it is very clear that this man neglected his soul. Notice what he said. "Soul, . . . take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." Now he might have said this to the body, for the body can enjoy these sensations and pleasures; but the soul has no capacity for receiving drink, or for clothing, shelter, and ease. This is not in the realm of the soul. What do we see then? To this man the body and soul were one. He failed to distinguish between the fleshly part of the individual—the physical side—and the spiritual inner man that is so important.

In other words, he was a materialist. He was something like the medical doctor who said he couldn't believe man had a soul because he had performed many an operation and had never yet found a soul. Some people will not believe in anything they cannot touch and see for themselves.

Let me ask you. Can you dissect a rose and find its beauty? Can you carve up a man and find love? Can you take the laugh of a child playing in the street and put it in a test tube, analyze it, and extract the joy?

Too many today look at the world and their lives like this rich man, failing to recognize the need of a man's soul. You can call it communism. You can call it socialism. You can call it materialism. You can call it indifference, faithlessness; but God, as He looks

upon a scene such as this, rebukes the individual and says, "Thou fool."

This man was dealt with in such hard terms also because he neglected his God. Notice his words in verses 17 through 19. Everything he said was with the personal pronoun, "I," or "my." "I am going to do this, I am going to tear down my barns and build new barns . . . my barns, my crops, my wealth, my possessions, my family, my soul." He regarded everything as his own.

In the Old Testament there was a man of God who was wonderfully blessed. His attitude was, oh, so different. We read about it in Psalm 116:12. David said, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

May I ask you, Caravaners, what about you? God certainly has been good to you. Have you remembered Him? If you haven't, how do you feel as you think of God and your relationship to Him? I trust that none of us will be so indifferent and so careless about our relationship to our soul and to our God, that God's judgment should be upon us as it was upon this man about whom Jesus spoke so clearly.

Finally, we see that this man not only neglected his soul and his God, but he neglected eternity. As we look at this man, we see an individual who is all wrapped up in the few years he has left to live. He is possessed with his plans for retirement, and he is giving absolutely no thought and showing no concern for the countless ages of eternity. Notice the words, "Thou hast much goods laid up for many years." "Many years." How many? Ten, or 20, or at the most 30? What is that in the light of an endless eternity?

At night you'll see the little moths fly around the light until they get too close and are singed and fall to the ground, dead.

The mighty lion in the forest growls and roams after prey. Finally there is a battle, and he falls to the earth. Or a hunter's gun fells that mighty king of beasts.

Man lives for three score years and ten, and perhaps a little longer; and then he dies. Yet the Bible declares death is not the end, but the beginning of eternity.

And so we see the great mistake of the man who thinks only of a few short years. Where will we all be 50 years from today? Where will we be 100 years from today if we neglect our soul, if we neglect our God, if we neglect to make preparation for eternity?

There is nothing better than to serve the Lord and to know Him. We read in Proverbs 16, "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." Jesus said, "I am come that [men] might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

The rich farmer neglected eternity and because of it he is lost, and God called him a fool. There were many commendable things about his life, many wonderful attributes, but he failed in the most important area, and today he is lost.

I challenge you today, as a wonderful group of people, don't rest on your laurels. Good works are important, but be sure that your heart knows God; that you've made access into the very presence of God through His Son, Jesus Christ, who came and died, giving His life a ransom for you and for me. Jesus loves you. Jesus came to save you and give you life now and life throughout all eternity. Make room in your heart for Him.



Reducing Our Debt

IT DOES SEEM STRANGE that our federal government should continue to spend more money than it takes in, even when the economy is prospering the way it is today. The national debt now averages some \$1,800 for each man, woman, and child in the U. S.

The interest alone on the national debt is costing taxpayers billions of dollars each year, working a hardship on the present population and leaving a great financial burden to be assumed by future generations. If the nation can discipline itself to pay the interest on the national debt, it would seem it could pay something on the principal too; but instead Congress keeps raising the ceiling and the nation falls ever more deeply in debt.

That expression, "fall in debt," is very descriptive. It suggests something like a plunge into the river from a bridge or high ladder. Only a moment is required to make the plunge, but considerable time is required to climb back up!

Falling in debt takes such a few minutes—just long enough to do some shopping and sign a few papers. It may take many months and years to crawl back out!

But debts don't seem to worry people very much these days. They live on the installment plan, making purchases with time payments, and often plunging into new contracts before they have paid off the old ones. We Christians have a *spiritual* debt. We owe it to God and to unconverted people to share the good news of salvation with others. What are we doing to reduce that debt?

The approach of Global Conquest Day (next Sunday, August 27) reminds us of this debt. It brings to mind the words of the apostle Paul, who wrote: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also" (Romans 1:14, 15). He was debtor, he stated, both to the cultured and the uncultured; both to the educated and the ignorant. He owed a foreign missions debt and a home missions debt. Therefore he was ready, he said, to give all he had that the gospel might be preached and that his debt might be paid.

There are some dedicated Christians who have plunged into debt for the cause of the Lord. They have mortgaged their personal property in order to donate hundreds and thousands of dollars to their church and missionary work. They reason that if non-Christians can carry a mortgage for selfish benefits, Christians can do it to win souls. It is the same as making a pledge, except that it involves taking on a legal obligation to clinch the pledge.

It might not be wise, in some circumstances, to take a step like that; but each of us must find some way to reduce his spiritual debt. We owe it to lost souls to minister to them with the same compassion and devotion that others have shown toward us. This burden sends missionaries to Africa, Asia, and other foreign areas. This sense of indebtedness moves home missionaries to pour out their lives in ministry to North American Indians, to prisoners, and to the deaf. This feeling of obligation causes men and women to turn aside from paths of ease and move to towns that have no full-gospel witness.

Each of us owes something to his fellowmen. We are deeply in debt and the only way to reduce the debt is to share the gospel with "every creature." We have an obligation either to be a missionary or to support missionaries with prayer and gifts.

God expects every believer to take some part in evangelizing the world. If you don't know what your part is, ask Him.

—R.C.C.

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THE ACCENT USUALLY IS PLACED ON THE MEANING OF THE 10 TOES OF THE GREAT IMAGE.
PERHAPS THE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PUT ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE FEET.

MANY HAVE BEEN FASCINATED by the great image which Nebuchadnezzar saw in a dream (Daniel 2). The purpose of the dream, Daniel said, was to show "what should come to pass hereafter."

Daniel explained the meaning of the four metals which made up the image, but the meaning of the clay he did not give. Each empire came into being, and passed off the scene of time, just as he predicted. The metals, I believe, indicated the type of economy predominating at the time.

Some think the clay mixed with the iron in the feet indicates a mixture of democracy and totalitarianism. The iron-clay mixture, however, was in both feet. As we study the analogy of the metals we see they may signify not only kingdoms or ideologies but also economies.

The first metal was GOLD. Daniel said that Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold. How truly this depicted the golden age of Nebuchadnezzar's reign. He had gathered up all the gold of Solomon and Israel, besides that of the other kingdoms he conquered. Indeed, it would take a gold economy to finance the magnificent palaces, the hanging gardens, and the skyscraper walls that surrounded Babylon to a height of 350 feet. The golden artifacts of the age show this metal was plentiful at that time. When a government is prosperous, its rule is benign. So was Nebuchadnezzar's rule. Gold truly signified his rule and age.

The breast and arms of the image, signifying Medo-Persia, were made of SILVER. In the time when the Medes and Persians ruled, gold was not so plentiful. Their age was one of silver, as their jewels and artifacts bear out. Their rule and prosperity was inferior to the preceding empire.

The belly and thighs, depicting the Grecian Empire, were made of BRASS. The Greeks were indeed the next to follow in world rule. Who can deny that the main metal the Greeks worked with was bronze? The famous Corinthian bronze doors and the bronze busts of their deities are still in existence today showing their age had a "bronze" economy.

The legs of the image, denoting the Roman Empire, were IRON. The Romans followed in the wake of the Greeks. They were not interested in the arts and culture so much as in armaments, so iron well depicts the economy of their age. It also depicts their heavy, iron-fisted method of ruling. Later their empire split into eastern and western divisions. The rivalry between East and West is still with us.

We see, then, that the nature of these kingdoms and their economies are clearly depicted by the metals signified. Let us ask, What is the main metal that depicts our modern age? The immediate answer is iron and steel. Our economy rolls on steel rails drawn by great "iron horses." We have more iron and steel in our economy than all the rest of history put together. Even our private vehicles are made of this metal. The laws are iron. Crime is punished by metal handcuffs and iron bars. The very nature of the mature or iron nations is steel—a commodity that can be bolted or

Meaning of the Clay



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welded together. This has been exemplified by their holding together through two great world wars. Only in these major nations is there this ability to hold together in large armies and in large corporations without falling apart.

Daniel speaks of the iron breaking in pieces and bruising (verse 40). That was so in the days of the Romans, and is still so today. Who can forget the heavy, iron-fisted policies of the colonial powers in subjugating backward nations? Dark chapters were written into history by the terror of some of the iron nations! And what about the breaking in pieces on the modern battlefields and on our highways?

Having identified the iron nations, let us ask, Who are the clay nations? Following the analogy of the four metals we see that economies are involved. Our next question is, What is the highest point of civilization or economy the merging nations reached *before* the advent of the iron nations? The ready answer is a clay pot, a mud hut.

The feet of the great image were made of iron and clay. "The feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron," showed that "the kingdom shall be divided" (verse 41). Let us analyze the CLAY. Articles of this material are made into most useful and beautiful things. So long as the vessel is small, it is fairly strong.

For instance, an ordinary teacup can be stood upon without breaking. But let two cups bang together and see what happens! We are constantly hearing through news media of the leaders of these emerging nations clashing with each other. One cracks up; the other one is damaged in the process, and soon it too breaks in pieces. Their nature is brittle, not malleable. They lack that power of cohesion, except, perhaps, in the wet stage, when molded by a strong hand.

Large vessels, such as cooking and water pots, have

to be handled with the greatest care. The larger the country, the greater this inability to hold together. One sees large empire-size countries with millions of people and hundreds of different languages falling apart, even though surrounded by United Nations iron bands. Behind the scenes the iron nations are bolstering them up with technicians and finances. As Daniel well said, "There shall be in it [the kingdom symbolized by the feet] of the strength of the iron...the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken" (verses 41, 42).

Daniel went on, in verse 43: "And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves [integrate] with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay." How clearly is this mingling and yet separating going on today! Although molded together at the United Nations level, one or another of the mature nations (both in the east foot and west foot) begins to rumble, and as the pressures from within as well as without mount up, it starts to crumble. The turmoil is so great, at times, that it looks as if it would start a third world war, bringing everything down with it.

The Word of God tells us plainly, again and again, that the whole world system of governments is going to be smitten and fall. Before our very eyes at times it looks as though all will come crashing down with its weight of sin and confusion. No wonder, for in both the iron and the clay nations in both feet the corruption is mounting ever higher. Because of this, we as Christian believers must realize that though we are in the world, we are not of it! Our eternal citizenship is from above, not from beneath. In Philippians 3:20, in the original Greek, the word *conversation* is *commonwealth*. Let us read it that way: "For our commonwealth is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Looking at the metals in the light of their economies, we see all four metals are with us today. There are some national economies that are rich and golden. Other nations are not so rich, and may be classified as silver. Others less well off may be classified as either brass or iron economies. But a stone was cut out of the mountains without hands, and it smote the feet, and the entire image was smashed. In verse 35, Daniel tells us, "Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth." That is Christ and His Kingdom.

Yes, all these nations, the mature and the immature, the great and the small, the rich and the poor, emerging or established—all will come crashing down! The iron and clay not cleaving together today shows us plainly that the time is rapidly drawing near!

In the words of the apostle Peter: "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Peter 3:14). Also as Jesus said: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

RECENTLY THE PRESS carried a story on the desecration of Jewish holy sites in Palestine. It stated that when Israeli troops captured Hebron they found the Jewish cemetery had been turned into a vegetable garden. There was a stone wall in the town made of the Jewish tombstones and they found vestiges of human bones mixed into the cement of the wall. Authorities quickly fenced off the cemetery area and reburied the remains.

I was reminded of a recent visit we made to Jerusalem prior to hostilities. We went to Mount Hertzl, where the body of Theodore Hertzl, founder of Zionism, is buried. There is located here a Museum of Remembrances, and we noticed that on the doors there were large objects made of cement. We asked our guide about these. He replied: "These represent bones of the body that are enlarged and fashioned of cement. Israel is declaring that the dry bones of Ezekiel are living."

You will recall the words of the prophecy. "The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones.... Then he said unto me, Son of man these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

"Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, and shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land" (Ezekiel 37:1, 11-14).

This is a remarkable prophecy concerning the return of Israel to their own land after nearly 1900 years of absence. The dry bones of the vision have come together. As was stated by Izhak Ben Zvi, the second president of Israel: "We are witnesses today of the wondrous process, the joining of the tribes of Israel, bone to bone, flesh to flesh, into one people. An ancient people condemned to exile and dispersion has sprung to life again."

Ezekiel had his vision of the valley full of dry bones over 2500 years ago. It does not refer to the return of Israel from Babylonian captivity, for they were again uprooted and scattered to all parts of the world following this return. It refers rather to a permanent return, as described also by the prophet Amos: "I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them: and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God" (Amos 9:14, 15).

Again we read in Isaiah: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again *the second time* to recover the *remnant* of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt... and from the islands of the sea" (Isaiah 11:11). The

Dry Bones of Israel Come to Life

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remnant are those who live at the latter end of the nation's history.

Some have made the mistake of trying to link the Anglo-Saxon people with Israel. The Scriptures clearly show that this attempt based on the British Israel theory is wrong, for Hosea 3:4, 5 declares: "The children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice. . . . Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days." The Anglo-Saxon people have their kings and princes so they cannot be identified as Israel.

Also in Numbers 23:9 we read, "Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations." This has been the life of the Jews, not the life of the Anglo-Saxons.

Today we see Biblical prophecies fulfilled. Israel's flag (the Star of David) floats over the ancient city of Jerusalem for the first time since the Romans leveled it in 70 A.D. Throngs of Jews again visit the Wailing Wall to offer their prayers and to weep before God. They are deeply moved. The events of recent weeks have had a spiritual impact on them. We are nearing the time foretold by the apostle Paul when he wrote, "Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Romans 11:25, 26).

Is the hour at hand when Israel shall rebuild the Temple and restore the Levitical worship as of old? Some time ago a rabbi in Florida gave an address on the Temple and he said: "The time has come when the Temple should be restored in fulfillment of the promise Jews have made in their prayers for centuries, 'Bring us back to our land and we will rebuild Thy house.'" He declared that as Israel is returning to their land, they are obligated to rebuild the Temple. He said funds should be collected for this purpose. He was careful to point out that the Temple need not be rebuilt on its original site, as anywhere in Jerusalem could serve the same purpose.

Ezekiel 37 speaks of two moves of God's Spirit on

(For more on this subject, read the book *Israel in Bible Prophecy*, by Louis H. Hauff. Price \$1.00. Order from: Gospel Publishing House, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Mention both the title and catalog number 2 EV 532 when ordering. This and other books on the fulfillment of Bible prophecies were advertised in THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL, July 30, 1967, page 24.)

Israel. First there is the coming together of bones, sinews, flesh, and skin with a noise and a shaking. This is the national revival which we see today, but it says, "there was no breath in them" (verse 8). Following this, there is a spiritual revival when God puts His breath in them: "I shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live" (verse 14).

Surely the return of the Lord is near at hand and God is about to breathe His Spirit into His ancient people. They shall not be trodden down forever. There are numerous Biblical references to the treading down of Israel, the land, and the holy sanctuary by her enemies (see Isaiah 28:18; Ezekiel 26:11; Daniel 8:13; Luke 21:24; Revelation 11:2). Jesus said, "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Different interpretations are given to this passage. Bible scholars are not agreed as to whether the reference here is to the city specifically, the nation of Israel, or the Jewish people. Whichever way it is interpreted, the fulfillment is evident. The times of the Gentiles are drawing to an end. The dry bones are coming to life. Christ's return must be very near. 

From a hundred nations around the world Jews have returned to Israel to help rebuild their ancient homeland.





By PAUL OLSON
Good News Evangelist

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OVER 32,000 AFRICANS ATTEND THE OPEN-AIR
CAMPAIGN IN LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA

THE AFRICAN CITY of Cape Palmas would make an ideal setting for any landscape artist. Its natural harbor, magnificent beaches dotted with colorful fishermen, and its pastel buildings make the coastal city a place of unusual beauty. The second largest city in Liberia, Cape Palmas is the home of President William V. S. Tubman, a good friend of Assemblies of God missions.

It is in the Cape Palmas area that the Assemblies of God is strongest in Liberia. Almost anywhere you go you find Assemblies of God congregations. The work is indigenous, and the national pastors are doing a job of which all of us can be proud.

Paul Davis, our missionary in that area, invited us to include his city in our West African itinerary, so we spent the month of April conducting a GOOD NEWS CRUSADE there.

As preparations were made, we discovered with joy that God had given us the good will of the people. The county superintendent gave us the choicest property available for our crusade on the high school grounds. The power company hooked up special lighting and provided the power without charge! Police Chief Diggs provided special protection throughout the crusade.

Our associate evangelist, Herris Heidenreich, has become a real professional at setting up and promoting these GOOD NEWS CRUSADES. He gets the platform built, organizes the ushers and personal workers, erects the new sound system provided us by Speed-the-Light, and supervises the advertising campaign. He printed up 25,000 tracts that were paid for by the BGMC fund. Street banners were

hung, and posters were mounted all over the city and throughout the nearby villages.

Saturday, April 1, was literature impact day. Early in the morning Paul Davis and Herris Heidenreich loaded our Speed-the-Light plane with thousands of pieces of literature and flew over the neighboring villages at low altitude, dropping these invitation tracts.

In one village one of our pastors happened to be in the market preaching when our plane flew over. He had just finished telling the people about the coming crusade in Cape Palmas when suddenly tracts by the thousands came falling down from the sky. You can imagine hundreds of people running wildly to pick up the tracts.

Norma Johanson, "The Bible Lady," as she is affectionately known in Liberia, Audrey Davis, and Mrs. Olson stood on a street corner giving out literature and telling the people about the forthcoming crusade. As BGMC literature fell from the sky, literally thousands of people ran down the streets trying desperately to catch one of our tracts.

While this was happening, Greg Davis, 12-year-old son of Missionaries Paul and Audrey Davis, was walking through the market announcing the crusade with a portable public address system. I am so proud of our missionary children as they share with their parents the burden of proclaiming Christ.

From the first service God moved in a mighty way. It is quite reasonable to say that the whole city turned out. On several occasions, at the close of the service the entire crowd would leave the grounds singing, "Hallelujah, I'm Walking with the King." You could hear them singing for many blocks away. The houses of the city had been dark during the meeting because everyone was at the crusade. As the people returned home, you could watch the lights of the city slowly coming back on.

A total of 32,900 people attended the Cape Palmas crusade, and 3,890 came forward in response to the call for sinners.

As soon as the crusade was over, we launched into the crucial follow-up phase of our evangelistic program. We conducted a converts rally on

Monday night at the high school grounds, at which we gave out special literature and invited the new converts to follow us to the Assemblies of God church, where we would preach each night on the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I don't think our little church has ever been packed so tightly.

In conjunction with these services we conducted morning seminars on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Several ministers from other churches attended this seminar. As a result of the teaching and preaching many scores of new converts received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Before leaving Cape Palmas, Herris Heidenreich and Paul Davis organized a water baptismal service at the seaside. On a Sunday afternoon Missionaries Paul Davis, Norm Backman, and Ralph Hollandsworth along with Herris Heidenreich baptized nearly 100 believers in water. Many people in Cape Palmas had never seen a water baptismal service before, and it was truly an impressive testimony to them all.

Missionary Paul Davis reports that following the crusade the church in Cape Palmas has new life and is now filled each Sunday. Many of the neighboring village pastors also report that their churches have received new members, many from their churches have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and their churches have received much blessing from the crusade.

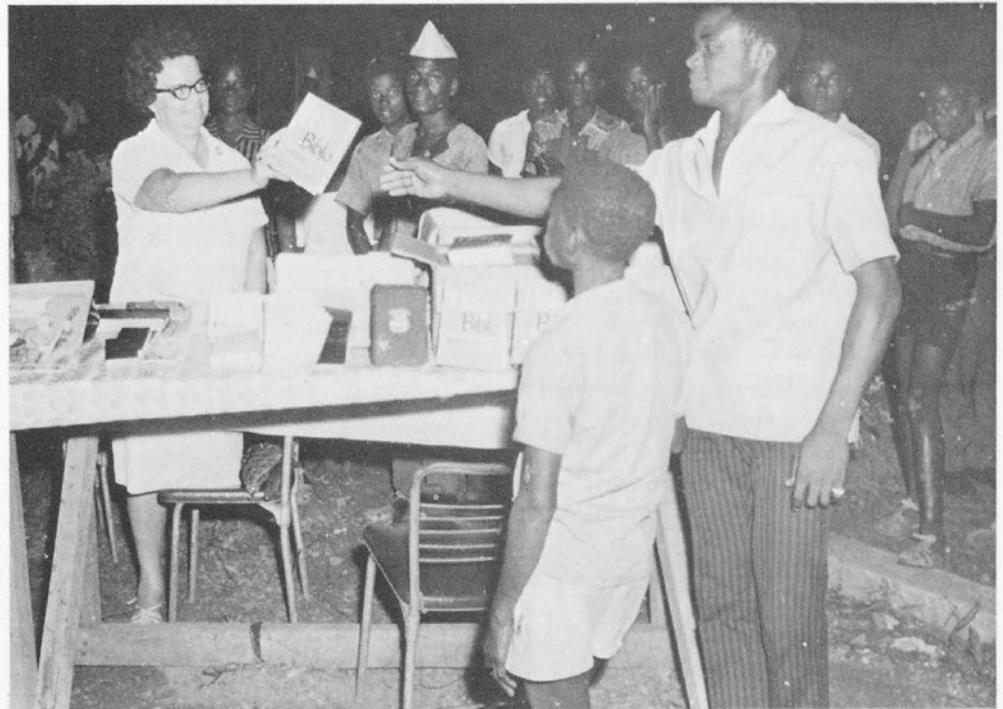
Recently the Liberian government has opened new roads into two fishing villages that were previously inaccessible. Seizing this new opportunity, Paul Davis began taking teams of young people from his church into Rocktown and Fishtown villages to preach the gospel. It was the privilege of the Olson party to minister in both of these villages. It is difficult to explain the feeling as you preach to people who have never before heard the true gospel of Christ. Each village chief promised to build an Assemblies of God church in his village.

In closing, I feel compelled to say this about our missionaries in Liberia. This evangelist has learned to appreciate the tremendous job that the missionaries here are doing. Whether their ministry is teaching school, administering medicine in the clinic, keeping a road open to a remote village, or preaching the gospel, I salute the missionaries of Liberia. Each one is doing a vital job and doing it well.



ABOVE: Tears of genuine repentance are shed as sinners cry to God for forgiveness. Paul Olson leads the seekers in prayer.

BELOW: Norma Johanson makes literature available to the new converts. The hundreds of Bibles sold during the crusade indicate the great spiritual awakening the meetings brought to the Cape Palmas area.



National pastors join Paul Olson in praying for the many sick who come for deliverance.





A MISSIONARY ANSWERS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION ON OUR METHODS OF WORLD EVANGELIZATION

How Effective Is Crusade Evangelism?

By DON B. COLEMAN ■ Missionary to South Africa

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD was born from blazing Pentecostal hearts in 1914, and evangelism has been the theme of the movement ever since. Wherever its pastors, evangelists, or missionaries are found, evangelism is the center of their Christian service. Crusade evangelism—one of many modes inspired by the Holy Spirit—is often employed with great success both at home and abroad.

Because the failure of many Christian endeavors often begins by the clouding of divine purpose, the missionaries of the Republic of South Africa, Lesotho, and Malawi have kept in sharp focus the prime purpose of winning lost souls to Jesus Christ through crusade evangelism.

When Jesus emphasized *going, preaching, and teaching* in the Great Commission, He knew that the message would remain unchanging but the modes employed would change with the generations. He gave responsibility to His Spirit-guided Church to make decisions regarding these changes. The variety of methods inspired by the Holy Spirit is seen in the chariot pulpit of Philip, the amphitheater of Mars' Hill, the open fields and civic halls of Moody and Wigglesworth, and the gospel tents and crusades of today.

Captious critics feebly derogue this modern mode of crusade evangelism. We acknowledge that much goes on under the guise of the gospel, and that many shenanigans are seen in tent campaigns (not synonymous with tent evangelism) which are a reproach to God. We strongly em-

phasize that such is not the criterion of the Pentecostal revival which today is sweeping the world. We Assemblies of God missionaries are very meticulous in guarding our heritage.

The cardinal principle of our crusades in all that we say and do is to uplift and honor the name of Jesus Christ. We do not hesitate to fulfill our responsibilities to this generation in all that is involved in the *go* of the Great Commission and will make

full use of crusade evangelism.

In the *bushveld*, the cities, and the villages God has used crusade evangelism in a mighty way. Sometimes lack of local facilities prevents a community-wide evangelistic effort, but on a vacant lot we can pitch a gospel tent and give a great witness for Jesus Christ.

At other times, district ministers may feel the burden to open a new work in some area. We pitch the



tent, begin a crusade, preach the gospel in power, and a church is born. We vigorously pursue this mode of presenting the gospel for it is a proven instrument which accomplishes our purpose.

We would be pleased to have the honest critics of crusade evangelism visit our mission fields. They could share the united, intercessory prayers of national pastors, church members, and missionaries months prior to the evangelistic meeting. They could sit with the ministers as they plan the blanket coverage of the village or location with gospel tracts, other literature, and announcements of the coming meeting. The day the tent is erected they could see the interest and enthusiasm of the community that give evidence of the success of our efforts with literature.

The pattern of the services under the "big top" will not vary much from night-to-night. We have one main purpose—to win souls to Christ. As the people begin to fill the tent, a great volume of gospel hymns and choruses fills the air. Godly believers give their testimonies with sincerity and enthusiasm. So thrilled are they to witness for Christ that it is difficult for them to stop so others may testify.

As a national pastor or missionary preaches in the power and fervor of the Holy Spirit, the same glory that filled the Old Testament tabernacle floods this humble gospel tent. The same God who witnessed then now confirms His word "with signs following." There is an obvious absence of gimmicks and spectacular, carnal exhibitions.

The altar service, a distinctive mark of our crusades, is always enthusiastic but orderly. There may be occasional disturbances, but these are brought under control with little difficulty. We rejoice to witness the fulfillment of evangelistic preaching, the winning of precious souls to Christ.

Among the new converts may be hoodlums, a tribal chief and his wife, a schoolteacher, a herdsman, or just common people. Hearing their public testimonies of salvation and seeing their transformed lives tell us that crusade evangelism is mandatory.

The smiles on their faces and the gleam in their eyes indicate the truth of the gospel has struck home. We are anxious for these converts to understand the miracle that has taken place within them. We want them to

see the glorious possibilities that are theirs through living a Spirit-filled life. The grounding and establishing of new converts in the Word of God and Christian living begins immediately. These instruction classes are well attended.

Crusade evangelism is of no lasting value unless something definite is done to sustain and consolidate the gains made during the revival campaigns. This very truth has brought into being an integral phase of our crusade evangelism—a follow-up program.

Prior to the crusade, plans are made with the local pastors and churches for launching a well-studied follow-up schedule. Immediately after the crusade, this phase of evangelism is put into action. New converts are visited to encourage and strengthen them in their newfound faith. Seekers who did not receive the witness of salvation are visited regularly until a definite decision is made. It is work, hard work, but we are winning souls, building churches, and giving witness of Jesus Christ.

What does the future hold for tent or crusade evangelism?

Millions and millions of people are still unconverted, and many have never heard the gospel. Superstition and demon worship plague both cities and villages. Diseases blind and cripple the young and old. We believe crusade evangelism to be an instrument to bring Jesus Christ, the great Physician, to the multitudes.

We are encouraged because many nations and tribes now have strong, thriving churches with Spirit-filled members as monuments to the true value of crusade evangelism.

Our earnest prayer is that the Lord will send forth laborers into His harvest and that the Church at home will continue to provide tents, trucks, public address systems, literature, and finances for crusade evangelism till Jesus comes. 



CALL TO ACTION

J. PHILIP HOGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

GOOD NEWS CRUSADES

A RECENT VISITOR to my office, a Christian layman and deacon of a foreign mission field church, said, "We are 25 years behind America, Brother Hogan. This is bad in the sense that our economic development, education, housing, indeed our whole posture as a modern nation lag behind."

However, with an apologetic note in his voice, he further said, "It is good in the sense that the materialism, secularism, and religious indifference which characterize the American scene today have not caught up with us. There is not so much competition for the time and interest of the population. The gospel message still attracts a wide listening audience when sincerely presented."

It is for these reasons that our overseas outreach has some characteristics of the American scene of a generation past. In many areas of the world we still find mass crusades most effective. By taking advantage of the latent hunger and interest that exists in much of the mission field, and coupling this with the tools of modernity which come from our advanced scientific society, we have a successful formula for evangelism that seems to take advantage of the best of two eras.

This is the reason why we are shifting our interests to GOOD NEWS CRUSADES. We now know that with the right man and the right tools, we can reap an amazingly quick harvest in almost any foreign city where secularism has not blanketed the interests of the people with spiritual death.

In our reporting, we pledge to be absolutely truthful. We are not interested in inflated attendance or conversion figures. I believe there are enough great opportunities abroad where there is every indication of a rich harvest that we can well channel our forces to reap for the Master.

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THIS PRESENT WORLD

Assemblies Publications Receive EPA Awards

Several Assemblies of God publications were honored recently at the Evangelical Press Association's 19th annual convention in Chicago.

The Pentecostal Evangel's news pages, "This Present World," received first-place award out of 56 entries in the "standing feature" category.

The *Evangel* was also rated third among 16 entries in the contest for the best denominational magazine. First and second place winners were *The Banner*, Christian Reformed Church, and *The Church Herald*, Reformed Church in America.

The "Gus Gorilla" cover designed by John Owen won for *Campus Ambassador* the third-place award among 17 entries in the two-color cover contest. First and second-place awards went to *Eternity* and *Psychology for Living*.

This Day, published at St. Louis by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, received the "Periodical of the Year" award for all-around editorial excellence. There are 170 member periodicals in EPA.

George E. Failing, editor of *Wesleyan Methodist*, retired from the EPA presidency after serving two years in that office. The new officers are: Paul Fromer, editor of *His* magazine, president; Sherwood Wirt, editor of *Decision*, vice-president; Eleanor Burr, managing editor of *Missionary Standard*, secretary; and Harris Jansen, editor of the *Sunday School Counselor*, treasurer. Directors are Charles Van Ness, editorial director of David C. Cook Publishing Co., and James C. Lont, editor of the *Young Calvinist*.

The Executive Secretary of EPA is Norman E. Rohrer, Box 277, La Canada, Calif. 91011.

New members of the board of the Evangelical Press Association are, left to right, first row: Paul Fromer, Eleanor Burr, Sherwood Wirt, and Norman Rohrer; second row: Harris Jansen, Charles Van Ness, and James C. Lont.



40 Million Expected to Read Bible Together

More than 40 million people all over the world are expected to participate in a new program of daily Bible readings combining the American Bible Society's Worldwide Bible Reading and National Bible Week.

National Bible Week, sponsored by the Laymen's National Committee, formerly was a separate interfaith observance. Like the Worldwide Bible Reading program, it began during World War II. By making the two programs concurrent it is hoped a greater number of people will become involved.

National Bible Week will be October 15-22. Worldwide Bible Reading will begin October 15 and continue through Thanksgiving for a total of 40 days.

"New Morality" Called Pagan

The "new morality" was described by A. V. Washburn of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as nothing more than a return to pagan philosophy.

Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department at the board's office in Nashville, Tennessee, made the remark to 1,460 Southern Baptists attending the first of three Sunday school leadership conferences at Glorieta (New Mexico) Baptist Assembly June 22-28.

"Never has the need for the Christian gospel been more acute than it is today," he said. "Churches have never had greater opportunities for Christian advance than are provided by these critical years which are upon us."

Washburn told conferees that teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ as found in the Bible is the answer to man's deepest problems.

Delegates to the 19th annual EPA convention in Chicago hear Dr. Richard H. Cox, chief clinical psychologist, Covenant Counseling Center, speak on "The Unique Emotional Stresses of the Christian."



1966 Christmas Stamp Being Repeated

U. S. Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien announced that the 1967 Christmas stamp will duplicate last year's design, but will be nearly twice as large.

The 5-cent special stamp for the holidays will be issued November 6 with first-day ceremonies at Bethlehem, Georgia. It is the sixth in the series of Christmas stamps, and the first to be printed commemorative size.



The stamp reproduces a portion of Hans Memling's "Madonna and Child with Angels," a 15th-century Flemish oil painting that hangs in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C. Memling painted the scene on wood about 1480. It measures about 18 by 23 inches and is regarded as an excellent example of the detail the German-born artist lavished on his work.

Postmaster General O'Brien's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee recommended that the design be repeated and issued in commemorative size. Last year's Christmas stamp brought the Post Office Department a flood of mail in praise of the design and the technical excellence of the reproduction by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Meanwhile, Protestants and Other Americans United, a national organization whose primary concern is separation of church and state, has filed suit to prevent issuance of the stamp.

POAU was among several organizations and individuals who protested the stamp last year on the grounds that it was not only religious but actually sectarian, promoting Roman Catholicism. Since the Post Office operates at a deficit of more than a billion dollars yearly, POAU contends that all taxpayers are compelled indirectly to help finance the stamp, even though some may not choose to purchase it.

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Drinking Drivers Menace Traffic

More than 50 percent of all drivers killed in California traffic accidents had been drinking, and 80 percent of those drinking had been drinking heavily, a statewide survey shows. Royal A. Neilson, assistant managing director of the California Traffic Safety Foundation, reported on the study for an American Bar Association regional traffic court conference in San Francisco. Neilson said: "I hope I have shot down any misconceptions such as 'the problem is one of social drinking' or 'the drinking driver problem is not a primary one.' Both conceptions are false."

Catholics Facing Clergy Shortage

Pope Paul VI told Catholics recently that the shortage of vocations in the Roman Catholic Church is "disturbing, sometimes heartbreaking."

Meanwhile, a panel of Dutch bishops has announced that 90 Roman Catholic priests in the Netherlands have left their clerical status to marry within the last two years. Reports from other countries tell of similar losses to the priesthood. Despite the growing pressure for relaxation of the ban on marriage, Pope Paul recently reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's ancient rule of celibacy for priests.



IS YOUR DOLLAR SHRINKING?

NOT IF GIVEN THROUGH THE ETTA CALHOUN FUND!

ON OR NEAR SEPTEMBER 19 (the birthday of Etta Calhoun) Women's Missionary Council groups and Missionettes Clubs of the Assemblies of God will observe the 11th anniversary of the establishment of the fund which bears the name of their founder. Offerings given in response to the appeal are designated to purchase indoor equipment for foreign and home missions and benevolence institutions.

Children's homes, a retirement home for superannuated missionaries and ministers, 86 missionary Bible schools, overseas clinics, servicemen's centers, and numerous missionary rest houses all are eligible for grants from the Etta Calhoun Fund.

In 10 years more than \$33,000 has been disbursed through the fund for emergency needs. Items most frequently requested include classroom and dormitory furniture, restaurant-type stoves, and institution-size refrigerators.

Annual offerings for the account were originally set at 10 cents per WMC and Missionettes member. But expanding missionary efforts and changing economic conditions the world over have made such great demands upon the fund that many WMC groups are increasing their giving. Some sectional leaders, by promoting coordinated projects, have doubled or tripled offerings from their areas.

Projects depending upon the 1967 offering include,

For foreign missions:

- Dining tables—Egypt
- Film projector—India
- Stove and refrigerator—Togo, West Africa

For home missions:

- Walk-in refrigerator
- Commercial vacuum cleaner, washer-dryer
- Water fountain, Microphone

For benevolences:

- Washer-dryer

Requests are being added to the list regularly.

Missionettes and WMC giving for Etta Calhoun Fund in 1966 exceeded \$10,000. This amount should be surpassed in 1967. Every WMC group and Missionettes Club is encouraged to participate in this important observance.

Give your shrinking dollar to an expanding project!

Offerings should be sent to the National WMC Department, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802.

'I Was Convinced'

Based on information from DAVID W. FLOWER, Superintendent, Southern New England, and Pastor RICHARD P. SCALLON

I THOUGHT HE WAS EXAGGERATING." Pastor Richard P. Scallon, Milford, Conn., admits this now as he recalls his conversation with Bolton Bangs (now pastoring Faith Assembly, the church he pioneered in Middletown, Conn.), who was urging him to consider Southern New England as a needy field for Assemblies of God ministry. "Then I read an article in the *Evangel* in 1963 giving actual statistics of the population in relationship to the number of Assemblies churches, and I was convinced."

Pastor and Mrs. Scallon traveled many miles before they settled in Milford, a city of 50,000 inhabitants approximately 10 miles from New Haven.

In 1954 they came from England to Toronto. Later they moved to Seattle, Wash., where Brother Scallon became a tool engineer. A fellow-employee led him to Christ in 1957, and a short time later Mrs. Scallon also was converted.

After training for the ministry, Brother Scallon desired to go to Mexico to pioneer a work, "but God definitely blocked that." Convinced of the tremendous need existing in the Southern New England area, the Scallons again crossed the country, settling near New Haven to await further direction from the Lord.

The Chester Ambroses, laymen who were praying for the opening of a church in Milford, approached the Scallons with their burden. Thus it was the *Sites for Souls* church now flourishing in Milford was born.

From cottage meetings in the basement of the Scallon home to the first service held at the Seabreeze Grammar School in Milford in December, 1963, it was evident God was blessing the new outreach.

In April, 1965, the National Home Missions Department assisted in the amount of \$7,000 to purchase a lot costing \$8,700. At the beginning district home missions helped with the rental costs of the school. After meeting in the school for almost three years, the congregation

finally saw their vision of an adequate church building become a reality.

Berean Assembly dedicated its \$45,000 building on December 5, 1966. Superintendent David W. Flower was the guest speaker and John W. Thompson, then home missions director, gave a history of the Assemblies of God. Mayor Allan Jepson presented greetings from the city.

The auditorium has a seating capacity of 200. Pastor Scallon and his family reside in a four-room apartment in part of the building.

An unusual and concerted program known as "Vacation Bible Club" is in progress in Milford. Because it was impossible to obtain adequate transportation to bring children to a church VBS, the program takes training to the grass roots. A mother opens her home to the children of her neighborhood. The club convenes for two hours in a concentrated three-day program. The "Vacation Bible Club" team will locate in a different part of the city each week throughout the summer.

A constantly climbing Sunday school average (116 in May) is evidence of the continuing outreach of the church.

Southern New England's population of 9 million, with that of the rest of the nation, is expanding more rapidly than churches are being established. The district ranks highest in the United States for population density—2,000 people to each square mile. Approximately 100 cities of over 10,000 population are still without an Assemblies of God church. The District Home Missions committee has designated 20 cities or population areas of 25,000 or more where they desire to start an Assembly of God. The greatest need to develop this vast population center continues to be consecrated workers. Like Pastor Scallon they, too, must be *convinced* and respond to meet the challenge. 

BELOW: Superintendent David W. Flower looks on as Chester Ambrose (left) shakes hands with Pastor Scallon. Mrs. Scallon is on the right.

RIGHT: Berean Assembly in Milford, Conn., a "Sites for Souls" church, is enjoying a healthy growth in the heavily populated Southern New England District.





The newly dedicated church in Clarksville (left) is planning to expand its facilities by closing in the carport area for needed classrooms. Pastor Billy R. Jones (below left) is one of six pioneer pastors who helped Superintendent Earl E. Blythe (below right) and the Tennessee District attain their goal of six new churches in 1966.



A GOD-GIVEN BURDEN FOR A CITY LAID UPON THE HEART OF A CONSECRATED PASTOR RESULTS IN

MORE TERRITORY CLAIMED IN TENNESSEE

SEVENTEEN MONTHS after conducting the first services in Clarksville, Tenn., Pastor Billy Jones and his congregation dedicated their new church—First Assembly. Tennessee District Superintendent Earl Blythe preached, and Sectional Presbyter Carl Walker led the congregation in responsive reading of the pledge of dedication at the service on June 18.

Clarksville is one of six pioneer churches opened in the Tennessee District in 1966. (See last week's *Evangel* article. "By All Means, Branch Out!")

Churches of the district pledged \$200 monthly support to the District Home Missions Department to underwrite rental costs for the fledgling church and the pastor's housing. This financial assistance for one year, plus a gift of \$750 to purchase option on land, contributed greatly to the development of the church.

Pastor Jones, formerly of the North Texas District, felt a burden for Clarksville, a city of 37,000 which had no Assemblies of God outreach. The nearest Assemblies church is 25 miles distant. Strategically located (the population concentration in a 25-mile radius is 110,000), Clarksville is also within five miles of Ft. Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division. Brother Jones is contact chaplain for this base.

With a vision for future expansion and growth, the congregation erected their church on a 2½-acre lot, and took an option to purchase an additional corner lot adjacent to the church at a further cost of more than \$17,000.

The brick-veneered building of block construction is equipped with central heat and air-conditioning. In addition to the sanctuary, which accommodates a capacity crowd of 250, the building has nine classrooms, pastor's study, and nursery. Oak furnishings provide a pleasing contrast to the wood paneling and blue-toned carpeting.

Fronting on Ft. Campbell Highway, the land and building are valued at approximately \$60,000, but the present church indebtedness is only \$28,000. Pastor Jones asserts "donated labor made the difference."

First Assembly is enjoying a healthy growth. Twelve local people attended the first service on February 8, 1966. In June the Sunday school average was 102, with church attendance also over the one hundred mark. In addition to souls being saved, a number of folk have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

An expansion program is already planned—the carport must be enclosed and completed to provide much-needed Sunday school rooms.

With the realization of their 1966 goal of six new churches, the Tennessee District hoped to *Branch Out* further by opening seven churches in 1967. For the biennium period ending December, 1968, Superintendent Blythe reports their goal is 15 new churches. As pastors and laymen continue their enthusiastic support of Tennessee's Home Missions program, these *Branch Out* goals will become realities.

Photo shows portion of congregation in the lovely sanctuary during the dedication of First Assembly in Clarksville, Tenn.



The HOLY SPIRIT



ONE OF THE GREAT ILLUSTRATIONS of the Holy Spirit's concern for order in the universe is found in the first chapter of Genesis. The Bible says, "The earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep" (Genesis 1:2). The Holy Spirit saw this condition, and He could not be satisfied until the chaos had been replaced by order. The Bible continues by saying, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2).

The results of the Spirit's brooding presence are given in the next few verses. Darkness was replaced by light. Where there had been no sky, there was a firmament. Dry land appeared upon which vegetation could grow. Heavenly lights became visible. Animal life was created. Last of all, man was created in the image and likeness of God. What had once been a troubled earth had become the location of the beautiful Garden of Eden.

Unfortunately this ideal condition did not continue indefinitely. Sin made its entry. With it came all the misery which is in the world today.

In the tragedy of the fall, however, there appeared a ray of hope. It was the concern of the Holy Spirit. With God the Father and God the Son, He became active in the great work of redemption.

Scripture teaches that there cannot be world peace until "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ." There is, however, a unity and peace among those who have responded to the call of God to become members of the Spirit-unified body of Christ. It is up to true believers, as Paul said, "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:3, 13).

THE NATURE OF THE SPIRIT'S UNITY

There is much talk in the world today concerning church unity. With this emphasis Pentecostals have a great deal of sympathy. We are constantly aware of the prayer of the Lord Jesus Christ recorded in John 17:21: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."

But while our hearts echo the deep longing of the Spirit for unity, we must make ourselves very clear that we are not ready to accept a unity which is the

creature of man's wisdom. The true Church consists of people who recognize the absolute authority of the Bible. They believe in its inspiration, in its infallibility, and in its inerrancy. They believe it is God's message to man. Therefore, the unity for which we strive must be predicated upon a mutual acceptance of the absolute authority of the sacred Scriptures.

From the days of the Early Church it has been necessary for believers to distinguish between true and professing members. The apostle John is always thought of as the apostle of love. Yet John had very strong feelings concerning a movement of his day which would have compromised the Church's position in relation to Christ (1 John 2:18, 19, 23). He referred to it as an effort to "seduce" the true church (1 John 2:26).

It sometimes takes great courage to reject a plan which is unscriptural. For this reason the Church today needs the same discernment the Early Church had. It needs the same courage Peter manifested when he refused to fellowship with Simon who formerly had been a sorcerer (Acts 8:21).

Scripture makes it clear that church unity is not necessarily organizational. It definitely does not consist of uniting true with nominal believers.

We believe in the scriptural, Spirit-unified Church. Its unity is emphasized in the Bible by many figures of speech. There is one body (Romans 12:5). There is one bride (Revelation 21:2). There is one vine (John 15:1). There is one sheepfold (John 10:1). There is one household (Ephesians 2:19). There is one temple (Ephesians 2:21). Whatever figure Scripture uses to describe the Church, unity is self-evident, but it is a unity of those of "like precious faith" (2 Peter 1:1). It is a unity of those rightly related to Christ and to one another.

THE METHOD OF THE SPIRIT'S UNITY

Today when there is much emphasis on a unification of all religious organizations regardless of their attitude toward Christ, it would be well to study the Holy Spirit's method of achieving unity. There are two major aspects of His work.

First, provision has been made for the foundation of the Church. All persons concerned with the unity of the Church should notice that God has not provided numerous foundations upon which the Church is to be

Unifying the Church

Address by THOS. F. ZIMMERMAN
General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God
at the 8th Pentecostal World Conference
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

built. There is only one foundation. It is the recognition that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:13-18). Paul expressed the same truth to the church at Corinth: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11).

The Spirit's method of achieving unity then is not to bring unrelated superstructures closer together. His method is to build upon the one true foundation. When people respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit, He properly places them on the only foundation.

Some wish to build a world-church organization on the basis of man's wisdom. The truly wise men, however, still recognize Jesus Christ as the rock foundation of the Church (Matthew 7:24-27). This is the foundation that will endure through every storm of opposition. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The second factor in the Spirit's method of unity is His work of placing members in the Church. There are two grand parallel truths concerning man's salvation. Jesus indicated that God seeks after man. He said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). The Bible also indicates, however, that man must respond to God (Revelation 22:17). We must never minimize man's responsibility to make a decision for Christ.

For the present, let us think concerning the Spirit's method of creating unity by choosing and placing members in the body of Christ. In writing to early believers Peter said, "Ye are a chosen generation" (1 Peter 2:9). Jesus also said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16).

The persons who become the living stones in the spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5) are not those who have joined a local or worldwide organization. The members of the true Church are those who have been made members of the body of Christ through the transforming grace of God. Paul summarized the Holy Spirit's aspect of this work: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, . . . and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13). Luke said concerning converts of the Early Church, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

Thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit! When He places a member in the body of Christ, there is no

disunity. Christ is the head. The members of the Body let the mind of Christ dwell in them. When the Holy Spirit takes an individual and makes him a living stone in the temple of God, there is no disunity. Christ is the cornerstone. The building is fitly framed on the one foundation.

Men try to unify organizations. The Holy Spirit faithfully builds the unified Church. He does this by providing the foundation and the members of the Church. Let us always remember that God has provided only one foundation for the Church. Let us also remember that only the Holy Spirit places people in the body of Christ. He only adds those who have been born again. This is the Spirit's method of producing unity.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SPIRIT'S UNITY

Have you stopped to wonder why God provided for the formation of the Church? Possibly one of the greatest reasons is given in Paul's epistle to the Ephesians. He said, "*That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus*" (Ephesians 2:7). Throughout eternity the Church will be an exhibition of the grace of God.

One day the Church will stand in the presence of the Lord. It will then remember that during its earthly sojourn there were fierce persecutions; there were struggles against opposition. It had wrestled against the "rulers of the darkness of this world" (Ephesians 6:12). But, thank God, the Church will also remember that the gates of hell could not prevail against it. Then in eternity, as the Church is on exhibition, the atmosphere of heaven will ring with the praises of the redeemed (Revelation 7:9-12).

As we think of this great truth our hearts cry, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

Immediately, however, we are reminded that God is practical—that His work in and through the Church is practical. It is true the Church will be on exhibition in the future eternal ages. But let us never forget that the Church is already on exhibition right now in a world full of sin and hatred. God is showing what His grace can do in our lives.

Paul reminded us that in a world of hatred, the Church exhibits love. In a world of sorrow, the Church exhibits joy. In a world of unrest, the Church exhib-

its peace. In a world of impatience, the Church exhibits longsuffering. In a world of evil, the Church exhibits goodness. In a world of unfaithfulness, the Church exhibits faithfulness. In a world of arrogance, the Church exhibits disciplined meekness. In a world of intemperance, the Church exhibits self-control (Galatians 5:22, 23).

The Church is an exhibition of what God can do in its members, and it is also an exhibition of what God can do through its members in evangelism. With Paul, the Church is saying, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The unified Church still hears the commission of the Lord: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Concerning the Early Church it was said: "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20). Let it always be said concerning the Church today that it is going forth! It is preaching the word everywhere! When members of the Church exhibit the grace of God in evangelism, it will also be said that the Lord is working with them, confirming the word with signs following. This procedure has resulted in the salvation of souls in the ages past. The same formula will result in the salvation of souls today.

CONCLUSION

Some think of the Church as an organization for social reform. They think of the *nominal* church and call the *true* Church weak. They think of the *professing* church and think the *true* Church can be strengthened by uniting all kinds of people regardless of their beliefs.

May God help us to keep the scriptural picture before us. The true Church is not weak and defeated. It is still a glorious Church. It is still marching from victory to victory.

There is a wonderful song we have sung in the past. We still sing it today. We shall sing it until Jesus comes.

*Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we:
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity,
Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane;
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, which can never fail.*

*Onward, Christian soldiers! marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.*

For people who believe in the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, there is only one Church. It consists of people placed upon the one true foundation by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. It consists of people who recognize that the primary mission of the Church is not social reform, but worldwide evangelism.

This belief has brought us together for this occasion. It is recognition of the great mission of the Spirit-unified Church which causes us to bow our hearts in rededication. We have gathered in this conference for fellowship and spiritual refreshing. But we shall leave with the words of the Great Commission still ringing in our hearts: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

A LOST DIAMOND

By KATHRYN WHEELER

MOTHER!" My daughter Burdinea was on her way out of the house to catch the schoolbus. But when she shrieked my name like that, I came running. I knew something terrible was wrong.

She was sobbing as she pointed to her engagement ring. "The diamond's gone out of my ring!"

Her words were tumbling out so fast: "What will I do? What will Richard say? Just think, \$400 gone. Oh, Mother, I can't go to school now."

I tried to comfort her. I told her it wasn't worth that much. But that didn't help.

"Richard paid that much for it." They planned to marry as soon as she finished school.

Having never owned a diamond, I didn't know how the loss felt. And since I didn't seem to be helping her, I went to the barn to do some necessary chores.

Then I started the tedious job of looking for the lost diamond. At the same time, I was praying for my diamond, my daughter, the owner of the lost diamond. She too was lost but much more valuable.

Like the woman in the parable in Luke 15, I worked very carefully and cautiously, looking in drawers, waste-

baskets, among hair curlers, gently shaking each throw rug before carrying it outside to dust. I even removed the heat registers to feel down into the ducts.

Late in the afternoon Burdinea repeated what she had said so often, "There's no use, Mother; you might as well give up. We'll never find it." She then started out the door to take a walk with her younger brothers, trying to stop biting her fingernails. I suggested she read or play her accordion to relax.

"I can't concentrate enough to know a word I read," she answered as she closed the door.

Having carefully cleaned the bedrooms and bath, I gently picked up the last throw rug in the living room as I glanced toward the setting sun.

"I'll never be able to get the dining room and kitchen done today," I thought. Then, "Oh!" I almost lost my breath. "Could that be it?" I stooped to pick up a shiny object. "I think I've found Burdinea's diamond," I said to my daughter Kathy who was standing nearby. "Call her to come see if this is it."

She rushed into the house and examined the diamond carefully, then repeatedly kissed me and then the diamond.

As I held her in my arms, we all rejoiced with her. I praised the Lord for permitting me to find the diamond and prayed for God to save my "diamond in the rough."

Lord, help me to be just as patient seeking my children as I was seeking that diamond. Give me strength to withstand every doubt and fear until my children are safely in Your fold. Amen.

PHILIPPINES

By CHRISTINE CARMICHAEL

THE REPUBLIC of the Philippines has been described as "7,000 pieces of land flung across a turquoise sea." Only 500 islands are inhabited; most of the people live on the 11 largest islands. Between Luzon in the north and Mindanao in the south is a central group of islands known collectively as the Visayas. The total land area of the Philippines adds up to 115,830 square miles.

Manila, a bustling city of 2,000,000, lies astride the Pasig River on Luzon.

It is the cultural, educational, and commercial center of the country, and one of the world's leading seaports. Quezon City, adjoining Manila, is the official capital, but many government offices remain in Manila.

The islands suffered widespread devastation and heavy loss of life during World War II. The names Bataan and Corregidor came to mean disaster. Manila was "one of the world's most ruined cities." Today's rebuilt centers of thriving industry



are monuments to the courage and determination of the Filipino people. The Philippines is today a free nation with a position of leadership in South-east Asia.

The country's 33 million inhabitants encompass a variety of racial origins, traditions, and customs. Filipinos are friendly and leisurely, yet industrious and resourceful. The Philippines has been described as "a smiling land with a smiling people."

Fourscore languages and dialects are used throughout the islands. Filipino is the official language. Tagalog, Ilocano, and the Visayan dialects are principal languages. English is commonly used in government and commerce.

Roman Catholicism became firmly entrenched during three centuries of Spanish colonial rule. At least 85 percent of the people today give nominal allegiance to the Roman Catholic Church. The Filipino Independent Church, called Aglipayan, seceded from the Roman Church in 1901 and today claims 1,500,000 adherents. In the southern islands are 800,000 Muslims, called Moros. The mountain tribespeople are Animists.

Bishop James I. Thorburn of the American Methodist Church was the first evangelical missionary to the islands. With American occupation at the turn of the century a number of mission societies commenced medical, educational, and evangelistic work. Today the Protestant community is





Filipinos praise the Lord during a baptismal service as water buffaloes stand nearby.

estimated at 2,500,000, with many more within its sphere of influence.

The Assemblies of God work in the islands is unique in that it was not started by missionaries but by Filipinos who were converted in the USA and trained in American Bible schools. With a burning desire to witness to their people they returned in the 1930's to the Philippines where they established Assemblies of God churches. Today some of these men are outstanding leaders in the work. One of them, Rudy Esperanza, is superintendent of the Philippines General Council.

During World War II missionary activities came to a standstill. Missionaries were interned, and Filipino Christians took refuge in mountains and swamps. With limited liberty national pastors carried on. At the close of the war former missionaries returned and a number of new missionaries were appointed.

The training of national workers was given priority. Bethel Bible Institute was reopened after the war by Rudy Esperanza in his home church in Pangasinan. Later BBI was moved to Manila where it continues its fine training program.

The Far East Advanced School of Theology (FEAST) was opened in August 1964. FEAST provides, as its name implies, advanced training for graduates of our Far East Bible schools.

Immanuel Bible Institute which had its beginning at Sogod, on Leyte, in 1951, is now located in Cebu. Luzon Bible Institute in Pangasinan conducts its classes in Ilocano. Assemblies of God Bible Institute in Mindanao (AGBIM) is growing rapidly. The newest school, South Central Bible Institute, is operated by nationals at Iriga on Luzon. More than 270 young people are being trained in the six schools.

Intensive evangelistic efforts

launched by our missionaries and national workers have brought the message of the gospel to entire provinces. Scores of native-style churches house new congregations. American evangelists have conducted successful campaigns in many strategic population centers. In order to consolidate the results of evangelism, large metropolitan churches have been built in a number of key cities.

Forty-four Assemblies of God missionaries are currently under appointment to the Philippines. It is not possible to mention all of them in this brief survey. They serve in various capacities—as administrators, teachers, and evangelists. God has also raised up 683 national workers to help reap the harvest.

Christian literature has become a significant tool of evangelism outreach in the islands. Evangel Press in Manila produces literature in English, Ilocano, Tagalog, Bicol, Cebuano, Pampango, and Hiligaynon.

The Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC), which owns the pow-

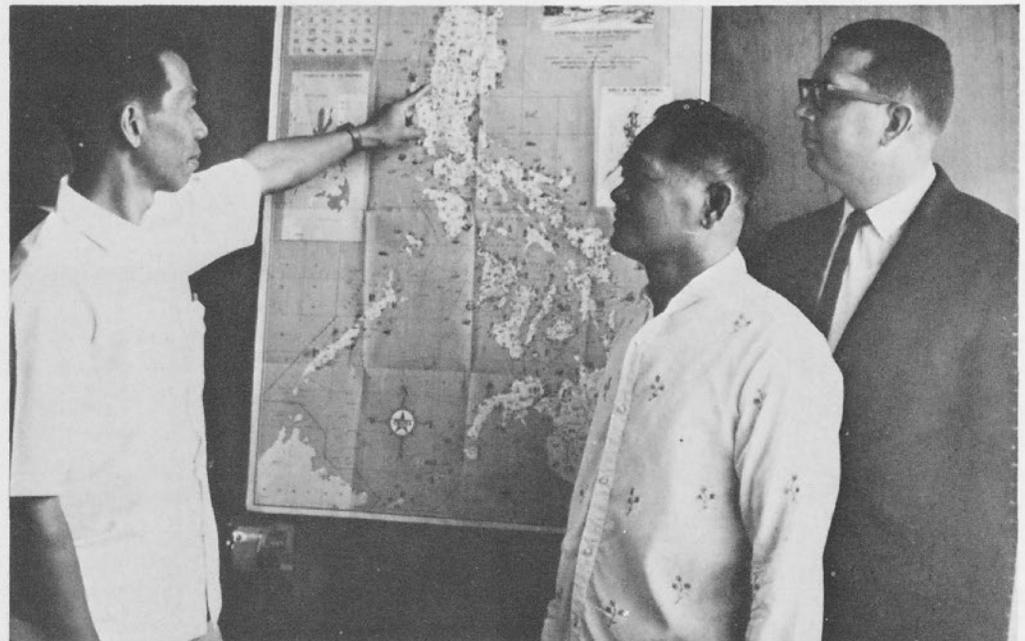
erful radio station DZAS in Manila, broadcasts the gospel in 40 languages and dialects. For many years the Assemblies of God has participated in the ministry of FEBC. *Revivaltime* is released over DZAS. Missionary Alexander Shevchuk is in charge of the Russian, Bulgarian, and Slavic broadcasts. The Leonard Lanphears direct a Bible correspondence course in conjunction with their radio broadcast, "Sunday School of the Air."

The Chi Alpha Center conducts a vital youth program in the heart of Manila, within 10 minutes of three great universities which have a total enrollment of well over 100,000. A unique phase is the "Dormitory Outreach." Workers go to various dormitories to show Christian films, and to sing and testify.

The response to the gospel in this island republic has been phenomenal. The Philippines Assemblies of God, with a constituency of 31,000, commemorated its 25th anniversary in 1965. From 442 organized churches and 370 other preaching points the gospel is proclaimed. Nearly 26,000 are enrolled in the Sunday schools and 15,000 children are reached through vacation Bible schools.

But "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" for Christ in the Philippines. Great areas have not been reached. Missionaries and national workers alike are challenged by the urgency and magnitude of the task before them. Only as more trained, Spirit-filled workers become available will the many islands be evangelized.

Leonardo Caput, superintendent of Northern Luzon District, points out his area to General Superintendent Rudy Esperanza and Missionary Kenneth McComber.



OUR WONDERFUL GOD

Sunday School Lesson for August 27, 1967
PSALM 19:1-14

BY J. BASHFORD BISHOP

FROM THE OUTWARD ACTS OF DAVID'S LIFE, we turn to a study of his inner thoughts and feelings as they are reflected in the Psalms he wrote.

How and when was Psalm 19 written? Perhaps some morning after leading his sheep to the hills David watched the first flush of golden sunrise suffusing the eastern sky. Maybe this caused the praise to well up in his heart, and the Holy Spirit came upon him, inspiring this profound song. It may be divided into three definitely related sections.

GOD REVEALED IN NATURE (vv. 1-6)

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork," sings David. And who can behold the splendor of the universe, the gorgeous colors of sunrise and sunset, the heavens at night illumined by innumerable starry constellations, and not see in it all the glory and wisdom and power of God? The soul of an artist finds expression on his canvas. So the great personality of God, the Master Artist and Creator, stands out clearly in His great creation.

Nature's revelation of God is:

1. *Ceaseless* (v. 2). The testimony of the heavens goes on endlessly. Each new day gives its testimony to the next. Each successive night carries on the witness.

2. *Inaudible* (v. 3). The words *there* and *where* are not in the original. Nature's voice is silent. It is not addressed to the ear but to the believing heart.

3. *Universal* (v. 4). Every man may hear the testimony it gives. Even the lowest heathen is without excuse. (See Romans 1:20.)

4. *Magnificent* (vv. 5, 6). The sun is represented as a bridegroom, full of joy; and as a runner, full of strength, whose race course encircles the heavens.

GOD REVEALED IN HIS WORD (vv. 7-11)

David now turns to considering God's more complete revelation of Himself in His Word.

1. *The Character of God's Word* (vv. 7-9). "The law of the Lord is perfect," that is, without flaw or fault, and complete in that it contains all man needs for "converting [restoring] the soul."

"The testimony of the Lord is sure." Man's opinion is changeable, often mixed with error, and full of speculation. God's Word is sure, utterly reliable, and certain of fulfillment!

2. *The Value of God's Word* (vv. 10, 11). "More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold." Men have slaved, suffered, sacrificed, and sinned in search of gold. Yet David considers God's Word of infinitely more value.

"Sweeter also than honey." Another strong figure! Earthly pursuits, at best, have only lingering sweetness and lasting bitterness.

"Moreover, by them is thy servant warned." David appreciates not only the inspiration of the Word, but



the conviction it brings! "And in keeping of them there is great reward!" Salvation from sin, fellowship with Christ through the Spirit, joy, peace, sanctification, and wisdom are parts of that reward which it will take eternity fully to reveal!

GOD REVEALED IN MAN (vv. 12-14)

Contemplation of the nature of God's Law leads the Psalmist to self-examination. "Who can understand his errors?" In other words, "Who can know all the sins he has committed, all the mistakes he has made, and why he has fallen short?"

This thought leads David to a threefold prayer which all of us should make our own: "Cleanse . . . keep back thy servant. . . Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable." In other words, "O God, let my life harmonize with the glory of Thy handiwork in nature, and with the precepts of Thy Word."

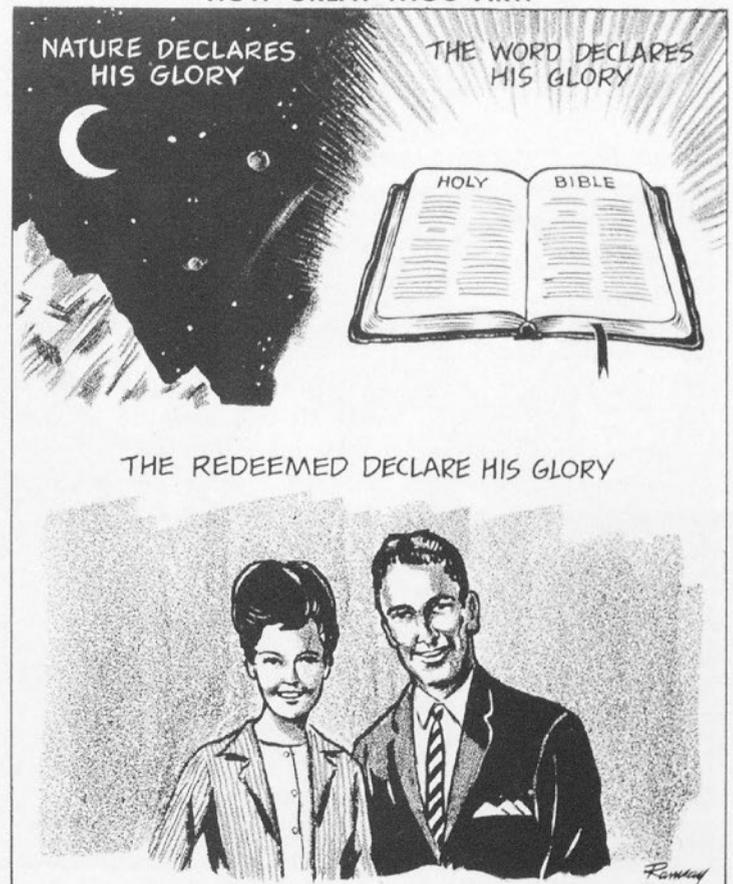
Mary S. Edgar has perfectly caught David's sentiments and ours in writing the following prayer:

*God who touchest earth with beauty, make me lovely too;
With Thy Spirit recreate me, make my heart anew.
Like Thy springs of running water, make me crystal pure,
Like Thy rocks of towering grandeur, make me strong
and sure.*

*Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight, make me glad and
free;*

*Like the straightness of the pine tree, let me upright be.
God, who touchest earth with beauty, make me lovely too;
Keep me ever by Thy Spirit pure and strong and true.*

HOW GREAT THOU ART!



Seven Steps to Love

By VIC SCHOBER
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ANYONE WHO DESIRES TO IMPROVE HIMSELF these days can find a book at the local library telling him how to do it in just a few easy steps.

You can learn, for instance, *How to Have Confidence and Power in Dealing with People*; *How to Live 365 Days a Year*; *How to Stop Worrying*; or *How to Have a More Powerful Vocabulary in 30 Days*. You name it, and there's probably a book to tell you how.

Christian love is said to be the finest quality a personality can possess. Yet everybody knows how difficult it is to love our enemies, how hard it is to bless those who curse us and how unreasonable it is to do good to those who hate us.

We also know that, according to 1 Corinthians 13, we should suffer long and be kind, and not be envious

or puffed up, and not behave unseemly or be easily provoked. *But how?* What can be done to develop this princely quality of Christian love?

One of the "how-to" sections of the Bible is 2 Peter 1:5-7. It begins with the same advice that prefaces modern how-to books: "You have to work at it." Peter says, "Giving all diligence," or as J. B. Phillips translates it, "Do your utmost from your side." Having given this advice, Peter goes on to present what we might call "Seven Steps to Love."

STEP 1: "*Add to your faith virtue.*" Now we know that every man has a certain measure of God-given faith (Romans 12:3). As soon as that faith has been exercised for salvation, it becomes necessary to add virtue if we are to keep growing. *Virtue* is explained in the Amplified New Testament as "excellence, resolution, or Christian energy." Phillips calls it "real goodness of life."

Allow the Holy Spirit to energize you to cultivate the truly good qualities, the very finest in Christian attitudes and actions. Don't be satisfied with mediocrity. Set your affections on things above. Seek first of all His kingdom and His righteousness.

STEP 2: "*And to virtue knowledge.*" Since you have believed and are adding to your life resolution and Christian energy, you will move naturally into this step. It involves a development of understanding of God and spiritual things. This knowledge can be acquired only through diligent study of God's Word under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, search the Scriptures. Meditate upon them. Delight in God's Word. Know it.

The Word gives us the wisdom we need to continue our growth in Him. "The Lord said, I will make them hear my words, that they may learn" (Deuteronomy 4:10).

STEP 3: "*And to knowledge temperance.*" Temperance is self-control. Every man has appetites, drives, and emotions which, if unchecked, cause him to lose control and thus to lose sight of the things of eternal value. But our knowledge of the Bible and the Holy Spirit's help will be invaluable in developing self-control.

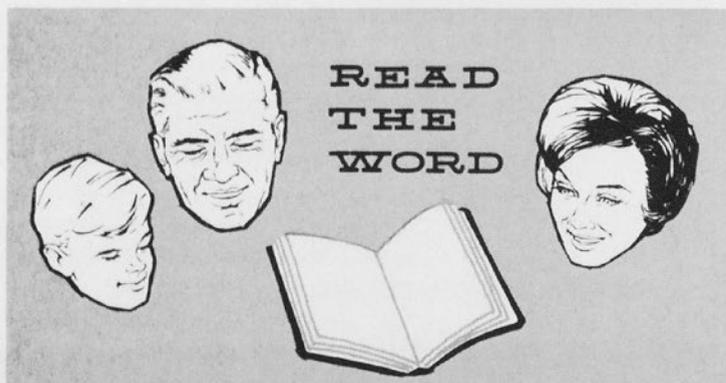
When Jesus was tempted, He remained in control by His knowledge of the Word and His proper usage of it. This is our defense too. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

STEP 4: "*And to temperance patience.*" Notice that we are adding to faith a desire for the best; then, a knowledge of the Word that self-control might prevail. And now we must add patience, or endurance.

This can only come through a disciplined practice of self-control. And since we are disciples of Christ, ought we not to be disciplined? What if He had not first learned self-control? Could He have "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" to die a cruel death? What if Paul had not first learned to control his own desires? He could hardly have said in the face of persecution, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy" (Acts 20:24).

Yes, self-control develops steadfastness; temperance develops patience.

STEP 5: "*And to patience godliness.*" Phillips puts



READ THE WORD

CHAPTERS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20-27

Sunday	2 Cor. 7, 8	Thursday	Galatians 1, 2
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"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

it this way: "Your endurance too must always be accompanied by devotion to God." When this is the case, we gladly let God have His way, knowing His plan for us will ultimately bring us to the very best and finest in His eternal program. But the road to that point is not always easy. True submission to God's will when we cannot see the reason or the end is only a reality in the life that has developed self-control and steadfast endurance.

Isaiah once wrote, "Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee" (Isaiah 26:8).

Does this find an echo in your heart? Only the enduring patience we have developed through self-control can bring about such godliness, such devotion to God.

STEP 6: "And to godliness brotherly kindness." Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). Brotherly kindness involves concern for the members of Christ's family.

Usually this is one of the most pleasant tasks to use in our steps to Christian love. However, occasionally it can become a chore that takes all the grace we can muster. We all have our likes and dislikes, our idiosyncrasies. These bring about occasional personality clashes, even among Christians. If and when that should occur in your life, remember we are not to limit brotherly kindness to those with whom we agree. It is to extend to the most disagreeable.

STEP 7: "And to brotherly kindness charity" (Christian love). This is the final step in the development of Christian love. Paul calls it "the bond of perfectness." It calls for close identification with Jesus in actions and attitudes. This kind of love involves loving those who are indifferent to us; loving the sinner and working toward his salvation; loving the enemy who persecutes you and says all manner of evil against you falsely, for Christ's sake. And it involves a great deal more, for there is no limit in Christian love. It is always redemptive in its purpose, and whatever it involves for you is only fully attainable through Christ.

Notice how Stephen fulfilled the scriptural steps toward Christian love. He was a "man full of faith" (Acts 6:5) who had real goodness of life. He was full of the Holy Ghost, which accounts at least in part for his persistence in doing God's will. His sermon in Acts 7 shows that he certainly had a knowledge of the Word. Temperance and patience are evidenced by his every action; especially is his steadfastness seen in Acts 7:55. For evidence of his godliness, read Acts 6:15, where it is recorded that those who sat in council against him "saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." Stephen's brotherly kindness is portrayed eloquently as he serves the tables to free others to preach the Word.

Yes, Stephen attained to the kind of love that could pray that God would not hold his murderers responsible for stoning him to death. *That's* Christian love!

You can attain to Christian love too, but don't be tempted to take shortcuts that bypass the Word. Take the steps diligently as they come and refuse to be discouraged. "Do all you can on your side" and lean hard on God for the rest. 



Your Questions

Answered by Ernest S. Williams

What does the Bible teach about taking interest on money loaned?

In Old Testament times, a Jew having money was not to demand interest on a loan to a fellow Jew in distress. And if a garment was taken as a pledge of repayment, the garment was not to be kept overnight (Deuteronomy 24:12, 13). But a person's property, or even his services, might be demanded by the creditor if the debtor could not repay the loan (Leviticus 25:25).

It is one thing to require interest from a distressed person. It is something else to accept interest on loans which contribute to the gain or comfort of the borrower.

A friend told me she questions the spirituality of people who pray and seem to be blessed, but never weep. She believes a broken spirit manifests itself in tears. Since our talk, I have felt bound when I pray because I do not shed tears. Can you help me?

What the woman said has made you self-conscious. She overlooked the fact that some individuals weep much more readily than others. If you will read the record of spiritual experiences in Acts 8:5-8; 10:44-48; 19:1-6, you will not find any record of tears. Some may have wept, but such is not recorded. Weeping before the Lord is a great blessing, but do not let your friend's remark bind your spirit. Take your liberty in Christ Jesus. Should He give you tears, thank Him for tears; if He blesses you otherwise instead, thank Him as well. Remember that God made us so He knows our individual natures. If He wanted all of us to be highly emotional He would have made us so.

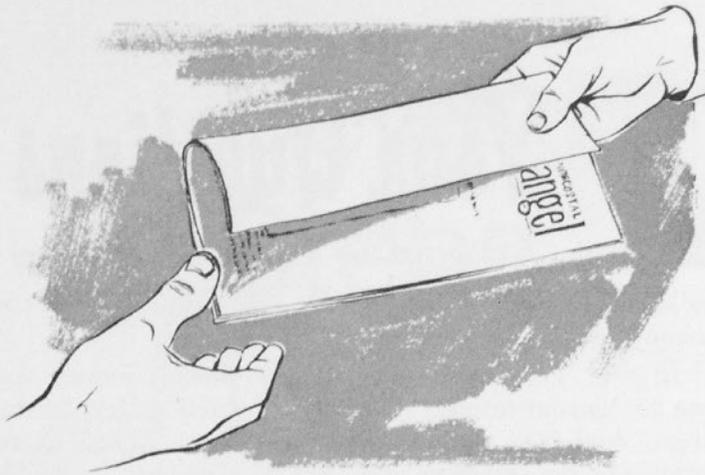
We have a faithful pastor who preaches fervently, but our church is kept in confusion by children running about and young people sitting in the back pews talking. The parents seemingly approve this conduct. Can you help us?

We should go to church to worship God, recognizing the place as the house of God. Paul said, "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. . . . Let all things be done decently and in order."

If there is not a nursery where young children can be cared for during services, let parents seek to hold them in check. And it is much better if parents have their older children sit beside them than to let them create a disturbance.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Children who learn to honor the house of God when they are young are not likely to despise it when they are older. Parents are to bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

If you have a spiritual problem or any question about the Bible, you are invited to write to "Your Questions," The Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Brother Williams will answer if you send a stamped self-addressed envelope.



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MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

THE GREATEST LOSS

IN THE WINDOW of one of the famed New Orleans antique shops, a visitor saw on display a very old bedroom set, typical of the pitcher and washbowl used in the period. But the washbowl is no ordinary one; for upon bending low in observation, one notices gold letters traced across the frame. And this is the message—

*"The loss of wealth is much,
The loss of health is more;
But loving Christ is such a loss
As nothing can restore."*

And that is a message, not alone for the past, but also for the present, which for all of its modernity has never traveled beyond the fact of sin and the great need of "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21). That washbowl may serve to remind of the "Great Washbowl"—the gracious Fountain opened for cleansing by the crucified Lamb of God (1 Peter 1:19).

Happy are they who can join in John's doxology: "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Revelation 1:5).

—EDWIN R. ANDERSON

A REAL HOME IS...

A REAL HOME is a *gymnasium*. The ideal of a healthy body is a basic one to give a child.

A real home is a *lighthouse*. A lighthouse reveals the breakers ahead and shows a clear way past them.

A real home is a *playground*. It is a place where the family can enjoy good, clean fun together.

A real home is a *workshop*. Pity the boy without a kit of tools and the girl without a sewing basket. They haven't learned the fun of doing things—and there is no fun like it.

A real home is a *forum*. Honest, open discussion of life's problems belongs originally in the family circle.

A real home is a *secret society*. Loyalty to one's family should mean keeping silent on family matters.

A real home is a *health resort*. Mothers are the natural physicians.

A real home is a *cooperative league*. Households flourish where the interest of each is made the interest of all.

A real home is a *business concern*. Order is a housewife's hobby. But order without system is a harness without a horse.

A real home is a *haven of refuge*. The world does this for us all: it makes us hunger for a loving sympathy and a calming, soothing touch.

A real home is a *temple of worship*.

—ED PURINTON in *Sunday School Digest*

JOURNEYING MERCIES

AS USUAL, WE HAD PRAYED for the Lord's protection before beginning the long trip homeward. Now it was evening and darkness had fallen. Just 30 miles to go, I thought wearily, as I held our westbound car at 65 miles an hour on the smooth interstate highway.

Suddenly a pair of headlights appeared a short distance ahead. They pulled out of a service road, crossed the eastbound lanes, then continued across the median strip,

and came to a full stop across the middle of the road in front of us!

There were ditches on both sides of the highway so I hit the brakes—hard. The tires screeched. We skidded to a halt within a few yards of the other car.

Stunned, I looked around to see our 15-month-old baby cradled safely in her daddy's arms. Only a minute before she had climbed into the front seat from the built-up back seat, and thus was saved from possible injury.

As we drove the rest of the way home, we thought back over other events of the day that had contributed to our safety in this emergency. We had wondered why a few hundred miles back our rear tires had given out and both had to be replaced. Now we knew why. With brand new tires I had been able to stop the car much sooner.

We also gave thanks that there was no car behind us when we had to stop so suddenly!

Not all journeying mercies are so evident to us, yet we are sure God keeps us from more dangers than we realize. For mercies known and unknown, we give Him grateful thanks.—Mrs. Muriel Larson, Greenville, S. C.

THE CANDLE

*"My candle shall be tall and white,"
I often said; "a lovely sight,
The molded wax gardenia-pure,
The wick strong-fashioned and secure.
Then all who look at it will see
My candle's splendid artistry."*

*But in the darkness no one cared
Until the hour when Christ the Lord
Of everlasting mercy came
And gave a golden-shining flame.
Then oh, my candle was a bright
Outreaching messenger of light.*

*And now I wonder how I could
Have hoped or wished that others should
Admire my candle; and only pray
That someone on the sin-dark way
Shall see Christ's glory shining through
My life, and find salvation too!*

—GRACE V. WATKINS

DON'T LOOK BACK

ROGER BANNISTER was the first man in history to run a mile in less than four minutes. In June 1954 John Landy topped that record by 1.4 seconds.

On August 4 of last year the two met in Vancouver, B.C., for an historic race. Landy was ahead on the last lap and he seemed sure to win. With the finish line in sight, he looked over his shoulder to see where Bannister was. As he did, he lost step. In that instant Bannister surged past to win the race.

Afterward Landy said, "If I hadn't looked back I would have won the race."

The Christian life is often compared to a race, and we can lose if we look back. We must keep our vision focused on our Master. "Let us run the race that we have to run with patience, our eyes fixed on Jesus the source and the goal of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1, 2, Phillips).

—SAMUEL FARINA

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"REVIVALTIME" CHOIR MEMBER REPORTS

'WE SEARCHED FOR SOULS— AND FOUND THEM'

I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN the Sunday the *Revivaltime* choir visited my home church. I was a young teen-ager, and their anointed music gripped my heart in a way I had never known. Right then I knew I had to be a part of that exciting ministry.

Now that dream has come true. It was my privilege to join in this summer's "search for souls." After two years of singing and traveling with the *Revivaltime* choir, this tour gave me an even greater awareness of the dynamic evangelistic impact of anointed singing.

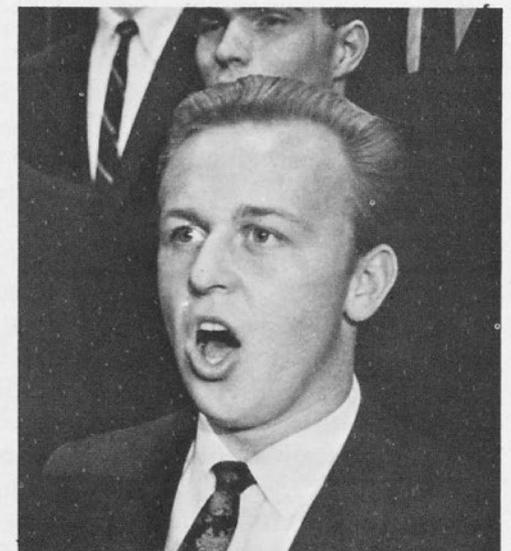
Obviously, an important part of the *Revivaltime* choir's ministry is singing each week on the international radio broadcast. This is always a thrill for every choir member. To sing a meaningful song that carries a message straight from the Word of God, then to stand and listen to one of the nation's greatest preachers, is an experience that never loses its excitement.

But there is another aspect of the choir's ministry that means even more to me as a young Christian—the times when the choir travels from church to church singing about Christ and personally ministering to individual needs.

The joy of telling someone face-to-face that there

Singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., at the invitation of Missouri Congressman Dr. Durward Hall, (third from right), was a highlight of the "Revivaltime" choir's summer tour, conducted May 26-June 25. Choir Director Cyril McLellan (right) said the Capitol visit is an experience that will long be remembered by the entire choir. Also accompanying the group was revivaltime's field representative, Jack Risner (second from right).

BELOW: Larry Swaim, a member of Revivaltime choir.



By LARRY SWAIM
as told to RON ROWDEN

is a solution to every problem, that there is Someone to whom they can cling, that Jesus Christ died for their sins, and rose again in triumph over death and the grave—to share these precious promises is an experience that defies description.

Let me tell you about our recent summer tour through the northeastern section of the United States. It was a real whirlwind trip, covering 14 states in 30 days with 30 appearances in our schedule. Our goal was not to present “concerts,” but to reach lost souls.

Wherever we went, people in the local churches opened their homes to us. This in itself was a wonderful opportunity to witness. In many instances there were members of the family who were unsaved and they watched us very closely.

Even the daily routine of activities seemed to play a part in keeping our minds on Christ and the reason for this tour. Usually we went to the homes of the church people in pairs. After a hearty breakfast each morning, we would have a few moments of praying and reading the Scripture.

Then, joining our fellow choir members at the bus, we would have a testimony time as we traveled down the highway to the next church on our schedule.

During this time we talked about the number of persons whose lives were influenced for Christ in the previous night's service. This summer's tour yielded a bountiful harvest. Nearly 200 persons made personal decisions to follow Christ, and many received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Every church we visited was filled to capacity, and after each service the front of the auditorium would be packed with people seeking God. Several times reconsecrations were made by congregations *en masse* following the musical invitation.

Before every service we would gather at the church for a time of united prayer. These were unforgettable times of fellowship, and God always seemed to walk among us. We could feel Him as we began the services; we could see Him working in the hearts of those in the audience; and at the close of the meeting His sweet Spirit just seemed to drench us all.

This spiritual preparation before each service, I believe, is a prime factor in the choir's effectiveness. Cyril McLellan, our director, was always there, willing to share our burdens, and ever reminding us that we were singing for one purpose—to influence others to accept Christ as Saviour.

The services each evening were divided into two segments. The first half was a selection of sacred songs, like those heard each week on *Revivaltime*, and was highlighted by gripping testimonies from various choir members.

Then Jack Risner, *Revivaltime* field representative who accompanied us on the tour, presented the choir's summer project to the congregation. This summer the choir endeavored to raise support for the four *Revivaltime* releases being beamed directly into Vietnam.

The people responded to this need in every church—in one instance mustering a \$1,400 offering.

The second half of the musical service was composed of a stirring sermon-in-song, “Heaven Presentation.”

This part of the service blended glorious gospel music with Scripture-based narration by several members of the group.

I believe “Heaven Presentation” is one of the strongest sermons-in-song I have ever heard. Last summer the musical sermon was, “He Touched Me,” and throughout this past school year it was, “Christ Is the Answer.” But this arrangement, “Heaven Presentation,” was tremendous. In it are contained such powerful gospel songs as, “When We All Get Together Up There,” “Happy Jubilee,” and “When He Shall Come.”

But I think what really made it come alive in our hearts was an experience we had while journeying from Baltimore to Philadelphia. It was the day after Israel had taken over the old city of Jerusalem, and we saw nearly 150 busloads of Jewish people bound for Washington D. C., banners and placards telling of their father-country's reclaiming of the Holy City.

Suddenly all of us realized just how near the coming of Christ must be.

The sermon-in-song concluded each night with the great number, “Until Then.” A special blacklight would shine upon a cloud behind the choir, and there, revealed by its ultraviolet rays, was a figure of Christ, arms outstretched, coming to claim His own.

As hearts were moved by the message, choir members stepped down from the risers and mingled in the congregation, speaking to those to whom the Spirit led them. Each conversation concluded with an offer to pray with the individual concerning his particular need.

This is the real ministry of the *Revivaltime* choir, and it's such a thrill to be a part of it.

In Bible school I was fed such a concentration of material concerning personal ministry; but it stayed bottled up inside me. On tour I found an outlet, a release.

Face-to-face with troubled souls, I had the chance to put into practice all the ideas I had learned in the classroom. It was an unforgettable experience in spiritual growth, and I wish it could be included in the collegiate life of every young Christian.

I would urge anyone planning to attend Central Bible College this fall to contact Cyril McLellan concerning the possibility of participating in the *Revivaltime* choir. No more rewarding musical ministry can be found.

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FOREIGN NEWS DIGEST

DIRECT REPORTS FROM MANY LANDS

1st Assemblies Missionaries Assigned to Ivory Coast and Rhodesia

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Africa Field Secretary Everett L. Phillips has announced that the Assemblies of God will send missionaries into Ivory Coast and Rhodesia for the first time.

Missionaries Ted and Laura Schultz will be assigned to the western area of Ivory Coast where there are 15 Assemblies of God churches. These were founded by national ministers who received training at Assemblies of God

Bible schools located in other African countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz previously were missionaries to Natitingou, Dahomey, where Mr. Schultz directed the Bible school program. In their new post they will assist national pastors in the operation and expansion of the church.

Missionaries Paul and Miriam Wright are the first Assemblies of God missionaries to be assigned to Rhodesia. They first were appointed to Sierra Leone in 1944, and more recently have served as missionaries in Malawi.

The Wrights at present are recovering from injuries sustained in a severe auto accident which occurred on their way to Rhodesia.

The Wrights will supervise 15 to 16 churches started by Rhodesian national ministers who had attended Assemblies of God Bible schools in South Africa. These ministers were converted in South Africa where they had migrated to work in the mines.



"Ma Steidel" gives injection.

New Hope Town Celebrates 20th Birthday

CAPE PALMAS, Liberia—New Hope Town is celebrating 20 years of ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of African lepers.

During its existence over 4,000 lepers have received treatment with approximately 450 receiving "Free Papers" which state they are cured from leprosy. Twenty-five of those who have left New Hope Town are now full-time ministers to their own people. Many others serve as deacons,

Former Jesuit Preaches in Huancayo

HUANCAYO, Peru—"It now appears that the Lord is opening more and more room for our ministry in Peru," stated José María Rico, a converted Jesuit priest who is now an Assemblies of God evangelist.

Brother Rico continued, "Our last campaign, for example, was in Huancayo, capital of the state of the same name."

It is reported that the indoor colosseum where the campaign was held was packed with over 3,000 people each night. There were many opportunities to reach the people through radio and television.

Catholic priests came on several occasions and listened with great respect to the Word of God.

Sunday school teachers, and Christian leaders.

The program for Anniversary Day included a skit portraying the story of New Hope. Because the girls are so shy, "Ma Steidel" (as they refer to Florence Steidel, founder of New Hope Town) was played by one of the young men!

Our Missions Continue in Middle East

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—At the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, members of the Assemblies of God missionary family in the area (numbering 13 adults) were advised to leave their areas of activity and to proceed to Europe for temporary service.

Fortunately, many weeks before this the Europe and Middle East fields had scheduled a fellowship conference of all missionaries to be held in Locarno, Switzerland, the third week of June. The Middle East crisis caused a number of our missionaries and their families to assemble in Locarno a few days earlier than planned.

At the Locarno conference, Charles E. Greenaway, field secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and Southern Asia, and Robert T. McGlasson, Foreign Missions secretary, met individually and collectively with the Middle East missionaries. Arrangements were made for the temporary assignment of each person to some other place where his services are needed, but nearly all of our Middle East missionaries expressed a very specific and strong desire to return (when conditions permit) to the post of duty from which he was evacuated.

The first to return to their field were Bob and Hazel Hoskins, who have now gone back to Beirut, Lebanon. They will be followed almost immediately by other Lebanon missionaries as well as those who will minister in that country while waiting for opportunities to go back into Jordan and Egypt.

Our missionaries from countries other than Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt were not affected by this strife and are able to continue

their missionary work unhindered in any fashion. The MARK BLISS family assigned to Iran attended the Locarno conference and returned immediately to Tehran, Iran.

The interim ministries of the other Middle East missionaries will be as follows:

WARREN AND WILLA FLATTERY want to return to Amman, Jordan, as soon as it opens. Until then, they will live in Brussels or Andrimont, Belgium, where they will engage in local ministry and continue Arabic studies.

BOB AND HAZEL HOSKINS (as mentioned above) have returned to Beirut.

B. W. and CAROL CORPANY will itinerate in churches in Switzerland which now support the orphanage in Egypt. They plan to move to Beirut for Arabic studies while awaiting reentry into Egypt.

JOSEPH AND EDNA BROWN will go to Rome for local ministry, then to Tehran to work with the Mark Blisses before settling in Beirut.

FLORENCE CHRISTIE will go to Rota, Spain, to work with Missionary Ruth Weitkamp and Carrie Hunsberger at their invitations. She will do literature work and prepare for future Arabic translations. As soon as it is safe to do so, she plans to return to Egypt.

JIMMIE AND BERNICE ROANE, new missionaries to the Middle East, will go to Barcelona, Spain, where both of them will enroll in the University of Barcelona for Arabic study.

The Foreign Missions Department requests earnest prayer for these missionaries and for the Assemblies of God work in the Middle East.

New Church Dedicated in Iligan City

ILIGAN CITY, Philippines—A new church building was dedicated in July in this city on the island of Mindanao, according to Missionary Gunder A. Olsen.

The work in Iligan City began in 1959 when Maximino Abugan began conducting services in a house. His successor, Ricarlito Taboclaon, continued the services in the same house until 1965, when the congregation moved to a rented room in the city.

In April 1966 the Gunder Olsens moved to Iligan City, feeling led of the Lord to help erect an adequate church building there. Construction began on a parsonage to house the pastor as well as to serve as the temporary meeting place for the congregation.

On January 1, 1967, they held the groundbreaking service. The first meetings in the new building were those of a revival campaign with Missionary Leonard Lanphear (who conducts a radio ministry in the Philippines) as the evangelist.

Missionary Wesley Weekley was speaker at the dedication on July 17. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rudy Esperanza, general superintendent of the Philippines Assemblies of God.

French Gypsies Get New Property

LES CHOUX, France—The Gypsy Assemblies of God in France has purchased a property and building for its Bible school, campgrounds, day school, and administrative quarters.

There are 18 Bible school students living in the building. Camped outside are 40 trailers housing many more students.

There is also a day school where 51 children are getting their first opportunity to learn to read and write. More than 80 percent of the Gypsies are not able to write any word other than their own names.

Missionary Kenneth Ware says, "Some days ago I heard a very old Gypsy woman speaking proudly about her grandson. 'Do you know that Django knows the difference between an A and a U?' she asked me. This is the first time in hundreds of generations that such a thing has happened."



20 Indians Graduate From Industrial School

SHENCOTTAH, South India—Twenty students, including two girls, graduated from the Assemblies of God Industrial School this spring. The graduates will receive certificates from the State Department of Industries and Commerce of India, which will help them obtain employment.

At the tea for the graduating class, a number of students testified how they had been changed while attending the school. The remark was made, "You take boys who are like beasts and make them into good boys."

Colombian Work Expanding

BOGOTA, Colombia—During the past few months 133 believers have been baptized in water, and four new churches are in the process of being organized here. This increases the number of Assemblies of God churches in Bogotá to 12.

Four churches that were established last fall are now full and the national pastors are wondering how to enlarge them. One

new church already has 28 baptized members and over 100 believers. The building is packed out on Sunday nights with just the Christians, and the pastor also has an outstation about 6 blocks from the main church.

Missionary Arthur Lindvall says, "The apostolic church evangelized cities without big buildings, and turned the places upside down. Why can't we?"

MISSIONARY NEWS NOTES



Martha Underwood



Jose Santiago family



Elbert Brown family



Murray Brown family



Aaron Rothganger family



Jerry Spain family

Veteran missionaries going to their respective fields of service are: the **Murray Browns** (Togo), **Martha Underwood** (Nigeria), and the **Elbert Browns** (Indonesia).

Newly appointed missionaries going to their fields are: the **Arthur Hoketts** (Ghana), the **Jerry Spains** (Tanzania), the **Aaron Rothgangers** (Hong Kong), and the **Jose Santiagos** (Ecuador).

Missionaries returning to the United States on furlough are: the **James Chaney**s (Dahomey), the **Vernon Driggers** (Ghana), the **Glenn Reeves** (Nigeria), the **Delbert Tarrs** (Upper Volta), the **Monroe Robisons** (Nigeria), the **Dale Barbers** (Philippines), **James Andrews** (Taiwan), the **Riley Kaufmans** (Hong Kong), **Sarah Johnston** (Hong Kong), the **Harry Leids** (Indonesia), the **Quentin Shortes** family (Guatemala), the **Bernhard Johnsons** (Brazil), **Lila Folkers** (N. India), and **Anna Tomaseck** (N. India).

Mrs. **John Mazurek** and children (Chile) and Mrs. **Clyde Bradburn** and children (Japan) are returning to the States. Their husbands will follow later.



The Arthur Hoketts

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A wonderful Pentecostal visitation was experienced at East Side Assembly here during five weeks of services with Missionary-Evangelist Quentin Edwards from Dallas, Tex.

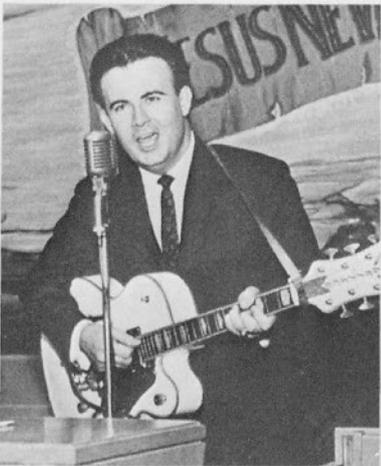
There were 117 persons who answered the altar calls. Dozens were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and outstanding miracles of healing took place.

Large crowds attended the services. Some nights the building was packed to capacity.

Of all the great revivals this church has enjoyed, this was one of the best. Brother Edwards has been invited to return for another campaign at East Side, if Jesus tarries.

—Albert D. Pyle, pastor

Evangelist Quentin Edwards in the pulpit of East Side Assembly, Springfield, Mo., where he held a 5-week meeting April 9 to May 15, 1967.



TUSCUMBIA, MO.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed 10 days of special services with Evangelist Edith Dennis of Independence, Mo. The entire church was blessed by God's Spirit and the ministry of the Word.

—Logan Allen, pastor
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SEILING, OKLA.—The Assembly of God here enjoyed a great outpouring of God's Spirit during three weeks of services with Evangelist Tom Ogdon. Seven were saved, and five were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday school record was broken on three successive Sundays.

—Orville White, pastor
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WICHITA, KANS.—First Assembly here had marvelous services with Evangelist Lula Ware of Miami, Okla. The meeting had been announced for two weeks but had to be extended to three as the Lord poured out Pentecostal blessings upon His people.

—Derald Musgrove, pastor
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BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Planz Assembly here enjoyed wonderful blessings of God during three weeks of services with Evangelists Tommy and Esther Lance.

Near-capacity crowds attended each night with approximately 450 present the closing night, a record for an evangelistic crusade.

During the meeting, 91 persons accepted Christ as their Saviour. Many of these were also filled with the Holy Spirit. One man, an alcoholic, was gloriously saved and delivered. Several people were healed.

On Saturday nights, the youth



GIFT FROM THE CREW—Men serving aboard the "USS Hancock" recently contributed \$350 to First Assemblies of God Church and Hospitality Center in Olongapo, Philippine Islands, to purchase a refrigerator and typewriter. Assemblies of God Chaplain LCDR David W. Plank presents the money to Emiliano and Elizabeth Guevara, church pastors and hospitality center directors. LCDR Robert D. Tatum, chaplain for the naval station, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, is at the right. The attack aircraft carrier "Hancock" is currently engaged in combat operations in the South China Sea.

(accompanied by the church choir on two occasions) went to the city park to minister. Brother Lance, a former alcoholic and nightclub entertainer, gave his testimony of God's mercy and grace to him. Many young persons lifted their hands to acknowledge their need of the Saviour.

Planz Assembly recently completed an addition to the church building and is planning a further addition in the near future, due to the growth God is giving to it.

—E. L. Shaffer, pastor

SENECA FALLS, N. Y.—First Assembly here recently concluded special meetings with Ken and Gloria Kashner of York, Pa. Six persons were saved, three backsliders were reclaimed, one teenager was filled with the Holy Spirit, and others were refilled.

One lady had an unusual experience. After the song service one evening, she cried out for mercy while still in her seat. God saved her and delivered her from smoking.

Although the church is only six

CHURCH OBSERVES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA—Calvary Temple here sponsored two weeks of special services recently to mark its 60th anniversary of congregational life and Pentecostal witness in the city.

Missionary-Evangelist Watson Argue, a former pastor of Calvary Temple, was the special speaker for the first week. It was in the home of Brother Argue's father, A. H. Argue, that the Holy Spirit first fell on seeking hearts in Winnipeg in 1907.

Radio Evangelist C. M. Ward was the guest speaker for the second week of meetings. The *Revivaltime* broadcast originated from Calvary Temple during

Brother Ward's meeting. His parents, the A. G. Wards, received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in Winnipeg in 1907 also, and C. M. Ward spent his early years in this city.

The two weeks of meetings have left a spiritual impact on the church. Attendance was good, and the congregation expressed zeal and faith for the future.

Sunday school enrollment at the church is now 1,100. The Sunday morning service is aired weekly on the 50,000-watt radio station CKY. The church's "Faith to Live By" telecast is seen Sundays at 1:30 from September to May.

—H. H. Barber, pastor



Sunday evening congregation during the 60th-anniversary services at Calvary Temple, Winnipeg, Canada.

years old, God has enabled First Assembly to pay for its present building in five years. Faith pledges to buy a lot for a new building were taken during the meeting.

—L. T. Clingerman, pastor

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HYATTSVILLE, MD.—First Assembly here experienced a move of the Holy Spirit during services with Evangelist "Little Joe" Peterson, of Portsmouth, Va. Sixteen were saved, six baptized in the Holy Spirit, and two refilled with the Spirit. Many testified to healing in their bodies. Attendance was excellent each night.

—B. M. Slye, pastor

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CABINS, W. VA.—The Assembly of God here recently enjoyed a blessed outpouring of the Spirit of God during special services with Evangelist and Mrs. John Masto of Clarksburg, W. Va. More than 20 persons received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, many were reclaimed, and others were saved. The church was filled every night.

—J. D. Eversole, pastor

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SEMINOLE, OKLA.—A meeting at First Assembly here with Evangelists Tommy and Esther Lance, scheduled for 10 days, continued three and one-half weeks as the Lord moved in a special way.

Nearly 30 were saved or reclaimed, and several were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Others were healed. Fifteen persons were baptized in water after the meeting closed.

The entire town buzzed with revival news as people from several denominations came and enjoyed the blessing of the Lord.

—Paul W. Savage, pastor

SIX-YEAR-OLD CONGREGATION DEDICATES THIRD BUILDING

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Bethany Church here recently dedicated its new building to the glory of God.

The dedicatory speaker was Bert Webb, assistant general superintendent of the Assemblies of God. Joseph Gerhart, superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District, led in the act of dedication.

The sanctuary in the new building will seat 300. Facilities include a nursery, two choir rooms, a fiberglass baptistry, natural stone in the worship center, padded pews, and carpeting. The church offices have walnut paneling.

The former church, built four years ago, now provides a fine educational and fellowship annex.

In the photo at right, Bert Webb (center) congratulates Pastor A. Dwight Burchett on the completion of Bethany's new building as District Superintendent Joseph L. Gerhart looks on. The beautiful new sanctuary (below) seats 300.



Total value of buildings and property is \$185,000. The debt is only \$35,000.

Six years ago, Bethany Church met in a store building with about 20 people gathering for worship. Growth has come through God's blessings.

A. Dwight Burchett is pastor of the church.



SILETZ, OREG.—The Gospel Tabernacle here was moved by the presence of God during special meetings with Evangelist Bill Hayes of Kilgore, Tex. Two were saved, five reclaimed, three baptized in the Holy Spirit, and five were refilled with the Spirit.

The church has grown spiritual-ly since the first of the year and

is averaging 107 in attendance—in a town with a population of 545.

—Roy L. Wood, pastor

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MOUNT HOLLY, N. J.—The Assembly of God here has just concluded a very successful children's and youth meeting with Evangelist "Uncle" Dan Dugan.

Many young people came to know the Lord as their personal Saviour. Highest attendance was 192.

—James Occhipinti, pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

20TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, PFNA, Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Tex., Oct. 30-Nov. 2. (Adolphus Hotel is convention headquarters hotel.)

HOMECOMING—Aug. 20 at First Assembly, Shelbyville, Tenn. There will be an all-day singing. —by Richard L. Cowey, pastor.

EVANGELISTIC EVENTS

STATE	CITY	ASSEMBLY	DATE	EVANGELIST	PASTOR
Ala.	Dothan	Central	Aug. 14—	Nettie Parham	Emory Evans
	Wilmer	Tanner Williams	Aug. 28-Sept. 4	Jerry & Ann Johnson	L. F. Robinette
Ark.	Hickory Ridge	Smith Center	Aug. 16-27	Salisbury-Secrease Tm.	Jasper Whitt
Calif.	Fresno	Northeast	Aug. 27—	Ed Eaton	Douglas W. Hyatt
	Pittsburg	Bella Vista	Aug. 27—	John & Freda Bryant	Edward L. Estes
	San Diego	First	Aug. 27—	The Tanner Team	Emil Balliet
	Yreka	¹ Full Gospel	Aug. 21-25	Charles Senechal	David M. Vallo
Fla.	Grand Ridge	El-Bethel	Aug. 22—	Nettie Parham	James H. Smith
Ind.	Valparaiso	¹ A/G	Aug. 21-25	Dedelow-Friederici Tm.	John M. Washler
Iowa	Waterloo	Faith	Aug. 27-Sept. 10	Matschulat Party	H. E. Turner
La.	Lake Charles	Calvary	Aug. 28-Sept. 3	Calvin Durham	Nelson Woodcock
Mo.	Mountain Grove	A/G	Aug. 27-Sept. 10	Floyd E. Heady	Barbara Middleton
	New Haven	A/G	Aug. 27-Sept. 10	Glenna Byard	Martha Duvall
	Puxico	² A/G	Aug. 14—	Maxine Willis	C. M. Roberts
	St. Louis	Victory Tab.	Aug. 20—	Doyle Jones	Plunkett-Masterson
N. J.	Hammonton	² A/G	Aug. 22-29	Paul & Evelyn Graban	Leland Paris
N. Mex.	Roswell	Grace	Aug. 21-Sept. 3	Dale & Jean Gentry	F. Joe Henegar
N. Y.	Rome	First	Aug. 22-27	Wayne & Vi Marshall	Ernest W. Darling
Okla.	Okemah	First	Aug. 20—	Hazel Burns	Bob Benson
Oreg.	Harbor	Gospel Lighthouse	Aug. 24-30	Knouse-Stovall Team	Ronald D. Keyser
Pa.	Boyetown	¹ Calvary	Aug. 21-27	Brosey-Buchwalter Tm.	Barry Reichard
	Carbondale	A/G	Aug. 23-Sept. 3	Ken & Gloria Kashner	Lee C. Lockett

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