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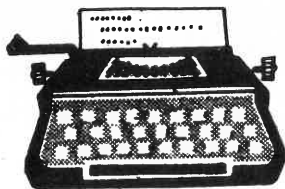
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EDITORIAL COMMENT ---

GIVING OURSELVES TO CHRIST

IN the midst of our gift-giving, we need to be reminded once again that Christmas is *supposed* to be *His birthday*. There is a danger of giving such attention to others that we lose sight of the most important person of all, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Conscientious Christians sincerely desire to give Christ His proper place of pre-eminence in their lives, not only during the month of December but the remaining months of the year as well. With others, seasonal sentiment has taken the place of sacrifice and service, which God expects from every true believer.

It is at this time of year that we have particularly impressed upon us the truth of God's "unspeakable gift" coming to us as a babe in Bethlehem's manger. Keep in mind, however, that "Jehovah-Saviour" not only came to us but also *for* us. The message of the angels to the shepherds, that eventful night on the Judean hillside, is for all men everywhere.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

A Saviour promised—a Saviour provided. A Saviour Who must be personally recognized and received, if His redemptive work on our behalf is to benefit us.

Once we realize our need of Christ and receive Him as our personal Saviour from sin, we are then in a position to make what is known as the "great exchange."

"For the love of God constraineth us: because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again" (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15).

The Lord Jesus Christ did pour out His life on Calvary for you and me. He *"gave Himself a ransom for all,"* to buy us back from the enslavement of sin. The Lord Jesus Christ now not only claims us by right of creation (for He made us), but His far greater claim by right of redemption. The Apostle Paul puts it this way:

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

We have been liberated—made free to serve our new Master, not because of fear, but by the inward compulsion of divine love being shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. He deserves our wholehearted devotion rather than mere lip service.

What God expects from you is not primarily your time, talents or means, but *YOU!* The totality of your being—body, soul and spirit. If He succeeds in getting you, all these other things will be His also. Have you given yourself to God in a once-for-all, absolute and unconditional act of surrender. Remember, He can only use as much of you—your time—your talents—your money, as you give to Him. The extent of your usefulness will be determined by the extent of your yieldedness to God's plan for your life.

It was Ben-hadad, the king of Syria, who sent an ultimatum to Ahab, king of Israel, demanding unconditional surrender and complete subjection. The king of Israel complied with these words, *"I am thine, and all that I have."* Have you said this, and meant it, to God? If not, make this Christmas your most memorable by giving yourself, without reservation, to the One Who came to bring you peace with God and the forgiveness of your sins.

—Irvin W. Ellis.

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The Christmas Story

By ST. LUKE

Translation According to Smith-Goodspeed

In those days an edict was issued by the Emperor Augustus that census of the whole world should be taken. It was the first census, taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So everyone went to his own town to register. And

Joseph went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he belonged to the house and family of David, to register with Mary, who was engaged to him and who was soon to become a mother. While they were there, the time came for her child to be born, and she gave birth to her first-born son; and she wrapped him up, and laid him in a manger, for there was no room for them at the inn.

There were some shepherds in that neighborhood keeping watch through the night over their flock in the open fields, And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terribly frightened. The angel said to them,

"Do not be frightened, for I bring you good news of a great joy that is to be felt by all the

people, for today, in the town of David, a Saviour for you has been born who is your Messiah and Lord. And this will prove it to you: You will find a baby wrapped up and lying in a manger."

Suddenly there appeared with the angel a throng of the heavenly army, praising God, saying,

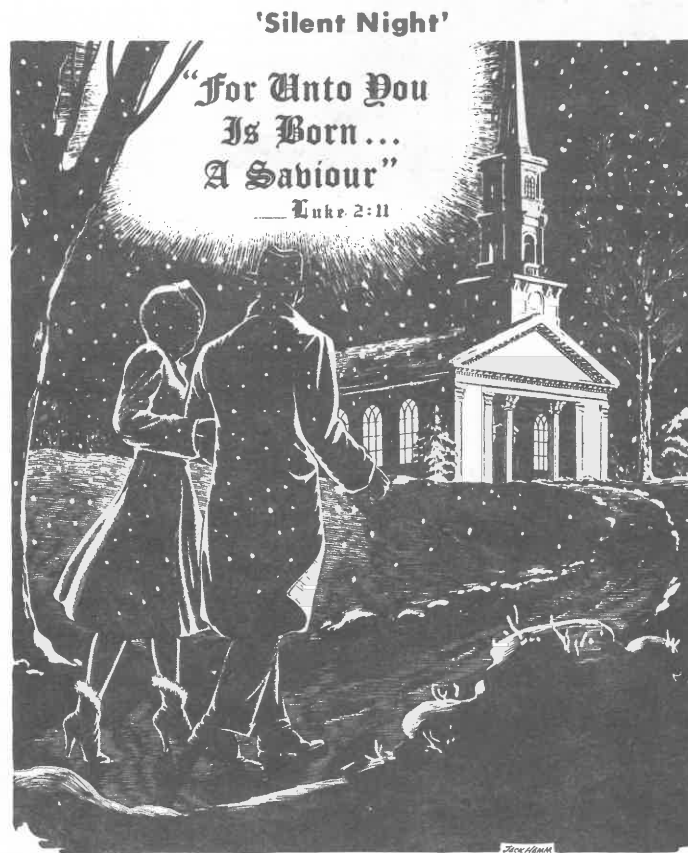
"Glory to God in heaven and on earth! Peace to the men he favors!"

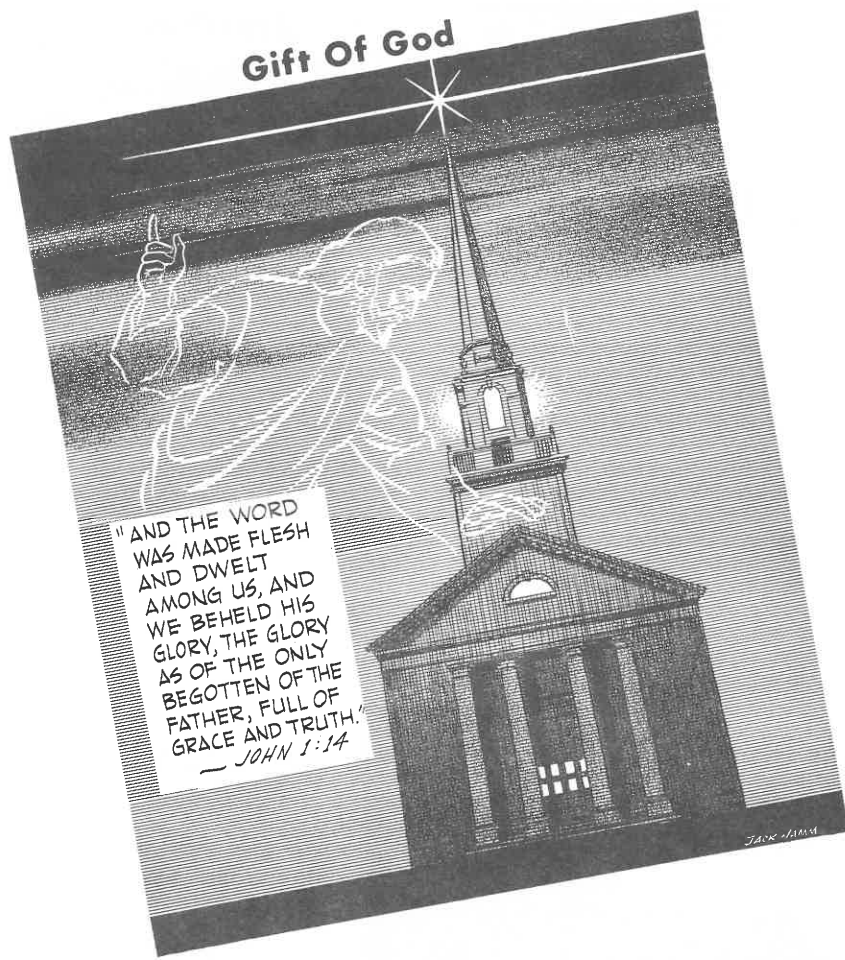
When the angels left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

"Come! Let us go over to Bethlehem, and see this thing that has happened, that the Lord has told us of!"

And they hurried there, and found Mary and Joseph, with the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they told what had been said to them about this child.

And all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, but Mary treasured up all they had said, and pondered over it. And the shepherds went back glorifying God and praising him for all that they had heard and seen in fulfillment of what they had been told.





“THE LIVING WORD”

By **R. E. S. Toms**
(Victoria, B.C.)

“In the beginning was the Word . .
AND THE WORD WAS GOD . . .
and **THE WORD BECAME FLESH**
and dwelt among us” (John 1.1,14).

THE IDENTITY of the One, whose birthday we celebrate at this time of the year, is very clearly taught in the scriptures. In the prophecy of Isaiah concerning His birth, among the names given to this wondrous child we find that He is called — “**THE MIGHTY GOD**” — “**THE FATHER OF ETERNITY.**”

The Bible certainly means what it says, and it is very obvious that unless these names mean what they state, then they are empty and meaningless. Again in reference to the babe of Bethlehem, the prophet Micah states: “His goings forth are from old — from **everlasting.**” In other words it was not an Eternal Son that was manifested in the flesh, but, as the Apostle Paul states in 1 Timothy 3:16, “**GOD** was manifested in the flesh.” Not a god with a small “g” as the spurious

Jehovah’s Witnesses would have us believe, but as the scripture plainly states in Romans 9:5, “Christ as concerning the flesh, who is **OVER ALL, GOD** blessed forever.”

This wondrous fact is confirmed in the Acts of the Apostles where we find in the 10th chapter 36th verse “Preaching peace by Jesus Christ: **HE IS LORD OF ALL.**”

Then in the 1st chapter of Revelation we find that the one who spoke to John and said “I am he that liveth, **AND WAS DEAD**” also said “I am the **ALMIGHTY**” (verses 8 and 18).

Going back again to John we read other startling statements regarding this babe of Bethlehem. “All things were made by Him” verse 3 “He was in the world, and the world was made by Him.”

Perhaps it would be profitable to consider the creation of the universe for a moment, and how; and by whom it is so accurately and smoothly operated and maintained. First of all to the book of Isaiah where

we read the words of the mighty God of Israel — Jehovah, in the 44th chapter 8th verse, “Is there a God beside me? yea, **THERE IS NO GOD; I KNOW NOT ANY.**”

Then in 44 verse 24, “I am Jehovah, that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth **BY MYSELF.**” There is absolutely no room for misunderstanding — this is the One, Who, veiled in flesh, was in the world, and by whom the world was made.

Paul confirms the fact that the universe was brought into being by the Lord Jesus in Cor. 1:16-17 where it is stated that “All things were created by Him and for Him; and **HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS,** and as one manuscript has it, “**IN HIM THE UNIVERSE HAS ITS CONTINUANCE AND ORDER.**”

Confirmation if this is found in Hebrews 1:3 where we are told that the Lord Jesus upholds all things,—the billions upon billions of galaxies in the unending reaches of space — **BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER.** No, the Bible does not tell us that God gave His eternal Son, but it does tell us that He gave **HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON** (John 3:16) He was begotten in Nazareth, Luke 1:35 and the Holy Spirit records of the wondrous child “the holy thing which is begotten of

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thee shall be called the Son of God.” In giving His Son, God gave Himself, for in the Lord Jesus Christ, there dwelleth the “Pleroma” **ALL THE FULNESS OF THE GOD-HEAD BODILY.**”

This should not be watered down to satisfy a weak faith and dim theological revelation.

The saintly John Newton testified thus :

“Till God in human flesh I see,
my thoughts no comfort find.
The Holy, Just and Sacred Three
are terrors to my mind.
But if Immanuel’s face appears
my hope my joy begins.
His Name forbids my slavish fear,
His grace removes my sins.”

I am well satisfied that it will not be a burden to me in the hour of death, nor be laid to my charge at the day of judgement, that I have thought too highly of Jesus, expected too much of Him myself, or laboured too much in commending and setting Him forth to others as the ALPHA and OMEGA — THE TRUE GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE.” John Newton
in “Voice of the Heart.”

Do not be found with the deceived Russelites trying to prove that when Jesus said before Abraham WAS — I AM, that he did not mean that, or that when the scripture says that ALL THE FULNESS of the God-head dwells in Him, that it doesn’t mean exactly that.

The JEWS knew that when Jesus claimed to be the I AM that he claimed to be the ONE that spoke to Moses before the burning bush, for they took up stones to stone Him, because He “MADE HIMSELF GOD” (John 10:33). He fully demonstrated the fact that He was God when He multiplied the loaves and fishes, for there He created atoms as in the beginning. — When He hushed the raging storm He was superior to and MASTER of mass, weight, specific gravity, density and motion. When He

raised the rotting corpse of Lazarus from the dead, He created new tissue; it was an act of creation as distinct as when He created ORION and the Seven Stars and spoke the milky way into existence.

He clearly demonstrated an immense, indisputable thing, and that is — **HIS WILL** was superior to all forces in nature, and that defines and demonstrates **GOD**.

Not an inferior secondary god of human reason, BUT the **ALPHA** and the **OMEGA**, the **FIRST** and the **LAST**, the **ALMIGHTY**.

May we thus view the wee babe of Bethlehem in this sophisticated atomic age of unbelief and bow with the other WISE MEN in worship before HIM.

ATTRACTION

Christ will prove the true attraction
When a sinner feels his need,
When he sees in every action
Nothing in God’s court to plead.

When a sinner, judgment knowing,
Wants a Saviour who can save,
Then, from human efforts going,
For free mercy will he crave.

Christ will prove the true attraction,
He will save the sinner lost!
Law demanded its full action,
But the Saviour met the cost.

Wondrous mercy now outshining,
Shows redemption’s work is done,
And no more in death repining,
We are welcomed in God’s Son.

Christ is still the one attraction,
To each child of God made nigh.
Other names and schemes cause faction,
How can we on men rely?

His the name, Himself the center,
His the glory when we meet,
In Himself by grace we enter,
Where there is the mercy seat!
—Selected.

Christmas Behind The Iron Curtain

KHRUSHCHEV SAYS: “There is no room in the modern Soviet for the religious superstitions which give meaning to the observance of Christmas.” The Party press tends either to omit mention of Christmas or stress its worldly or social aspects.

Though Christmas is generally a drab affair behind the Iron Curtain, there are signs of hope poking up like crocuses through the hard crust of Soviet repression. Radio broadcasts from the Free World are tearing an increasingly larger hole in the Iron Curtain. For the past ten years 76 million people in the conquered countries have relied on Radio Free Europe’s broadcasts as their strongest day-and-night link with the Western World.

Christmas is making a comeback in Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia. In Romania and Bulgaria, however, it has never emerged from the pall of Stalinism. The Poles hold their traditional family Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve and place straw on the table to symbolize the straw-lined manger of Bethlehem. By 1956 mass church attendance on Christmas appeared to be acceptable in Czechoslovakia. Christmas Day is still a working day, with no decorative signs of the season visible.

Father Frost is the Soviet answer to Santa Claus. He is a flat-stomached male athlete. He is supposed to drive his red sleigh with greater skill than the mythical “eight reindeer”. He was introduced into the satellite countries between 1950 and 1952. He was passively assimilated in Bulgaria, totally rejected in Hungary, and merely tolerated for three or four years by the Poles who then threw him out with the rest of the trappings of Stalinism.

The Soviets will doubtless continue trying to put a “frost” on Christmas in the satellite countries, but such forces for truth as the Free World’s radio broadcasts and the undying spirit of freedom among the conquered peoples show signs of thawing the front presented by the Iron Curtain.

—THE SURVEY BULLETIN

"There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them 'Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord'" (Luke 2:8-11).

WHY SHOULD MAN be afraid of a supernatural visitation from Heaven? I do not believe it was just that kind of fear which might arise from the sudden, unexpected appearance of a person or object coming toward you in the stillness of the night. When the angel made his appearance, and the glory of God shone forth, I believe the Hebrew

shepherds knew it was a heavenly visitation. Why then were they so "sore afraid"? It was no doubt for the same reason that Adam and Eve hid themselves when they "heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day." They knew they had sinned, and felt that the visitation of a just and holy God could only mean judgment.

The shepherds were 'sore afraid.' As they faced the sins of the nation day after day, and acknowledged the sin within their own hearts, they may well have feared that God was now visiting them in judgment. To this people the Word of God by Jeremiah came, saying "they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth, for they pro-

ceed from evil to evil — shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?" — (Jeremiah 9:3, 9).

If a man who was habitually violating the laws of the land and gaining his livelihood by robbery; sees a couple of policemen drive up in front of his house, would he not fear that justice had caught up with him.

If the Righteous Judge of all the earth should come to your home — open the door and walk in, and find you as you are — an habitual sinner: for such we all are before we are saved, (Eph. 2:1-3) would not the fear of certain judgment grip your heart?

GOOD NEWS FROM HEAVEN

By Robert A. Larden

(Swift Current, Sask.)

These shepherds were men, not fools. Fallen man, estranged from God has fears. But hear the Word of the Lord: "**Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings . . . unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour.**" Good news indeed! The way of pardon and peace with God was about to be thrown wide open to all mankind. Satan's head would be bruised, liberty proclaimed to those held captive, and recovering of sight to the blind. The mighty truth would soon be proclaimed that God could be just, and yet justify the ungodly in and through Christ Jesus. Fallen men were about to be delivered from the curse of the Law. The dawn of world redemption was casting its golden glow across the horizon of a dark and desolate world. The day had dawned when "**whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**" This is good news! "Good tidings of great joy - to all people."

"To all people" is the scope of the Gospel. Not to God's covenant people alone, but "to the Jew first and also to the Gentile." How slow the church was to receive this truth. Eight years after Pentecost Peter

finally had his eyes opened to the truth "that God is no respecter of persons" — that was nearly 40 years after the angelic declaration. Believing Israelites accepted Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah and long-awaited Redeemer and Saviour, but were slow to acknowledge, and reluctant to proclaim that He was the Saviour of the Gentiles also. Paul said: "Is he the God of the Jews only? Is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: seeing it is one God which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith" (Rom. 3:

29, 30). But that is not the obstacle to-day. There seems to be no hesitation on the part of Hebrew or Gentile to confess that Jesus Christ is for the Gentiles, but is He not also for the Jew? Yes. Isaiah states: "the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD." Jesus is that Redeemer. He is the Messiah, the Christ. Zacharias the priest at Jerusalem, full of the Holy Ghost prophesied saying "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of David" (Luke 1:67-69).

Coming back to the angelic announcement to the shepherds, they said it was "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," but they did not stop there. Read on, it says: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"Unto you is born a Saviour." He is for all people; but He is for you a Saviour. Redemption has been provided for all men everywhere. It is a "common salvation,"

BIBLE VERSE



And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14

accessible by all, Jew, Gentile, black or white, rich or poor, bond or free. But Jesus Christ has come to be your personal Saviour. — "Unto you is born a Saviour" — what will you do with Jesus, which is called the Christ? Your answer to that personal question will determine your eternal destiny.

FAST FURLOUGH

It will soon be six years since the Fast family arrived in Japan to serve their first term. The exact date for their furlough is not yet known, but we still need more funds to fully cover their fares. Your support toward the cost of bringing this family home will be greatly appreciated. Send your contribution to the Missionary Council, 1612 Adelaide St. E., Saskatoon, Sask., with the notation that it is for the Fast Furlough Fares.

Thank you and may the Lord bless you for sharing to carry this burden both in prayers and gifts.

The Flower in the Mine

■ VISITING IN a mining town, a young minister was being escorted through one of the coal mines. In one of the dark, dirty passageways, he spied a beautiful white flower growing out of the black mine earth. "How can there be a flower of such purity and beauty in this dirty mine?" the minister asked the miner. "Throw some of the coal dust on it and see," was the reply. He did and was surprised that as fast as the dirt touched those snowy petals, it slid right off to the ground, leaving the flower just as lovely as before. It was so smooth that the dirt could not cling to the flower. Our hearts can be the same way. We cannot help it that we have to live in a world that is filled with sin, any more than that flower could change the place where it was growing. But God can keep us so pure and clean that though we touch sin on every side, it will not cling to us. We can stand in the midst of it just as white and beautiful as that flower.—*HiCall*.

THE SOWER

A sower one day went forth to sow;
His seed was the word of life,
The field that he sowed was the world of men
Where the briars of sin grow rife.

What seed by the wayside chanced to fall
The birds of the air devoured,
And that which fell in the barren soil
In the heat of the day expired.

'Mid thorns and tares some grew for a time
Tho' weakened, and warped, and lean,
But harvest time found them withered and dead
For fruitless their growing had been.

But the seed that fell in the fertile soil
Bore fruit, some an hundredfold;
And the heart of the master sang for joy
As he garnered his sheaves of gold.

In your heart, my friend, the seed is sown;
Oh, what will the harvest be,
A blackened field at the harvest time,
Or the joys of eternity?

O think, dear friend, of the harvest time,
It may be tonight for you—
Will you yield your heart to the Master's call?

The Saviour is speaking to you!

—Selected.



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Ardmore Assembly	—	—	40.00
Bowness Full Gospel Ladies' Circle	—	—	25.00
Brooks Immanuel Assembly	47.61	—	—
Brooks Ladies' Group	5.00	5.00	5.00
Calgary Full Gospel Church	1,408.85	1,423.08	1,619.85
Calgary Ladies' Missionary Fellowship	10.00	—	30.00
Craigmyle Assembly	50.80	—	—
Delburn Evangel Hall	10.00	10.00	10.00
Diamond Valley Apostolic Church	21.60	43.50	37.85
Diamond Valley by Personal	20.00	20.00	20.00
Diamond Valley Ladies' Missionary Group	10.00	10.00	—
Edson Apostolic Church by Personal	—	—	20.00
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Edmonton by Personal	15.00	5.00	26.00
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Hanna Sunday School	2.04	1.69	2.12
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Roundup and Jarvie Assemblies	151.00	138.00	127.70
South Alberta Full Gospel Camp	—	13.16	—
South Alberta A.Y.M.	—	—	21.00
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Miscellaneous Alberta Offerings	216.50	70.00	1,033.81

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Burnaby Full Gospel Assembly ..	4.11	6.85	20.10
Burnaby Full Gospel Sunday School	4.54	9.29	16.75
Fauquier Assembly and Sunday School	—	63.07	—

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Contd.)

	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Fauquier by Personal	34.00	27.00	54.00
Fauquier V.B.S.	—	—	5.37
Fauquier and Burton Young Peoples	—	60.00	—
Kelowna Apostolic Church	29.85	50.24	36.00
Kelowna Sunday School	3.15	3.96	—
Nanaimo Apostolic Church	—	—	155.47
Nanaimo by Personal	—	—	30.00
Nanaimo A.L.M.F.	—	—	20.00
North Surrey Assembly	60.09	45.50	241.10
North Surrey by Personal	12.00	—	12.00
North Surrey Ladies' Group	5.00	—	—
North Kamloops Full Gospel Tabernacle	257.60	—	—
North Kamloops Sunday School ..	17.00	—	—
North Kamloops Ladies' Group ..	25.00	—	—
Ocean Park Evangelistic Tabernacle	25.00	—	—
Parson Full Gospel Sunday School	34.79	—	—
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Miscellaneous B.C. Offerings	81.00	75.00	80.00

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Gladstone Assembly	8.82	11.17	—
Glenella Assembly	—	23.45	—
Glenella by Personal	16.50	10.00	—
Glenella Sunday School	—	23.64	—
Glenella Ladies' Circle	3.00	—	—
Souris Gospel Tabernacle	19.35	—	10.00
Winnipeg Zion Apostolic Church	568.00	1,068.00	543.00
Miscellaneous Manitoba Offerings ..	—	—	10.00

ONTARIO

Coboconk Assembly	—	10.00	—
Dryden Assembly	36.96	—	—
Haliburton Assembly and Sunday School	—	28.59	—
Miscellaneous Ontario Offerings ..	30.00	40.00	20.00

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Miscellaneous U.S.A. Offerings ..	—	—	50.00
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SASKATCHEWAN

	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Assiniboia Assembly	15.00	—	—
Assiniboia by Personal	57.50	—	27.00
Assiniboia Sunday School	34.75	27.16	29.71
Assiniboia A.L.M.F.	16.00	16.00	16.00
Archerwill Assembly	—	—	25.00
Archerwill by Personal	—	—	13.00
Botany Assembly by Personal	50.00	—	—
Brock Assembly	—	—	34.15
Broadview Assembly	19.36	—	—
Carlyle Assembly	46.57	7.00	20.00
Carlyle by Personal	—	—	5.00
Carlyle Sunday School	5.48	6.20	—
Eston Full Gospel Church	369.75	—	958.57
Eston by Personal	5.00	5.00	5.00
Eston Full Gospel Sewing Circle	5.00	5.00	5.00
Ft. Qu'Appelle Apostolic Church	—	—	43.02
Grenfell Apostolic Church	197.77	85.98	189.98
Grenfell Sunday School	33.77	37.29	58.46
Grenfell Young People's Council	14.12	—	2.50
Grenfell D.V.B.S.	23.85	—	—
Hudson Bay Assembly	12.43	10.08	14.13
Hudson Bay by Personal	—	—	50.00
Hudson Bay Sunday School	3.15	7.28	4.70
Kedleston Gospel Camp	143.00	—	2.00
Kincaid-Hazenmore Assembly	11.94	23.41	18.74
Kincaid by Personal	10.00	5.00	—
Kincaid-Hazenmore Ladies' Circle	—	17.00	10.25
Killdeer Apostolic Church	29.00	—	—
Killdeer by Personal	10.00	—	—
Killdeer Sunday School	5.15	—	—
Kipling Assembly and Sunday School	21.93	21.64	56.34
Kipling by Personal	5.00	310.00	—
Kipling Ladies' Prayer Band	15.00	—	—
Kipling Young People	7.00	7.00	7.00
Kerrobert Assembly by Personal	20.00	—	—
Leader Assembly	48.06	17.00	12.99
Lemberg Sunday School	9.43	—	—
Lestock Assembly	1.84	—	—
Lumsden Apostolic Church	35.10	8.83	19.52
Morse Hill Assembly	20.00	30.00	35.00
Moose Jaw Apostolic Temple	530.52	726.95	506.25
Moose Jaw Sunday School	50.00	50.00	50.00
Moose Jaw Gospel Workers	—	10.00	25.00
Moose Jaw Southwest Gospel Workers	5.00	—	—
Moose Jaw Temple Time Broadcast	22.00	22.00	22.00
Melfort Assembly	277.85	—	202.43

SASKATCHEWAN (Contd.)

	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
Melfort Sunday School	14.00	—	—
Nipawin Assembly	115.24	147.51	172.31
Nipawin by Personal	239.12	80.27	—
Nipawin Bykota Ladies' Group ..	—	—	10.00
North Battleford Assembly	21.64	—	—
Oakshela Assembly	35.71	—	38.00
Oakshela Sunday School	6.44	—	3.38
Porcupine Plain Church	—	14.00	—
Punnichy Assembly	67.07	18.59	22.70
Punnichy by Personal	—	20.00	12.00
Punnichy Sunday School	5.41	—	—
Punnichy Ladies' Group	5.00	—	—
Pangman Bethel Mission	1,832.00	440.48	—
Radville Gospel Mission	—	5.00	—
Radville Sunday School	—	2.00	—
Regina Apostolic Church	489.37	495.84	651.29
Regina by Personal	12.00	72.00	—
Regina — Barbara Lynn Toth Memorial	—	2.00	100.00
Regina Sunday School	54.23	32.14	73.72
Stoughton Assembly	13.00	40.04	12.54
Stoughton by Personal	20.00	20.00	20.00
Stoughton A.L.M.F.	5.00	5.00	5.00
Stoughton Sunday School	—	—	10.00
Saskatoon Assembly	433.66	210.20	176.45
Saskatoon Sunday School	16.73	12.93	16.48
Saskatoon Sunday School Birthday Box	—	10.91	—
Saskatoon Young People	9.52	9.87	10.35
Saskatoon A.L.M.F.	—	12.15	12.15
Swift Current Assembly	157.00	120.00	153.00
Swift Current by Personal	10.00	10.00	13.00
Swift Current — Trudy Bak Memorial	—	123.00	—
Swift Current Sunday School	32.00	28.00	43.00
S.W. Saskatchewan A.L.M.F.	42.00	—	—
Trossachs Camp	45.45	—	—
Wood Mountain Assembly	15.45	—	—
Western Apostolic Camp	214.06	—	—
Weekes Assembly	15.85	10.91	13.40
Weyburn Gospel Association	25.00	—	—
Yorkton-Springside Assembly	—	40.75	—
Yorkton-Springside by Personal	30.00	30.00	—
Yorkton-Springside Sunday School	—	—	60.00
Miscellaneous Saskatchewan Offerings	353.25	213.00	685.56
Total	10,609.89	7,361.11	9,687.39

To All Men

■ To RED and yellow, black and white—good news to all people. A little black boy asked the missionary in Africa, "Was Jesus a black man?" "No, my boy," answered the missionary, "He was not." The boy turned away disappointed, saying, "The white people have all the good things." The missionary reflected a bit. Perhaps the hot Syrian sun would, indeed, have darkened the skin of the Master, so he said to the boy, "I should think that His color would be between yours and mine." The boy clapped his hands, and shouted, "Then He belongs to both of us!"—*The Prairie Overcomer*.

DECEMBER, 1963

Just So She Starts Soon

■ A YOUNG GIRL said to her mother just after a white-haired visitor left their home: "If I could be such an old lady as that—so beautiful, serene, sweet, and lovable—I should not mind growing old."

The discerning and keen-witted mother replied:

"Well, if you want to be that kind of old lady, you'd better begin making her right now. She doesn't strike me as a piece of work that was done in a hurry. It has taken a long time to make her what she is. If you are going to paint that sort of portrait of yourself to leave the world, you'd better be mixing your colors now."—*Upward*.

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kingdom on its feet.
More than 200 desert Bed-
ouin sheikhs cheered the
king's words at a meeting in
Amman. A number of them
named speakers in reply,
pledging the king's army to
maintain the peace in the
area.

**RIGHTISTS IN VANUATU,
Homs and Soueida**

By ROBERT C. DOTT
Special to The New York Times
SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 14—
Following Government
troops in Vanuatu, a north-
eastern island in the Pacific
Oceania, the candidates representing
the Communist-backed South
and its allies was over conse-
rative forces in Damascus,
Syria's capital; Homs, a north-

By PAUL HOEMANN
Special to The New York Times
ROME, May 5—Vice Premier
Giuseppe Saragat, under his So-
cialist leadership, today ac-
cused the Christian Democrats of
violating the 1947 Peace Treaty
which ended the Italian Govern-
ment's occupation of the country.

Mr. Quinn and A
signed as Councilmen
charges of violating a
dict-of-interest provs
the City Charter.
Mr. Quinn was chair-
man of the Council's Committee
on Finance and Mr. C
and the Finan-
Both posts carried a
annual compensation of
including a contingent
amount of \$5,000. The
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Names in the News



Cyprus Hills Youth Retreat

CYPRUS HILLS PARK in Saskatche-
wan, was the scene of a successful
Youth Fellowship Retreat, August 31-
September 2. The Retreat had been
planned and arranged by the Pastor
and Young People of the Swift Current
Full Gospel Church.

Pastor Larden explained that the pur-
pose of the retreat was to come apart
as did the disciples on the mount of
Transfiguration. It was to be a time
of being with the Lord in a special way
that all might be strengthened to press
on with fresh vision for the Lord.

Billy's Musical Moments' radio team
supplied special music. This musical
group from Calgary was an inspiration
and blessing to all. Led by Billy Bennett,
the group also included Irvin Ellis, Paul
Ungless, Freda Kanwischer, Bertha Jar-
rett and Joyce Knapp.

L. O. Pritchard of Eston Full Gospel
Bible Institute was the speaker for the
occasion. His messages were especially
prepared for the age group present.

Jim Stevenson, and his wife, Lloyd
Hicks, Ed and Mrs. Belter had dedicated
themselves to the task of making the
retreat a success. Others too helped to
bear the load and make the stay at
Cyprus a very pleasant one, as well as
a spiritually prosperous one.

Sunday, September 1st, Rev. Ross
Reid was inducted as pastor of the
Pangman Bethel Mission. The induction
service was conducted by Rev. A. H.
Gillett of Radville, Sask.

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Rev. W. E. Crowder conducted a Tea-
cher-Training course in the Saskatoon
Apostolic Church October 6-12.

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Rev. G. S. McLean of Eston, accom-
panied the "Singing Southernaires" to
Yorkton and Springside October 4-6.
He was the special speaker at a rally
arranged by Pastor S. D. Arneson of
Yorkton.

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Rev. A. D. Marshall was special spea-
ker at the dedication service of the new
church at Lumsden, Saskatchewan, Octo-
ber 7th. He was also the speaker for
the week of special services October 7-13.
Evangelist Gordon Campbell of Regina
is in charge of the work at Lumsden.

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Rev. A. D. Marshall was the special
speaker at the Thanksgiving Rally at
Kipling October 14. Rev. A. Mortensen is
pastor.

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Rev. G. O. B. Killam formerly of Pang-
man, Sask., has been called to assist on
the faculty of the Full Gospel Bible
Institute.

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Evangelist Mel Mooreman has as-
sumed pastoral responsibilities at Souris,
Manitoba.

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Rev. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, formerly
of Athabasca, Alberta, are now pastor-
ing the work at Glenella, Manitoba.

Rev. G. O. B. Killam of Eston was
the special speaker at the Youth Ad-
vance and A.Y.M. rally in Saskatoon
October 12-14.

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The Singing Southernaires directed by
Dan Moe, after conducting services from
Winnipeg to Vancouver during the sum-
mer months, concluded their tour at
Pangman October 12-14.

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Special speaker for the annual
Thanksgiving Rally at Pangman October
14 was Rev. D. W. Breen of Moose Jaw.

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Rev. L. Fairhurst of Saskatoon and
Rev. P. Davies, missionary home from
Africa, were the special speakers at the
opening week of services held at the
Full Gospel Bible Institute October 15-
20. Special music was supplied by the
Southernaires.

A Meditation

■ HAVE I mentioned any failing or
fault of any man when it was not neces-
sary for the good of another?

Have I unnecessarily grieved anyone
by word or deed?

Have I desired the praise of men?

Have I set apart some time for en-
deavoring after a lively sense of the
sufferings of Christ and my own sins?

Have I resumed my claim to my body,
soul, friends, fame, or fortune, which
I have made over to God; or repented
of my gift, when God accepted any of
them at my hands?—Sel.



TO OUR READERS

Our contributing editors and
writers of our regular columns, to-
gether with others who share their
ministry through the **End Times'**
Messenger, join me in wishing you a
truly joyous Christmas. May your
understanding be opened to the true
meaning of the miracle and message
of the Saviour's birth.

—IRVIN W. ELLIS, EDITOR

END TIMES' MESSENGER

GOD'S GIFT

God hung His Christmas Present
For us upon The Tree;
And there He died, God's only Son,
From sin to set us free!

No room for Him, that Christmas,
In Bethlehem's crowded inn,
Where busy streets of thronging feet
Made clamor, noise and din.

It's jolly, now, at Christmas:
Homecomings, gifts and fun,
With merry hearts, and baskets sent
To those who else had none.

But can it be, at Christmas,
That He is e'er forgot,
'Midst celebrations, gifts and cheer,
This Gift by God begot?

To save, He came at Christmas;
Eternal Life to give.
God offers all His Christmas Gift;
Believe, receive and Live!

You love the Christ of Christmas?
His saving grace you know?
It can't avail unless men hear,
Unless God's love they know.

Oh, tell that God at Christmas,
Gave Jesus for us all,
That black and yellow, red and white
May now on Jesus call!

Oh, praise the Christ of Christmas!
Praise God for His great love!
He took the form of man to raise
Fall'n man to Heav'n above!

—Mrs. Evelyn Spicer

Langley, B.C.

"WE HAVE a fine Ladies' Missionary Group here at Langley Evangelistic Tabernacle," wrote Sister Mabel Funk. "Our President is Sister June Driediger, and our Secretary - Treasurer, Sister Gerry Carlson.

"Recently we have sent food parcels to the Hearn's in Cuba, and a small donation to Penticton. Now we are working on Christmas parcels to the Jamiesons, Boldts, Sister Sheila Anderson and the orphan we've adopted in Japan. One or two others may be added as the Lord enables.

"Our group is helping with one or two needs in the local church.

"We praise the Lord for His moving in our midst. In July we had our first baptismal service, when 19 followed the Lord.

"The Sunday School is climbing, and two of our young people are attending Bible School. We miss

them, but thank the Lord for their yielded lives.

"The building is progressing well, and we hope to be upstairs by Christmas.

"We do enjoy 'Harvest Time.' The news - letter binds us more closely and enables us to pray intelligently."

Hudson Bay, Sask.

SISTER L. BENNETT reports for the Hudson Bay, Sask. Ladies' Missionary Group: "At our last meeting, there were ten members present, and two visitors.

"Our Group has adopted Sister Grace Kershaw in Japan, and we will be sending her six parcels a year.

"We do thank and praise the Lord for sending Sister Sproul back here again. It is a real blessing to have her here."

(Sister Sproul, formerly a missionary in Japan, is now teaching school in Hudson Bay.)



★ Sis. G. Neilson, India, has asked prayer at various times for an assembly so divided with internal bickering that the Lord couldn't work. Now "God has broken through in a very wonderful way: over forty have been saved, over thirty filled with the Spirit and over thirty baptized in water. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! This is directly in answer to prayer and we give all the glory to God. Please continue to remember this assembly as Satan will no doubt not let such a victory go unchallenged. Many thanks to all who prayed."

★ Sis. M. Hogg requests: "pray that God will make Hilweh a blessing in the home for the older blind in Bethany where she stays. Pray for the young men carrying on the services in the mission home in Bethlehem, and for the work there. Then Danny and I need your prayers that God will lead and keep our steps in these coming months. We want it to be a time not only of refreshing for ourselves, but of service in the vineyard."

★ Sis. G. Worth, N. Ireland, requests prayer for a twenty-year-old girl who was saved, and is meeting great opposition, that she will remain true to the Lord; also for other young converts to become strong in the Lord. Pray, too, that God will lead in plans and preparations for other meetings.

★ Sis. Mitchell, Nyasaland, urged: "Do pray that the Lord will come forth in supernatural power in the short time we have at our disposal and work wonders in our midst. We do want to see our men so established in God and with such faith in Him that they will be prepared to face anything that may confront them. From now on we all need to be kept daily by the power of God." Pray for the Lord to strengthen Sis. Mitchell in her body.

★ Pray that the Holy Spirit and the Word of God will do a deep work in the lives of the students at Bible School.

COVER PICTURE

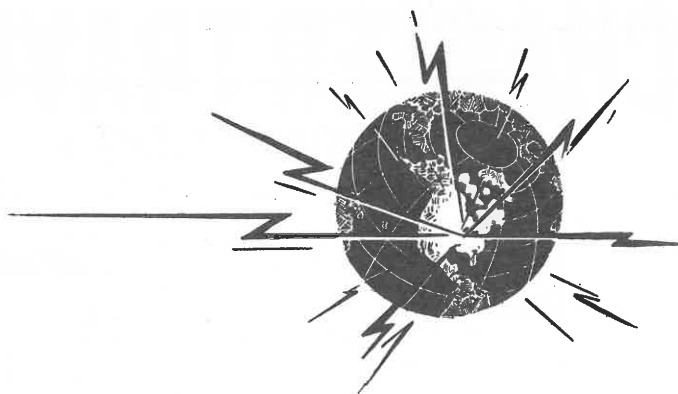
This month's cover picture shows the warmth and effectiveness of proper lighting for your indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations. Photo courtesy General Electric.

WORLD REPORTS

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Three Cuban Clergymen Reported Shot

Miami, Fla. (MNS) — Reports reaching this city from Havana indicate that three Protestant ministers have been shot by firing squads in the first clearly identified church executions since the Castro regime took power. The clergymen were identified as the Rev. Antonio Gonzales of Pinar del Rio (identified as "Evangelical"), the Rev. Pablo Rodriguez of Guines (affiliated with the Church of God), and the Rev. Jose Durado of Florida, Cuba (identified with the Gideons).

It was also reported here that three of the Cubans captured by Cuban forces in the Bahamas two months ago as they fled for freedom had been executed. An attorney, Charles R. Ashman, who represents the families of the kidnapped men, made the announcement. He said that a "new plea" on behalf of the remaining refugees who were returned to Cuba had been sent to the (former) British Foreign Secretary Lord Home asking that the matter be brought before the United Nations General Assembly.

New Religion Reports Gains in Japan

New York City (MNS) — The new cult of Soka Gakkai in Japan, with a following of some ten million, is making remarkable strides, according to a report in LOOK magazine (September 10, 1963).

"Soka Gakkai," says the article, "regards itself as not only the one true Buddhist religion, but the one true religion on earth. Its principal aims are propagation of its gospel throughout the world, by forced conversion if necessary, and the denunciation of all other faiths as 'false' religions."

The Soka Gakkai (literally, Vale Creating Society) is a political party as well as a religious system and is reported to be next in rank to the Liberal-Democratic party and the opposition Socialist party.

"Flushed with success at home, over and beyond the movement's own confident expectations, and armed with a powerful organization envied by other religious and political interests, Soka Gakkai is unmistakably a church militant in Japan geared for a determined march abroad. Its significance to America and all nations cannot be ignored. Its target is world domination."

The doctrine on which the system is based, says LOOK, "calls for the marriage of church (Soka Gakkai) and state, a ferocious intolerance of any other teaching and destruction of all other religions as false, baseless or obsolete."

One scholar summed up his views in these words: "Soka Gakkai is an aggressive, fighting spirit which regards the outside world as the object of shakubuku — a world to be crushed and conquered."

West Indies Mission Reports on Hurricane Flora

Homer City, Pa. (MNS) — Twenty churches of the Evangelical Association (West Indies Mission) in Haiti have been destroyed and another fifty critically damaged by Hurricane Flora, reports Elmer V. Thompson, the mission's general director.

Many pastors' and workers' homes have been ruined and the dwellings of hundreds of believers have been wiped out in the southern peninsula.

Louis A. Markwood, WIM superintendent in Haiti, described some of the conditions he found after the storm: "The ruin we found at Vieux Bourg was terrific, and this was only on the fringe. We crawled over the trunk and branches of a big tree in order to cross the river into this town. We found 95% of the houses damaged or destroyed."

Missionary James Utterey reported from the town of L'Asile that only three houses still had roofs — and theirs was one of the three.

Teen Team in Africa

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (MNS) — Emperor Haile Selassie received in private audience here the six-member Youth for Christ International "teen team" led by Gerald Major of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

The audience, given just before the Emperor departed on a trip to the United States, was held after the non-denominational team arrived in the Ethiopian capital for a two-week visit.

The team, which includes two Negroes, will go to seven other African countries before returning to the U.S. in December.

Role of National Church Emphasized

Winona Lake, Ind. (MNS) — In a summary report on Asia the Rev. Vernon Mortenson, General Director of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, called for greater participation by the national church in reaching the lost of Asia. Speaking of the strategy needed, he said, "The hope for the evangelical of Asia lies in a revised and aggressive national church."

Having inquired of a number of evangelical mission leaders, Mr. Mortenson reported that "every recommendation received emphasized the vital role which must be borne by the national believer."

Concerning religious developments in Asia, he said "The only place where a strong re-emphasis of Islam was reported was in Pakistan, where there is a strong bid for a pure Islamic state." One feature of the Islamic drive there is a regulation requiring that the Koran be taught in any school where Moslems attend. Facing this problem, some missions have closed their schools, while others have converted them into schools for the Christian constituency rather than compromise with Islam.

CHARTER TRAVEL INFORMATION

THE SEVENTH
PENTECOSTAL
WORLD CONFERENCE



HELSINKI,
FINLAND
JUNE 23-28, 1964

APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF PENTECOST

Charter Flight to the Seventh Pentecostal World Conference

☆ Helsinki, Finland, June 23rd - 28th, 1964 ☆

The tour will be for 25 days. Departure date from Calgary to London will be Friday, June 5th, 1964. Departure date from London will be on or about July 1st, 1964. (Exact dates, departure and arrival times will be advised later.)

The price of the Airfare will be \$ 330.00 if there is a capacity load of 89 passengers.

Special arrangements can be made for anyone desiring to visit the Holy Land. Some may wish to take advantage of the charter to visit their native land without any obligation to attend the World Conference.

It is anticipated due to the attractive price of this charter rate, that the aircraft will be fully booked at an early date. Application blanks can be secured from your Pastor or by writing to the address given below.

The initial deposit required to make a reservation is \$50.00. Cancellation with full refund may be made up until March 5th, 1964. The balance is to be paid by April 15th, 1964. All cheques should be made payable to the APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF PENTECOST — CHARTER FUND, and sent with this application to the following address :

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c/o P. O. BOX 1163,
CALGARY, ALBERTA

APPLICATION FORM

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THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK

By F. Assman

(Missionary-secretary of the A.C.O.P.)

CALL TO SERVICE

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38).

IT SEEMS to be evident that there was a lack of workers during the ministry of Christ here on earth from which the pattern has never changed even to this day and age. The Lord knew this to be so when He spoke the words to bid us to pray that labourers would be sent into His harvest. Never in the history of time has there been so many missionaries serving in different countries of the world as we have to-day and yet is it reasonable that we should still be urged to pray for labourers to be sent forth? If we are to do the will of God, then we cannot cease to pray this prayer. It is a command of the Lord and Jesus said if we love Him, we will keep His commandments. Is it possible that there can ever be too many labourers working in the harvest field of the Lord? No, never, a thousand times no. The Word of the Lord says that the harvest truly is plenteous, and no indication is given that it will ever be different. therefore the necessity to pray that labourers be sent forth.

With the world population increasing at such a rapid rate the harvest field has enlarged to where the church is left far behind in her evangelism in comparison to what it was in the generation just past. The command to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers is more important for us to heed now than at any time previous. The greater the harvest field, the greater the need of labourers. God has provided the channel of prayer as a means through which to blanket the harvest field with laborers. Through the avenue of prayer the Lord burdens hearts to enter the open doors

to go and labour in the fields that are white to harvest.

You often hear much of some spectacular phenomenon that some claim to have experienced in receiving a call to serve in a foreign field. To this we offer no criticism, but let it not be a deterrence toward becoming a labourer for the Lord if you have not experienced any such phenomenon in respect to a call. What God desires of every Christian is that he become a labourer and He will show you His will as to where He wants you to work for Him if your life is totally yielded and dedicated for service. If God has given you a gifted ministry, then it is required that you develop and follow out that ministry be it here at home or on some foreign field. Suppose you are gifted in a ministry and serving in a foreign field and suddenly the door closed which would forbid you to continue that ministry; must you then remain in that country because you had felt a call to that field? Would it mean that you no longer have a call? Of course not, for one receives a call to be a labourer the day you are born again and remains with you until the time you are taken to heaven. The thing that every believer must recognize then is that he has a call to service. The matter of where to serve is another thing. Determine in your heart to gain the mind of Christ as to where your field of service is to be and then faithfully serve Him.

In the book of Acts, chapter 13 we have record where the Holy Ghost said, "**Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**" Now this does not necessarily mean they had a call to some foreign field, but rather a specific call to service in a line of ministry as a gift received from the Lord. Paul's ministry was that of an apostle (evangelism).

Paul also had a gifted ministry to teach. So this was a call to Paul as a labourer in the harvest field. Geographic location made this call no greater or any the lesser. His gifted ministry could be used for the glory of God whether in Jerusalem, Rome or any other city or country wherever it be. Too often there are those who say it must be wonderful to have a call from God and serve Him in a foreign field. If you knew the full reality of environment that goes along with serving as a foreign missionary perhaps you would not think it so wonderful. Truly it is wonderful to serve the Lord no matter where, if we are in the place where God wants us to be.

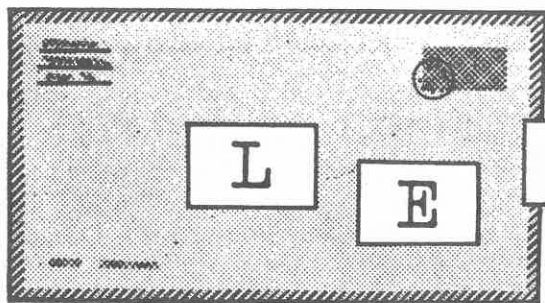
Some choose a vocation in life only to find later that God wants them to serve in a different sphere. The Lord may have allowed the vocation chosen to develop a gift or talent to be better equipped for service in the whitened harvest field. Paul was very well educated before being called to the work of the ministry. Was his education a detriment or an advantage? An advantage no doubt. Many there are who serve the Lord both here at home and on mission fields after having followed out a special training program to develop their talent. God can use every talent when dedicated to Him irrespective of geographic location. Remember you have a call to service from which you cannot turn away. The geographic location of where to serve the Lord is a matter of finding out as there is a waiting on Him for His leading and direction.

When Paul heard the Macedonian call of which there is record in Acts chapter 16, it did not mean this was his call from God to become a missionary. He had been preaching and doing missionary work long before this. The Macedonian call was a further direction from the Lord as to where to labour in the harvest field as to a geographic location.

Let me repeat that you have a call, but you must know the mind of God as to where your field of service shall be. There are different ways in which to find the will of God. It may be through a series of circumstances as you lean and look to the Lord for guidance. It may be by revelation, or it may be through a heavy burden and compassion for souls in a given area.

(Contd. on page 17)

END TIMES' MESSENGER



from the field

Meet the People of Gomo

By Mrs. C. S. Currie
(Continued from last Issue)

THE NEXT MORNING being Sunday, we had another service. After lunch we set out towards the river for a baptismal service. "A little bit far," which proved to be over six and a half miles round trip.

Three men, some of the older women and a few babies were squeezed into the station wagon with us. "This way! Now, that way!" A dusky hand pointed out directions. The tall grass bowed before the oncoming vehicle, twigs snapped as bushes were pressed to the ground. Sharp thorns and dry branches like saw-filer's tools scraped along the car's painted surface, sending chills down my spine, in spite of the suffocating heat of the valley.

The low gear kept grinding away. To shift into higher speed was impossible. The bigger shrubs had been chopped out, but this was not even a cow trail. On, and on, finally a clearing revealed a dried out river crossing. "We can't get across here," I said, as all the passengers scrambled out to straighten the sagging springs. "Oh yes, we can make it," came the reply. "Just take it easy." We did not make it.

The car nosed its way up the steep opposite bank, as the rear bumper dragged, scraped and crunched to a halt dug into this side of the bank. Wheels spinning, we were stuck.

One man went ahead to get help, as the women, with the babies walked the last mile to the baptismal service. The rest of us set to work digging away with our hands and building up the crossing. For over an hour we worked in the heat. Everybody pushed and slowly we

crawled up on the other side of the bank. Next we set to making the place possible for our return crossing.

The service by the river was wonderful. Songs, Bible reading, preaching and prayer. Spectators dotted the hillside on the opposite bank. On the granite outcroppings on this side the Christians waited for their turn for baptism. A sparkling stream plummeted over the boulders and came to rest in a shimmering pool where the missionary stood. One after another was led in and buried in the watery grave in the wonderful Name of Jesus. The power of God was so strong on some of them they had to be assisted to the rocky bank, where they remained for some time, before going to change their clothes.

Not until thirty-three had been baptized in His Name did the service come to a close, as the songs of praise echoed through the valley.

That night again the group was eager for another service, in spite of their six and a half miles of hard, hot and hazardous walk through the bush.

The next day some of the leading men wanted us to see the new church plot and to meet the chief of the Reserve. We had not gone very far before we knew this would be a very difficult journey. If a vehicle had ever passed here before, the signs were few and far between.

The bush and vegetation on the Zambezi Valley floor had completely taken over. The men walked ahead pointing out hidden obstacles to be avoided. Tossing to one side movable stumps and stones. Hacking away the underbrush, and leveling dried out river crossing, or former marshy places. The car crawled onward in low gear. It tried its level best to keep below boiling point as it bounced forward, slapped



Picture of the 32 people who were baptized in Jesus Name by Brother Currie in the Gomo Reserve.

~~~~~ Letters from the Field ~~~~~

and scraped by branches and tall elephant grass.

At a somewhat open clearing the men stopped. "This is it," they said. Then pointing to a certain spot indicating the exact location of the new church site. The sun shone down hot upon us, and the surrounding landscape. Here some larger trees towered above the rest and the height of the grass indicated fertile soil. After feasting on the scenery,, we all bowed our heads as one led out in prayer. We felt that God was very near in this far away place and asked for His guidance and blessing in the new venture. Also that the Chief would grant us permission for this church site, which later, thank God, he did.

New Japan

THIS IS WHAT THE Japanese people call it and this is not far from the truth. Japan has changed from the rick-shaw and charcoal burning taxi days to the country which is leading in many industries. When I think back almost five years ago, the milkmen who delivered milk on a rickety old bicycle now delivers on motor bike or small truck. The newspaper boy used to walk, now delivers on motor bike. The working man who had a difficult time living on his meager income and found it necessary to have two jobs if his capabilities allowed him to do such a thing, now is able to support a decent car, drives to work, goes on trips at company's expense, has time for expensive pleasures and pastimes, such as golf and pachinko with baseball on the side line. Office buildings, department stores, and even taxis, along with some privately owned vehicles, are air conditioned.

In the large cities, to help eliminate congestion of traffic, authorities are enlarging their underground transit system. Over-head speedways and streets are now being constructed. Just recently the restriction of building only eight-story high buildings has been lifted and now twenty story buildings are going up. By 1964 the Japan National Railway system will have in operation the fastest commuting train in the world. From Tokyo

to Osaka, which is about a seven hour run by special express, the trip will be accomplished in three hours by the new train. There is also a fabulous building boom on in Japan. Ferro-concrete buildings are springing up everywhere. Many private home owners are turning to ferro-concrete for building their homes to withstand earthquake and typhoon disaster. In the minds of many in the homeland it has been the thought that the missionary should live like the native, but our experience in Japan has taught us long ago to forget this thought. I must say it would be rather nice to live like the majority of Japanese people.

Japan to-day has become very materialistic minded and you can see why. Sunday is like any other day of the week with shops, stores and most businesses wide open. In such cases the churches suffer because many Christians have to work on Sunday and cannot attend services. Not one day passes, but the thought goes through my mind and pierces my heart, **WHAT HAS GOD IN STORE FOR JAPAN?** Japan has never experienced a mighty visitation from God. Yet His word encourages us that in the last days He will pour out His Spirit upon ALL flesh. Certainly this includes Japan. Millions of hearts here are crying out (in their own way) for something real. There are truly hungry hearts and God is interested in these hungry hearts. Japanese people are continually seeking, seeking for something. They received no satisfaction from the idol or the god-shelf. This is evident because it is written all over their faces.

In the midst of prosperity such as Japan has never before experienced reigns a darkness that I cannot explain in words. It is evident that this present prosperity is not causing the Japanese people to seek God and it is also evident that the only thing that will dispel this darkness is the light and power of God's Word working together with the Holy Spirit. I am convinced this is coming to Japan and even now has begun. Little groups are springing up all over the country, many baptized with the Holy Spirit. Continual prayer meetings are being organized and souls being set on fire. Let's pray together that this situ-

ation will grow and spread. Japan needs Repentance, Regeneration and Revival, **HALLELUJAH!** Yes, we can and do expect the impossible from God. This is **NEW JAPAN** which is due for an **OLD FASHIONED** outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Put Japan's people on your prayer list. — Brother William Bettschen.

Abounding in The Work of The Lord

"Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

THESE WORDS from 1st Corinthians have many times been a source of real encouragement to us in our labour here. So many times we must go on faithfully preaching the Word of God and not seeing too many results, yet knowing that God's Word will not return unto Him void, but that it will accomplish that which He pleases. Many times as His Word goes forth in the Open Air meetings we have felt the tug of the Spirit and have been conscious of the fact that God by His Holy Spirit has been speaking to hearts. About two weeks ago we went for the first time to a town about six miles from here for an Open Air meeting and a huge crowd gathered and listened with real attention to God's Word. Brother Kuriakose went with us and he has a real burden for this place and goes out each Saturday and conducts a Children's class there. We are planning to go for one Open Air meeting there each week if possible. The name of the place is Angamally and it is where Kuriakose's wife's family live. Although Kuriakose works in a factory here, he likes to take every opportunity he can get to help in the gospel work, and we do thank the Lord for the burden for souls that God has given him. Pray much for this new effort at Angamally that God will save souls.

Last Friday evening I went again to Cherari for a street meeting and was thrilled with the large number who listened to the Word of God. Many of them are Hindus and that evening there were many boys and girls and they were very quiet and attentive.

On Saturday evening I had a
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Children's class in the town and a large number of boys and girls came. This class is held in a Roman Catholic home. The people invited Brother Thomas to hold Children's classes there and the children were coming faithfully to his meetings so when he went to Kottayam for a few weeks special study in the Bible School we have been carrying on this class for him. He is taking the Doctrine studies for the Examination that Brother Neilsen is giving for those who wish to be ordained, and Thomas will be ordained at the annual Conference which meets in Kottayam. Then he will be back to work here with us.

We will be going to Kottayam to teach in the Bible School, and will appreciate your prayers that God will bless and help during this time. We will be living in Kottayam and doing all the teaching for a period of five weeks. Brother Thomas will carry on the meetings here.

Sister Ashley is feeling some better now, but still needs your prayers that she might have perfect health and strength. She came to all the meetings on Sunday and preached in Malayalam at the street meeting in town and the Lord really blessed and spoke to hearts.

Tomorrow evening we are going out to Kothamangalam for an Open Air meeting and also the night service. This is the place about 17 or 18 miles from here where Brother Joel is opening up a new work. Just recently the Lord answered prayer there and he was able to get a better building in the town so we praise the Lord for this. Please continue to pray for this new effort too.

Thanking you again for your prayers and wishing you the Lord's richest blessing.

— Sisters Elizabeth Steeves and
Irene Ashley.

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Many are the ways in which the Lord reveals His will to serve Him in the harvest field. Jesus said: "the field is the world." So let us determine to know the place where God wants us to labour and then work, for the night cometh when no man can work.

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The Problem Clinic

Rev. E. L. McKee



How far should we go in the support of these many religious radio programs? If we don't support them they may go off the air, if we do support them we are neglecting our local church and Pastor. Are Christians doing the right thing by staying home from church to listen to their favourite radio program?

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS are spent in the support of religious broadcasting. No doubt much of it is well invested in the sounding forth of the Gospel. But I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that much of it is falling into the hands of unscrupulous men, this we may well deplore. The only safe-guard is for these broadcasts to be in the hands of a local church. The local church can make it one of its missionary projects. This would also take much of the begging for money out of religious broadcasting. We must make room for those who do not have a regular church home and whose spiritual needs are met by radio, to prayerfully support such a program, but this prolonged, persistent asking for money, is a dishonour to God and His words.

If you are a member of a Bible-preaching church, then pray and encourage your church board to put a radio broadcast on its budget. There is no question in my mind, that if every member of that church would tithe you will have plenty of finance to take care of a radio broadcast. Let the sinner hear the Gospel without charge. In this way no one can exploit the preaching of the Gospel by radio. I have known some who are on radio, to come into a local church and make strong appeals for pledges having no concern for the pastor of that church, and the needs of the local assembly. I wouldn't have these men on my platform. Furthermore, we as pastors should teach the saints to tithe to the local church as the scriptures teach.

Let us sum this all up, in answer to the question. Because you believe in the message of your church and you have confidence in the administration of your church, you should fully support your own church. However, if you do not have a church home, because of your location, then take the second best and get spiritual food from some sound Bible teaching radio ministry.

Support that radio ministry with your prayers, and your gifts. Don't support any program to the neglecting of your obligation to your own local church.

Remember to be loyal to your spiritual home always.

Thank God for the many religious broadcasts that are doing a great work and are keeping their hands free of "filthy lucre." Pray that this God-blessed ministry may long continue. That doors of wholesome radio ministry may long be open.



Friday's Fame and Fortune

By Robert Tauber

Friday forms the family, Of our good friend Gregory.
In the picture here you'll see, he's sitting on friend Gregory's
knee.

If you could hear him sing and talk,
He'd make you all with laughter rock.
But if you fail to meet this man,
I'll tell you how his tale began.
He came to Greg without a chance
Of doing much by going "free lance",
For on his own he couldn't speak —
Not so much as make a squeek.
He couldn't sing or speak or stand,
Until friend Gregory took his hand placed it way down
deep inside — Somewhere past friend Friday's hide.
For some strange reason then and there,
Friday's life became a flare. He spoke and sang for
girls and boys, told stories everyone enjoys.
He testifies for Jesus too, And this my friend is very true:
If it wasn't for friend Gregory's hand,
Friend Friday simply couldn't stand.
Perhaps you've often wondered why
You've been afraid and Oh so shy,
To tell of Jesus and his love,
And how he left his home above.
Like Friday you can't make the grade,
Unless you master gives you aid.
So simply yield to his control,
And you'll be sure to reach the goal.

Bro. Greg Walton of Melfort, Sask., is district AYM director for North-East Saskatchewan. Friday, his famous puppet has often assisted him in presenting the gospel in a unique way.

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YOUNG PEOPLE, I'm sure you'll agree that friend Friday in our story had a problem much like that of ours before we felt "the touch of the master's hand." And truly as we look back over these past twelve months, we are sincerely thankful to the Lord for the scores of young people who yielded their lives to Christ and are allowing him to mold a vessel fit for the master's use.

Bro. Walton, is reporting from the North-East Sask. district with us the blessing of God upon the teens in his area. However, Greg shared with us the burden of another problem, so prominent amongst teens today: "Why is it that teens who have been filled with Baptism of the Holy Spirit, often fail to live a life of fruitful service for the Lord?"

I believe there are two basic answers to this question. First — The lack of a working knowledge of God's word and Second — The lack on the part of mature Christians in passing on the experiences that they have had and seeing them reproduced in the lives of young people. The two scriptures I use to back up these statements are found in 2 Tim. 2:15 and 2 Tim. 2:2.

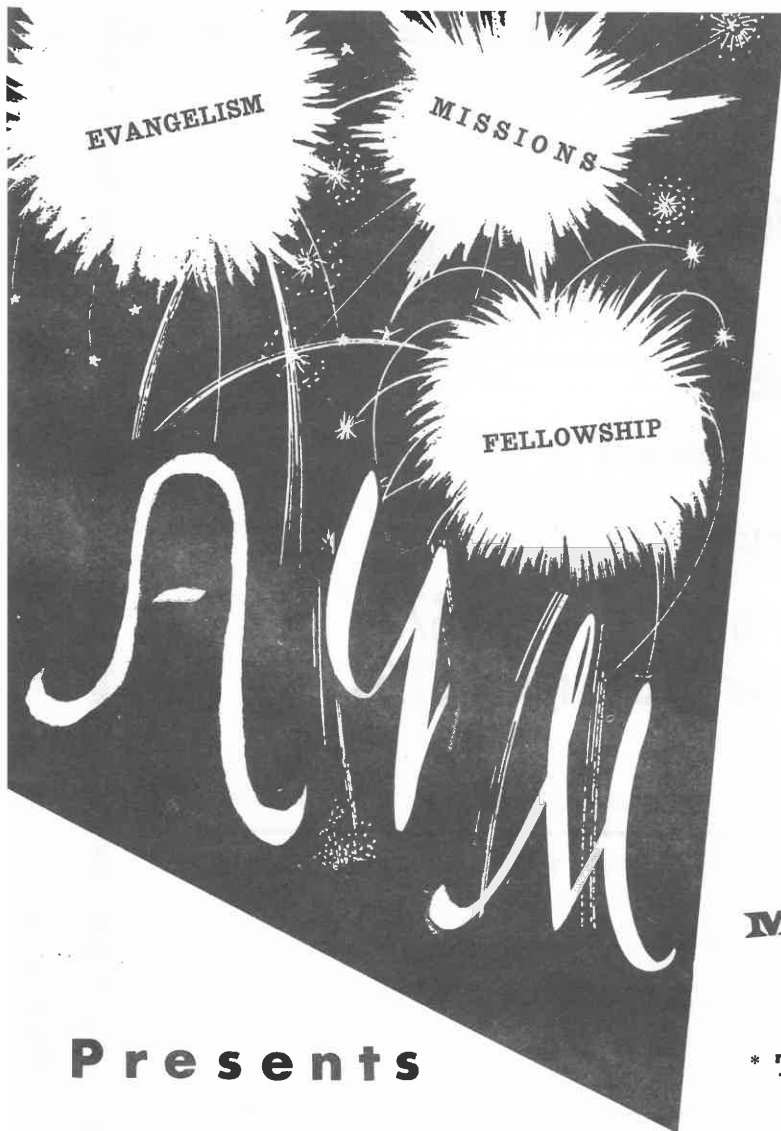
As a partial solution to our first problem, I believe a practical course on personal evangelism would be very helpful. As a project for 1964, AYM will endeavour to supply you teens with a guide along this line.

May I exhort our district directors, young people's leaders and pastors to supply your young people with a working knowledge of the word of God.

I can well recall the months after God filled me with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Being in my mid teens, I was naturally anxious to get going and serve the Lord. How thankful I was for my pastor and young people's leader and other mature Christians who helped us in those important years.

We found as teens in our home church that it was much easier to do things as a group. We went out to smaller towns for street meetings, visited old folks homes, sang for shut-ins and when we visited, there was someone older along to guide us. Now as I minister here in Calgary, I appreciate so much the guidance and help of fellow ministers who have "been over the road" before me. This I feel is a vital ministry. Christ showed us the example. Now may we also, place into the hands of our Christian teens the knowledge and experience that someone else gave to us. Often we challenge teens to dedicate themselves to do a task that we have never considered doing ourselves. May this not be the case. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (2 Tim. 2:2).

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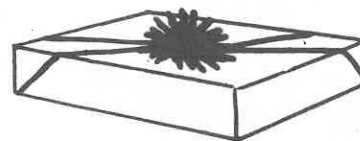
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Contest is open to Junior and Senior High students. Your essay will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity of thought, content, general effect, impression and of course good grammar and spelling.

Contestants will be judged in three groups: Grade 7, 8; Grade 9, 10; Grade 11, 12. One winner will be picked from

each group and they will receive as their prize an L.P. record of the Singing Southernaires on Tour or \$4.00 in cash.

The winning articles will be printed in pamphlet form and made available to our A.Y.M. teens. Contest closes Dec. 30th so get busy and send your entries in to our office as soon as possible.

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COMING NEXT MONTH — The results of the Teen Survey. Don't miss this important article on the answers you teens gave us to the questions asked in the survey.

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DON'T MISS THE BIG END TIMES MESSENGER CONTEST — Contest starts January 1st. Do your part to put it over the top.

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU at the Dominion Teenerama in Calgary, Dec. 30, 31st and Jan. 1st. Don't have that "missed the boat" feeling come Jan. 2nd. Register now and plan to attend.

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A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS from your AYM executive.

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FLASH!!!! Word has just been received at press time regarding our special speaker for Teenerama. He is the Rev. W. E. Pickthorn, pastor of the Christian Centre in Palo Alto, California. Bro. Pickthorn comes to us highly recommended and we know his anointed ministry will prove to be a great blessing as he comes to us. Please pray much for these great days.

NEW DISTRICT FORMED

A CENTER West and North West district business meeting was held in the Saskatoon Apostolic Church, Friday September 20th. Presbyter F. Assman was in the chair to direct the meeting as plans were laid to operate as an active district in the A.C.O.P. fellowship.

The ladies present at the meeting, assembled in the lower auditorium to meet with Sister Spicer to organize their district A.L.M.F. group.

Bro. Fairhurst, host pastor, was chosen to stand at the next general conference as the district's choice for presbyter. Bro. Pritchard was chosen to be the district secretary.

It was agreed that the first A.Y.M. district Rally would be held in Saskatoon October 14. Bro. R. T. Wilson of Eston, was chosen to act as district A.Y.M. leader until a district leader is elected.

In the evening, delegates to the conference Bro. G. S. McLean and Bro. R. T. Wilson were asked to speak at the Young Peoples service. Earlier, supper was served to the delegates by the ladies of the Saskatoon assembly.

The trouble with letting off steam is that it only gets you into more hot water.

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A man's Sunday self and week-day self are like two halves of a round trip ticket — not good if detached!

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All Hope in Christ

"The natural heart thinks it is doing better if habits that the world calls bad are broken off and what it calls good cultivated. The divine standard casts aside all that is earthly and centers all hope in Jesus Christ, desiring that He alone receive all glory now and forever."

Ought—Must

■ THERE IS no compulsion in the divine order. We *ought* to lay down our lives for the brethren but we *must* not. The "must" comes in a little later—when "we *must* all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that *every one may receive* the things done in his body, *according to what he hath done*, whether it be good or bad."—Sel.

Reading Habits

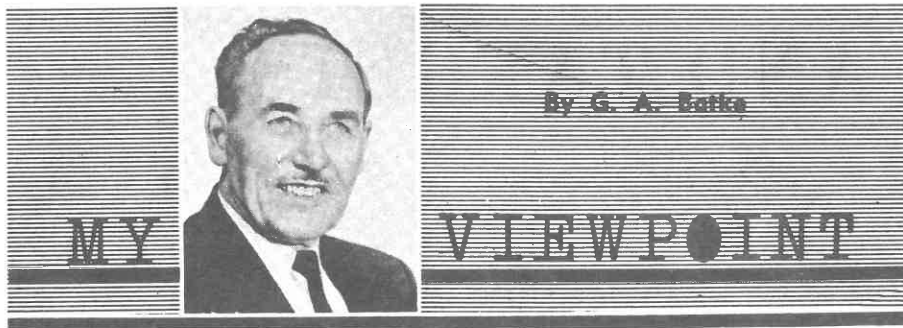
■ PARENTS SHOULD be very choicy with the literature they allow in their homes. Young folks as a rule, are very fond of reading and read anything they get hold of, hence the necessity of the parents' wise and scrupulous choice in the line of literature.—Sel.

Can You Ask Forgiveness?

■ "IT IS much easier to persist in the position that we have taken than to confess that we were wrong or that we said the wrong thing. To ask forgiveness will sometimes take all the manhood or womanhood there is in us. Some people will never do it. They will backslide rather than to do it. But it is better to take the humiliating way if by so doing we are restored to divine favor and to peace."



Delegates to District Conference in Saskatoon



Judgments Are In The Land

"And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: Now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face"

(Hosea 7:3)

THE HUMAN RACE is becoming quite habitualized to visitation—to judgments. Not very often are people called to repentance by either political leaders or by the Voice of the Church of Christ. Old Testament examples show us that the Prophet was raised up to issue a warning of coming disaster. To-day it is a rare thing to bend a sympathetic ear toward the deep rumblings of Divine indignation and the sporadic outbursts of judgment in various parts of the world. Recent earthquakes have taken a great toll in human life and property—hurricanes have lashed our land—a couple of weeks ago in Italy the little village of Longarone was swept from the face of the earth bearing away into eternity two thousand souls. Mine-disasters with their toll of human suffering and loss of life have been all too frequent. The economic international complexities

have fouled up some of the most optimistic developments - e.g., the huge Russian wheat deal.

God is offended by outspoken dramatists—by press utterances,—indeed, by the general attitudes of peoples so eloquently portrayed in their indifference toward the Lord's Day, toward the Bible, toward the Church of Christ—yes, toward all that is called after Christ. God is denied and sinned against by the immoral conditions which are being popularized by sin-mongers. Legalized abortions—widen divorce liberties—let down the bars of marriage faithfulness—yes, go to church, but don't take religion too seriously. In all this, God has been a constant onlooker. He remembers all this wickedness. All this is "BEFORE MY FACE." What is the result? "THEIR OWN DOINGS HAVE BESET THEM ABOUT." Hence, earthquakes—crop failures—hunger—disease—war and disasters. Bible-believing people have a right to protest against all this human abandonment of righteousness, because the right-

eous have to suffer with the unrighteous. Let it be known that sin has a way of coming around the bend and meeting the sinner head-on.

THE CASE OF CAIN

HE SLEW HIS BROTHER IN SECRET—God met him—confronted him with his sin in spite of his lies—placed the mark of condemnation upon him.

THE CASE OF JOSEPH'S BRETHREN

They threw him into the pit in spite of Joseph's pleadings, and in the course of the outworking of their lives they met Joseph face to face. Then it all came back to them—and now they stood convicted before their evil deeds and their judge.

THE CASE OF ACHAN

In secret he stole the forbidden Babylonian garment and monies—but was ferreted out by his own guilt, and his treachery was visited upon him and his innocent family and all that was his.

What shall be said about Samson and his weaknesses which were paid back to him with interest—or Belshazzar, that wicked wine-consuming king—or Judas Iscariot, whose eviscerated body was a silent testimony of his foul deed.

So to-day this generation stands on the smoking volcano of God's wrath, and their vain cry "WHO ME?" will in no way expiate for their indifference, their acquiescence to and their participation of the evil that is filling the earth to-day like the waters which cover the sea.

Thanksgiving Rally

THANKSGIVING Monday October 14th, was Rally day at THE COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHURCH AT GREENLAWN Alberta, a beautiful day of wonderful fellowship enriched by the GLANVILLE-REA Musical Group and Trio from 107th Ave. Apostolic Church in Edmonton and appointed ministry of REV. W. S. SCHINDEL, Pastor of the Bowness Full Gospel Church in Calgary.

Attendance was good and well represented from the surrounding districts. REV. AND MRS. MEL HANSON of Ardmore Full Gospel Church attended the evening service.

The following week proved to be a real blessing, a time of spiritual refreshing and consecration before the Lord as Rev. Schindel ministered the Word of God each night. His ministry was

greatly appreciated, and encouraged the Saints to go on to a deeper, richer, and Spirit-filled life in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: REV. KEN H. HAASE
Heinsburg.

A Report On THE S.W.S.D.F. CONFERENCE

A JOINT MEETING of the S.W.S.D.F. of the ladies groups and the district conference was held Oct. 23rd in the Swift Current Full Gospel Church. R. L. Larden was host pastor. Pastors present were R. L. Larden; D. W. Breen; W. D. Lindberg; A. W. McLean; E. L. Armbruster; and H. A. Hollands. Lay men present were from Swift Current; Morse Hill and Moose Jaw.

The meeting was opened by prayer by Pastor Larden, followed by the reading of God's Word, by Pastor Breen.

A secretary was elected by those pre-

sent to fill the vacancy left by Bro. Shaw leaving the district.

Some reports were given, especially of encouragement was the Killdeer and Wood Mountain district. How God is moving in the area under the capable leadership of Bro. and Sis. Austring.

Everyone present felt the presence of God. We feel that God has given us a greater vision of the need of the S.W. district, which will result of a closer fellowship to see God's work advance in the endeavor of the opening of a new field. Bro. Larden is in charge of this. Bro. Breen in charge of district evangelism.

The conference closed with a season of prayer that God's work will progress.

—Reported by E. L. Armbruster,
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