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Pastors Needed!

Pictured below are a few of many Churches of God without Resident pastors. Many more full-time workers are needed as the Church of God grows and matures.



The Decade of Development of Evangelism and Missions

*"From Where I Sit"*

By the Editor

WORKERS ARE NEEDED

Pictured on the front page are a few of the many Churches of God which do not now have full-time services. In some of these churches, dedicated laymen and pastors from other churches are making sacrifices to serve on a part-time basis, but resident pastors are needed. Many other Churches of God are in this same position. The work is great and the laborers are few.

Oregon Bible College has been doing a wonderful service for the Church of God in preparing many pastors, evangelists, and teachers for the work. More than sixty per cent of the active pastors are products of Oregon Bible College, but more young men are needed!

The call of the ministry is a challenge to *give* and not an opportunity to *get*. The young man whose first thought is, "How much will I get?" had better look for another profession. But those young people who are looking for a way to give of themselves and their talents in the service of the Lord will find gratifying opportunities in the ministry or other full-time Christian service. At the same time, those most willing to give of themselves in service will be those who receive most from it.

There may also be older, married men who have found that secular work is not giving them the satisfaction that could be found in service to mankind in the name of the Lord Jesus. Opportunities in the Lord's work are many for these mature individuals, with many churches hungering for their services.

Many of the churches we have in mind are not in a position to pay a full wage for a pastor. In some cases the state and the General Conference can help with pastoral aid and make it possible for a pastor to give all his time to his ministry. In other cases this is not true, and it is necessary for a pastor to have a circuit of churches or to do some secular work. Regardless of the solution that may be worked out between a church and its pastor, the need is great and the call for young men willing to meet the challenge is urgent.

THE HALF-WAY MARK

At the half-way mark in the Decade of Development program, we can appraise the advances that have been made and the places where little advance has been made.

In the development of Oregon Bible College, many of the goals have been reached and plans are made to reach others. Though more students are always needed, the faculty has been expanded according to plan, and the physical facilities are being expanded as planned. There has been steady progress in scholarship standards and operating efficiency.

In the development of printing and publishing many of the decade goals have been reached. The tract list has been expanded, the *Systematic Theology* is almost completed, a songbook is in distribution, the *Bible Digest* series is well begun with four different booklets, *Herald* subscriptions have increased (1500 more are needed to reach the Decade goal), new quarterlies have been added and others improved, and in many ways the Decade goal has been almost reached at the half-way mark.

The Berean Youth Fellowship has developed a set of publications, a camping program, and other helpful work in accord with the Decade of Development program. A youth director is still needed, however.

In the field of foreign missions, a field has been established and staffed, as the Decade Program called for and we should soon be ready to move into another field. The National Missionary Board has been more than fulfilling its purpose.

In the work of Home Missions, we have not reached the place we should be at the end of five years. Membership has increased by nearly 1,000 members in the past five years. The number of organized, functioning churches has remained about the same, however, and the number of active pastors has not increased at the rate necessary to reach one hundred twenty-five by 1964. Perhaps this is the weak link in the chain, for more pastors are needed to serve the churches now in existence. Only then will we be equipped to reach out into new fields to begin new Sunday schools and branch churches.

To reach the goals established five years ago by the delegates at the General Conference, we must double total membership from 5,000 to 10,000 in the next five years. We must start twenty new churches, and enlist forty new pastors. We must gain 1500 new *Restitution Herald* subscribers, and publish two new books. We must enroll fifteen more students each year in Oregon Bible College. We must reach out into another mission field and begin work there. Full-time evangelists must be secured to start new churches and strengthen existing ones. Great strides have been taken toward some of these goals, and with the help of the Lord and diligent service, we can successfully reach the established aims by 1964.

On Giving Cheerfully

By Pastor Delbert Jones, Hector, Minnesota
President, National Missionary Society

"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:6, 7).

Why does God love a cheerful giver? Because that is the kind of a giver that God is! As you read God's holy Word, notice that you read about the amazing generosity of God from Genesis to Revelation. As you read the Psalms, notice the numerous times that the Psalmist recorded God's goodness. Consider the deep implications of "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

There is no difference between the Old and the New Testaments—the same thing is evident; God gives abundantly. He overlooks our shortcomings and gives lavishly.

God wants us to follow His example. Mark's account of Jesus is illuminating. "Having taken a seat opposite the treasury, he observed how the people were dropping money into the treasury, and that many of the wealthy threw in large sums. But there came one poor widow and dropped in two small coins, together equal in value to a mite. So he called his disciples to him, and said, 'I tell you in truth that this widow, poor as she is, has thrown in more than all the other contributors to the treasury; for they have all contributed what they could well spare, but she out of her need has thrown in all she possessed—all she had to live on'" (Mark 12:41-44, Weymouth Translation).

Giving is the acid test of our consecration. The work of the church is dependent to a large degree on the amount and the spirit of our giving. It is true indeed that no church should be run on a cash and carry basis, but it is also true that without cash, church doors could



not be kept open. Money is not the supreme necessity, but it is absolutely imperative that the church have money. Those members who rebel at "begging appeals" from the pulpit must not be aware of the high use to which money can be placed.

Money means the ability to send additional missionaries into the field. It means the ability to increase the facilities of Oregon Bible College, to increase the salaries of ministers who are living on a sub-standard wage, to increase the number of religious periodicals, to build additional buildings to house married students at Oregon Bible College. How thrilling it would be to be able to build a church and a parsonage for a newly formed group of believers each year! But to accomplish these goals, money must be contributed.

Do we have the vision which one pastor had when he said, "The avenues are open down which our pennies, our dollars, or our millions can walk together in an accumulating multitude to the succor of all mankind. Each of us can take some of his own nerve and sinew reduced in wages to the form of money, and through money, which is a naturalized Citizen of all lands and which speaks all languages, can be at work wherever the sun shines. It is one of the miracles of science that a man busy at his daily tasks at home can yet be preaching the gospel in Alaska, healing the sick in Korea, teaching in the schools of Persia, feeding the hungry in India, and building a new civilization at the headwaters of the Nile."

How much will you contribute to missions?

The National Missionary Society

The Church of God National Missionary Society is a department of the Church of God General Conference. It helps to direct the foreign missionary work of the Church of God, studying and recommending action in this important phase of the work of the Lord. Its members, Bro. Delbert Jones, Bro. C. E. Lapp, and Sr. Ada Simpson, work diligently to assure progress in the carrying of the gospel to every creature in all the world.

General Conference Progress

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Following is a list of the various Boards and Committees of the General Conference. These workers serve throughout the year, sacrificing time, often at personal expense, to assist the work of the General Conference.

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Committee to Administer Ministerial Funds
Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., chairman; William Wachtel, C. E. Lapp, Kenneth Milne, Harold Doan

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Bro. Alva G. Huffer's book, *Systematic Theology*, is in the final stages of printing and should be ready soon for binding. Some details of indexing, preface, introduction, etc., remain to be printed, but the body of the book is complete. Some hastily bound books are already in use in Oregon Bible College classes.

The book will contain more than six hundred pages and will sell for \$5.95. Pre-publication orders which we have had on hand will be filled as soon as the books are bound. We will take orders now at the above price of \$5.95 for delivery as soon as the books are ready for distribution.

CHRISTMAS GREETING LIST

Last year, several members chose to dispense with Christmas cards for fellow members. Instead, they contributed \$5.00 to National Bible Institution and had their names listed under a Christmas greeting in the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. We will place such a greeting in the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* in November and December and invite you to list your name. You will find this a saving in postage and card cost and also will be assured that the money you would otherwise have spent for cards will go into the Lord's work. Send your name as you want it listed and your contribution to Harold Doan, Box 231, Oregon, Ill.

YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTERLY ORDERS

When making changes in standing orders for Sunday school quarterlies, please do so *at least six weeks before* the beginning of the new quarter. Quarterlies are mailed a month prior to the beginning of the quarter to insure early delivery. Labels are made several days before this in the mailing department. Making changes early will insure that you do not receive a wrong order of quarterlies to be returned at expense to you, and with time lost. Every effort is made to guarantee accuracy in filling orders and to get materials to you as early as possible.

USING THE RESTITUTION HERALD RACKS

Some churches have been having difficulties lately with

their *Restitution Herald* racks. Periodically, it is wise to analyze this program and determine whether or not you are using the right location, whether or not you are using the correct number of papers in each rack, and if there are ways that you could improve distribution by changing locations, etc. This is a program that needs regular review and perhaps new ideas to continue to succeed.

Perhaps, as one church has decided, there is a better way for you to distribute the copies of *The Restitution Herald*. We would certainly encourage you to study the problems that you may face in the matter of literature distribution and use those means that are most effective in your community.

We still have racks available and will be happy to help you plan a program for distribution of *The Herald* in your locality. We also continue to encourage churches to subscribe for all members of the church to insure a complete circulation of this important magazine. (See page 10.)

HOW DID WE DO?

As you can see from the figures below, contributions for the fiscal year which closed September 30 were \$3,243.89 less than required by the 1958-59 budget. This deficit will, of course, mean a tightened belt as we start into the new fiscal year, which began October 1.

We are, however, thankful for the generous and regular giving of the Church of God in this year past. The Lord has blessed in this year by allowing us to reduce some expenses and settle all accumulated debts with funds from a generous bequest.

THE NEW BUDGET GOALS

Following is the budget for the current fiscal year, approved by the General Conference delegates in August. To reach the giving goals suggested here, contributions of \$3,559.00 per month will be necessary.

The giving goals are higher than last year because of the addition of \$4,000.00 for reserve for depreciation. This item was recommended by the auditor, the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors, and by the General Conference delegates. This reserve is for replacement of capital assets that wear out through use. We have also added the deficit from last year's receipts to show what must be received to balance the budget for both years.

Each year, more of each dollar you give for the work of the General Conference is used for evangelism, missions, Oregon Bible College, and literature publications; evangelistic services of the General Conference. Each year our contributions reach out farther to win the lost to Christ through the preaching and printing of the gospel.

If each member of the Church of God will tithe to his local church (or when isolated from a local church, directly to the General Conference), and each local church will

tithe through its unified budget to the General Conference and the state conference, each of these organizations will have more than enough for its current needs and plenty of funds for reaching out in the Lord's work.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

ESTIMATED INCOME	
Gross Profit From Sales and Printing	\$19,000.00
Tuition, Room, and Board	12,000.00
Total Estimated Income	\$31,000.00
ESTIMATED EXPENSES	
Salaries	\$39,000.00
Light, Water, Fuel	2,700.00
Telephone and Telegraph	500.00
Insurance	600.00
Postage	1,500.00
Office Supplies and Expense	2,500.00
Advertising	200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,500.00
Travel Expenses	3,000.00
Janitor and Towel Service	800.00
Pictures and Cuts	900.00
Editorial Expense	800.00
Speakers	60.00
Foreign Missions	4,500.00
Pastoral Aid	3,600.00
Food	5,000.00
Rent	1,000.00
Taxes	1,550.00
Reserve for Depreciation	4,000.00
Total Estimated Expenses	\$73,710.00
Deficit for Last Year	3,243.89
Total Contributions Needed	\$42,710.00
TOTAL GIVING GOAL	\$45,953.89

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1958 - 1959

October 1, 1958 - September 30, 1959

\$38,895.00

Received September 30, 1959	- -	\$35,651.11
Deficit for Year	- - -	\$3,243.89

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

\$42,710.00

Goal for October	- -	\$3,559.00
Plus Deficit	- -	3,243.89
		\$6,802.89

Oregon Bible College Progress

ORIENTATION WEEK. The first week of school is spent in ironing out problems and questions that naturally arise at the beginning of our school year. We also endeavor to engrave deeply into the minds of our students the wonderful opportunity which is ours by being in Oregon Bible College. Chapels, song fests, round tables, picnics, prayer meetings, all blend into one complete whole as we start into a year of study and research in the things of God. We humbly pray together that the staff and student body may enjoy God's blessing and guidance this year.

SISTER THAYER'S CLASS. This year we are privileged to add another teacher to our staff in the person of Sr. Verna Thayer. We are so happy she has been given strength to be able to teach Christian teaching in our college. As a testimony to her teaching, the class is the largest that it has ever been and we feel sure the students will receive much valuable instruction, as well as get many enriching experiences.

OFFICE CHANGES. During the past few weeks we have been going through some office changes. Bro. Harold Doan has moved his office downstairs so he will be near the print shop, and so save many steps. Bro. Otto Dick has moved into the front office formerly occupied by Bro. Doan. The reception room which was at the head of the stairs will now serve as a mimeograph and typing room, and Bro. Dick's old office has been converted into

a reading room for special reserve reading. It also may be used for special committee meetings.

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASED. It has been necessary to purchase some new beds for the boy's dormitory. Several new tables also have been added so there will be adequate room for study hours. Other equipment, such as chests of drawers, will be added as soon as it can be purchased.

APPROVED FOR FEDERAL SURPLUS. Our college has been approved for federal surplus if and when it is available, and we plan to go to visit the state warehouse occasionally to see what equipment can be secured. If it is of the right kind, this should be a real boon to our building program for the College. We believe God is opening doors of opportunity as we, by faith, are willing to step into them.

GOSPEL TEAMS. Our first gospel team for the season will be history by the time this is in print but, the Lord willing, we will go to the Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, Ohio. We trust the Lord will give us all a rich blessing for this meeting together with the brethren there.

Our second gospel team is scheduled for Grand Rapids, Mich. Since we have had several students from Grand Rapids churches, it is our thought we will be most welcome. The trip is planned for College Booster Day.

(Please turn to page 9)

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE BOOSTER
1959 - 1960

Name

Address

COLLEGE BOOSTER RECORD 1959-60

Membership Fee: \$1.00

Name

Street or R.F.D.

City Zone State

Treasurer: Otto E. Dick, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois

Silver Anniversary Building Campaign

NEW COLLEGE BUILDING CAMPAIGN

The following motion was passed at the August, 1959, meeting of General Conference delegates. "We recommend that a Building Campaign be begun immediately to raise funds to erect a building on the Golden Rule Dormitory site for a men's dormitory, dining facilities, classrooms, library, and college administrative offices. The approximate cost of such a three-story building would be \$90,000.00. We recommend that pledges be taken from individuals, churches, and other groups to be paid over a period of five or ten years. It is important that this campaign not detract from the need for funds to carry on the present operations of the Church of God, and that it be agreed that this is an extra effort of the Church of God to be accomplished through special offerings, grants, bequests, memorial gifts, and pledges, in addition to the tithes to the local churches, the state conferences, and the General Conference."

After this recommendation was adopted, the following paper was presented, suggesting a means to raise these funds for college building. After considering the paper overnight, the delegates also unanimously adopted this procedure for raising the funds.

Silver Anniversary Building Campaign

At this time we have approximately two acres of ground in Oregon, Ill., paid for and available for buildings of Oregon Bible College. There is on hand in the Oregon Bible College Development Fund, approximately \$1,600.00.

There are five years remaining in the Decade of Development Program which will end in 1964. These five years could well be the time needed to receive funds from commitments of intentions toward this Development Fund. We recommend that the years 1959-1964 be the time used for receiving the funds needed for housing and administration facilities. Commitments taken during this period would be paid in annual installments till 1964. 1964 will be the end of the Decade of Development Program, and also the *Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College*.

We recommend that the following goals be adopted and that members of the Church of God be urged to state their intentions for this Development Fund. It should be stressed throughout this campaign that these gifts have nothing to do with tithes and should in no way detract from the regular program of tithing to the local church and the tithes of the local church to the General Conference. This campaign will be for sacrificial giving *over and above the tithe* and should represent only additional

love offerings of those who see the importance and necessity of this expansion of Oregon Bible College.

ARE THERE—

25 members who will give	\$1,000.00 at	\$200.00 per year?
50 members who will give	500.00 at	100.00 per year?
100 members who will give	250.00 at	50.00 per year?
200 members who will give	150.00 at	30.00 per year?
700 members who will give	100.00 at	20.00 per year?
500 members who will give	75.00 at	15.00 per year?
500 members who will give	50.00 at	10.00 per year?

SOME HAVE SIGNED

Several individuals already have signed statements of their intentions to give toward this *Silver Anniversary Building Campaign*. The coupon on this page is for you to use to state your intentions to give to this important part of the Lord's work.

A definite plan is being worked out by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors to contact each member of the Church of God personally with this program, and to devise an accounting procedure so that you and the General Conference can record your giving.

Your initiative in subscribing to this program early will be an incentive and inspiration to others. There are many who already know the need and feel the responsibility to take part in this work of love, who are wanting to begin their giving now. Returning this coupon now will help us get this Silver Anniversary Building Campaign started toward its goal. Give this matter prayerful, careful consideration.

If you realize the importance of this program now and have a desire to be among the first to have a part in this anniversary program, please sign the coupon and return it to National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Ill.

My intentions are to give \$..... payable at \$..... per year for the expansion of Oregon Bible College, should the Lord tarry and continue to make this sacrificial giving possible for me.

Name

Address

City State

(Mail to: National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.)

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

● C. E. Lapp, Editor



One Dime

ONE DIME is small, but it will buy a cup of coffee, a bottle of coke, make a phone call, buy a bus token, fill a parking meter, provide a small tip, go to Sunday school, and do countless other things.

Woolworth believed in dimes. What woman has not wandered up and down the aisles of the dime store in search of some dazzling bargain? Woolworth's millions did not come to him because of dollars, but because of the enormous number of dimes which have flowed through his cash registers. He was no despiser of little things.

God often used the little things which, in men's minds, were insignificant, but of great importance to Him. He used a rod in the hand of Moses to open and close the Red Sea. A jawbone in the hand of Samson slew a thousand enemies of the Lord and of Israel. One small stone in David's sling brought Goliath to death and the Philistines to defeat. A handful of meal and a little oil were increased by God to feed the widow, her son, and Elijah for many days, and a cloud the size of a man's hand grew to fill the whole sky and drench the land of Israel with rain after a three-year drought.

Jesus used a small mustard seed to teach a lesson in faith which could increase to move mountains. Five barley loaves and two fishes blessed of our Lord were multiplied until five thousand people were fed. Surely, little is much if God is in it.

God has given into our hands a small missionary work at Digby, Nova Scotia. Our faith in God's ability will be tested to see if we really believe in the last great command of Christ. Many will despise a little work, but if God be in it, it can cover the province of Nova Scotia and Canada. God's work is limited only by willingness on our part to show our faith in Him by doing the little which He knows is possible.

The Mission Board has purchased five hundred Dimeter plastic banks which hold five dollars in dimes. Samples have been sent to all missionary groups as well as to the pastors of our churches. We are trusting that every boy and girl, man and woman in the Church of God will take one of these little banks and put all his dimes in it for the Lord's missionary work.

Is a dime too small to give? Then save every dime and make an offering over and above your tithe. Place

the little Dimeter bank in the center of your table and every time you thank the Lord for food, drop in your dimes and praise the Lord you have the privilege of helping to provide spiritual food for those on the mission field.

Every time you buy a coke, put a dime in your bank for the Lord. Every time you take a coffee break, put a dime in your bank to send the water of life to another. Each tip you give to the waiter, give the Lord another for His wonderful blessings to you. Put your Dimeter bank where you can't forget and you will be surprised how quickly, by giving a dime, you will have another \$5.00 to send in to the missions work. With your dime and all the other Church of God dimes, over and above our regular giving to missions, we soon will have enough to take care of our present field, and launch out into new fields for Christ. Never forget our slogan, *"Send the Light!"* Do not despise little things; God did not. Dimes can accomplish great things. Remember Woolworth!

Following are some excerpts from a report by Bro. John Denchfield of the progress of the Lighthouse Mission, Digby, Nova Scotia. Bro. Denchfield attended General Conference, then spent some time in Michigan and Minnesota before returning to Digby.

"Greetings from Lighthouse Mission Church of God in scenic Digby, Nova Scotia, September 14, 1959.

"All is going well here. Our people certainly did a fine job of taking over the services while we were away, and apparently enjoyed it very much. We had asked each of the four departments to accept responsibility for one service as its part of the work. Each tried to do the best, and all went well.

"Temporarily we have the use of a projector loaned to me by my son-in-law, Ken Kruis of Grandville, Mich. We hope that some day we can have one for permanent use of the church here. We do not have a screen, but manage to get by. We will have to look over what slides may be available for presentation of the gospel stories. Visual methods are almost unused here, so they do have considerable appeal—as well as being more effective. We want to make more use of them.

"Plans for building continue fairly well. We made some changes suggested at Conference and will soon have the drawing ready for the Mission Builder's Appeal. (It has

been completed and appears on page 16.) At the last meeting of the Town Council our building permit was granted. We soon will be ready for the ground-breaking ceremonies and then start on construction.

"We plan to have our Rally Day and Promotion Day the first Sunday of October, in accord with the beginning of the new quarterlies. We already have received shipment of the quarterlies. Thanks. (These are supplied by the Missionary Department.—*Editor.*)

"The weather has been a bit cool. In fact, we have had a cool summer. It is a bit on the order of fall now. The leaves are beginning to take on color. The exhibitions (fairs, to us) are in full swing. Digby County Exhibition begins today at Bear River. People are talking about Thanksgiving Day; it comes October 12.

"Attendance has been good so far this month, 72 and 62 at church, and 40 and 39 at Sunday school. Sunday school dropped some last month, so 40 represents a picking up again. School has started, and things are settling down. After the heavy tourist travel, the town seems rather quiet most of the time."

May God bless you all,
John Denchfield.

GIFT FROM MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

The general manager, who has been visiting the Indian Mission work at L'Anse, Mich., at regular intervals, was asked by the Michigan Conference to assist in selling property owned by the conference in Baraga, Mich. Plans were made for the sale and, with Lord's help, a quick sale resulted. The Michigan Conference gave the proceeds of the sale to the General Conference, for use in its missionary and evangelistic work.

The money was divided between the Nova Scotia building fund (adding about \$500.00 to this fund), and the pastoral aid program (supplying about \$500.00 for this purpose.) There is now about \$1300.00 in the Nova Scotia building fund to be used with the proceeds from the Mission Builder's League appeal to construct a basement church at Digby.

PASTORAL AID PROGRAM

The following churches will be receiving assistance from the General Conference pastoral aid program in the new fiscal year: Cool Spring, Va.; Baltimore, Md.; Niles, Mich.; L'Anse, Mich. (travel expenses); Harlingen, Texas; in addition to assistance given at Digby, Nova Scotia. Several other applications for pastoral aid are on hand, indicating a growth among the smaller Churches of God, and their desire to have full-time services.

BIBLE SCHOOL LEADERS

Churches planning vacation Bible schools and in need of assistance should write to Harold Doan, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. Plans are being made to use the services of Sr.

Thayer where possible, and also the services of Oregon Bible College students now being trained by her.

COLLEGE NEWS

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This year, we are planning to send out gospel teams no more than once each month during the school year because of the extra strain it places on the students with their full schedule of study and work. We know you will understand how important this decision is.

NEW STUDENTS. You may think it strange, but already we have the names of ten students who have indicated they plan to attend Oregon Bible College next year. Each year finds more and more young men and women who are finding the College attractive to them. We are happy, for we believe the Lord is calling more and more to the youth of our church to make a real dedication of their lives in Christian service. We believe by the beginning of our next school year we will have double the number who now plan to come. *Keep praying!*

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE OBJECTIVES

In its purpose of preparing students for the high calling of Christian service, especially the preaching and teaching ministry of the Church of God, Oregon Bible College sets forth the following objectives:

Knowledge To lead the student to thorough knowledge of the Bible, the inspired Word of God, and to a correct understanding and acceptance of the doctrines of the Church of God.

Character To assist the student to become a spiritual Personality ally mature Christian in both character and personality.

Skills To develop the skills necessary for successful Christian service with emphasis upon ability to communicate one's thoughts clearly and effectively.

Service To direct knowledge, understanding, and skills by means of practical Christian service opportunities.

Scholarship To cultivate habits of sound scholarship characterized by creative thinking and by a spirit of inquiry and research.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE BOOSTER MONTH

October is Oregon Bible College Booster month. Several churches are planning special Oregon Bible College programs for the month. Booster cards have been distributed to all churches and will be given out to members during the month. Booster funds help College students, provide scholarships, and underwrite promotion of the College. If you do not receive a Booster Membership Card through your church, there is one for your use on page 6.



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- Put it in libraries, offices, waiting rooms

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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 9-11—Minnesota State Conference, Long Lake Camp, V. E. Kirkpatrick guest speaker
- October 11—Iowa Quarterly Conference, Hickory Grove Church
- October 12-18—Evangelistic services at Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, Ohio. Ellsworth Routsen, guest speaker
- October 23-25—Dedication of San Jose Church and Southwest Conference. All welcome.
- October 24, 25—Illinois Fall Conference, Eldorado
- January 26-29—Midwinter Ministers' Conference, Oregon, Ill.

BLOOD RIVER BIBLE SCHOOL

The daily vacation Bible school of the Blood River Church of God, Hammond, La., convened June 15-19, 1959.

Student enrollment was 116, with perfect attendance of 80. Enrollment of teachers and helpers was 22, with perfect attendance of 15. Average attendance, over-all, was 117. Theme of the Bible school was "God's Great Leaders." Theme song of the week was "We'll Roll the Gospel Chariot Along." Daily attendance awards were various colors of paper chariots over sticks of gum which were scotch-taped to walls and bulletin boards.

8:15 until 11:00 each forenoon gave sufficient time for song service and story time, two class periods, study and handwork, and thirty minutes of recess between the classes to enjoy Kool-aid and cookies. Interest and enthusiasm ran high.

Friday night, June 19, a packed house of parents, friends, and relatives enjoyed the student program of songs, pantomimes, hand numbers, and storytelling. The young people gave sermonettes to acquaint the group with their lesson material.

Sr. Emory Macy was superintendent, and Sr. James Mattison, assistant superintendent.

BURR OAK, INDIANA, NEWS

The senior Bereans sponsored a going-away party for Pastor and Mrs. Westlund. There were approximately eighty-five present, including Sr. Westlund's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson from Minneapolis, Minn.

The church presented Bro. and Sr. Westlund with a set of matched luggage, and gave Bro. Westlund a new Bible. Bro. Westlund and family will be missed very much.

Barbara Menis, Reporter.

CHAPLAIN WESTLUND ASSIGNED

Chaplain Orville Westlund has been assigned to the Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He will soon be at his post, serving as Church of God Chaplain.

BAPTISMS AT SOUTHLAWN CHURCH, Grand Rapids, Michigan

The pastor returned from a summer vacation in Minnesota. While away, the pulpit was filled by Jesse Pestle, Alva Huffer, Warren Sorenson, and John Denchfield. We appreciated this leave of absence.

We were all made happy when James and Betty Jannereth requested baptism. Sunday afternoon, September 6, we drove to Gun Lake, and assisted these two in putting on Christ. We welcome Jim and Betty into our fellowship. Their conversion started with a radio program, and their search to find a church which taught the things they have come to believe through Bible study.

We finished our first year with station WOOD the last of September. We have been blessed through this missionary effort. We start our second year in faith, that through this we may reach those who are seeking truth.

Southlawn anniversary day will be October 25. We invite our friends to attend our church services this year. May we awaken to the opportunity about us. Walter Wiggins, Pastor.

BAPTISM AT LOS ANGELES

We are happy to announce the baptism of Paul Goodwin, age 15, of 1743 N. Rose Ave., Compton, Calif., on July 19, 1959. Paul made his decision at the Southwest Berean Camp at Prescott, Ariz., and chose to obey the gospel command in his home church. May God bless Paul, and help us to help him in his Christian life. T. M. Ferrell, Pastor.

BAPTISM AT FONTHILL, ONTARIO

At the call given at the National Berean Youth Conference, August 12, Louise Zwierschke came forward, confessing the name of Jesus and asking for baptism. She was immersed in the baptism of Jesus Christ, September 13, following the morning worship service. E. Milton Hall, Pastor.

BOSWORTH, MISSOURI

Bro. Lyle Rankin held meetings for the brethren at Bosworth, August 31-September 10, 1959. Mrs. Minnie Dean obeyed the call and was immersed the afternoon of the tenth. We pray God's guidance for her in her new life.

The attendance was fair, and the attention given the sermons was good. We had rainy weather, hot weather, and cool weather, which kept the attendance lower than it would likely have been.

We enjoyed the series of meetings. We need to be reminded strongly from time to time that God's plan is being perfected, and that we should be learning more about His plan. Come again, Bro. Rankin.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE AND BAPTISMS

The annual Virginia State Conference was conducted at the Maurertown Church, August 13-23, 1959. It is our pleasure to again report about the interest and success of all the meetings. We were happy to have Bro. Alva Huffer as guest speaker and teacher. It was the first visit that he and his family have made to Virginia since they left the pastorate here five years ago. It was a pleasure for everyone to renew their friendship and fellowship with the Huffers. Bro. Huffer's messages and lessons were in tune with the times in which we are living, and all who heard him found them beneficial.

The register showed that 260 were in attendance sometime during the eleven-day conference. The dormitory facilities were filled to capacity. Each church in the conference was well represented, and there were visitors from Michigan and West Virginia.

We are also happy to welcome Bro. and Sr. Joe Fletcher and family back as workers in the Virginia Conference. They will be serving the Washington, D. C., Church. It was unfortunate that Bro. Fletcher had to be hospitalized during most of the conference, but we are thankful to know that he is recovering.

The Sunday attendance exceeded any previous years. Sr. Marie Ward directed the children's department, with the assistance of several others. During the Children's Hour in the afternoon, even the adults enjoyed the puppet shows which had been prepared by Bro. and Sr. Paul Shaw, and presented by the Wards.

During the conference, four young people made their decision for Christ and were baptized at a special service. They are: Shirley Miller, Norman Henry, and Winston Ritenour of the Maurertown Church, and Jerry Stroensider of Baltimore.

At the business session conducted on the last Friday, the following officers were elected for the coming year: president, S. H. Boyer; vice president, Keith Baird; secretary, Ellen Ramsey; assistant secretary, Cordelia Manuel; treasurer, W. E. Boyer.

Plans are in the making for the 1960 conference. A guest speaker has been contacted. Ellen M. Ramsey, Secretary.

BAPTISMS AT GOLDEN RULE CHURCH

We are pleased to introduce two new members to the Golden Rule Church of God and to the household of faith. They were baptized into Christ on Sunday morning, August 16. They have been faithful members of the Sunday school department and the Berean youth fellowship for some time. The two young ladies are Norene Elshaw and Anita Pryor. We rejoice over their decision to accept and serve Jesus as their Lord, and we pray for God's guidance in their Christian walk.

C. F. Pryor, Pastor.

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EVANGELISTIC TRAVELS OF BROTHER LYLE RANKIN

We left Cashmere, Wash., August 19, and arrived in Missouri the twenty-second. The following day we started meetings near Cedarville, in the various homes there. Meetings continued through the week, with Bro. Daniel Fyfe speaking three times before I went out to Jordan, Mo., August 30, thence to Bosworth, Mo., August 31. At Bosworth, meetings were continued till September 9, and the following day I returned to Jordan, then back to where Ethel was with her folks near Cedarville. After more meetings, we journeyed homeward, stopping to speak in Kansas and at Holbrook, Nebr. In all, I had ten meetings near Cedarville, two at Jordan, twelve at Bosworth, two near Wellington, Kan., and two at Holbrook, Nebr. I also baptized a lady at Bosworth.

We are grateful to our heavenly Father for the safe journey, for the hospitality of brethren and friends, and for the privilege of sowing His Word.

Lyle Rankin, Cashmere, Wash.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

On August 22, Faith Chapel received word from Bro. Louis Kump that he had resigned as pastor of the Morse Mill, Mo., Church and was available for work elsewhere.

Bro. Kump was contacted and he and his family were invited to come to Faith Chapel on September 6, to get acquainted and to have fellowship together, at which time he was engaged as minister of Faith Chapel for the coming year. He began pastorage on September 20.

We thank God for answering our prayers and sending someone to lead us and help us in the Lord's work. Marg Schlupp, Secretary.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Sr. R. D. Stanton reports from Little Rock, Ark., that Bro. R. D. Stanton is preaching regularly at Oak Grove Church of God and that Bro. Roy Humphreys preaches for the Broadmoor Church of God. Both churches are in the Little Rock area.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

To God the Father (1 Cor. 8:6), and the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus (Heb. 3:1), for answering my own and the prayers of all you brethren and friends in giving me complete healing and control in a shorter period of time than was thought possible—six weeks compared to six months to a year. A manifest token of answered prayer.

Our special thanks to Bros. Gerald Cooper and William Dick, who drove sixty miles out of their way to visit me in the hospital and offered their prayers for my recovery, and then took the news to the General Conference, where special prayer was offered on my behalf. A letter came with names of brethren from all the churches where I have served and others from places where I have served in special services, and still others which I do not remember ever meeting. Also, we want to thank others who sent individual cards and letters of encouragement.

Thanks, also, for the generous gift from the Minister's Retirement Fund. For this, words cannot express our appreciation. May God bless you!

I feel like Hezekiah. "I shall go to the gates of the grave [sheol]" (Isa. 38:1-11); also, like David, who was a prophet, and spoke of the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:25-35). David also gave, in Psalm 40, the experience which was later fulfilled of the Messiah (except in my case was in a much less degree). (For comparison, see Psa. 40:6-8, and Heb. 10:5-10, to show that the Psalm was spoken of the Messiah.) Now note Psalm 40:1, 2—"He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings" (v. 2). Now read verses 3-5, which is my prayer also, except that I expect to have only a small portion of that which was granted Him of whom this Psalm was written.

During my illness I had a lot of time to meditate, even in the night watches, on the Word of God, which has become so much a part of my life. I had the opportunity of putting into actual use some of the things that are written therein. One example will suffice now. I learned to pray for the things that I needed; not for things that I wanted (see 1 John 5:13-15), and received almost immediate answer. There are many other texts which were made plainer by making practical application of them. The basic doctrines and prophecies have not changed because they were founded on the original teachings of the prophets, Jesus and the apostles. (2 Pet. 3:2.)

We earnestly hope and pray that this experience will make us better servants of God and better ministers to His people.

Pastor and Mrs. G. J. Gordon.

WAGNER-SHOEMAKER

Saturday evening, August 22, 1959, Miss Sharon Ann Wagner of the Dixon, Ill., Church of God was united in marriage to Mr. Orville Eugene Shoemaker, Jr., in a beautiful candlelight double-ring service. The happy couple are making their home at the present time in Homestead, Fla., where Gene is stationed with the U.S. Air Force. We wish them many years of happiness, and pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon them as they serve Him together. William Wachtel, Pastor.

The Maurertown, Va., Church has been improved with beautiful new carpeting. . . . Virginia churches still sponsor "Voice of Tomorrow," a radio broadcast by Pastor Dale Ward from station WSIG, 9:00 a.m., Sunday. . . . Pastor C. F. Pryor, Cleveland, Ohio, preached for special evangelistic services at Hillisburg, Ind., September 7-13. . . . Pastor and Mrs. Harvey Krogh were honored at an open house, September 6, on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. . . . Sixty young people and adult counselors attended the Illinois State Youth Retreat at Camp Emmaus, Mt. Morris, September 18-20.

At a Sunday school picnic on Labor Day, special pins were presented to several teachers of the Lawrenceville, Ohio, Sunday school. Gladys Pensyl had been teaching Sunday school for sixteen years, Clark Bullentine for twenty-five years, and Fred Pensyl for eighteen years. . . . Plans are under discussion to secure full-time pastors for Midland, Mullin, and Gatesville, Texas, Churches of God. . . . Students and staff members from National Bible Institution are supplying the pulpit each week at Chicago, until a resident pastor can be secured.

A successful Borean Conference was conducted September 11-13 at the Eden Valley Church in Minnesota. . . . Kenneth Nelson Memorial altar and pulpit chairs have been installed in the Omaha Church of God. . . . Pastor William Dick, Pomona, Calif., was guest speaker for a week of evangelistic meetings at the Guthrie Grove Church of God, Pelzer, S. C.

BRUSH CREEK NEWS

Our General Conference, which was well attended, was the largest ever this year. Thirty-three members from Brush Creek were there.

The twentieth annual Ohio Conference was held at Brush Creek Church from August 26-30, 1959. Guest speaker was Bro. Warren Sorenson. His messages were well liked and appreciated. The main topic for discussion was for the new work at Troy, Ohio. They plan to have Sunday school there on October 4.

Baptism

David Brewer, son of Byron and Clara, was baptized Sunday, August 30, 1959, on the Elsie Doll farm. David was one who attended Youth Conference. The Youth Conference was attended by ten of our young people. They report having a good conference, and it appears that it did them a lot of good.

Wedding Bells

On Saturday, July 25, 1959, Mary Louise Lambert, daughter of James and Mildred Lambert, was married to Larry Fetter. The wedding took place in the Lambert home. Larry and Mary are residing in West Milton, Ohio.

On Saturday, August 1, 1959, Joyce Yahle was married to Eddie Moore, son of Floyd and Hazel Moore. The marriage took place at the parsonage. Eddie and Joyce are living on the farm.

On September 12, 1959, Sharon Kreiger was married to Robert Pearson, son of Harold and Mary Pearson. The wedding took place in the Brush Creek Church. Sharon and Robert are living on a farm.

Lu Stine, Reporter.

Three current projects of the Michigan Conference are pastoral aid for Hillside Chapel Church of God near Niles; support of the radio program at Mt. Pleasant; and the state youth work.

The Conference seeks to give \$100 per month to help the new church at Niles as pastoral aid.

For several years, the conference has sponsored a radio program, "Words of Life," on WCEN, Mt. Pleasant, paying \$9.00 per week, plus travel expense. Bro. Dean Moore, radio speaker, reports excellent response to the program in the area. The balance of the \$21.00 weekly cost is paid by the Blanchard Church.

One tenth of money received in the general fund is placed in the conference youth fund (up to \$150) to further the youth work of the state. Another tenth of the receipts is contributed to the General Conference by the state.

Church Survey Committee

A major project of the conference in recent years has been the purchasing of lots on 44th Street, in Grand Rapids, which cost about \$4,000. These lots, which now have been paid for, were purchased with the idea of starting a third Church of God in the Grand Rapids area.

The conference board, September 18, appointed the pastors of the Southlawn and Pennellwood Churches as members to serve on a Planning Committee for selecting an area or areas where additional works can be started. The hope is to start a new Sunday school or Bible class which would develop into a new church. Pray that God will guide the Conference in this missionary outreach.

—Michigan Conference Bulletin.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TROY, OHIO

October 4 a new Sunday school started at Troy, Ohio. The Brush Creek Church of God and the Ohio State Conference are underwriting this branch work. A pastor is being sought to serve in this field. In the meantime, Ohio pastors will conduct services for the people who meet here.

SAN JOSE CHURCH DEDICATION

An invitation is extended to all to attend the Southwest Conference, October 23-25, 1959, and dedication of the new church building at San Jose, Calif., October 25. If you plan to attend, please notify Mrs. L. E. Strickland, 1506 Foxworthy Ave., San Jose, Calif.

Junior Daily Bible Readings

This is a new booklet published by the Gospel Publicity League, Box 14, P.O., Epping, N.S.W. It contains daily Bible readings for children for the whole year. Attractive and helpful. Order directly from Gospel Publicity League, at 4 cents each.

PASTOR LOUIS KUMP TO PEORIA

Pastor Louis Kump has resigned his pastorate at Morse Mill, Mo., and accepted the pastorate at Peoria, Ill. He has moved to Peoria, and has begun his service there.

Edith A. Mills, daughter of Jesse and Sabrey Lovett, was born July 3, 1893, at Blythedale, Mo. When a young girl, she moved with her parents to Louisiana. The family then returned to Blythedale, where she grew to womanhood. On June 2, 1923, she was married to Fred H. Mills. She was baptized in 1923, and became a member of the Church of God, to which she remained a member until the time of her death, July 28, 1959. For some time she resided in Savannah, Ga.

She is survived by her husband, one brother, and a number of nephews and nieces. Memorial services were conducted at a mortuary in Topeka, Kan., after which she was laid to rest in Memorial Park Cemetery to await the resurrection. Her church membership was held with the Omaha Church and services were conducted by the writer.

C. E. Randall, Pastor.

JUNIOR BIBLE READING BOOKLETS

The Gospel Publicity League, Box 14, P.O., Epping, N.S.W., has published a new booklet of daily Bible readings for the entire year for children. The booklet is nicely done and should be interesting and helpful for children's Bible reading. They may be ordered directly from the League at four cents each.

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The Companion Bible, by Bullinger, always popular with Church of God students is available in the single-volume, hard cover edition for \$12.00. Limited numbers are on hand of this hard-to-get book.

JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS

Joseph H. Williams, son of Charles B. and Susan Moats Williams, was born on December 5, 1862. In 1885 he was united in marriage to H. Alice Booth and they lived on a farm in Pine Rock Township, Ogle County, Ill., until 1920, when they moved into their home in Rochelle.

His survivors are one daughter, Grace M. Marsh, one grandson, J. Arlen Marsh, and five great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Church of God, Oregon, Ill., and served his church on the local, state, and national levels. Through his efforts, the Antioch Church continued for many years.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer on September 8, and he was laid to rest in Washington Grove Cemetery to await the call of the Christ at His return.

Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Pastor.

TANDY JAMES STINETTE

Tandy James Stinnette, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Stinnette, was born at Lowrey City, Mo., on February 27, 1875.

In early age he, with his parents, came to Frontier County, Nebr., where he made his home until his death on August 21, 1959, at Gothenburg, Nebr.

He was married to Clara Morgan on May 23, 1897. A few years after his marriage, he was baptized into Christ and placed his membership in the Moorefield Church of God. He has been in the faith for over fifty years. During the last years of his life, he was an elder of the Moorefield Church.

Surviving are his widow, Clara; two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Preston, and Mrs. Ethel Hudson; two sons, Clinton, and Otto; three sisters; thirteen grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren, besides a host of friends.

After services conducted by the writer from the Union Church in Moorefield, he was laid to rest in Moorefield Cemetery, where he awaits the call of his Saviour.

V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

JESSIE L. FORD

Sr. Jessie L. Ford, long an active member and diligent worker in the Dixon Church of God, fell asleep in Jesus on September 23, 1959, after an illness of several months. She was born June 16, 1884, in Onio Station, Ill. She was married to William G. Ford in 1910, and she and her husband were baptized into Christ together by Elder S. J. Lindsay, in 1913. To this union were born three daughters—Elizabeth, Jean, and Jane (who died in 1940). Bro. Ford preceded her in death, in April, 1959.

Sr. Ford was truly an inspiration to all who knew her. In face of great affliction and sorrow, she did not complain or lose faith, but rather strengthened the faith of all around her. She was greatly loved, and will be sadly missed by all.

The writer spoke words regarding the comforting hope of the first resurrection, of which Sr. Ford often spoke with joy and anticipation. She has been laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery beside Bro. Ford, looking forward to the day when Christ shall come and call forth His own. William Wachtel, Pastor.

WARREN EDGAR STORY

Warren Edgar Story, son of R. P. and Eleanor Scott Story, was born January 18, 1879, in Hardin County, Iowa, and fell asleep on August 22, 1959, at Pendleton, Ore.

He came to Furnas County, Nebr., with his parents in the spring of 1884. He resided two years near Savonburg, Kan.

He was united in marriage to Mabel C. Crocker at Beaver City, Nebr., on April 26, 1911. To this union were born two sons and one daughter, all of whom survive.

Bro. Story accepted Christ as his Saviour by confession of faith and baptism in August, 1929, becoming a member of the Church of God at Holbrook, in which church he retained his membership until death.

Warren, as he was best known, was a faithful husband, kind father, and an ever helpful neighbor. He was a lover of children and especially enjoyed the care and company of them.

He leaves to mourn his death: his widow, Mabel C. Story of Hastings, Nebr.; his three children: sons, Welles, Erton, and Rosece E.; a daughter, Ruth Story; one brother; one sister; three grandchildren; a number of nephews, nieces, cousins, and a wide acquaintance of friends.

Services were held in Pendleton, Ore., on Tuesday, August 25, 1959, with final services being held from the Holbrook Church of God by the pastor on Friday, August 28, 1959.

He was laid to rest in the Plainview Cemetery to await the awakening call of his Master.

V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

VERNA MAY FARLEY

Verna May Farley, daughter of Uriah and Rose Springer of Noble County, Ohio, was born May 28, 1879, and died September 5, 1959, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Thibault, of Harlingen, Texas.

She was married to William M. Farley in 1898, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons: Roy, of Belmar, N. J., and Ensley, of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. Glenn Hayes of Sistersville, W. Va., and Mrs. George Thibault of Harlingen, Texas. She leaves sixteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was a good Christian woman who kept her own household well, and ministered to the poor and needy at every opportunity, as long as her health permitted.

She was a member of the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham, having been baptized by Bro. D. C. Robison. Burial was at Sistersville, W. Va., which was her home, awaiting the resurrection.

Mrs. Betty Thibault.

JOHN SUMNER HURD

Funeral services were held at the Eden Valley Church of God on August 5, 1959, for John Sumner Hurd, who died August 2. Mr. Hurd was eighty-three years of age—almost a lifelong resident of Eden Valley area. He is survived by one daughter; a foster daughter; several grandchildren; two brothers, and one sister. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor E. E. Graham of Stillwater, with burial in the Eden Lake Cemetery.

ETHEL BARNETT

Ethel Elsie McClintick, daughter of John and Sophia McClintick, was born September 29, 1882, at Coburg, Iowa, and fell asleep in death at Cambridge, Nebr., July 13, 1959.

She came to Cambridge in 1884 with her parents and lived in this vicinity the remainder of her life, except for two years in Tennessee.

She was married to Arthur Barnett, March 3, 1904. To this union four children were born: Charlotte Tomlin, Lloyd, and Paul, all of Cambridge, Nebr., and Maxine, who preceded her in death in 1926.

She was baptized into Christ in 1915, and placed her membership in the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith at Holbrook, Nebr. She was secretary and treasurer of the Holbrook Ladies Aid, an office she had held since its organization.

She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, Arthur; three children, named above; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers; as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

After services conducted by the writer from the Church of God in Holbrook on July 16, she was laid to rest in Miller Cemetery to await the awakening call of her Saviour.

V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

JAMES OSCAR BURNETT

James Oscar Burnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Burnett, was born near Ripley, Ill., on March 30, 1873, and lived his entire life in the vicinity of Ripley.

On February 8, 1895, he married Ella May Burton. Four children, two sons and two daughters, came to bless this union. After the death of his first wife in 1931, he married Mary Elizabeth Tolle on April 6, 1943.

When over seventy years of age Mr. Burnett confessed faith in the gospel and was baptized for the remission of his sins on November 1, 1943, by Bro. J. Richard LeCrone. Bro. Burnett remained a member of the Ripley Church of God until his death.

Bro. Burnett seemed in reasonably good health until about four days before his death in the Rushville Hospital on September 23, 1959.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many friends.

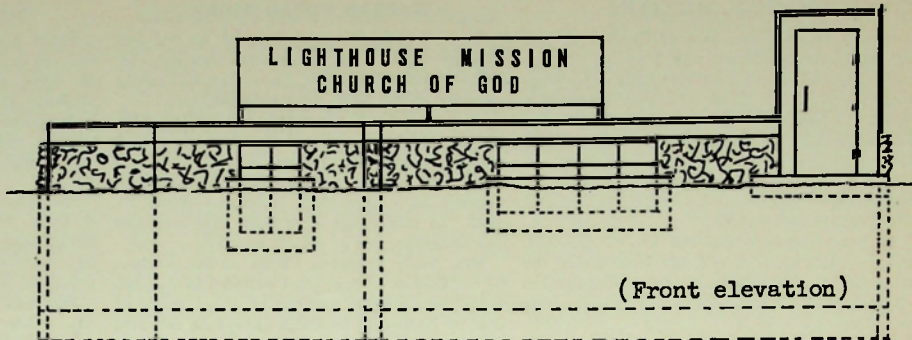
Bro. Burnett was laid to rest in the Ripley Cemetery, where he will sleep until called forth by Him who is "the resurrection and the life."

Harry Sheets, Pastor.

FLORA DRIVER MILLS

Our local pastor, E. O. Routson, officiated at funeral services on August 14, 1959, for Mrs. Flora Driver Mills, who died August 10, at the Litchfield Hospital after a fall in which she suffered a broken hip. Mrs. Mills was born October 25, 1866, in Eden Valley. She is survived by two sons, Philip and Page, of Eden Valley; two daughters, Mrs. Walter Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Beatrice Magadan; fifteen grandchildren; thirty-nine great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Burial was in the family plot in Old Eden Lake Cemetery.

Third Appeal to Mission Builders



Lighthouse Mission Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia

Two Churches of God already have been constructed with the assistance of Mission Builder's League. The Churches of God at Dayton, Ohio, and at San Jose, California, are now using buildings made possible through the contributions of Mission Builders.

Now a third Church of God building is in the process of construction at Digby, Nova Scotia. This is a mission station of the Church of God underwritten by the Church of God General Conference through its Foreign Mission Board. The appeal that will soon be in the mail to all Mission Builders is for contributions to assist in the construction of a basement church building to meet the immediate needs of the congregation at Digby. Later, as authorized by the General Conference delegates, a second appeal will be made to Mission Builders to assist in completing the building.

The Mission Builder's League has been widely acclaimed throughout the Church of God as a most practical and beneficial work of the General Conference, in that direct aid is given for the important work of erecting Church of God buildings. Mission Builders agree with their application for membership to contribute at least \$5.00 to each church building for which an appeal is made through the Mission Builder's League. Not more than three appeals are made in any one year. Thus far, there has been only one each year.

Many Church of God members and Church of God organizations still have not enrolled in the Mission Builder's League. The goal is for 1,000 members. If you have not joined, why not do so now? Use the coupon on this page to enroll for yourself, your family, or a church group.

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Class at Washington Camp

Pastor Lyle Rankin, Cashmere, Washington, teaching at the Washington State Bible Camp. This is one of several summer Church of God camps for young people. (Photo by C. E. Lapp)

The Decade of Development of Evangelism and Missions



Harold Doan
Editor

THOUGHTS IN PASSING

"From Where I Sit"

Distinctive Doctrine

The Church of God holds certain distinctive doctrines of the Bible which have been neglected, ignored, or perverted by most other religious groups. It is these distinctive doctrines which are the reason for the separate existence of the Church of God. These truths of God's Word, which are believed and taught by the Church of God, set the Church apart from the world and from others who do not hold to these truths.

Such distinctive truths as the literal second coming of Jesus Christ, the bodily resurrection of the dead, the unity of God, the natural immortality of man and hope of immortality only in Christ, the Kingdom of God on the earth, the necessity of adult immersion for the remission of sins; make the Church of God a peculiar people, separated unto God. These distinctive doctrines make necessary the separate local Churches of God and their growth and maintenance. These distinctive doctrines are the reason for banding together into state and district conferences to conserve the church and evangelize with the message of truth. These distinctive doctrines are the reason for the formation of the General Conference to print these truths; train ministers and teachers to evangelize with these truths; and to help organize new churches and district conferences where these truths will be upheld.

If these doctrines *are not important* then there is no reason for separate existence. It would be easier and much more efficient to merge with a larger group and eliminate the struggle for growth and recognition. If these distinctive doctrines are important then they demand the uttermost from us in service, sacrifice, and faithfulness. If these distinctive doctrines *are essential*, then it is important that we preserve them and make them known through literature of truth, through songs of truth,

through training of workers in the truth, through youth activities which emphasize the truth, through Sunday school and vacation Bible school lessons of truth, and through evangelism and missions based on these truths.

In each succeeding generation there is the need to re-emphasize the distinctive doctrines. Each succeeding generation must catch the vision of the importance of these Bible truths and become rekindled with the fires of enthusiasm to make them known throughout the world. Paul wrote, "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in thee" (2 Tim. 1:13, 14). We have the promise that the power of God will help us to hold fast to the truth, but hold fast we must. We cannot let slip the sound doctrine traditionally held by the Church of God simply because they are minority opinions, or because it is easier to fellowship with the world if we do not hold fast to Bible doctrine.

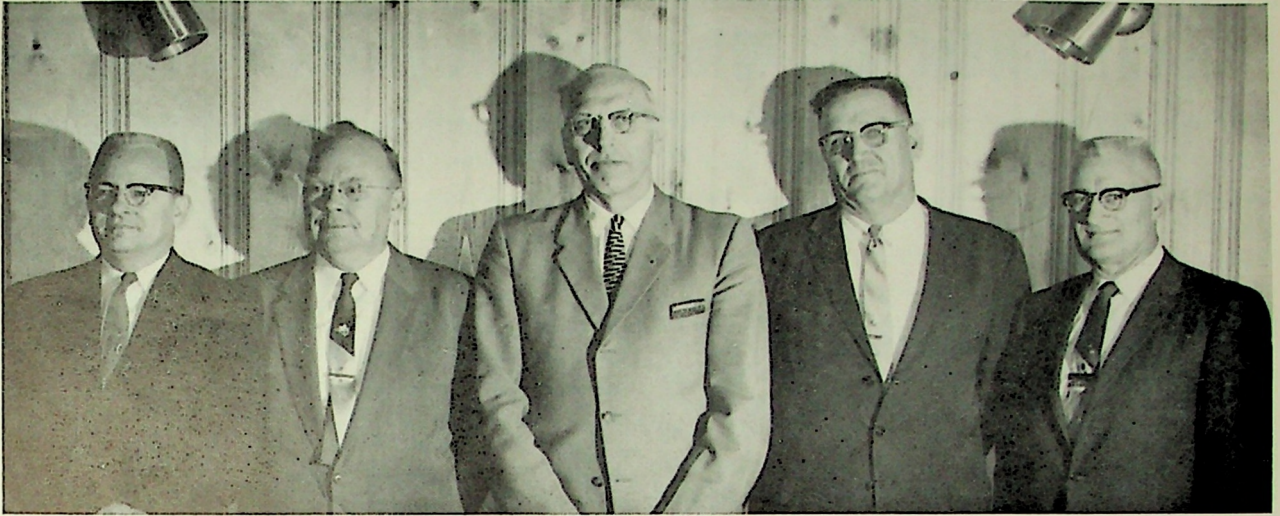
With its constitutional purpose being to uphold and spread abroad the truths of God's Word held by the Church of God, the General Conference is seeking every means to fulfill this function. It was formed to enable us to do together what we cannot do alone. Each department of the General Conference work is established and maintained for the specific purpose of promoting Bible truth which includes the distinctive doctrines of the Word of God held almost alone by the Church of God. Literature is printed to teach these truths and make them known through classes, tracts, evangelistic magazines, songs of truth, and youth publications. Oregon Bible College trains leaders to teach and preach these truths through established churches and to evangelize in undeveloped fields. Evangelism and missions programs seek to take these truths into new or growing fields where others may be reached with the saving knowledge of Christ through the Word of God.

The needs of the local church, the state conference, and the General Conference hence become spiritual needs. The question becomes, Do we love the truth enough to work for it? to sacrifice for it? and to even die for it? to serve for it? to give for it? to use time and energy in its teaching and preaching?

ANNUAL AUDIT AND REPORT

On page 9 you will see the summary of the year-end audit report of the firm of Longfellow and Ramsey. Brother Allan Ramsey made the audit and gave a detailed report to the Board of Directors and Finance Committee.

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A Look at Ourselves

By S. O. Ross, Litchfield, Minnesota
 President Church of God General Conference

At the 1959 General Conference which was held at Camp Mack in Indiana, the delegates assembled from the various churches throughout the United States and Canada voted to carry on certain projects and to do certain things, even as they do at each annual Conference.

It then is the duty of the Board of Directors, whom you elect, and the General Manager and his staff to carry out these projects as best they can. At the same time, a budget is voted which is to finance the work of the General Conference. The workers are hired and projects begun on the strength of this budget. Approximately one twelfth of that budget is needed each month to smoothly operate the Institution. When that one twelfth of the budget does not come in, someone will not be paid or an interest-bearing loan must be made. In the month of October, the first month of the new fiscal year, only \$1,911.41 of the necessary \$3,559.00 was received. Therefore, immediately, the cash balance is gone and the General Manager and his staff are harassed in trying to keep the work going smoothly. I believe each member of the Church of God should make this financial stress a matter of prayer and action in the coming months.

How do you and I, as members of the Church of God, benefit by the work of the General Conference? Where else can we acquire Sunday school materials that are teaching the true doctrines that we hold so dear? Where else can we obtain good reading and Christian education materials to compare with our *Restitution Herald*, the *Berean Handbook*, and the wide selection of tracts? Where else can we buy a songbook such as *Songs of Truth* (published by our General Conference) in which is contained songs with words of truth set to music?

Church of God General Conference Board of Directors: Willard Naylor, Treasurer; J. Richard LeCrone, Secretary; S. O. Ross, President; John G. Hayse, Second Vice President; Cecil Patrick, First Vice President. (Photo by H. U. Krogh, Jr.)

The foregoing are very important things to remember, but even more important is the training of our ministers, teachers, and Christian workers at Oregon Bible College. Sending workers into the fields of evangelism and mission work is something that an individual person, a single church, or even a state or district conference would find very difficult to do. In a united General Conference effort these things can and are being done. The reports of Brother John Denchfield in the Nova Scotia field are most encouraging, but that work also takes regular payments from the General Conference to continue.

These are only a few of the services that the General Conference can carry out, but they can only be carried out as the support of the members of the Church of God comes into the General Conference treasury.

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Prov. 3:9).

The words of Malachi are even a greater challenge to us all: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10).

Let us all do our part in bringing a portion of our substance into the storehouse and the Lord will truly bless both the gift and the giver. Let us sing together that oft-sung song, "Yes, the Lord Can Depend on Me." Then and only then can the many phases of the General Conference work go forward.

See page 10 for a message by Bro. John Hayse, Second Vice President of the General Conference.

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

● C. E. Lapp, Editor



Thought for Today. "The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served."

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? Many individuals as well as missionary groups would become real powers for good in the hands of the Lord if they only had ideas. Ideas that have brought you a blessing may also be used by others if you will share them. Have you found inspiration in your mission program? Does your special study of missions motivate you to enlarge your service? Is the project your church is sponsoring a real, living challenge of the best that is in you? If so, please send us a report of what you are doing so we may publish it and let others enjoy a similar blessing.

It may be that your mission group or your young people have performed some practical missionary service. If so, it will be of interest to let others know what you are doing. They may also get ideas and so the mission interest will grow, and grow, and grow! We'll be watching the mail, so send your item of interest. Address: Mission Board, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.

THIS IS WHAT WE MEAN. The following was taken from this month's bulletin of the Brush Creek Church of God, Ohio. "Sunday morning, October 25, following the worship service, there was a congregational meeting. It was for the purpose of considering recommendations of the Church Board to help our brethren in Dayton, Ohio. The recommendations were accepted unanimously. They were: 1) To give \$1,000.00 as a gift from the Garrard Fund; 2) to borrow \$3,000.00 from the West Milton Citizens Bank for a period of five years, repayments to be made by both Glad Tidings and us. This total of \$4,000.00 will finish their building, and includes the purchase of new furniture for the front of the church. We also are helping with our hands."

DOES THIS INSPIRE YOU? When you realize that a finished church building with pews and regular church furniture is almost a necessity to do good work, then you will probably say "Amen!" This good deed of brotherly help is the very heart and soul of *missionary work*. The Scriptures are full of the teaching that the strong should help the weak, and when a strong church is willing to flex its financial muscles and give a helping hand to a weaker sister church, both are bound to be blessed. We

doubt if the Brush Creek Church will feel the extra burden, while, on the other hand, we feel quite confident that Glad Tidings Chapel will feel greatly uplifted. Instead of having to struggle along with half a building until it can finally stand on its own feet, Glad Tidings can now get down to the business of winning the lost to Christ while there is yet time.

THIS IS A CHALLENGE. How many more churches do we have in our brotherhood which could, if all potential resources were used, help some weaker church to rise to its feet, and so become strong because of a little help? It is not necessary to go across the briny deep to be missionary-minded, but those who first help at home will be among the first who will want to go to distant lands.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE MISSION CLUB. (By Ruby Peterson.) Recorded in Mark 16:15, 16 is Jesus' command to go and tell others of the "good news." We know that the apostles followed this commandment, and it is to be followed today by His disciples.

Our officers for this year are: Ted Armes, president; Terry Dwyer, vice president; Ruby Peterson, secretary-treasurer; Glenda Wolfe, program chairman; and Brother C. E. Lapp, staff adviser.

We are encouraged to write to one foreign missionary. In this letter we seek information about such things as the type of mission work he does; what his personal life involves; and any other helpful information.

On the evening of October 9, David and Joyce Falco-men from the Belgian Congo showed slides of their work.

In November, the film "A Cry in the Night" was shown. It gave a picture of the missionary work in Asia and the great need of workers to go into these foreign fields.

One of the several things planned for this year is the making of a notebook. It is to contain information on selected mission fields. This will be placed in the College library for future missionary study.

No missionary work has ever been successful without the fervent prayers of God's people. They, without doubt, are the deciding factors for God's blessing in any work. Please pray with us for missions, and that many young men and women may study in Oregon Bible College and become missionary workers for our Lord.

Oregon Bible College Progress

TIME MOVES SWIFTLY

One third of the college year is past. Time moves so rapidly we can only with difficulty realize we have covered twelve weeks of the school year. But of this we are sure, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

BROTHER DICK ILL

For the past three weeks, Brother Otto Dick, Superintendent of Oregon Bible College, has been ill, but we are thankful that at this writing he is beginning to improve. We have been praying for him, and sincerely trust he will be with us in the school in the very near future.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

During Brother Dick's illness, his wife, Sister Blanche Dick, has been teaching the classes in World Religions and English. Brother Harvey Krogh, pastor of the Oregon Church of God, has been teaching the classes in New Testament Interpretation; and Brother C. E. Lapp took the class in Pastoral Ethics. We are thankful Brother Dick is improving, and also appreciate those who helped in his absence.

GOSPEL TEAMS TO GRAND RAPIDS

The College appreciated the privilege of sending gospel teams to the Pennellwood Church of God where Brother Alva Huffer is pastor, and also to the Southlawn Church of God where Brother Walter Wiggins is pastor.

Brother Edward Houser gave the morning message at Pennellwood and Brother Paul Shaw at Southlawn. Special solos and musical numbers were given by other members of the teams. Those who went beside the speakers were: Mrs. Paul Shaw, James Fyfe, Rex Cain, Grace Ratering, Rebecca Barnhill, Janet Turner, David Louzecky, and C. E. Lapp.

At noon the churches came together in the basement of the Pennellwood Church for a potluck dinner. At two o'clock there was a union service in which the afternoon was given over to singing, solos, testimonies, trios, and a sermonette.

We are thankful to these churches for this opportunity to have this Christian fellowship with them.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AT MACOMB

A carload of young people drove to Macomb, Illinois, November 15, with Brother C. E. Lapp to help the members of the Macomb Church of God celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of the building of their basement, and

the tenth anniversary of the completion of their building. Brother Hollis Partlow is present pastor of this church.

At the morning worship service, Janet Turner brought a message in song, followed by a missionary sermon by C. E. Lapp. After a wonderful dinner together in the basement, the afternoon service was given to special music, testimonies, and a sermonette by James Rencontre. Those students who went to Macomb were: Russell Dickerson, James Rencontre, Janet Turner, Rebecca Barnhill, and Ruby Peterson. It was a pleasure and a privilege for us to be with the brethren in Macomb. May the Lord bless this church and its pastor.

ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

On the evening of November 20 the entire student body and staff of Oregon Bible College, with the exception of Brother and Sister Dick, gathered in the south wing of the dining rooms of Maxson Manor for its annual fall banquet. (Maxson Manor is the old College building north of Oregon.)

The tables were decorated with white tablecloths with a narrow green streamer running the length of each table. Beautiful colored strawflowers and tall candles were further decorations. After the banquet, several clever skits and musical numbers were given by students. Brother William Wachtel, pastor of the Church of God at Dixon, Illinois, gave a timely message on the "Value of Laughter to a Child of God." This was good, after twelve weeks of hard study.

BELATED THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to the Schildberg Studio for the fine photographic work done for the College number of *Progress Journal* last month.

CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

Our young people especially gifted with an evangelistic blessing held their first meeting of the fall on November 21, in the College chapel. A film was shown for the purpose of interesting young people of the region of Oregon to become more devoted to tell others of Christ and His redeeming love while there is yet time.

MISSION CLUB ACTIVE

The Mission Club held its first public meeting the evening of November 23, and showed the film "A Cry in the Night." This was especially good to show us the great need of missionary workers in the Orient.

"The Place Is Too Strait"

Second Kings 6:1-7

By Pastor James Mattison
Hammond, Louisiana

THE sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "The place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us." The place was too small.

The "sons of the prophets" were devout men who gathered together into certain communities where they lived and worshipped together. Such "schools" were located at Bethel, Jericho, and Gilgal. These men looked up to the great Prophet Elijah, then to Elisha, and lived with them. These sons of the prophets wanted to be lifted up by association with the great prophet, worship God in ideal surroundings, prepare themselves for God's use as preachers, then go out and reform the people.

We also have a "school of the prophets" today. It is Oregon Bible College, where young men and young women of the Church of God go to associate with good Christian teachers like Brothers Dick, Lapp, Doan, Krogh, Milne, Wachtel, and others. These young people are studying to be "prophets." They want to teach God's Word.

But "the place . . . is too strait." The quarters are too small. There is not enough room. The school's facilities are hardly adequate for the present students, let alone adequate for all our children who are growing up.

Our school's leaders have done very well with what they have had. Many an earnest "prophet" has come forth from our school of the prophets to preach God's Word to the people. Yet the fact remains, there is not enough room.

"Let Us Make Us a Place"

Elisha's students asked him for permission to go to the



This is the Magaw Dormitory for men. It is rented by Oregon Bible College for single men's housing. A modern men's dormitory on the College site, a new kitchen and dining room, and a larger library, are now needed. See opposite page for ways in which you can help.

River Jordan so that each one could cut a beam for a larger building. "Let us make us a place there, where we may dwell."

It is a wonderful thing to see our own students doing all they can to help out. They not only work to put themselves through school, but give their time and tithes and offerings constantly to the Lord's work. They go out and preach and teach and do good wherever they can while going to school.

Speaking as a former student of our school, certainly they are doing all they can. But still the place is too small. We must help them.

"Go With Thy Servants"

Elisha's students requested him to go with them. "Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants." And Elisha answered, "I will go."

The need of our young people for adequate higher religious education is crying out to us. They do need help. When my children and all the other preachers' children, besides the children of the faithful laymen are ready to go to Oregon Bible College in a few short years, there will not be enough room unless something is done about it. "Where there is no vision the people perish."

So someone has worked out a plan of voluntary contributions to build a larger building. It is a good plan. Can we not give \$100 or \$500 over a period of five years for a larger school?

The Miracle Took Place

One of Elisha's students had borrowed an axe. As he was chopping, the head flew off into the river. He was distressed. He told Elisha what had happened. Then a miracle took place. Elisha, through the power of God, caused the axe head to float to the top of the water where his young friend could pick it up.

So it is with us. When the Spirit of God is present, great and wonderful things do take place. Jesus was full of God's influence. All the holy people have been. We must be, too, if we are to have any part with Christ.

The more we love God and His work, the more He blesses us with spiritual blessings. Paul's reward for enduring all his trials was the satisfaction of seeing many loved ones turn to Christ. The more work we do for God, the more spiritual satisfaction we will receive. We will see God working among us if we support His work.

Surely our school of prophets has a need today. If we would do the right and needful thing, we would lift up the hands of our own young people and provide for their spiritual needs. Many times, providing for their spiritual needs means providing for their physical needs, too. I say, let us give all we can for a better school.



Silver Anniversary Building Campaign

● FOR OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

● NEEDED NOW!

- 1) Men's Dormitory
- 2) Modern Kitchen and Cafeteria
- 3) New Library Facilities

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150.00 payable at	30.00 per year, or	2.50 per month
100.00 payable at	20.00 per year, or	1.75 per month
75.00 payable at	15.00 per year, or	1.50 per month
50.00 payable at	10.00 per year, or	1.00 per month

At this time we have approximately two acres of ground in Oregon, Ill., paid for and available for buildings of Oregon Bible College. There is on hand in the Oregon Bible College Development Fund, approximately \$2,600.00.

There are five years remaining in the Decade of Development Program which will end in 1964. These five years could well be the time needed to receive funds from commitments of intentions toward this Development Fund. We recommend that the years 1959-1964 be the time used for receiving the funds needed for housing and administration facilities. Commitments taken during this period would be paid in annual installments till 1964. 1964 will be the end of the Decade of Development Program, and also the *Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College*.

SOME HAVE SIGNED

Several individuals already have signed statements of their intentions to give toward this *Silver Anniversary Building Campaign*. The coupon on this page is for you to use to state your intentions to give to this important part of the Lord's work.

Your initiative in subscribing to this program early will be an incentive and inspiration to others. There are many who already know the need and feel the responsibility to take part in this work of love, who are wanting to begin their giving now. Returning this coupon now will help us get this Silver Anniversary Building Campaign started toward its goal. Give this matter prayerful, careful consideration.

If you realize the importance of this program now and have a desire to be among the first to have a part in this anniversary program, please sign the coupon and return it to National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Ill.

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General Conference Progress

YOUTH CONFERENCE DATES SET

The National Berean Youth conference will be conducted, Lord willing, August 21-27, 1960, at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Illinois. A contract has been signed guaranteeing at least one hundred campers and counselors. We trust that there will be that many. We cannot cancel this contract without paying fifty per cent of the contract (about \$1,000.00), so every effort must be made to encourage the young people.

We realize that this date is late in the summer, and regret that we were not able to secure an earlier date. This is one disadvantage of renting camps—we must always take dates that are left after the camp owners have selected the times they desire. This is, of course, natural and fair, but it does sometimes hinder.

It has been our desire to keep the Youth Conference close to Oregon for the benefits to be gained from visiting Oregon Bible College and the General Conference offices. We believe that much good is accomplished in this way.

RESTITUTION HERALD CAMPAIGN

There are 1928 member families of the Church of God who do not receive *The Restitution Herald*. All of these families do receive this *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. In November, letters and sample copies of *The Restitution Herald* were sent to all of these 1928 families to acquaint them with *The Herald*.

We hope that as a result of this many new subscribers will be added to *The Herald* family. This magazine of truth can be a blessing in Bible study and personal Christian living, and a good witness to family and friends.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COLOR SLIDES

We have a set of forty color slides of the General Conference offices, employees, and activities, available for loan to churches. There is a script describing the slides for use in explaining the pictures. The slides can help acquaint members with their General Conference, though they may never have opportunity to attend Conference or visit in Oregon, Illinois. Write Harold Doan, National Bible Institution, when you want to use the pictures. (We have only one set, so please give alternate dates when you can use them.)

EXPLANATION OF DEFICIT

You will quickly notice that the schedule of income and expenses, the actual operating income and costs of the General Conference work in the past year, shows a

deficit of \$7,612.43. This deficit is the result of two factors. Contributions were \$3,243.89 less than required by the budget for the year. There is also a depreciation figure of \$4,210.69 included in expenses which was not included in last year's budget. This means simply that had contributions been equal to our accepted goal, and had capital for depreciation been available, the deficit for the year would have been only \$159.85.

How can the Conference continue to operate with a yearly deficit? Each year, assets have been sold to meet these deficits. In the fiscal year just past, inventories of merchandise were sold and not replaced. In previous years, real estate was sold, and bequest funds were used to meet these deficits. With the selling of assets and the depreciation of assets, the net worth of National Bible Institution (your General Conference) is slowly diminishing, as is shown by the statement of assets and liabilities.

This trend can be stopped and reversed only through liberal giving to meet adopted giving goals; through use of General Conference materials to increase sales income; through larger enrollment at Oregon Bible College and the Berean Youth conferences; and through wills, bequests, insurance benefits, and trust funds.

As a matter of the Church of God General Conference will you make this a matter of personal prayer and concern? You will see from the figures below that we are operating at a large deficit in the first two months of this year. We must act now to continue the services of your General Conference.

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

\$42,710.00

Given Through November 30	5,265.78
Balance to Be Given By September 30	37,444.22
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Goal for Giving for November	3,709.00
Received in November	3,354.37
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Giving Goal for December
\$3,744.42

National Bible Institution Financial Report

October 1, 1958 - September 30, 1959

BALANCE SHEET

FUND BALANCES

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Petty Cash	\$ 17.23	
Cash in Bank—Checking	2,038.12	
Cash in Bank—Checking (Eserow)	2,841.32	
Cash in Bank—Savings	6,920.89	\$11,817.56
Stocks & Bonds	5,458.65	
Loans Receivable—Trust Funds	125.00	
Accounts Receivable	2,781.12	
Hospitalization, Premium Receivable	44.50	
Inventories	8,176.21	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 28,403.04

Fixed Assets		
Land—Old Print Shop	\$ 1,000.00	
Land—Administration Building	4,173.38	
Land—Golden Rule Home	5,000.00	
Land—Vacant Lots—Oregon	5,000.00	
Land—Vacant Lots—Nova Scotia	736.25	\$15,909.63
Buildings—Administration	54,020.04	
Reserve for Depreciation	2,212.84	51,808.10
Buildings—Golden Rule Home	11,000.00	
Reserve for Depreciation	880.00	10,120.00
Furniture & Fixtures—Office	3,960.79	
Reserve for Depreciation	440.13	3,520.66
Furniture & Fixtures—Print Shop	14,425.38	
Reserve for Depreciation	2,454.77	11,970.61
Furniture & Fixtures—Y. Dept.	375.00	
Reserve for Depreciation	75.00	300.00
Furniture & Fixtures—College	15,667.09	
Reserve for Depreciation	2,236.96	13,430.13
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		\$107,059.13
TOTAL ASSETS		\$135,462.17

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,091.04	
Loan Payable	500.00	
Accrued Social Security Tax	56.58	
Accrued Withholding Tax	264.60	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 1,912.22
Other Liabilities		
Contract Reserves	\$11,832.00	
Unearned Income	1,851.75	
Trust Funds	5,071.68	
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES		\$ 18,755.43
Net Worth		
Surplus (from Exhibit IV)	\$114,794.52	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH		\$135,462.17

Unrestricted Funds:		
General Fund		\$ 2,038.12
Restricted Funds:		
Oregon Bible College Development Fund	\$2,644.39	
Ministerial Fund	3,583.97	
Alva Huffer Book	1,988.42	
Nova Scotia Building Fund	1,406.55	
Oregon Bible College Booster Fund	717.90	10,341.23
Trust Funds:		
G. E. Marsh Loan Fund	\$ 285.98	
Mission Builder's League	135.00	420.98
TOTAL		\$12,800.33

INCOME & EXPENSE SCHEDULE

Income:		
Contributions—General	\$ 35,651.11	
Contributions—Others	9,028.79	
Tuition, Board & Room	15,225.51	
Interest & Dividends	515.56	
Miscellaneous	6.75	
Camps	4,358.00	
TOTALS		\$64,785.72
SALES		31,370.53
Less: Cost of Sales		(12,647.80)
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES		18,722.73
TOTAL GROSS INCOME		\$83,508.45
Expenses:		
Payroll	\$44,303.33	
Light & Fuel	3,069.07	
Telephone & Telegraph	455.20	
Insurance	1,095.35	
Postage	1,562.32	
Office Supplies & Expense	2,915.69	
Depreciation	4,210.69	
Advertising	220.86	
Repair & Maintenance	1,479.39	
Travel Expense	2,973.86	
Towel Service & Janitor	634.94	
Camp	4,493.66	
Pictures & Cuts	1,005.28	
Editorials	800.00	
Speakers	40.00	
Assistance to Mission Points	4,500.71	
Assistance to Churches	6,860.00	
Literature & Visual Education	512.73	
Food	5,692.15	
Supplies	699.03	
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	720.83	
Social Security Tax	1,139.39	
Illinois Sales Tax	225.29	
Rent	1,100.00	
Interest	411.11	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$91,120.88
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		\$ (7,612.43)

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Thank You for Your Interest and Support

To All Church of God General Conference Members

By John G. Hayse, Harlingen Texas
Second Vice President, Church of God General
Conference

As one of your General Conference Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how I feel. I have just arrived home from my first Board meeting. Since I was elected to the Board at the last General Conference meeting and was not at the Conference, of course I had not met all the Board members. To be a Board member is a great honor as well as a tremendous responsibility, and it is a pleasure to be able to serve the Lord and you in this capacity.

In order for the Board of Directors to be better able to serve the Conference, let me solicit your continued cooperation and call to mind these facts:

1) We, the Board, are elected by you, the General Conference.

2) Our duties are to transact and administer the business of the Conference.

3) A budget was presented and accepted by the General Conference in the annual business session last August.

4) Finances to meet this budget must come in by contributions from Conference members in order for the Board of Directors and the Conference staff to plan and carry out the wishes of the Conference.

5) It is the duty of each and every member of the General Conference to assume a personal responsibility and see that the budget *is met*.

6) A big job, with great responsibility, has been placed on the shoulders of your Board of Directors and General Manager. They are unable to move without the concerted backing of the entire membership.

It appears to me that if this program that is planned is to be a success we will all have to do our little bit. So, let us stop and take inventory and see what the Lord has done for us. Let's see if we do not owe Him a great deal more than we might have thought. It sometimes does a man good to count his blessings and just see what the Lord has done for him. I am sure that we all have received more blessings than we believe unless we take the time to count them. It is so easy to put off the sending of our contributions to a later time and finally forget them entirely. Let each and every one of us make a special effort to give to the Conference soon.

As we all know, the year is passing on, and if all the things that were planned at the last Conference are to be

accomplished a lot of them should be started soon. It will take time and money to carry out all these things that were requested at the August meeting. We are sure that you wanted these things accomplished, since you acted upon them at that Conference session. We would like to have your support both in prayers and finances that the Lord's work may be done according to His will. Payrolls and printing expenses must be met regularly. Other financial commitments are pressing. Please act! Act now!

Those men with whom I just met, the other Board members and Brother Harold Doan, are fine, God-fearing men and zealous in their work. They are doing their best to carry out the work that you, the Conference members, gave them at the last Conference. I am sure that the Board and Conference staff will do their job if they are not limited too much in some way or other. Let me again ask that you be sure to support the work of your General Conference.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



To all our brethren in the Church of God. May you in this happy season have all the joy of hope in the Christ of the Bethlehem manger, who died for our sins, who was raised to immortality, and who is coming again to reign.

Mrs. F. L. Austin, and Dr. Leila E. Whitehead
Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Ross and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Doan and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Don Swartz and Boys
Larry and Betty (Finney) Townsend
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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 16, 17—Winter Youth Rally, Gladbrook, Iowa
January 25-29—Midwinter Ministers' Meeting, Oregon, Ill.
March 26, 27—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Ripley
May 21, 22—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Macomb
July 18-23—Ohio State Youth Camp
July 24-31—Illinois State Conference at Oregon
August 7-12—General Conference at Camp Mack, Ind.
August 21-27—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Ill.

IOWA FALL CONFERENCE

A fall conference was held at Hickory Grove Schoolhouse on Sunday, October 11, 1959, with a registration of sixty-one—about ten per cent more than attended a year ago.

Bro. J. Arthur Johnson taught the Sunday school lesson and very ably kept the young people, as well as the adults, interested. Bro. Linford Moore gave the morning sermon on the topic, "God's Down Payment." He stressed that the resurrection of Christ is assurance of the future resurrection of all.

The afternoon sermon, given by Bro. Louis Cronbaugh, dealt with the judgment of the church (both present and future). He reminded us that "every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Albert City, Gladbrook, Stanhope, Koszta, and Waterloo congregations were represented. The Waterloo Church had Sunday school, but cancelled the preaching service so members could attend. Bereans were present from Koszta, Stanhope, and Waterloo.

—The Searchlight.

BRENT ALAN FEECE

Funeral services were conducted for the infant son of Burton and Margaret Feece on September 20, 1959. Both parents are faithful members of the Burr Oak, Ind., Church of God. Brent Alan Feece was born September 16, and died the next day. Death brings many sorrows, and especially so when life is lost in infancy.

R. Warren Sorenson, Pastor.

PROGRESS AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

The Kansas City Church might now more fittingly be called the Raymore Church. The congregation has rented a house in Raymore, Mo., for Sunday school and church services. The group formerly met in homes and at the Kansas City Y.M.C.A. The new location is more centrally located for the membership and should provide greater potential for future growth.

FROM HERE AND THERE . . .

Annual fall meetings were conducted at the Brush Creek (Ohio) Church of God the week of November 12. Bro. Alva Huffer was guest speaker. The Brush Creek Church also has undertaken two worth-while missionary projects. They have voted to assist the new work at Troy, Ohio, with pastoral aid, and to make gifts and loans to the Dayton Church to complete its new building. The Sunday school at Troy reported an attendance of twenty-nine on October 25. The Brush Creek Church recently sent five barrels of clothing to Nova Scotia. This active, growing church disproves the theory that a conservative, rural church cannot grow. . . . Young people from northern Indiana Churches of God had a skating party at Plymouth, December 10. . . . Eden Valley, Minn., Church members are hard at work on a new building fund. . . . The Southlawn Church at Grand Rapids is bulging its seams. Pastor Wiggins reports great interest and growth potential. . . . New pulpit chairs and Communion chair have been added to the Eldorado, Ill., Church by the Dorcas society. . . . A Northeast Berean Youth Fellowship has been formed, to include Bereans in Ohio, and eastern Canada. One hundred seventy-seven young people met in Cleveland, Ohio, in October to take this action. . . . Pastor Richard Smith underwent knee surgery at Meroy Hospital, Springfield, Ohio, in November. . . . November was Missionary Month at the Church of God in Waterloo, Iowa. Special emphasis was given to mission work at all services. . . . There was a Texas Family Retreat at Buchanan Dam, November 27-29. . . . Bro. and Sr. H. S. Bell of 13805 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, Calif., members of the San Jose Church of God, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary December 25. Congratulations!

EXTRA BIBLE CLASSES AND CHURCH SERVICES

Several pastors have been conducting Bible classes and church services outside their own pastorates in the interest of spreading the gospel. Bro. V. E. Kirkpatrick has been working with a new church at McCook, Nebr., in addition to his work at Holbrook. Bro. T. M. Ferrell has a weekly Bible class in Glendale, Calif., and possibly other weekly Bible classes to extend the work of the Los Angeles Church. Bro. William Dick conducts classes in San Bernardino as an extension of the work in Pomona. Bro. Warren Sorenson has been preaching for the brethren at North Salem in Indiana, in addition to his labors at Burr Oak. Bro. M. Hall conducts a weekly Bible class in Welland, Ont., and Bro. E. Goit conducts classes in Niagara Falls, N. Y., as extensions of the work at Fonthill, Ont. No doubt there are also many other places where missionary-minded pastors are going beyond their own communities with the gospel.

BURR OAK, INDIANA, NEWS

We always are interested in the activities of other church groups, so will bring you a review of the past few months at Burr Oak, Ind. Bro. Warren Sorenson assumed the pastorate September 1. The official reception and welcoming, in the form of a "pound" party, was not held until October, after Sr. Sorenson arrived with Ronnie and their new baby girl, Leanne, born on September 1.

Indiana youth had a one-day retreat at Burr Oak in September, and the quarterly conference was held here in October. In November, church members combined forces with the Culver Lions Club in preparing a large public Thanksgiving dinner, with proceeds being divided between both organizations. There will be a Thanksgiving eve community service in Culver, at which the pastor will be the speaker. Youth groups from Burr Oak and South Bend are sponsoring a roller skating party for December 10.

Election of church officers has been held, and the annual business meeting is scheduled for December 7, at which time the yearly reports are presented and a budget is set up for the forthcoming year.

Attendance at all services has been good. At the present time Sunday evening services are being alternated between Bible classes for all ages one week, and a sermon the next. The choir, under the direction of Larry Norman and organist Evelyn Overmyer, has been quite active. It has been reported that there will be a special service before Christmas, but this will have to be reviewed in another issue of Progress Journal.

Marjorie Overmyer, Reporter.

ARTHUR HENRY RANDALL

Arthur Henry Randall was born April 9, 1886, at Eden Valley, Minn., and died November 8, 1959, at his home in St. Cloud. On December 17, 1908, he was married to Lottie Hoskins of Eden Valley, and to this union were born four children. He and his family moved to St. Cloud about thirty-eight years ago. He was preceded in death by his wife and one son.

On April 30, 1955, he married Hilda Klassy of St. Cloud.

He is survived by his widow; three children of his former marriage, Mrs. John Denehfield, Digby, Nova Scotia; Gordon W. Randall, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Victor Reeves, Dayton, Ohio; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Grace Ruha of Fargo, N. D.; four brothers, Walter and Lyndon of Mora, Minn.; Ernest of Stanfield, Minn.; and Clyde of Omaha, Nebr.

Services were held at the Church of God in St. Cloud, conducted by the writer, on November 10. Burial was in Old Eden Lake Cemetery, where he awaits the call of the Master.

A. T. Johns, Pastor.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Southwest Conference of the Church of God held its meeting at San Jose, Calif., October 23-25, 1959. This Conference marked the dedication of the San Jose Church building. We of the Southwest were gratified to see what has been accomplished by the hard-working group at San Jose. The establishing of the work there has been a Conference project. The General Conference also has been of assistance in this effort, especially with the funds from the Mission Builder's League. Now, the San Jose brethren feel they are ready to venture forth without further assistance.

Preaching services were held Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening. The special dedicatory service was Sunday afternoon. Spiritual food was furnished by our ministers: William Dick, Pomona; Vernis Wolfe, Tempe, Ariz.; Terry Ferrell, Los Angeles; and Jerry Cooper, San Jose.

Of equally excellent quality was the temporal food furnished by the ladies of the San Jose Church. These meals were enjoyed, along with conversation with those of like precious faith, beneath the almond trees in the church yard.

There were visitors from as far away as Oregon and Whitehall, Ill., and Caledonia, Mich. Also present were members from Oregon and Washington states. Approximately one hundred twenty-five were present for the dedicatory service.

Conference officers elected for the year are: Gerald Cooper, president; Dr. William Lawrence, vice president; Malcolm McLeod, secretary; and Orville Kinsey, treasurer.

The spring meeting will be held in Pomona about the first of April. Plans also are being made for the youth camp next summer.

Malcolm McLeod, Secretary.

FAITH CHAPEL, PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Faith Chapel of Peoria, Ill., agreed at the October business meeting to submit, regularly, a report to the Progress Journal. We feel that so much help has come to us, and those "helpers" would enjoy hearing of our progress.

The October meeting resulted in making a pledge to the State Conference. A pledge box is being made to place in the church for all pledges to be put before the end of the month. The Church secretary will then collect the pledge from the box and send it to the State treasurer.

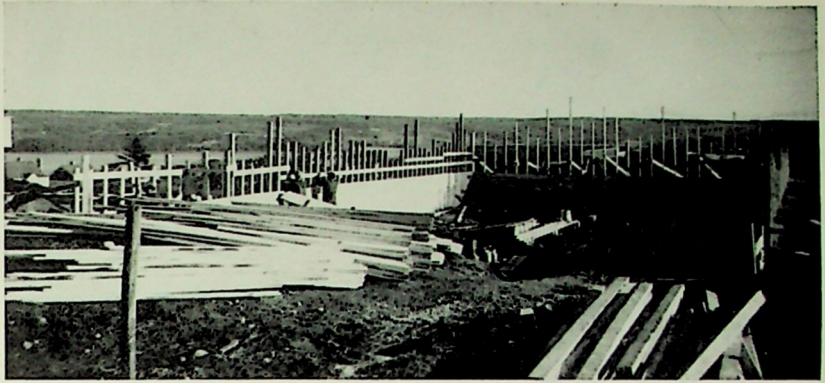
A news bulletin is planned. This will be attempted twice a month.

Repairs to the kitchen are underway. Wood has been secured to build a counter and cabinets. It is planned to do this before the zone Sunday school rally to be at Peoria in February.

Louis Kump, Pastor.

W. J. HALLS

We were sorry to learn of the death of Bro. William Halls, faithful member of the Golden Rule Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Bro. Halls was also a member of the Board of Education of Oregon Bible College, and an interested worker for and in the General Conference. An obituary will appear later.



LIGHTHOUSE MISSION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The above picture is of the Lighthouse Mission Church of God building under construction in Digby, Nova Scotia. Since this picture was taken, the basement walls have been poured and the roof is being completed. To date, \$3,865.53 has been received for this building from the Mission Builder's League. 507 of the 856 Mission Builders have responded

to this appeal thus far. We trust that the other members will respond soon.

The Mission Builder's League and administration of this program, as well as support of the ministry at Digby, is one of the services of the General Conference made possible by the support of the membership of the Church of God.

MEVIS - LETT

Barbara Mevis and Ronald Lett were united in marriage in the presence of their families and a few friends by the pastor of the Burr Oak Church of God, October 23, 1959. Barbara is a member of the Burr Oak Church of God. The couple left for a few days' trip to Ohio. They will reside in Culver, Ind. May God's blessing rest upon this couple in their united lives. R. Warren Sorenson, Pastor.

BAPTISMS AT HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Praise the Lord! On Sunday evening November 1, 1959, Thomas Ray Gordon and Beryl Layne Williams came to the parsonage and requested baptism. The following Sunday afternoon they were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ. We pray that they may continue to set their affection on things above that they might be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

Larry Townsend, Pastor.

FUNERALS AT ELDORADO, ILLINOIS

Vera Edmister, wife of Bro. Herbert Edmister, was laid to rest in Arcola, Ill., following a funeral service in Eldorado, and one also in Arcola, where she formerly resided.

Sr. Mina Martin, who had been sick with cancer, as well as blind for a number of years, was buried August 7, 1959. Bro. James Watkins, a former Eldorado pastor, had charge of her funeral. Sr. Martin remembered the Lord she loved, and deeded her home to the church. It will be used as a parsonage in the future. She died with the "blessed hope" in her heart, and awaits the call of her Master. John Lewis, Pastor.

SISTER THAYER IN HOSPITAL

Soon after arriving at her home in Greenbrier, Ark., Sr. Verna Thayer was hospitalized at the Conway Memorial Hospital, Conway, Ark. She has been in the hospital there for some time, but appears to be improving in strength.

BAPTISMS AT OAK GROVE CHURCH, Little Rock, Arkansas

We are happy to announce the baptism into Christ of Steve Mathews, Tena Mathews, and Larry Daniels, August 23, 1959. May the Lord bless their new life in Him.

R. D. Stanton, Pastor.

BIBLE STUDY CHART AVAILABLE

In a visit to Missouri and Kansas, Bro. Lyle Rankin, 102 Paton St., Cashmere, Wash., discovered an old Bible study chart prepared by John Wince, one of the old-time ministers of the Church of God. This is a large, detailed chart, which Bro. Rankin has had photographed. The chart is available in black on white for \$11.00 or in a blue-line drawing for \$4.00. These may be ordered directly from him.

REJOICING AT FREMONT, NEBRASKA

Rally Day, October 18, 1959, will long be remembered at the Fremont, Nebr., Church. On that day, it was our privilege to baptize the following eleven persons into Christ: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fraser and daughter Diana; Mrs. Ernest Lingle and daughter Nancy; Mrs. Don Polloch, Anna Polloch, Sue Wimmer, Gene, Jerry and Robert LeCrone.

We pray that they will all remain faithful to our Lord until He returns to give them a crown of life. Lucille Appleby.

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NEW ADDITION DEDICATED OCTOBER 25, MORSE MILL, MISSOURI

The regular quarterly Conference of the Missouri Churches of God was held at the Morse Mill Church, Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25, 1959. The theme of the Conference was "Dedication." Pastor Kirby Davis spoke on Saturday evening; Pastor Don Ward spoke on Sunday morning; and Pastor J. R. LeCrone spoke Sunday afternoon after a basket dinner at the church.

One feature of the week-end conference was

the dedication of the new basement addition to the Morse Mill Church building, pictured above. Plans are to eventually complete the new building and demolish the old structure. This new addition gives much-needed Sunday school classroom space and a place for church fellowship meetings.

We are grateful to see this, another sign of progress in one of the member churches of the General Conference.

MRS. EMMA CLAYPOOL

Mrs. Emma Claypool, a member of the Chicago Church of God, died November 13, 1959, after a ten-month illness. She remained faithful to the teachings of Christ till her death.

PASTOR GORDON STILL HOSPITALIZED

A letter to Sr. F. L. Austin informs that on November 16, Bro. Grover Gordon was hospitalized at Scottsbluff, Nebr. Released from there, he was again hospitalized on November 28 at Chappell. We pray that his long illness will soon be cured and that he will again be able to resume his valuable service to the Lord at the Chappell, Nebr., Church of God.

"BIBLE BREAK"

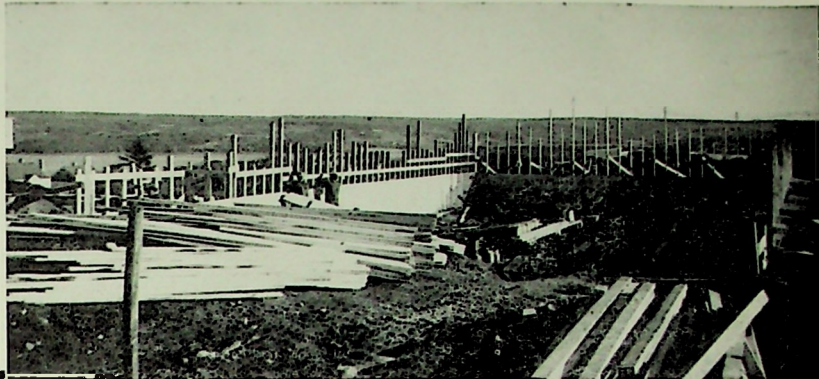
Ladies of the Fonthill, Ont., Church of God enjoy a weekly "Bible Break" at the homes of various church friends. This is a morning meeting held with or instead of the traditional coffee break.

Fonthill also had a "Favorite Dish" fellowship dinner following the Sunday morning worship service, November 29. The Fonthill Church under the able pastoral leadership of Bro. and Sr. Milton Hall is to be commended for originality and progressive thinking in its program.

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THOUGHTS IN PASSING

"From Where I Sit"

Evidence of Spiritual Progress

In past editorials we have often spoken of the material evidences of progress in the Churches of God. Larger attendance, new church buildings, more state and district conference missionary activity, more full-time pastors in the field, are some of the tangible reminders of church growth and the blessing of the Lord.

There are also more subtle signs of spiritual progress in the Church of God for optimistic viewers like the editor. We have traveled quite extensively among Churches of God and have attended many types of meetings. We have been in ministerial meetings, church and state conference business meetings, prayer meetings, Sunday school services, regular worship services, and evangelistic services. We have been impressed with the number of laymen in the Church of God who use outstanding leadership abilities. There are many who will lead in prayer; who will teach classes; who will take charge of a devotional service and give a devotional message (even for a ministers' meeting); who will lead a song service; who will be chairmen of important committees and conduct business; and even many who will preach in the absence of a regular pastor.

There are several congregations we have visited who have had to go without regular pastoral services because of the shortage of pastors or the smallness of the group. Under lay leadership they meet each week and there is growth in numbers and in knowledge of the Lord.

These evidences of the growth of spiritual talents, and the use of leadership abilities latent in the Church of God, are even more encouraging to the writer than the signs of physical growth in new buildings and expansion of facilities. We praise the Lord for this response by His people to His leading in service and labor of love.

Error Last Month

It was kindly called to our attention that there was a typographical error in our last month's editorial "Distinctive Doctrine." The editorial read "the natural immortality of man and hope of immortality only in Christ." It should have read, "natural *mortality*." One of the cardinal teachings of the Word of God as believed and taught by the Church of God is that man is a mortal being and has hope of immortal life only through Christ.

Prayer Requests

The National Missionary Society officers and members of the Blanchard (Michigan) Church of God have suggested that we carry a Prayer Request section in *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. The Missionary Society requests prayers for the mission work of the Church of God, and for its mission workers. We would also have you add to your prayer list the following: the General Conference work, staff, and officers; Oregon Bible College; Church of God pastors; Sr. Verna Thayer; Bro. Grover Gordon; and the work of the local churches and state conferences.

In a special column in the February *PROGRESS JOURNAL* we will be glad to include your prayer request.

Have You Considered?

There is always some resistance to the thought of pledging to support the Lord's work. This is a matter of individual conscience.

But have you ever considered how the church pledges itself? When a pastor is secured the church pledges itself, sometimes in a written contract, to pay a specified amount each week or month for his service. When a building is constructed a contract or pledge is often given an individual or bank that a certain amount of money will be paid monthly for many years.

When the General Conference offers support to a church through its pastoral aid program it pledges that for a year or more it will send X number of dollars each month. The church then plans its program and hires a pastor on the strength of this pledge. Have you ever thought how much of the Lord's work is undertaken in faith based on such mutual pledges of assistance?

When we contract with the Lord on this basis: "Lord, as long as I have health and am able to earn I will undertake to go beyond my tithe, which is Yours, and will give X number of dollars for Your cause," is it not a partnership with the Lord which would be pleasing to Him?

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The Faith of Abraham

By Pastor Arnold Johns
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JUST to say that "Abraham believed God" does not tell us enough about his faith. There are incidents in the life of Abraham that required extreme fortitude and perseverance. He first received God's call for separation in an environment of pagan idolatry. This call involved preparation for the trip; separation from his family, relatives, friends, possessions, and ties. He then had, under God's care and protection, the prospect of a new life, new environment, new sights, new faces, a new language, and new customs. It also involved the promise of being made a great nation, being given a great name, and being made a blessing to all families of the earth.

Abraham obeyed God because he believed God's promise without seeing any of it. According to Genesis 11:31 it might seem that Abram was being led by Terah instead of obeying the command of God. At any rate, Terah and Lot went along. Josephus, the Jewish historian, tells that Abraham adopted Lot. He also tells that Abram was the "first that ventured to publish this notion, that there was but one God, the Creator of the universe . . . For which doctrines when the Chaldeans, and other people of Mesopotamia, raised a tumult against him, he thought it fit to leave that country." This implies that he was forced to leave.

After they had traveled as far as Haran, Terah died. When they left Haran, Abram was seventy-five years old. He journeyed to the central part of Canaan, where he built an altar to the Lord. At that time God promised, "Unto thy seed will I give this land." Then Abram pitched his tent at Bethel and built another altar to the Lord. By his tent Abram testified that he was a stranger and pilgrim in the land. He lived in a temporary dwelling because he looked for something permanent. He was patiently waiting to receive the fulfillment of God's promises.

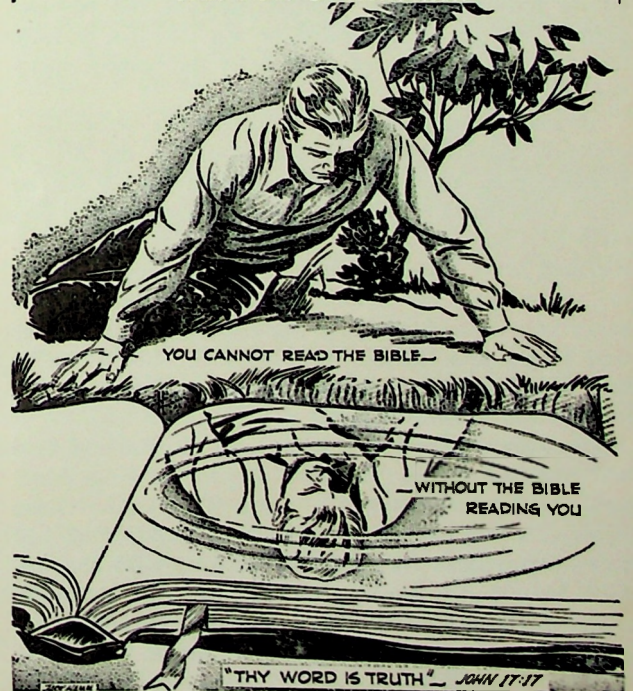
God had not yet made him a blessing, nor a great nation, nor given him a great name, nor had he yet received the land. Added to all this, he arrived at a time when there was a severe drought in the land God had promised him. The crops were dried up and people everywhere were hungry. By this time the color, the thrill, and the excitement of travel were gone, which would ordinarily have dampened any willing pioneer spirit. Food and water for his household and the animals were becoming an increasingly grave and serious problem. Things did not look so "rosy." It would have discouraged any average person to have packed all his possessions and move "lock, stock, and barrel" some twelve hundred miles by camel caravan or wagon train, only to find an intense famine in the promised land. Was the land worthless?

The fact that he built an altar to God in Bethel testified to his belief in God's promises. It also speaks of Abram's submission, sacrifice, prayer, and devotion to his heavenly Father. Yet, because of the famine, Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn.

Even at sixty-six years of age, Sarai was very fair to look upon. Abram was afraid of being killed by the Egyptians if they found out that Sarai was his wife. This apparent lack of faith may have been for a definite reason. Josephus says that Abram became an auditor of the Egyptian priests and because of their hatred one for another, Abram conferred with each of them and confuted their reasonings and demonstrated that such reasonings were vain and void of truth. He was admired as a very wise man and had the ability to persuade others to his point of view. "He communicated to them arithmetic, and delivered to them the science of astronomy. For before Abram came into Egypt they were unacquainted with those parts of learning."

When Pharaoh discovered that Sarai was Abram's wife, Pharaoh admonished him and sent them both away. Lot went with them as they returned to Canaan where Abram

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had built the altar at Bethel. When trouble arose between their herdsmen, Abram gave Lot his choice of the land. Lot's choice was the well-watered plain of the Jordan River valley. On the other hand, in spite of his previous experience of the famine in Canaan, Abram was content to live there, in the land that had appeared to be worthless. God then renewed His promise to give him the land.

One might think that after the strife between their herdsmen, Abram and Lot would harbor some ill feelings toward each other. But when Lot was taken captive by the armies of some eastern nations, Abram armed three hundred of his servants and pursued them. Notwithstanding the overwhelming odds against him, Abram, with God's help, rescued Lot and was victorious. It shows that Abram had faith in God and still loved Lot enough to go to battle to save him. Abram refused to accept any reward for his "heroic efforts," lest the king of Sodom should say, "I have made Abram rich." His satisfaction came in bringing Lot back alive.

Any other person who was about eighty-five years old might have given up the thought of having a family. It may seem that Abram and Sarai tried to take things into their own hands when Sarai gave Abram her maid, Hagar. When Ishmael was born, God made a covenant with Abram and changed his name to Abraham, and promised him that he would make him a father of many nations; make him exceedingly fruitful; make the covenant to be everlasting; would be a God unto him and his seed; and give him the land of Canaan for an everlasting possession. Even though none of the previous promises had yet been fulfilled, he was told that he must now seal this covenant of promise by the painful operation of circumcision.

Abraham prayed that Ishmael might live before God, evidently expecting that Ishmael would be the heir of promise, even after God had promised him a son by Sarah. God heard Abraham's prayer for Ishmael and pronounced a blessing on him, but promised to establish his covenant with Isaac. Abraham was one hundred years old when Isaac, the son of promise, was born. When Sarah saw Ishmael mocking she requested Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away, that he should not be heir with Isaac. It grieved Abraham, but God told him to listen to the voice of Sarah.

About the time that Isaac had grown to manhood, God told Abraham to offer Isaac for a burnt offering. Abraham loved Isaac. After fifty years of separation from pagan Chaldea, and after the many promises God had made to him, this was the *only* promise God had fulfilled. Now God was asking Abraham to take Isaac's life in human sacrifice, which was a pagan practice. Was God asking too much? "He staggered not at the promise of

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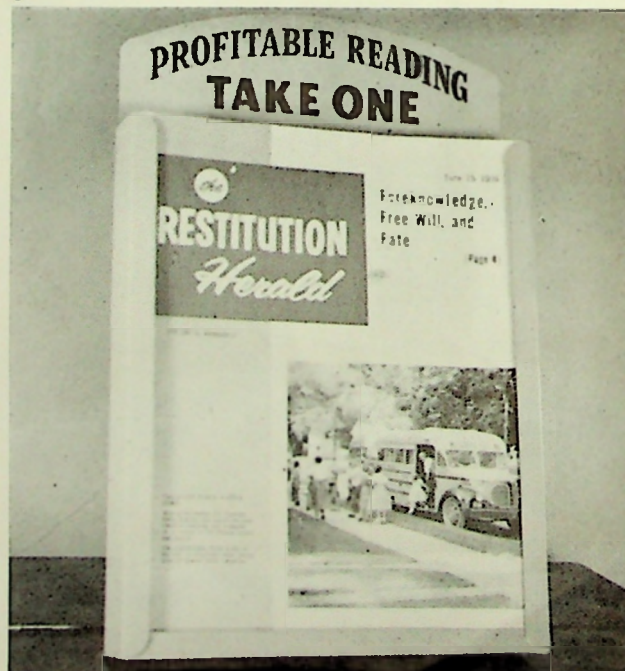
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DIME BANKS IN OPERATION

The first of the month a check was received from the Hillcrest Church of God, Morristown, Tennessee, with this notation: "For Dime Gleaning Offering." Several in the church had saved their dimes and had sent in the amount in a lump sum for missions.

Dimes are the smallest pieces of money we carry, but not the smallest in value. Already, we are receiving reports of those who find it a real joy and a privilege to put every dime into the plastic Missionary Bank for the Church of God mission work. One dime does not amount to much all alone, but each "dimeter" bank can hold a considerable amount when filled for *missions*. We know those who fill these banks are going to realize the truth of Jesus' words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Some have questioned about turning in their banks. We hope you will keep your banks and, after filling, take a large coin or end of a key, fit it into the slot on the base and turn with the arrow one-fourth inch to the right. You may remove the contents and send a check or money order for \$5.00 to the Mission Board, and refill the bank.

A DOCTOR AND HIS BOAT

Who can afford to own a yacht for his own pleasure or enjoyment? A few do, and many thousands have found great pleasure in buying a boat just for a few weeks of pleasure in the summertime. The Lord intends for us to enjoy life, but who would buy a boat and use it solely for the Lord and His glory?

This past summer I visited a few minutes with a friend of mine who is a medical doctor, and he told me briefly how he was spending some of his time and money. A year ago he went to South America and, with some friends, took a small boat on which they could live and started up the Orinoco River. Each day they would stop along the bank, put out a sign "free clinic," and then wait. The people came from miles around for the physical help which this doctor and his companions were able to give them. At the close of one day they had a small pail half full of extracted teeth which the dentist had pulled. Many diseases were treated, medicine was given out, and

the people were blessed because this doctor and his friends were ministering to their needs! It was the first step in a planned missionary program.

My doctor friend told me that he and his wife had purchased a boat and were planning to go to South America this fall and, together with a group, they planned to go up the Orinoco River once more to further the work started. What was their purpose? To open the hearts of the people so they will be receptive to the gospel!

I asked about the long-term plan. First, schools were to be established along the river to teach the people to read. After the people were taught to read, the Bible would be worked into the curriculum. The next step would be to establish a clinic in connection with the schools, and then, of course, the mission or church would come later.

VISION IS THE KEY

Does the Church of God have doctors, nurses, dentists, builders, and teachers who would be willing to launch out on a program of this nature to fulfill Jesus' last command? Do we have men who would take off time from their professional work to do service for the Lord and the salvation of the lost? Do we have people in our church who would be willing to give of themselves and their dollars for the salvation of others? This is the *key* to all missionary work! There must be a spirit of giving and sacrifice or there will be no mission work done.

Missionary fields are not developed without money. Last year our nation purchased over fifty million dollars worth of Christmas trees, and that is more than was given to missions in one whole year. Talk is cheap, and where there is no *vision* the people perish!

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A BANK?

It may be that you have not yet received one of these Missionary Banks. If not, please drop us a line and tell us how many you can use for yourself or for your church. We tried to send a sample to every pastor or mission secretary, but some may have been lost in the mail. These are not to take the place of your regular missionary offering, but will be to increase our missionary giving so we can enlarge the missionary work. At present, we are barely making our monthly budget, but we know with everyone working together along this line we can go forward. (Write C. E. Lapp, Box 231, Oregon, Ill.)

General Conference Progress

Prove God!

- *By Cecil Patrick, Ashland, Ohio*
First Vice President
General Conference Board of Directors

In the time of Malachi the prophet, God tried to turn Israel from her persistent march toward destruction. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we are told of the choices that God offered His chosen people. The choices were clear—obedience and life, with numberless blessings; disobedience and cursing, dishonor and death. Israel wavered continually backward and forward throughout her history, tasting of occasional blessings, but more often of bitter punishment for disobedience. In Malachi 3, God, with enduring love for His erring children, once again attempted to make them understand.

Even though they had robbed God of the tithes that were His, God pleaded, "Bring ye *all* the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not *open you the windows of heaven*, and pour you out a *blessing*, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

God pleaded for a chance to save and bless Israel. God pleads for a chance to *save* us, and for an opportunity to bless us. Are we withholding God's blessings from ourselves? In the course of infinity, God has never failed to keep His word. God says, "Prove me." God says, "Give me opportunity to bless you." God says, "Bring me my tithes and offerings and give me a chance to prove that my blessings will be abundant beyond your dreams."

The Spirit of God is moving in the heart of His church today. New fields are opening. New churches are being built. New ministers are being trained. More and more opportunities for service are being opened up.

We, as elected representatives of *you*, the Church of God, can only direct the work, provide these services, train the badly needed messengers, help build the churches, as you the people provide the means to meet and expand the budget.

God is providing the way for the outpouring of His blessings. Do you want some?

God says, "Prove me"—"Prove me"—"Prove me."
"I want to bless you." Do you believe God? *Prove Him!*
Members of the General Conference Board of Directors meet several times each year to implement the work authorized by General Conference delegates.

Living Memorials

Your General Conference now offers you a way to participate in living memorials for loved ones who have died. If you wish to honor such a loved one in a way that is practical and enduring, we can suggest the following procedure.

Send your memorial gift to National Bible Institution, Oregon, Illinois, and indicate which fund you desire to receive the bequest, the name of the person whom you wish to honor, and the family to whom you wish a memorial card sent. We will then send an appropriate card to the surviving family stating that you have made a memorial bequest to one of the funds listed below in memory of their loved one.

We can recommend the following funds as appropriate places for living memorial gifts.

- 1) Oregon Bible College Library books
- 2) Oregon Bible College Building Fund
- 3) Foreign Missions
- 4) Home Missions
- 5) Free distribution of *The Restitution Herald*

The amount of the memorial gift will not be stated on the memorial card, and all gifts, large or small, will receive the same attention. A receipt for tax deductions will be mailed to each giver.

Cards soon will be available in Churches of God to be used in making memorial gifts. A Memorial Book will be kept by the General Conference to record all memorial gifts.

Concerning Publications

On the back page of *The Restitution Herald* are listed most of the regular publications of your General Conference. Listed here are some other published materials in which you might be interested. (*Add ten per cent to your order for postage.*)

Putting Purpose in Sunday School, by James Watkins, each	\$.50
Through the Windowpane (poems), by Mary Mae Nedrow, each	.75
Paper-bound New Testament, each	.20
Paper-bound Individual Books of the New Testament, 2 for	.05
Letter Transferring Membership, per doz.	.25
Letters of Dismission and Reception of members, per doz.	.30
Baptismal Certificates, doz.	2.00
Class Report Cards, per hundred	.80
Attendance Certificates for Visitors, hundred	1.00
Membership Statistics Cards, hundred	2.00
Camp of Israel (picture of tabernacle and camp of Israel), doz.	.50
(Let us quote you prices for printing handbills, letterheads, calling cards, wedding invitations, church bulletin covers, and other printing.)	

Songs of Truth

The Church of God songbook, *Songs of Truth*, is available from National Bible Institution. This songbook is for the church which believes it is as important to *sing* truth as to *preach* truth. This selection of three hundred thirty-two favorite songs and hymns is edited to present the gospel in song without the necessity to omit verses or change words. Every Church of God song leader and congregation will find a real blessing in using this book. Single copies, \$1.50; in lots of 20 or more, \$1.45 each (plus postage).

General Conference Meetings Planned

- January 4—Constitutional Revision Committee
- January 23—Board of Directors and Finance Committee Meeting
- January 25-29—Midwinter Ministers' Meeting, Oregon, Illinois
- August 7-12—Annual General Conference Meeting, Camp Mack, Indiana
- August 21-27—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Illinois

Time to Weigh in the Balances

At this half-way point in the Decade of Development program, and at the beginning of a new year, it is a good time to weigh in the balances our progress in the Decade program. If your church adopted a Decade of Development program for growth in its various departments, how much progress have you made? Has there been a steady increase in attendance? in number of baptisms? in improving your church building and equipment? in the distribution of literature? in sending students to Oregon Bible College? in organizing and carrying out auxiliary programs through the Berean Youth Fellowship, the Missionary Society, and the Sunday school?

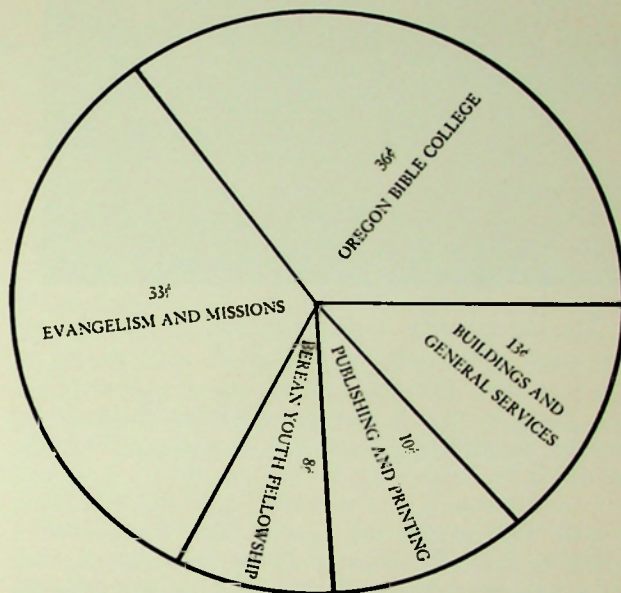
Perhaps goals should be adjusted. Perhaps there should be a re-emphasis in some phases of the program of progress in which your church may be falling behind.

Thank You!

We thank you again for your contributions to the work of the General Conference, for your prayers, and for your interest in this part of the Lord's work. The needs are great, but the opportunities are greater. There is much being done, and yet to be done. In this new year of service, remember the world-wide work of the Church of God and catch the vision of great opportunity.

Contributions have been much better in the month of December and we are again nearly reaching the giving goals. We are thankful for this giving to the work of the Lord.

How Is Your Conference Dollar Used?



Each dollar contributed to the work of the General Conference is distributed approximately as indicated in the diagram above. Earnings of departments of National Bible Institution make up the balance of funds needed to carry out General Conference services. Your contribution helps in the spreading of the gospel and in training of workers for the Lord.

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

\$42,710.00

Given Through December 30	9,257.46
Balance to Be Given By September 30	33,452.54
Goal for Giving for December	3,744.42
Received in December	4,001.68

Giving Goal for January
\$3,716.72



The Greatest Present Need

● By *Harold Doan*
General Manager, National Bible Institution

"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" (Matt. 9:37, 38). Jesus knew that one of the greatest challenges to face the church would be the lack of workers. While the harvest in the fields waits for reaping, there is a scarcity of men and women who are willing and capable of going into the field to reap that harvest. The church is often unable to take advantage of the opportunities that are before it because there is no one who will say, "Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8).

Some churches now struggle without pastoral leadership. New missionary fields open with no one prepared to go in and preach and build. States which see possibilities for an evangelist to start new churches are unable to find a man to go. Each loss of a trained worker becomes a disaster and leaves an unfilled gap in the field of laborers. Until this situation can be remedied there will be a barrier to the rapid expansion that we could realize in this day of whitened harvest fields.

Through the process of prayerful study and discussion over a period of years, General Conference leaders have come to the conclusion that the first step must be to provide adequate facilities to attract and then train the leadership that the Church of God desperately needs. Oregon Bible College has been established for this purpose. It has done wonderfully well, under the blessing and guidance of the Lord and consecrated staff. More than seventy per cent of the present active ministers of the Church of God had all or part of their training at Oregon Bible College. Many of the elders, deacons, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and other pillars of the Church of God received training at Oregon Bible College. Many others have benefited through Oregon Bible College correspondence courses.

Since 1957 there has been a general realization that some of the facilities of Oregon Bible College will have to be improved to attract more men and women to receive

the leadership training it can give for service in the Church of God. In the 1957, 1958, and 1959 General Conference meetings, proposals were approved by the delegates to develop new facilities to fill the need at the present college site in Oregon, Illinois.

The specific needs are for housing for single men, modern dining facilities, and an adequate library. Single men now live in a home rented from the Magaw estate. We have been fortunate to have the use of this building and are thankful for it. It is filled to capacity, however; is several blocks from the dining room and College; and may not be available to us much longer.

All single students now eat together at the Golden Rule Dormitory for women. This one-hundred-year-old building has been kept in good repair, but the dining and kitchen facilities were not designed to serve the number of people who are using them.

The College library is now on the second floor of the original General Conference office building. An extra reading room has been provided in a former office. A total of less than five hundred square feet of floor space houses all books, reading tables, card files, etc. There is no room for new books or for proper cataloging of books.

Classroom and chapel facilities are adequate for the present and could accommodate a much larger number of students. The women's dormitory is adequate for now and has room for additional women. Apartments and trailers for married students have been no great problem as yet but, with a growing number of married students, this could become a matter for concern in the near future.

It is because of the immediate need for the men's dormitory, kitchen and dining room, and library that the General Conference delegates authorized the Board of Directors to make plans and begin securing funds for a building at the Oregon Bible College site to provide these facilities. An architect, Mr. Marshall Munz, Rockford, Ill., has been secured and he is now making preliminary drawings for such a building. These drawings, and plans for raising the funds for this building will be presented to the Church of God ministers at their meeting, January 25-29. Their interest and assistance will be solicited to take the information concerning this proposal to each member family in the Church of God.

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Silver Anniversary Building Campaign

● FOR OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

⊙ NEEDED NOW!

- 1) Men's Dormitory
- 2) Modern Kitchen and Cafeteria
- 3) New Library Facilities

⊙ NEEDED SOON!

- 1) Women's Dormitory
- 2) Married Students' Housing

● WILL YOU GIVE?

\$5000.00 payable at	\$1000.00 per year, or	\$85.00 per month
1000.00 payable at	250.00 per year, or	17.00 per month
500.00 payable at	100.00 per year, or	8.50 per month
300.00 payable at	60.00 per year, or	5.00 per month
250.00 payable at	50.00 per year, or	4.25 per month
200.00 payable at	40.00 per year, or	3.50 per month
150.00 payable at	30.00 per year, or	2.50 per month
100.00 payable at	20.00 per year, or	1.75 per month
75.00 payable at	15.00 per year, or	1.50 per month
50.00 payable at	10.00 per year, or	1.00 per month

At this time we have approximately two acres of ground in Oregon, Ill., paid for and available for buildings of Oregon Bible College. There is on hand in the Oregon Bible College Development Fund, approximately \$2,600.00.

There are five years remaining in the Decade of Development Program which will end in 1964. These five years could well be the time needed to receive funds from commitments of intentions toward this Development Fund. We recommend that the years 1959-1964 be the time used for receiving the funds needed for housing and administration facilities. Commitments taken during this period would be paid in annual installments till 1964. 1964 will be the end of the Decade of Development Program, and also the *Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College*.

SOME HAVE SIGNED

Several individuals already have signed statements of their intentions to give toward this *Silver Anniversary Building Campaign*. The coupon on this page is for you to use to state your intentions to give to this important part of the Lord's work.

Your initiative in subscribing to this program early will be an incentive and inspiration to others. There are many who already know the need and feel the responsibility to take part in this work of love, who are wanting to begin their giving now. Returning this coupon now will help us get this Silver Anniversary Building Campaign started toward its goal. Give this matter prayerful, careful consideration.

If you realize the importance of this program now and have a desire to be among the first to have a part in this anniversary program, please sign the coupon and return it to National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Ill.

My intentions are to give \$..... payable at \$..... (per year) (per month) for the expansion of Oregon Bible College, should the Lord tarry and continue to make this sacrificial giving possible for me.

Name

Address

City State

(Mail to: National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.)

Oregon Bible College Progress

BROTHER DICK IMPROVING

We are happy to report that Brother Otto Dick, Superintendent of Oregon Bible College, has improved from his recent illness enough to teach his classes. We are thankful to all of you who have remembered him in prayer, and ask that you continue to hold him up before the Lord.

GOSPEL TEAM TO ROCKFORD

It was the privilege of the College choir to go to the Rockford Church of God (Brother Kenneth Milne, pastor) for services in the afternoon of December 6. The brethren graciously gave us a wonderful dinner. In the afternoon the choir sang several groups of numbers for them. Several solos also were given as part of the program. James Rencontre, a senior, was speaker of the afternoon. We thank the Lord for the privilege to visit our churches whenever it is possible to do so.

CHRISTMAS AT COLLEGE

Several days before the regular vacation season, Sister Lucille Richardson of Hammond, La., sent the College a large box of homemade candy. Sister Lucille was a student here last year until sickness in the family made it necessary for her to return home.

Friday before Christmas, some of the students took a number of packages of real cheer to the sick and shut-ins. We know not who received the greatest blessing, the young people who sang the Christmas carols or those who listened. One thing we do know, much warmth of heart and spirit can be given when we endeavor to take the joy of Christ to those who have come to feel that no one cares. Little can be much, if God is in it!

DREAMS AND VISIONS FOR 1960

Joel prophesied that the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit would cause old men to dream dreams, and young men to see visions. The L. C. Smith building of New York did not suddenly mushroom up into space, neither did the Golden Gate Bridge accidentally throw its arteries of traffic across the waters. Men dreamed and had visions of steel and concrete which could be molded together to create those giants of the structural world.

Joel foresaw the day of the Lord was coming, and he knew men would be empowered to do mighty works as a result of God's Spirit in them. We believe 1960 can be a great year for the expansion and growth of our college. Plans are already being made for a new men's dormitory.

With enlargement of our facilities we also can visualize a larger number of devout, consecrated young men and women who will come to Oregon Bible College to train and prepare their lives for full-time service to the Lord. It is not too early to start praying for those who can and will fit into this great and challenging plan. It is not too early for young people to decide now to answer the call of Christ unto a life devoted to Him. This part of the program is a *must*, and we believe the *young* people of the Church of God will not fail to give the strength of their young minds and bodies in full devotion to Christ and His work.

The battle is not ours, but the Lord's. All we have to do is become witnesses of a living Christ!

RECORD LIBRARY FOR THE COLLEGE

The children of Sister Edna Brewer have used the funds given as a memorial for her to start a classical and sacred record library for Oregon Bible College. Sister Brewer was the first matron for the College, from 1939 to about 1945. The formal presentation of these records was made before the chapel by her daughter, Sister C. E. Lapp, who is at present teaching choir, fundamentals of music, and private piano at the College.

Included in the collection of records is the song "Back of the Clouds the Sun Is Always Shining." This was a favorite of Sister Brewer, and to those who knew her it was a part of her life's philosophy. She was a mother at school to many of the ministers who are now in active ministerial work.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

The last week of January will provide a wonderful opportunity for the ministers from over the brotherhood to be in Oregon, and it will also give the students the privilege and opportunity to get acquainted with the ministers. Many of you who come here from year to year are only so many names to the students, but when they meet you face to face it is always good to create unity and a stronger bond throughout the church at large. We are looking forward to this time of Christian fellowship as we have had in the past.

SCATTERED

During the Christmas holidays, our students are taking advantage of the long vacation. It will be the last until Easter, then a couple of days and on to the end of school. Those who could went to their homes in Texas, Minne-

sota, Ohio, Nebraska, and Missouri. Others visited with friends or relatives nearer the school, and some remained in Oregon. Wherever they went, we trust their testimony was a blessing to their churches, friends, and loved ones at home.

We appreciate the fine spirit of co-operation and devotion which has motivated them to be in the College, and trust they, in turn, will influence others to attend our Bible College.

THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM

(Continued from page 4)

God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness" (Rom. 4:20-22).

Paul stated that Abraham's faith is an example for us, and that we, too, can have imputed righteousness "if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:23-25).

Read The Restitution Herald! All members of the Church of God receive the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* each month. Only subscribers receive *The Restitution Herald*, the evangelistic paper of the Church of God. If you are not a subscriber, you can be for \$3.00 for one year or \$5.00 for two years.

THE GREATEST PRESENT NEED

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We believe that this new building can attract new students and improve student morale. It will encourage deeper study and research and help the students receive more benefits from their years of training at Oregon Bible College. The new facilities would be a step toward meeting basic accrediting standards for Bible Colleges. They will vastly improve the efficiency of operation of the College and make supervision of College activities and College life much more simple and effective.

We hope that you will be anticipating receiving more complete information about these plans. We trust that you will pray for the Lord's blessing on the growth of Oregon Bible College, that more young men and women may be prepared for Christian service. We pray that you will respond to the need for funds to accomplish this purpose. We consider this an opportunity to invest in the growth and expansion of the entire Church of God, for as more leaders are available the work will grow.



*"I Am Looking Forward to
Oregon Bible College.
Are you?"*

- Christian Training for Life
- Preparation for the Ministry
- Training in Christian Teaching
- Music
- Christian Fellowship

**Second Semester
January 25, 1960**

For Further Information

WRITE:

OTTO E. DICK, Superintendent
OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE
Oregon, Illinois

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9—Indiana Quarterly Conference at Hillisburg
January 15-17—Ohio Youth Retreat at Delta
January 16, 17—Winter Youth Rally, Gladbrook, Iowa
February 20, 21—Indiana Youth Retreat at Camp Mack
January 25-29—Midwinter Ministers' Meeting, Oregon, Ill.
March 5—Illinois Ministers' Meeting, Dixon
March 26, 27—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Ripley
May 21, 22—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Macomb
June 12-18—Annual Michigan Conference at Camp Chief Noonday
June 27-July 3—Nebraska Family Retreat, Camp Merrill
July 18-23—Ohio State Youth Camp
July 24-31—Illinois State Conference at Oregon
August 7-12—General Conference at Camp Mack, Ind.
August 21-27—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Ill.

NEWS FROM HOPE CHAPEL South Bend, Indiana

Rosie O'Neil of Osecola, Ind., presented herself for baptism at Hope Chapel on December 6, 1959. She was immersed in the St. Joseph River in the afternoon. Rosie is the wife of Bro. Robert O'Neil who is in the Air Force and stationed in Japan.

A junior choir has been formed under the direction of Mrs. Marjorie (Rouch) Gyorgyi and is singing for us on Sunday nights and special days. Everett Stilson directs the senior choir which sings at the morning worship service.

The Berean Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evening before worship and is forming a quiz team. Another project is dramas; they are selecting a play to be presented by the young people. Bro. and Sr. John Derbin are youth leaders.

The church has prepared one of the rooms just off the sanctuary for a study for the pastor. Included is a lending library for the use of the congregation.

Beginning in January, Bro. Warren Sorenson of Burr Oak and the writer will attend classes in Pastoral Care at Memorial Hospital to better prepare for counseling and visitation. Timothy Pearson, Pastor.

BRO. GORDON STILL IN HOSPITAL

Word from Sr. Grover Gordon, as of December 23, reports that Bro. Gordon is in St. Luke's Hospital, Denver 3, Colo. He has had recurrent periods of high temperature relieved only by transfusions. Tests are being completed to determine the cause of his illness.

Remember Bro. and Sr. Gordon in prayer. Sr. Gordon may be addressed at 1433 Jackson, Denver.

PROGRESS AT EAST OREGON CHURCH OF GOD

We are happy to report that our church has been undergoing a period of progress and growth. We claim not one bit of credit for the progress that has taken place, but are thankful to the Lord for His rich blessing and confirmation of His Word.

Spiritual and Numerical Growth

This fall, October 5-9, we were privileged to have Pastor and Mrs. Raymond Brown to work among us. A series of successful revival meetings was held. Twelve people were led to Christ through Bro. and Sr. Brown's able ministry of the gospel. The entire church seemed spiritually revived after the meetings.

Since that time, the young people of the church have banded together in a weekly prayer meeting. Here, we believe, is the seedbed and spark behind the spiritual power and witness that these young Christians are exhibiting in the community. The prayer meeting is thirty minutes long and is for no other purpose than for prayer. A short, inspirational type talk is sometimes given at the beginning; then they all kneel and pray simply and to the point, in dead earnest with God. The meeting is only for teen-agers or baptized Christians, and there have been as many as eighteen present. Almost all of them pray freely out loud.

Attendance at the general prayer meeting and Bible study has grown, too. We usually have from twenty to thirty-five present, and one night recently we had forty-four. Sunday school and church have grown as well. Attendance in both has been creeping up, although, of course, with some ups and downs. We have been in the fifties for the past few Sundays in Sunday school, and in the upper thirties and forties in church.

Building Improvement

We have been progressively improving and repairing our building. It is being made more usable and more attractive, thereby being made a better witness of our respect for the Lord's house.

The window frames in the basement have been varnished, the walls and ceiling have been painted, the tables have been repainted and new tops have been put on some. Two new ad-hoc height tables have been built, a new coffeepot has been purchased, and some beautiful new curtains have been made for the windows. Upstairs in the auditorium, the floor has been sanded and refinished, a choir riser has been built, and at present we are in the process of sanding and varnishing the window frames. The outside of the church has been repainted, and a belfry and bell have been erected.

In the near future we plan to secure drapes for the upstairs windows, lay tile on the basement floor, build moveable partitions, put railings on the church steps, repaint the inside of the auditorium, and erect a sign on the highway directing people to the church.

Perhaps the most important step we have taken toward improving facilities is our de-

cision to purchase much-needed new pews, pulpit, Communion table and chairs. This is a long-range project.

Sunday, December 13, was pledge Sunday, and many of the congregation pledged to give a certain amount weekly toward the estimated \$2,000.00 we will need. Others are giving, although not pledging. The board decided to have a small plaque placed on the back of any pews which were paid for in full by any one person or family. The plaque would designate who donated the pew. We already have received one volunteer, and others are talking about it.

The Bereans, with the help of some adults, already have raised \$91.00 toward the purchase of a carpet for the center aisle and front of the church. This will be bought when the pews are bought.

Such has been the God-sent progress and growth at East Oregon Church of God. We have determined that the saving gospel of Christ be spread as quickly and effectively as possible, and are working together to see it accomplished to God's glory. "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work . . . will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

Paul Shaw, Pastor.

PROGRESS AT MORSE MILL, MISSOURI

In June, Miss Kay Buxton was baptized in the saving name of Jesus Christ. We pray for her continued growth in grace and knowledge of the Lord.

A very successful Christmas program was held in the new church basement, with nearly one hundred people in attendance. Sr. Faye Buxton, Sunday school superintendent, reports increased attendance at church and Sunday school services. Bro. Kirby Davis is serving this church.

SISTER THAYER HOME FROM HOSPITAL

At last report, December 20, Sr. Verna Thayer was home from the hospital and feeling much better. She had been in the Conway hospital and later in Little Rock, Ark. She is able to stay alone in the daytime in her home at Greenbrier, Ark., and her wonderful friends of the McGintytown Church stop in to see her daily and someone stays with her nights.

WASHINGTON, D. C., CHURCH

The Washington, D. C., congregation has moved from the Y.M.C.A. to the Bailey School, 400 Knollwood Dr., Falls Church, Va. This is a new building area developed in the past four years. The congregation hopes for more rapid growth in this new location. Pastor Joe Fletcher reports much interest in the congregation in the opportunities presented by this move.

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE
Bedford, Ohio

The Bedford Church of the Open Bible received a Christmas gift that was wholly unexpected. Through the blessing of God, the group was able last summer to buy its present building, seating 106 and providing ample classroom space, for \$10,000.

Just before Christmas, our insurance company, which had suggested \$18,000 in fire insurance for the building, gave us its formal appraisal of the value of the property: \$24,000. This may not represent precise market value, but is fairly representative of the general worth of the property as it is considered by financial institutions.

Late in November—the Saturday evening following Thanksgiving—the church welcomed a gospel team of young people from the churches in Virginia. Many visitors from the Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland attended.

December 6, Bro. Howard Seabeck filled the Bedford pulpit, as he has done several times in the past. The pastor was guest speaker that Sunday for the homecoming service at Raker Church, Delta, Ohio.

William Cramer, now a private with the United States Marines, was able to be home over the holidays. William and his younger brother Kenneth were the first two baptized by the pastor after the Bedford Church was established four years ago.

J. Arlen Marsh, Pastor.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bro. R. H. Judd, Warkworth, Ont., a frequent contributor to The Restitution Herald, was ninety years of age on January 3. Though he is losing his eyesight, he is still active with his correspondence program of preaching the truth through letters to friends, letters to editors of publications, the publication of tracts and booklets, and articles for The Restitution Herald. Bro. Judd is author of the book "One God: God of the Ages," a publication of National Bible Institution, temporarily out of print. Congratulations, Bro. Judd!

BAPTISMS AT COOL SPRING, VIRGINIA

We rejoice that at the close of the Sunday morning service, November 15, 1959, Ronald Rudacille came forward and accepted Christ as his Saviour. Ronald was baptized the following Sunday afternoon. May God direct and protect him in all things is our prayer.

Richard Dick, Pastor.

GOSPEL TEAM TO CLEVELAND, OHIO

A gospel team of young people from the Cool Spring, Fort Valley, Maurertown, Va., and Baltimore, Md., Churches of God, were guests of the Golden Rule Church, Cleveland, Ohio, November 27-29. Twenty-one young people and counselors were with the team. They presented a program of music and messages, and enjoyed fun and fellowship with the young people and their leaders from Cleveland. (Picture and complete report will be in Challenge magazine.)

**"SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY" AT
BINDERY**

Bro. Alva G. Huffer's book has been printed and is now at the bindery. We thank you for your patience with our inexperience at book publishing. Complications with copyrights, indexing, and some technical problems have slowed the printing.

FROM HERE AND THERE

A new addition is being build on the Hillisburg, Ind., Church of God to provide a kitchen and rest rooms. . . . A new furnace has been installed in the Cool Spring, Va., Church. . . . Sale of the Los Angeles Church building was not completed because the purchasing party could not raise the necessary funds. . . . Pastor Dale Ward's son, Lynn, was injured in a hunting accident. He is recovering very well and has returned to school. . . . Bro. and Sr. Walter Wiggins spent Christmas with their son's family in Texas. The Southlawn pulpit was filled by Bro. Jack Hearp, a capable Michigan lay leader.

The Jordan, Mo., Church congregation is making plans for relocation of its church to a place where expansion may be more possible. . . . Associate Editor Paul Johnson and Sr. Johnson enjoyed a vacation at Pastor Roy Humphreys' home and at Bro. Johnson's home place in northwestern Iowa. . . . The editor preached for the brethren at Arkansas City, Kan., December 20.

W. J. HALLS

William J. Halls was born in England on October 19, 1891. He fell asleep in Christ on Saturday morning, November 7, 1959. As a young man he left his native country and came to America. On September 8, 1922, he was married to Sr. Nellie Mae Aldridge. To this union were born two children, Eunice Aleman of Orange, Texas, and William G. Halls of Wichita, Kan. Sr. Nellie Halls preceded her husband in death October 10, 1953. On November 27, 1958, it was the writer's privilege to unite in marriage, Bro. W. J. Halls and Sr. Ruth Tomlinson (Halls).

From an extensive study of the Word of God, Bro. Halls learned the truth concerning man's mortal condition in life and his need for eternal life. He learned that eternal life was in God's Son, Jesus Christ, and that if he were ever to possess this life he must believe God's Word and obey it by accepting Jesus in baptism. This he did about the year 1920, and since that time has served his Lord faithfully.

He served the Golden Rule Church of God as Sunday school superintendent and teacher, leader of midweek prayer services, church elder for many years officiating at the Communion table and serving at the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. He was especially interested in the youth of the church, serving as youth counselor. He also held active positions on a state and national level in our church organizations.

No monuments will be erected to Bro. Will Halls. He has built his own monuments in the hearts and lives of the people of the Church of God, especially in the influence he leaves with the youth of the church.

C. F. Pryor, Pastor.

**OMAHA CHURCH HAS NEW BUILDING
SITE**

The Omaha Church of God has voted to purchase a new building site in the northwest part of the city. The site is about an acre in size and occupies a commanding position to the surrounding area.

News and Prophecy Digest.

**NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT**

Does your state have a Sunday school program? If you have any activities, we would like to know of them. Michigan State Conference has a Sunday school organization that met during its last conference. Here are some of the highlights of this meeting as written by the president, Sr. Merna La Huis.

The fall Sunday school conference was well attended. The day began with a worship service. The session continued with a round-table discussion of Our Sunday School, many participating with interesting ideas. The book, Better Leaders for Your Church, was used as the basic outline for discussion. Privileges and Responsibilities of a Sunday School Teacher was the topic for discussion the later part of the morning. A song fest, planned by the youth group, was enjoyed at the half-way point in the morning's session. This group also did an excellent job of setting up tables at noon, caring for the small children, and presenting an opening worship service in the afternoon.

A Christmas workshop for nursery, kindergarten, primary, and junior teachers was held in the afternoon. There was a class on Teaching Methods for youth teachers and a class on Teaching Methods and Family Worship for December for adults and adult teachers. This type of conference met with such success that a similar one is in the planning for spring. These sessions will concern Bible school teaching. Leota Foster, Secretary.

JOSEPHINE E. ENGBRETSON

Josephine E. Hassa was born at Vanceburg, Wis., January 1, 1887. She fell asleep in death November 25, 1959.

She was united in marriage to Edwin Engbretson in 1906, and resided in New Haven Township, Dunn County, Wis., since that time. To this union six children were born.

She was baptized into Christ at an early age, and was one of the oldest members of the Church of God at Graytown, Wis., where she was an ardent and faithful worker, holding various offices in the church.

She leaves to mourn her death, her husband and six children: Herbert of Clear Lake, Wis.; George of St. Paul, Minn.; De Wane of Claremont, Calif.; Edna (Mrs. Willis Ziemer), Compton, Calif.; Hazel (Mrs. Orland Pritchard), Milwaukee, Wis.; and Alpha (Mrs. Verlon Zetoro), Boyceville, Wis. She also leaves thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

After services, conducted by the writer, from the Graytown Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, she was laid to rest November 28, at the Clear Lake Cemetery, there to await the call of her Master.

T. M. Savage.

GLAD TIDINGS CHAPEL USES NEW SANCTUARY

By a giant effort on the part of many members and friends of the church, the newly plastered main sanctuary was cleaned out and cleaned up, benches were scrubbed and polished, and lights were hooked up, so that services could be conducted upstairs. Even without floor covering, or trim, furniture or refinements, it was a great blessing to worship together in our new church.

Glad Tidings Bulletin.

BAPTISMS AT PENNELLWOOD Grand Rapids, Michigan

On December 13, 1959, the following persons were baptized into the body of Christ: Miss Susan Harbinson, 99 Walter St. SE; Miss Karen Swift, 3440 Opal Ave., SW; Miss Marilyn Heaton and Miss Carol Heaton, 42 Walter St., SE; all of Grand Rapids. We pray that the Father will lead them as they walk before Him in Christ.

Alva G. Huffer, Pastor.

THOMAS HALL

We were saddened by the sudden death of Bro. Thomas Hall on November 3, 1959. He had been in bad health for the past three years. Funeral services were conducted November 6.

Bro. Hall, a native of England, came to America as a young man. He later married Miss Grace Love, and to this marriage was born one son, Lester. A few years ago, under the able guidance of Bro. M. W. Lyon, then pastor of the Golden Rule Church of God, they were taught the Word of God and introduced to Him who has the keys of hell

(the grave) and of death. Bro. and Sr. Hall both were baptized into Christ.

We have had many enjoyable visits with Bro. Hall. He was always pleasant, even while ill. Our prayer on his behalf is that his rest in the grave be interrupted by the soon appearing of Jesus Christ.

C. F. Pryor, Pastor.

LUCINDA HUTCHINSON

Sr. Lucinda Hutchinson, wife of Bro. Will Hutchinson, was born January 14, 1876, and fell asleep in death December 15, 1959.

"Aunt Trout," as she was known locally, was baptized, along with her husband, by Bro. M. W. Lyon. They both have remained faithful to the Lord and to the Blood River Church since that time.

Her husband, eight children, a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and many friends mourn her death. She was a faithful mother and wife.

Words of comfort and the hope of the resurrection of the righteous were spoken on a warm, sunny day, December 17, at Carter Cemetery, where she was laid to rest, there to await the coming of her Lord.

James Mattison, Pastor.

MRS. RAY MAYSILLES

Mabel Maysilles was born on January 27, 1892, in Red Oak, Ill., to John and Lizzie Wohlford Stoll. She was married to Ray Maysilles at Dixon on October 2, 1913. She was baptized by Bro. F. L. Austin on July 27, 1930, and became a member of the Oregon Church of God. An example of the believers in word and deed, she was active in church and charitable organizations.

Sr. Maysilles is survived by her husband and a multitude of friends. Her Christian character, deeds of kindness, and her patience and faith throughout her long illness will always be remembered.

Sr. Maysilles fell asleep in Christ on Tuesday, December 15, 1959. Funeral services were conducted by the writer on December 18, and she was laid to rest in Plainview Cemetery, Mt. Morris, Ill., to await the call of the Saviour. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Pastor.

ATTENTION, MINISTERS!

We have 1960 insert sheets for the desk calendars given you last year by the General Conference. We will distribute them at Ministers' Conference, so do not throw away the plastic, imprinted folders!

ANDERS C. KJARGAARD

Anders Kjargaard was born in Denmark, December 27, 1867, and died at the Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, Nebr., November 18, 1959. He had been a very active man until the time of his retirement a couple years ago. He was a stationary engineer for years with the Omaha waterworks department and, when retired from services with the city, he continued to work as an engineer with the hospital in which he died. He has been a member of the local church for a good many years. He leaves his wife Benthe, one son, Howard, and two daughters, Alice Harper and Edna Rasp, all of Omaha and all members of the church.

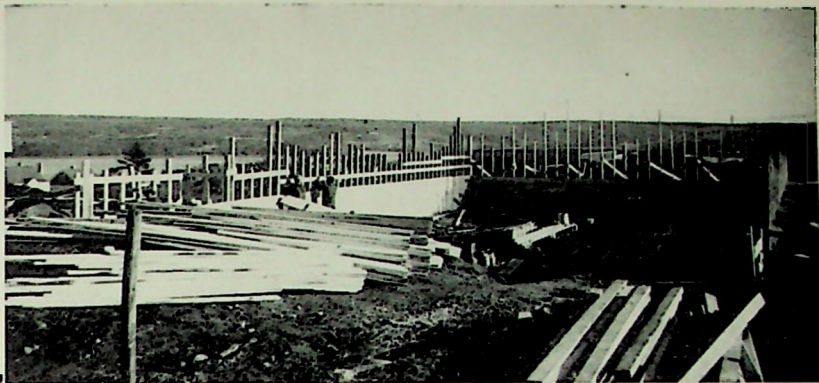
Funeral services were conducted by the writer, after which he was laid to rest in West Lawn Cemetery until the Lord returns.

C. E. Randall, Pastor.

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Now a third Church of God building is in the process of construction at Digby, Nova Scotia. This is a mission station of the Church of God underwritten by the Church of God General Conference through its Foreign Mission Board. The appeal that will soon be in the mail to all Mission Builders is for contributions to assist in the construction of a basement church building to meet the immediate needs of the congregation at Digby. Later, as authorized by the General Conference delegates, a second appeal will be made to Mission Builders to assist in completing the building.

The Mission Builder's League has been widely acclaimed throughout the Church of God as a most practical and beneficial work of the General Conference, in that direct aid is given for the important work of erecting Church of God buildings. Mission Builders agree with their application for membership to contribute at least \$5.00 to each church building for which an appeal is made through the Mission Builder's League. Not more than three appeals are made in any one year. Thus far, there has been only one each year.

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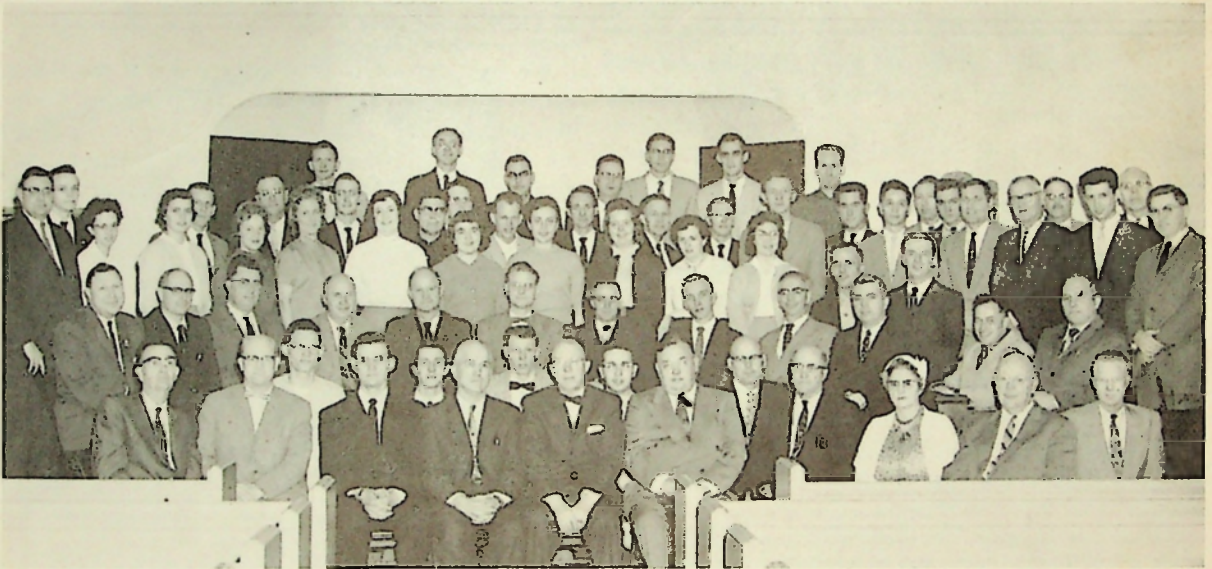
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Harold Doan
Editor

THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

We have just completed another wonderful Ministers' Conference. Forty-one ministers were included in the expense pool, and several laymen and all students from Oregon Bible College were also in attendance. A spirit of deep Christian fellowship, based on unity in the Word of God, and common purpose in the work of the Lord, was felt in all the meetings.

Several interesting new areas of study and research were opened by papers and panel discussions. The proposed building expansion program for Oregon Bible College was explained and favorably received. Inspirational spiritual experiences were enjoyed in the devotional services and devotional studies. We heard only expressions of enjoyment of a conference rich with spiritual life and practical information.

Some of the papers studied at the Ministers' Conference will be printed in *The Restitution Herald*, including an interesting presentation by Bro. John Derbin, South Bend, Indiana, on "Church Architecture."

Most churches pay the pool expense for their ministers. (This year it was \$30.00.) This is a small investment for the great benefits received by all of the ministers who attend. We would urge you to help in this way to make it possible for your pastor to take advantage of this spiritual opportunity. It will be well repaid in the additional blessings he will bring to his congregation.

THANK YOU FOR GIFTS

We are grateful to the Pennellwood, Blanchard, and Ripley Churches of God, and to a family from the Hillisburg Church of God for gifts of canned food for Golden Rule Dormitory. These thoughtful gifts make tasty meals for Oregon Bible College students and save grocery costs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Directors and the Finance Committee of the General Conference met in Oregon, Illinois, January

23, to consider business of National Bible Institution and especially the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for expansion of Oregon Bible College. Brothers Ross, Patrick, Hayse, LeCrone, Naylor, Overmyer, Turner, Dunbar, Denchfield, Dick, and Doan attended the meeting.

Procedure for the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign was thoroughly considered. The architect, Marshall Munz, also attended the meeting to give professional information concerning the proposed building program.

Plans and procedures discussed further in this paper came out of this meeting. The action now being taken is the result of years of study and research and part of a long-range program.

As these men, ministers, and delegates from your church give of their time and talent in carrying out this expansion program, we trust that you will co-operate with them, seek information about this program, give them time to fully explain the need for College expansion and the proposal for meeting the immediate need, and give to this program.

NATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTION SLIDES AVAILABLE

We have one set of good color slides of the General Conference offices and workers, Oregon Bible College, buildings, etc., which we will loan to churches wishing to use them. There is a script sent with the slides to identify them. There are about forty pictures in the set. Write: Harold Doan, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois, if you wish to use them.

DIGBY MISSION BEING COMPLETED

Receipts from Mission Builder's of more than \$4,600.00 has made possible the near completion of the basement church building for Lighthouse Mission Church of God at Digby, Nova Scotia. The picture below shows the building in its latest stage of construction.

After returning to Digby from the Ministers' Conference, Bro. Denchfield will supervise the completion of the basement church building.



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SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

The largest publishing effort of the Church of God General Conference is now completed. "Systematic Theology," a book by Pastor Alva G. Huffer, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is now in distribution.

This monumental book of 589 pages is the result of ten years of research and writing by Bro. Huffer. As the name of the book states, it is a systematic presentation of the great doctrines of the Bible. It is a Bible study book, written in a systematic way for the preacher, the teacher, and the thoughtful Bible student.

The book sets forth the teachings of the Bible concerning God (Theology); Man (Anthropology); Sin (Hamartiology); Christ (Christology); Salvation (Soteriology); the Church (Ecclesiology); and the Future (Eschatology). It presents these truths in an interesting way, simple enough for the ordinary Bible student, but in a

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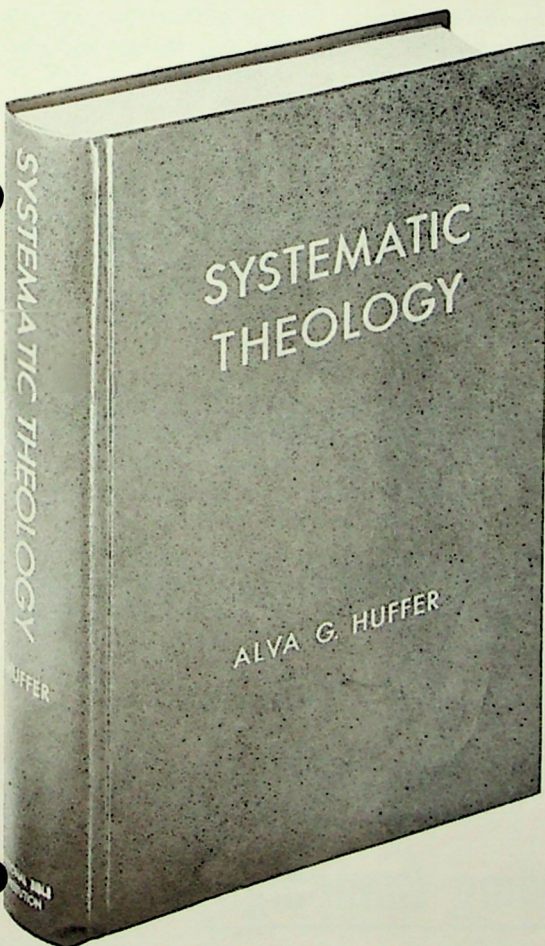
The book has been more than two years in the process of publication. Great care was given in typesetting, proof-reading, indexing, and printing and binding to produce a beautifully printed and bound book.

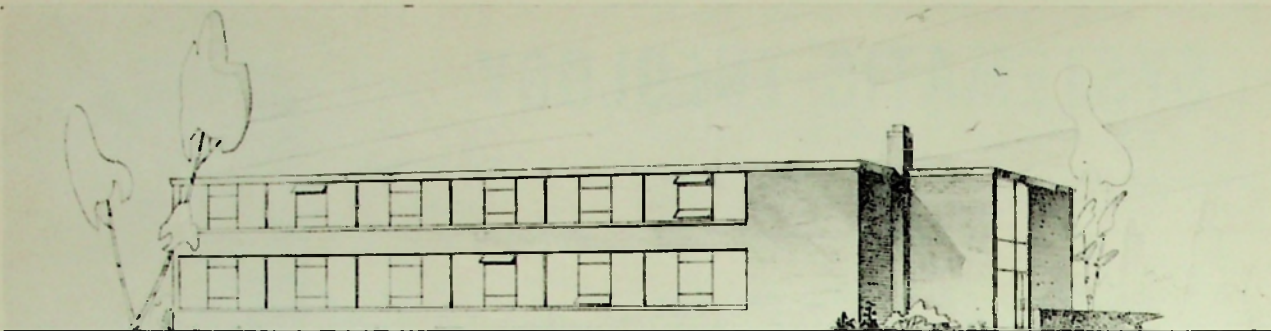
Publication of this important book is part of the Decade of Development of the Church of God. It is a step forward in the field of publishing the truth. It is a step forward in evangelism, presenting the truth in a complete and scholarly way as a guide to the child of God and as a point of contact with the interested reader outside of Christ. It is a step forward in the training of workers, for it will be an important textbook in Oregon Bible College, contributing to unity of thinking and belief and developing a united front in presenting the message of the Word of God. It is a step forward in Church of God family life, for, placed in every home, it can be a research book to arm the personal witness and prepare him to better understand his Bible and thus be a better witness to the truth.

This book is not a substitute for the Bible but a tool to be used with the Bible which is the Word of God. It is a Bible-help, a subject study of the message of God's Word.

The Church of God owes a debt of gratitude to Bro. Huffer for his hours of research and writing in bringing forth this book. Others of the Church of God who have encouraged in this work, who have purchased copies before publication to provide funds for the publishing costs, who have loaned money to get the work under way, are also to be thanked.

"Systematic Theology" may be ordered now for immediate delivery. The cost is \$5.95, postage paid. Send your order to: National Bible Institution, Oregon, Illinois.





CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF IN FEBRUARY

This month is the kick-off of the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the expansion of Oregon Bible College facilities. The joint meeting of the Board of Directors and the Finance Committee, January 23, began the Campaign. The program was presented to the ministers of the Church of God at their January 26 meeting. The Campaign is officially under way!

The next step will be a series of District Meetings by members of the Board of Directors, Finance Committee, and National Bible Institution staff. Ministers and delegations from each Church of God will be urged to attend these District kick-off meetings, during February.

Ministers and lay delegates from each Church of God will be given all the information having to do with the need for Oregon Bible College expansion, the proposal to build the above-pictured building to fill the immediate need, and the ways in which each member family of the Church of God can take part in this program.

Between March 13 and March 27 each member of the Church of God will have opportunity to learn more about this program and to make a statement of intentions to invest in this building and in the training of future workers for the Church of God.

More than \$6,000.00 already has been committed for this expansion by individuals who know the need and want to have a part in this venture.

1964 is the Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College. This is a fitting time to look to the growing needs of this important Church of God institution. We will need more and more pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, musicians, and other church leaders as the Church of God progresses. Where else but to Oregon Bible College can we look to find them?

Be on the alert for more information! Serve with your

pastor on the delegation to attend the District meeting! Work with this delegation when it returns to your church to take this information and opportunity to every home! Pray for the expansion of Oregon Bible College, and support this Silver Anniversary Building Campaign!

YOU CAN GIVE NOW!

Perhaps you are already convinced of the worthiness of this program. Through attendance at General Conference or observation of the College in operation, or talks with students or staff, you may have seen the need for a College building for men's dormitory, library, and kitchen-dining hall.

● WILL YOU GIVE?

\$5000.00 payable at	\$1000.00 per year, or	\$85.00 per month
1000.00 payable at	250.00 per year, or	17.00 per month
500.00 payable at	100.00 per year, or	8.50 per month
300.00 payable at	60.00 per year, or	5.00 per month
250.00 payable at	50.00 per year, or	4.25 per month
200.00 payable at	40.00 per year, or	3.50 per month
150.00 payable at	30.00 per year, or	2.50 per month
100.00 payable at	20.00 per year, or	1.75 per month
75.00 payable at	15.00 per year, or	1.50 per month
50.00 payable at	10.00 per year, or	1.00 per month

My intentions are to give \$ _____ payable at \$ _____ (per year) (per month) for the expansion of Oregon Bible College, should the Lord tarry and continue to make this sacrificial giving possible for me.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 (Mail to: National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.)



Silver Anniversary Building Campaign

General Conference Progress

NEW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LESSONS

Sr. Iris Burnett, Tipp City, Ohio, with several helpers, is editing the new Vacation Bible School lessons for 1960. The books (1, 2, and 3 for Pre-School, Primary, and Junior classes) will contain ten lessons. The theme is "God speaks through great leaders." The lessons concern the men whom God used to write the Bible.

There is more material than usual in these books. Each lesson has several pages of helps and handwork, with suggestions for the class and the teacher. In addition, each school using the books will be furnished with three teacher's booklets giving further suggestions for opening periods, and other ideas to use in the Bible schools.

Books should be ready for mailing by April 1. Order yours early! Please order the number you will need, since *we will not refund money for books returned*. This practice has become very expensive and impractical because of high postage costs and damage to books returned through the mail. Estimate your needs as closely as possible. Extra copies can be sent within a few days if you find after an early registration that you may run short.

Books will sell for 35 cents per copy, with the teacher's books (three per school) supplied free.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE OPENS NEW SEMESTER, FEBRUARY 1

The second semester of Oregon Bible College began February 1, with twenty-five students. Instructors are: Otto E. Dick, C. E. Lapp, Louise Lapp, and Kenneth Milne. Twelve of the students are also taking an extension course from Northern Illinois University, at the local Taft Field Campus, for 3 hours resident credit. New Students this semester are: Marlyn Holquist, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Dallas Denchfield and Ardis Larington returning after a semester's absence; and Deloris Larington, McCook, Nebr.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PLANS BEING MADE

A tentative program for the 1960 General Conference was approved by the Board of Directors and plans are moving ahead to select speakers and finalize plans for the program. We hope to be able to announce the complete program for the Conference in the April 7, *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. Recommendations from the Board of Directors, the Revised Constitution, and other matters needing delegate action will be published by June 7, or before, the Lord willing.

NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ FOR YOUTH

The National Bible Quiz for youth being sponsored by the Berean Youth Fellowship is generating much interest. We have heard of Quiz teams being formed in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Washington, Fonthill, and Nova Scotia. There probably are many others.

Local eliminations on the Book of Ephesians are to be conducted in March. State and district eliminations on the Book of Ephesians, to determine state championship teams, will be in May. The national championship eliminations on 1 Timothy will be held at the National Youth Conference, August 21-27, 1960.

These Quiz teams can generate interest in Bible Study, in the youth fellowship meetings, in state meetings, and in the National Youth Conference. We are looking for good competition and fun.

NEED BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS?

Sr. Dolena Shaw and Sr. Joyce Magaw are interested in assisting with vacation Bible schools in the Church of God this summer. They are both students in Oregon Bible College, wives of student ministers, and interested in performing this service. Since Sr. Verna Thayer's retirement there may be several schools needing outside assistance and we can recommend these ladies for the work. Contact Harold Doan, National Bible Institution, Oregon, Ill., for further information.

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

\$42,710.00

Given Through January 31	12,899.04
Balance to Be Given By September 30	29,810.96
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Goal for Giving for January	3,716.72
Received in January	3,591.46
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**Giving Goal for February
\$3,726.37**

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 20, 21—Indiana Youth Retreat at Camp Mack
March 4-6—Michigan Spring Conference at Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids
March 5—Illinois Ministers' Meeting, Dixon
March 26, 27—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Ripley
May 21, 22—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Macomb
June 12-18—Annual Michigan Conference at Camp Chief Noonday
June 27 - July 3—Nebraska Family Retreat, Camp Merrill
July 18-23—Ohio State Youth Camp
July 24-31—Illinois State Conference at Oregon
August 7-12—General Conference at Camp Mack, Ind.
August 21-27—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Ill.

RIPLEY CHURCH NEWS

The Ripley Church has purchased a new mimeograph for the pastor's use in printing the church bulletin.

The annual business meeting and election of officers was conducted December 9, 1959, Bro. Wayne Laning presiding.

Officers elected were: elders, Wayne Laning, Loren Burnett; deacons, Alfred Hetrick, Lawrence Lewis, and Wayne Holtkamp and Victor Ralston, assistants; secretary, Margaret Porter; assistant secretary, Helen Lewis; treasurer, Mildred Hetrick, and assistant, Thelma Ransom; deaconesses Thelma Ransom, Helen Lewis, and assistants, Ellouise Wells, Mildred Lewis; trustees, Lyle Lewis, George Long, Harold Burnett; Sunday school superintendent, Merle Davis.

Despite illness and bad weather, attendance is very good and interest high at our services, which is good evidence that we are enjoying the capable leadership of Bro. and Sr. Harry Sheets.

EHELBERGER - LARINGTON

On January 16, 1960, Miss Iva Ehelberger became the bride of Loren Larington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Devere Larington. Mrs. Dale Friedmann was matron of honor, and Nile Larington, brother of the groom, was best man. Services were performed by the writer in the First Congregational Church, McCook, Neb. V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT JORDAN

Plans have been made and work started on a modern new church building for the congregation at Jordan, Mo. Plans are for a church of truly contemporary design, which could well establish a trend for others to follow.

CHAPPELL, NEBRASKA

We are continuing to have regular services at Chappell, even though our pastor is not able to work. Since Bro. Grover Gordon has been ill, the pulpit has been filled by Bro. C. E. Lapp, Bro. Roy Graham, Bro. A. R. Sapp of Julesburg, Colo., Sr. Lucille Appleby, Sr. Burton Smith, and Sr. G. J. Gordon. We sincerely thank those who have helped us during this time. On November 15, when Sr. Appleby was visiting speaker, three of our young people requested baptism and were baptized that afternoon by Sr. Appleby. The three are: Duane Stott, Mitchell, Neb.; Bernoil Smith and Connie Shirley, Chappell. We pray God's blessing upon these young people as they begin their Christian life. Mrs. Burton Smith, Secretary.

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank all who remembered us in prayer; also those who sent us cards, letters, and gifts. They were all very much appreciated and helped us over a difficult holiday season. It would be impossible for us to answer all these well wishes individually, so we are taking this means of thanking all of you. May the Lord bless each one.

We came home from the Denver hospital January 6 and Grover is slowly regaining his strength at home.

Grover and Inez Gordon.

MRS. ANNIE BROBERG

Annie Mathilda Broberg, daughter of Nicholas and Caroline Falk, was born on August 9, 1868, in Vastergotland, Sweden. In 1886 she came to Minneapolis, Minn., where she married Andrew Broberg. In 1906 the family moved to Grass Lake Township, where she lived until she died on January 11, 1960.

Sr. Broberg is survived by two daughters; Clara, at home, and Mrs. C. E. Randall (Ruby) of Omaha, Neb.; one son, Paul of Anoka, Minn.; two brothers, Arvid Falk of Lake Bronson, and Adolph Falk of Seattle, Wash. There are also two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, besides several nieces, nephews, and others left to mourn.

Sr. Broberg was a loyal member of the Mora Church of God. She was laid to rest, there to await the call of her Master, following the service in the Rock Funeral Home in Braham, Minn., January 14, conducted by the writer and assisted by E. O. Runtson of Eden Valley. T. M. Savage.

A WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

Sending his renewal to The Restitution Herald, E. F. Marsh, Milford, Neb., writes: "I am ninety-five years old. I can hardly see to read or write." This brother has been a subscriber for many, many years, and though he can barely read now, still wants his church paper. Do you?

BAPTISM AT HOLBROOK, NEBRASKA

On November 30, 1959, Mrs. Ida Copper put on Christ as her Saviour in the waters of baptism. May the Lord bless her in her walk with Him. V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

BAPTISMS AT GLAD TIDINGS CHAPEL Dayton, Ohio

On January 24, 1960, several of the brethren accompanied Scott Reeves and Stephen Stine to Brush Creek, where they were baptized to begin a walk in the footsteps of their Lord. May He bless and use them mightily. V. J. Reeves, Pastor.

REPORT OF BOARD FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTERS' FUND

In compliance with a motion made on August 6, 1959, at the General Conference, the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon Churches, Oregon Bible College dean, and the general manager of the National Bible Institution met on September 11, 1959, and considered their first request for assistance for one of our ministers. The board was organized at that time and it was decided that a chairman would be chosen each year in September. The pastor of the Oregon Church was chosen for the following year.

To date \$600.00 has been given to assist two of our ministers to pay large hospital and doctor expenses and \$25.00 per month is being sent to a worthy retired minister to assist in his living expenses.

If there are no other expenditures this year the Fund will be left with a balance of \$2,800.00 at the end of the year. Anyone wishing to help maintain this Fund may send contributions to National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Ill.

Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Chairman.

PENNELWOOD GROUPS ORGANIZE

Men of the Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., organized the P.M. Club (Pennellwood Men), with Chester Sams as president. The men meet the first Monday night of each month.

Pennellwood has also organized a leadership training school which meets on Wednesday nights. Two courses are offered: How to Grow in Christian Life, by Ada Simpson; and a Refresher Course in Church of God Doctrine, by Pastor Alva Huffer. The two courses are open to all youth and adults who choose the course they wish to take. Interest and attendance have been very good.

NOTE OF THANKS

Sr. Harlan Bell, of the San Jose, Calif., Church, sends her thanks to the many friends who sent cards on the recent anniversary of the Bells.

JANUARY SPONSORS

Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Ballentine	10.00
Lawrenceville Church	21.24
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Cooper	5.00
M. A. Patrick	100.00
F. B. Winfrey	100.00
Virda Sittler	10.00
Lorraine O. Gaspar	25.00
Macomb Church	23.75
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Furber	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Huffer	17.00
Judith Peters	25.00
Viola M. Bolinger	5.00
Kenneth Heaton	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Milford Heaton	10.00
Mrs. F. L. Austin	5.00
Leila E. Whitehead	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Jones	10.00
Brush Creek Church	88.35
Pennellwood Church	78.79
Azalia Winfrey	115.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. Don Swartz	100.00
Southwest Conference	64.72
Lois E. Hunt	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Oral Miller	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Morrison	15.00
E. F. Marsh	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Lewis	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Lapp	144.50
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Anthon	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Otto E. Dick	25.00
Ruth S. Congdon	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Sorenson	26.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Burnett	85.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Mills	100.00
Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Savage	40.00
Harry J. Stadden	10.00
Amy L. Young	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sheets	30.00
Chicago Missionary Society	100.00
Maybelle Hanson	6.00
L. H. Anderson	20.00
Gospel Gleamers Class	3.00
Dorothy Magaw	15.00
Jennie E. Townsend	5.00
Brush Creek Sunday School	200.00
Lorna Pearson	8.00
Iris Burnett	13.00
Truth Seeker's Church	25.00
Evangelism & Missions	383.75
Esta Starbuck	10.00
Blessed Hope Church	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earle Mogle	10.00
Macomb Missionary Society	5.00
Indiana State Missionary Society	105.00
Jeanette Reeves	8.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carpenter	10.00
Martha Walls Circle	25.00
Felida Church	11.50
Dollar-a-Month Club (Dayton)	15.00
Hillside Missionary Society	15.00
Illinois State Conference	50.00
Edward Houser	5.00
Golden Rule Missionary Society	25.00
Conger Street Church	5.00
Mrs. James Mattison	5.00
Kokomo Doreas	5.00
Mae & Peterson	8.70
Gladys Valentine	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pearson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Mattison	47.00
Emma B. Coleman	10.00
Clarence & Betty Schier	10.00
Happy Woods Church	54.78
Mauertown Sunday School	60.55

David & Rose Mary Shellhaas	15.00
Mrs. Frank Moran	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Delos Andrew	5.00
Burr Oak Church	185.00
Fonthill Church	87.63
Fredericktown Young Adult Class	12.66
Lawrenceville Missionary Society	22.10
Southlawn Church	100.00
Mrs. C. R. Brackett	4.75
Litchfield Sunday School	6.03
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Magaw	6.00
Brush Creek Berean Society	3.80
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Patrick	37.50
Tempe Church	59.36
Mrs. Olive Deck	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Drew	10.00
L. J. Elton	5.00
Mrs. Clara Hoke	50.00
Mrs. J. D. Shelly	10.00

CHAPLAIN ORVILLE WESTLUND HAS MANY "FIRSTS"

Bro. Orville Westlund, Church of God minister serving as chaplain in the United States Navy, with the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif., has experienced many "firsts" in Navy service.

This is Bro. Westlund's first tour of duty; the first time in three years the Marines at Camp Pendleton have had their own chaplain; and he serves in the first chapel built at Camp Talega on the Marine base. He is supervising the construction of the chapel for the use of the men in his spiritual care at Camp Pendleton.

HOPE CHAPEL NEWS

Friday night, January 15, 1960, Miss Ann Kudla became the bride of Mr. Ward Doolen in a double ring ceremony read by the pastor of Hope Chapel. We wish the young couple much happiness as they establish their home in South Bend. Mr. Doolen has been a member at Hope Chapel since being baptized by Bro. Harvey Krogh in 1950. The Doolens will reside at 718 Harrison St.

The midwinter Indiana quarterly conference was held at Hope Chapel on January 9. Attendance and interest were good, and steps were made to increase the work of the Indiana churches. The next conference is to be held at the Hillisburg Church, April 9.

For the last two months attendance has been running about 100 for Sunday school. Superintendent Mellie Tronseau is encouraging everyone to come regularly and to bring visitors. There will be a state Sunday school contest in February and Hope Chapel would like to win. Tim Pearson, Pastor.

MRS. OLLIE BELLE DICKINSON

Mrs. Ollie Belle Dickinson, Colo, Iowa, died December 31, 1959. She was born March 21, 1870, on a family homestead south of Colo, and spent her entire life in this vicinity. She was a member of the Church of God and attended services as long as her health permitted. She is survived by three sons: Claude, Chester, and Merle, all of Colo.

Services were conducted by Bro. Louis Cronbaugh, president of the Iowa Conference, and burial was at the Colo Cemetery, where she sleeps in death, awaiting the call of her Lord.



J. R. LECRONES CELEBRATE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Bro. and Sr. J. R. LeCrone were surprised by the members of their Fredericktown, Mo., congregation with a reception in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The reception was held in the church on January 3, 1960. Many gifts were given to the LeCrones to show the esteem and love of the congregation for them. Congratulations!

SOUTHLAWN NEWS Grand Rapids, Michigan

The unexpected hand of death entered our church family and friends. The writer conducted funeral services for Arnold Allen, a regular attendant at our Sunday school. Mr. Allen was a middle-aged man of forty-eight years. He was the father of three children, two of these being regular attendants of our Sunday school.

On Sunday, December 13, we had the pleasure of preaching for the Gatesville, Texas, congregation.

Returning to Grand Rapids on Thursday, December 17, we found Bro. Paul Ackerman in his last visit to the hospital. Paul died, Friday, December 18. His funeral was conducted Monday afternoon, December 21. Two years ago we had the pleasure of baptizing Paul. He was very active in the church. We pray God's blessing upon the family.

Baptisms in the Southlawn Church in the last few weeks include Carol Hudson, a teenager, and Richard Thomas, a talented young man who is attending Michigan University at Ann Arbor, Dick is the husband of the former Marie Lee Sylskar. These two have a great future, and are a blessing to our church.

Our radio program, "The Voice of Truth," is bearing fruit, and is being supported beyond our greatest expectation. We are thankful to have this great opportunity to witness for Christ. WOOD radio tells us that "Ten thousand turn on their radio sets to listen to your program." "We preach the gospel of Jesus Christ without any compromise."

W. Wiggins, Pastor.

INDIANA QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Hope Chapel, South Bend, played host to the Indiana State Quarterly Conference on January 9. After a brief devotional period, led by Frank Fox, the children and young people retired to the basement for a complete program which had been well planned especially for them.

While the ministers were in session, Bro. Dale Rouch of the Morning Star Church conducted a Bible class for the adults. Sr. Meredith New, president of the Missionary Society, presided at that session.

A most elegant dinner was prepared by the local ladies, and served by the younger ladies.

Since the president of the Sunday School Association was in a board meeting following dinner, the Sunday school meeting was opened by Sr. Austin Railton. It was announced that the entire state would participate in an attendance contest to be held during February, March, and April.

In the absence of state president Roland Stilson, Vice President O'Neil presided over the conference business session. The conference voted to suggest that all Indiana churches recognize Valentine Sunday, February 14, as a special "Open-Your-Heart Day" for Sr. Verna Thayer. This will be a day when her former Bible school students and friends can remember her with cards and valentines, etc., to show their appreciation for the many years she has spent in teaching the children.

One of the highlights of the day was the special number by the Hope Chapel junior choir, which harmonized beautifully under the direction of Sr. Marjorie Gyorgyi, who

accompanied them. The regular senior choir also sang during the evening service, at which Bro. Warren Sorenson spoke.

The next quarterly conference has been set for April 9, at the Hillisburg Church.

Marjorie Overmyer, Reporter.

MINISTERS

Suggested revisions for the "A to O" section of the By-Laws of National Bible Institution should be sent to Bro. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., by March 1. His address is: 211 N. Third St., Oregon, Ill.

LALAH RHODES

Mrs. Lalah Catherine Rhodes died December 8, 1959, at Woodstock, Va., at the age of eighty years. She was a member of the Church of God.

Sr. Rhodes is survived by six children: Mrs. Pearl Ritenour, Mrs. Bernice Ritenour, and Robert Rhodes, all of Fort Valley, Va.; Mrs. Opal E. Greer of Hendersonville, N. C.; Mrs. Olive E. Brown of Arden, N. C.; and Fred N. Rhodes of Baltimore, Md. Also surviving are three sisters, nineteen grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren. Sr. Rhodes spent most of the last years of her life with her children in Fort Valley.

The funeral was held in the Fort Valley Church of God, and burial was in Dry Run Cemetery. The service was conducted by the writer. Our hope for her is the resurrection at the coming of Christ.

Dale Ward, Pastor.

FAITH CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD Peoria, Illinois

The sixth annual election of officers for Faith Chapel was held January 10, 1960. The following were chosen to serve for the coming year: elders, Elzie Robbins and Joe Schlupp, Jr.; deacons, Paul Schaer and Jerry Schofield; deaconesses, Sue Salzman and Thelma Schaer; secretary, Hilda Kump; treasurer, Thelma Schaer; Sunday school superintendent, Margaret Schlupp; assistant superintendent, Glen Riley; chairman, Joe Schlupp, Jr.

A cabinet under the sink and a counter have been built in the basement. The Faith Workers have been working to paint them and now their project will be to paint the walls of the kitchen and bathroom before the coming Sunday School Rally in February.

A youth group was started in October, with Paul and Thelma Schaer as youth directors. They started with five students and at the December Christmas party ten were in attendance. Officers were elected, and the group plans its own activities and classes.

A ministry to the sick has also been established. The pastor and his wife, along with some of the members, have been to visit several of the sick. Scripture readings and prayers have been much appreciated by those sick ones. On December 23 we were privileged to conduct church services at the Roanoke Old Age Home. The Faith Workers baked cookies and gave to each one at the Home. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

Hilda Kump, Secretary.

Sunday School Administration

At times it is important that we give thought to the fundamentals of Sunday school administration. We may ask this question: "Is our Sunday school active and growing, winning persons to Christ our Saviour; or are things going as they may, without organization or any unified effort on the part of teachers and officers?"

In order that a Sunday school may have successful contests, visitation programs, and steady growth, it is essential that the officers and teachers know their duties and responsibilities.

Superintendent

Let us first look at the requirements for a superintendent.

The Sunday school superintendent is the executive head of one of the most important agencies in Christian education. The successful superintendent is 1) spiritually alive and growing; 2) unrivaled in dedication to his work; 3) co-operative, but not devoid of conviction; 4) able to get along with people and generate confidence; 5) farsighted and realistic; 6) alert and progressive; 7) determined, but not inflexible; and 8) willing to learn.

A wise superintendent will not attempt to do all the work himself, but will enlist and utilize an adequate staff. He outlines the responsibilities of his associates and sees that they are carried out. He does not do the work of ten men; he gets ten men to do the work.

The superintendent should be considered the business manager of the Sunday school. His task is, working with the minister, to analyze, organize, deputize, and supervise.

Here are a few things that can be of help to the superintendent. Arrive at least twenty minutes before opening time and have the program for the morning completely outlined before arriving. If the superintendent runs around at the last minute picking out songs to sing, passing out class books, etc., he does not have time to meet people at the door in a calm, friendly manner and make them feel welcome. Instead, the nervous excitement of the superintendent running to and fro generates the same feeling in others, and they wonder what he is going to do next.

It is important that the superintendent perform as many of his duties as possible during the week so that he can be at his best on Sunday.

Assistant Superintendent

This is an office which is often taken lightly. We all know that the assistant should take over the duties of the superintendent in his absence. Let us go further than this. The assistant should have regular duties to perform each week, such as being director of enrollment and the visitation program. He is the superintendent in training.

It has been said that the superintendent can be no stronger than his assistant allows him to be. If the assistant does not perform his duties, the superintendent must, and this prohibits the superintendent from doing his best.

Secretary

The secretary should keep neat and accurate records of Sunday school attendance, events, and correspondence. She should study records to know trends of growth and should report regularly on the position of the Sunday school in regard to goals which have been set.

The secretary may have other duties assigned by the superintendent.

Treasurer

The treasurer should keep accurate records of all Sunday school money. He should report regularly to the superintendent all receipts and expenditures. His duties also include checking on supplies needed and paying all Sunday school bills. The treasurer should check financial needs periodically and report them to the superintendent. He may have other duties assigned by the superintendent.

Teachers and Assistants

It is the duty of the teacher to be regular in attendance, giving adequate notice of absence to the superintendent. He should be on time, prepared by prayer and study and should maintain good discipline in his class.

A teacher should be a Christian example by being pleasant, courteous, faithful, visionary, and courageous.

The purpose of teaching is found in Ephesians 4:11-16.

Dwaine Demmitt, Treasurer,
National Sunday School Dept.
References: *Manual for Christian Workers and Leaders*, published by Church of God General Conference; *Sunday School Superintendent* by Howard G. Hendricks.

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National Berean Youth Advisory Council

These nine young people were elected at the 1959 National Berean Youth Conference to work with the national youth director in making recommendations concerning the Berean Youth Fellowship. They are, front row, left to right: Becky Patrick, Cheryl Macy, Ruby Peterson, Sharon Sheneman. Back row, left to right: Ruth Middaugh, Dallas Denchfield, Arlen Rankin, Kenneth Hall, Dennis Anderson. These nine are representative of the fine young people of the Berean Youth Fellowship of the Church of God.

EDITORIALS



SILVER ANNIVERSARY BUILDING CAMPAIGN MOVING AHEAD

The Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for Oregon Bible College is moving ahead. Meetings have been conducted by district leaders, sermons have been delivered by the pastors, and local leaders and their teams of workers have been in the field for two weeks. Probably you have been contacted or have received a Silver Anniversary kit in the mail by this time. (If you have not yet received this information, please write Harold Doan, National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois, and we will send you one of the information kits.)

Commitments to the Campaign by members of the National Bible Institution staff and Board of Directors, from district leaders and local leaders, and from individuals who have responded to the information printed in the *JOURNAL* or *The Restitution Herald*, already total more than \$19,000.00. Commitment cards from churches have not yet begun to arrive at the national office.

First reports are that the district meetings were well attended and interest was high. Local meetings were also full of interest and acceptance of the proposal to expand the facilities of Oregon Bible College to provide more trained workers for the growing Church of God. We trust that each member-family of the Church of God also will become convinced of this need and respond to the opportunity to provide these additional facilities.

We are thankful to the men who are giving their time and talent to this national campaign. Members of the Board of Directors, the Finance Committee, pastors, and workers in local churches have our sincere appreciation for their zeal and efforts to make possible the building of a dormitory-dining hall-library building for the Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College.

BEREAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

The cover picture of the National Berean Youth Fellowship Advisory Council is inspiring to us in many ways. Here is a group of outstanding young people, full of enthusiasm and talent, and willing to use their gifts

in the service of the Lord. Many of their ideas have been incorporated into the Berean Youth Fellowship program, including the National Berean Bible Quiz now in progress.

As we look forward to the Berean Youth Conference at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Illinois, August 21-27, we expect to see many other young people of this same caliber. Juvenile delinquency, disobedience to parents, flippancy of youth, and similar stigma attached to modern youth, fade away from our thinking when we work with these Christian young people.

There will be several state and district camps again this year, as well as the national conference for youth. They will all need our support, our help, our prayers, and our children. Get behind the Berean Youth Fellowship camping program in your church and state. You will be thrilled, and well repaid in blessings for your service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TIME COMING SOON

Several Churches of God, always alert to the opportunities around them, are already making plans for their vacation Bible schools. Inquiries and orders have come from several places for vacation Bible school lessons for this summer.

This is the time to begin making plans and preparations. School will be out before we know the spring has gone. The neighborhoods of the churches will be swarming with children looking for something to do. Will your church be ready with a well-staffed, well-planned, prepared Bible school?

New vacation Bible school lessons, "God Speaks Through Holy Men," are now on the press and should be ready for delivery after April 15. Sample books and lessons will be ready before that for survey by Bible school staffs. This will be an excellent, Bible-centered, complete vacation Bible school course, which we can highly recommend to any church.

CHURCH SECRETARIES' SEASON FOR WORK

About this time of year, secretaries of Churches of God receive several statistical forms, including the General Conference delegate forms. This means work to them.

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The Pledge - An Expression of Faith

By Pastor John Denchfield
Digby, Nova Scotia

AS HE began the seemingly impossible work of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, Nehemiah reviewed the entire problem and then expressed his faith in God and in his brethren by saying, "The God of heaven *will* make us prosper, and we his servants *will* arise and *build*" (Neh. 2:20).

The three greatest requirements in all God's work, and especially in work demanding effort and sacrifice over and above the usual, are: 1) faith; 2) faith; and 3) faith.

As we are now in the beginnings of Oregon Bible College Silver Anniversary Building Campaign, which is the greatest single building program we have as yet aspired unto, we may be sure that our accomplishment will be according to our faith. As Nehemiah, we, too, must anticipate God's blessings. When we have faith that "God *will* make us prosper" we *will* arise and pledge ourselves to this work.

There can be no question concerning the worthwhileness of this project. We all want to "grow" and "go" into all the world with the gospel of Christ. The grandeur of the work of Oregon Bible College may well be expressed in the theme, "To know Him, and to make Him known." What work could be greater? Rebuilding the stone wall around Jerusalem was, by comparison, only of small importance. When Jesus said, "Greater works than these shall ye do," He may well have had in mind the magnitude of the opportunity existing in our days. May we rejoice in that He has given this work to us!

Rome was not built in a day, nevertheless day by day Rome was built. We have undertaken a tremendous project, but not an impossible one. It can be done! However, it will not be done by wishful thinking, or by saying, "Let *them* do it." *We are them!* Nor can it be done by prayer without works. As faith without work is dead, so prayer without work becomes faithless prayer which cannot be heard beyond the range of one's own hearing. Consequently, it accomplishes nothing.

Our ability in this matter is well stated in the little Anniversary Campaign brochure, which all will have received before now: "Only one dollar per week per family for one year," would provide more than enough to erect the building. Most of us are able to give more than this small amount; and keep it up for at least five years.

The challenge is not to our "ability" but rather to our "willingness." Are we willing to trust God for His bless-



ings as we do His work? We ought not to say, "Maybe we can do it," but get to work and see how well we can do it.

The only way any group can know what it can accomplish collectively is to determine the extent of willingness with which each one within the group will participate. This, in turn, can best be discerned by the receiving of voluntary statements of such intention, called commitments or pledges, totaling them, and thus arriving at the total group accomplishment. The importance of the individual pledge is therefore easily recognized as each one makes its difference in the total accomplishment. It is the individual pledge of faith that will accomplish the objective.

Of course, some will say, "I am willing to help, but I can't say how much. I might get sick or lose my job or something. Anyway, I really don't believe in making pledges." My friend, willing or not, such an attitude is no help at all. It is impossible to add an unknown quantity. However, I submit that you *can* determine the amount and that you *do* believe in pledging.

In the dictionary and in our Christian usage, the words "commit" and "pledge" are "kin" each to the other. Paul, in 2 Timothy 1:12, witnessed his faith that God was able to keep that which he had committed (pledged, assigned) to Him—even his life. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" is the admonition of Psalm 37:5.

(More)

Do we not pledge our lives to Him and demonstrate our pledge in the waters of baptism? Aware that the rising from the waters signifies a walking "in newness of life," have we not pledged?

When you came forward in acceptance of Jesus' sacrifice, the minister asked a number of questions concerning your faith, and most likely concluded with something like, "Will you serve the Lord from this time forward?" Your answer, "Yes," was certainly a pledge.

Somewhere, sometime, those of us who are married asked the young lady to marry us. In order to secure her answer, you made whatever promises and pledges you thought necessary. Her answer was also her pledge. At the marriage, each pledged to the other "till death do us part."

Have you ever borrowed money and signed a promissory note as your pledge to repay? How about the contract or mortgage for the purchasing of your home? You pledged to make definite payments at definite times. The same procedure and pledge are usually involved in securing a new car.

Remember when the little lady just had to have an automatic washer and you went to the store and made a deal? You pledged a portion of your income each month until the washer was paid for—then the dryer—then the deep-freeze—and now the old TV is almost done for. What next?

One moves into a new home. Electric power is needed. It is necessary to meet with certain officials and sign an agreement which, among other things, includes your promise to pay all charges for use of energy as bills become due. It is also necessary to back up your promise with a cash deposit, as your signature is not quite substantial enough.

Want a telephone? The procedure is much the same, except that you must pledge to make payments in advance of the service you trust they will give you.

This listing of such illustrations could become exceedingly long, for our manner of living today is a constant pledging and committing of ourselves. In material ways we live by faith. We enjoy convenience, and at times necessities, in our home today because we had enough faith in our earning ability to pledge our future earnings in order to secure them.

Who says, "I don't believe in pledges"? What we really mean by such statements is, "I don't mind pledging myself for things I want, but I don't want to pledge myself for the church work."

Now, how can we determine how much? We might get sick, or something. Consider again, just how was this problem solved in the purchasing of your home? and the car? and the washer? Was it not on the basis of your past earnings, with faith that present earning ability would be maintained, plus even a small hope of increased

earnings? Where was the worry about getting sick or losing the job then? If you did worry about it, you probably decided to go ahead anyway.

Is Christianity, God's work, salvation, Christian training, worthy of more or less consideration and commitment than things?

God has kept and prospered me for more than fifty years. Why should I doubt His ability to bless through the next five years? or the next fifty?

Nehemiah looked ahead, and said, "God will make us prosper, and we will arise and build."

Our pledge is an expression of our faith in God's concern and ability to bless us in His work. Why is it that we will pledge greater amounts upon faith in our own ability and for our own satisfaction than we will upon our faith in His ability and for His work. Why sell God short? When He asks us to serve Him, surely He will bless us in that service!

That which man values most determines the content of his Christianity. Do we uphold the Christian values which we profess?

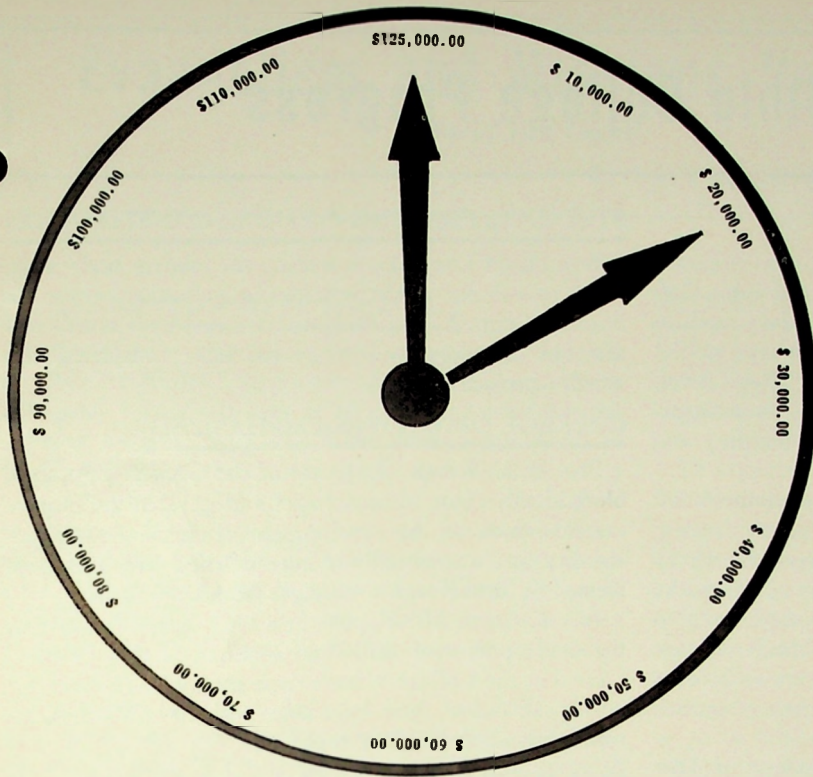
The pledge may well be defined as the definite and practical expression of our faith and sacrificial commitment toward our objective.

I am heartily in accord with the Biblical teaching of the tithe as the minimum standard of proportionate giving and would not detract from it one little bit. However, it must be admitted that whenever we give from that which we have received we exercise but little faith, unless, as the widow, we give "all our living." That which we have in hand is there, it can be seen and counted; but "faith is the . . . evidence of things not seen."

To anticipate the continual receiving (even increasing) of God's blessings and to commit ourselves fully, without reserve, on the basis of that which we anticipate or see by faith, is the expression of that faith! Such is the nature of a pledge. It is an expression of faith.

The number of pledges received in this Silver Anniversary Campaign will of necessity be limited by the number within our group. Consequently, the final accomplishment, the ultimate best we can do, will be determined by the size of each pledge received and totaled. "How much can I pledge?" thus becomes the big question. What is the extent of my faith in God's provision, through me, for this work, "To know Him and to make Him known"?

This brings in the consideration of sacrifice. We are not justified in thinking He will make it easy for us. I heard of a church that for some time prayed that God would increase their annual income by a thousand dollars so that they could send a hundred dollars to the poor heathen! (I have not heard that they ever received the thousand.) Neither has He promised to rain "pennies from heaven."
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Since TIME is involved in this Silver Anniversary Building Campaign, we will use this clock to keep you informed of the progress of this undertaking. *Now is the time* that the Silver Anniversary Campaign is at its peak. The workers are in the field and commitments are being made. *Now* is the time that the Church of God needs trained pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, and musicians. *Now is the time*, with the population explosion, to prepare for growth in Oregon Bible College and in the Church of God. *Now is the time* to act.

The goal for the first unit of this Silver Anniversary Building Campaign is \$125,000.00 to construct the dormitory-dining hall-library building which has been pictured in the past issues of PROGRESS JOURNAL and in the Anniversary packets you have received. We hope to have commitments or cash gifts of at least that much this spring, 1960.

Now is the time to make a commitment or a gift to this great work of faith, and now is the time to begin making the annual or monthly contributions toward that commitment. 1964 is the Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College.

Each month, in PROGRESS JOURNAL, the minute hand will move ahead to the amount of commitments made by that date. Time moves quickly and we trust that the hand of faith will move quickly to the proposed goal. We are at \$19,707.05 now and it is ten past the hour. Where will the hand be next month, should the Lord tarry?

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!

Make a Commitment Now!

● WILL YOU GIVE?

\$5000	at	\$1000.00	per year, or	\$85.00	monthly
1000	at	250.00	per year, or	17.00	monthly
500	at	100.00	per year, or	8.50	monthly
300	at	60.00	per year, or	5.00	monthly
250	at	50.00	per year, or	4.25	monthly
200	at	40.00	per year, or	3.50	monthly
150	at	30.00	per year, or	2.50	monthly
100	at	20.00	per year, or	1.75	monthly
75	at	15.00	per year, or	1.50	monthly
50	at	10.00	per year, or	1.00	monthly

● USE THIS COUPON

My intentions are to give \$..... payable at \$..... (per year) (per month) for the expansion of Oregon Bible College, should the Lord tarry and continue to make this sacrificial giving possible for me.

Name

Address

City State

(Mail to: National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.)

The Silver Anniversary Building Campaign Is Under Way!

Oregon Bible College Progress

DR. WITMER VISITS COLLEGE

Dr. S. A. Witmer, Fort Wayne, Indiana, who is executive director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, visited Oregon Bible College for two days recently as a consultant to the staff of the College. He was invited to counsel in relation to the Oregon Bible College development program, his counsel dealing primarily with organization, curriculum development, and building expansion plans of the College.

His visit coincided with a campaign to raise funds for a new building to be used for a men's dormitory, library, kitchen, and dining hall. The period between March 13 and March 27 had been designated as a time in which the building needs of the College would be made known to every Church of God family. At this time those who are interested in the program of the College were to be contacted and given an opportunity to declare their intentions to invest in the new building.

Dr. Witmer was for several years president of Fort Wayne Bible College. In his present position he has an opportunity to visit and to counsel with Bible colleges; therefore he is well qualified as a consultant in the field of Christian college education.

CHURCH PROVIDES TUITION

Recently someone with love and forethought made a will to the Fonthill Church of God, Fonthill, Ontario, with the stipulation that a trust fund be created, and that the money from this fund be used to pay the tuition of the students who would attend Oregon Bible College from that church. We are happy that Sr. Ruby Peterson was the first to benefit from this provision.

As our college grows, and the students have more and more studies to get, we feel grateful to the churches which are willing to aid them in this manner. We know the students appreciate the help, and they have a greater opportunity to take advantage of those things offered in the curriculum. Thank you, Fonthill.

BROTHER DICK CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

We are happy to report that Bro. Otto Dick, College Superintendent, is slowly gaining strength each day. He is convinced the Lord has heard the many prayers which have been offered in his behalf, and we are thankful for this renewed strength. Continue to pray that Bro. Dick may be completely well and able to carry on his duties at the College.

STUDENTS FRAMING COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Bro. David Louzecky is leading the student body in an effort to iron out all the wrinkles in a constitution for the Student Council. The students have met in a number of directed meetings, and soon will have completed this worthy project.

COLLEGE OBJECTIVES EMPHASIZED

Bro. H. U. Krogh, Jr., pastor of the Oregon Church of God, kindly came to our chapel and gave a fine inspirational sermon on the development of character and personality into a spiritually mature worker. We have been blessed by Bro. Krogh's messages from time to time.

Bro. Kenneth Milne spoke at a later date, emphasizing the development of skills for Christian service. We feel blessed at the College to have these men who can come in and speak out of their experience to help build these future workers of the Church of God.

CITY-WIDE YOUTH RALLY

A city-wide youth rally was held in Oregon, Saturday, March 5. Patterning themselves after the Youth for Christ organization, a group of Oregon Bible College students hold youth rallies for the teen-agers of Oregon. Bro. Timothy Pearson, pastor of the Hope Chapel Church of God, South Bend, Indiana, was the speaker of the evening, and delivered a very inspirational, evangelistic message. The burden of his message was: "Christ, the Answer to the Problems of Youth." Along with Bro. Pearson on the program was the Oregon Bible College trio and Bob Gaspar and his trombone. The rally was well-attended, and all received a great spiritual blessing.

STUDENTS VISIT SYNAGOGUE

During the last month four carloads of students drove to Rockford to attend one of the regular Jewish services on their commemoration of the Sabbath. It was an enlightening service in that we came to better understand their teachings, and came to better know why they believe as they do. The rabbi kindly gave of his time after the service to show us their scrolls, and to answer a number of questions. We pray the Lord will help them to see that Jesus is their Messiah.

For further information on the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for Oregon Bible College, see page 5. This undertaking is being well received and supported.

Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

● C. E. Lapp, Editor



PLEASE EMPTY AND FILL AGAIN

Different ones have asked what they should do with the Dimeter Banks. The purpose of the little plastic banks is to keep before our eyes at all times the *need* for the work of *missions*. After the dimes have accumulated to the \$5.00 mark at the top, the banks may be emptied by taking a large coin and inserting in the slot at the bottom of the bank, and turning it to the right about one-fourth inch. You then can take the money out, exchange it for a bill, and send it to our treasurer, Mrs. Harold Simpson, 1018 Cass Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich., or to Miss Leota Hanson, Box 231, Oregon, Ill. Either way you will receive credit.

You may then replace the small base and refill. Please keep the banks, and use them over and over until Jesus comes! He said, "Occupy till I come." If your bank is broken or lost, we will send you a new one.

HERE'S A CHALLENGE, YOUNG PEOPLE!

Dr. Dick Hillis, General director of Orient Crusades, declared recently, in discussing youth and missions: "Youth wants to be challenged. They want something for which to live and die."

When our missile testing officials asked for those who would volunteer to fly out into "outer space" with no guarantee they would return, they did not have long to wait until seven young men had, in effect, laid down their lives and their futures to be first to go.

Who will be as willing to lay down his life for no glory with men, but *eternal* glory with God? Who will give his life to go where men have not heard of Jesus?

THE DIMES ARE MARCHING!

A letter came in from a pastor this week. "Please send us twenty-five Missionary Dimeter Banks." Another said, "Please send us thirty-six Dimeter Banks for missions."

We thank the Lord for the continued increasing interest among our churches and brethren for the missionary effort. This is the Lord's work, and when people become interested in fulfilling the Lord's command, we know a blessing is sure to come. Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if ye keep my commandments!" His last command was, "Go into all the world!" When Abraham believed and acted upon God's Word, he became a friend of God.

WITNESSES HERE AND THERE

"They tried to detain [Jesus] that he might not leave them. But he said to them, I have to tell the gospel of the kingdom of God to other towns also, because for this purpose I was sent" (Luke 4:43, Weymouth).

The question often is asked whether we should send the missionaries to foreign lands when we have so many in our own country who have not been won to Christ. Let us take a close look at the situation. The Great Commission rests on each Christian, so if a church has fifty members it has fifty missionaries to evangelize its community. If a denomination has four thousand members, it has that many workers with which to evangelize the United States. Why should not a few of them be spared to go to other countries? After Jesus had established a witness in one place, He went to another.

HAWAII OPEN FOR MISSION WORK

Our new state of Hawaii is open for missionary work and would present no language barrier as is found in many countries in the world. Although most of its 600,000 people are from non-Christian groups, all three of its representatives in Congress are professing Christians.

Buddhism is the predominant religion in Hawaii. There are also many Shintoists, Taoists, and Confucianists. The new governor of Hawaii is a Roman Catholic. Since Hawaii is now a state of the Union, there would be no trouble in going there as a missionary any more than if one should go into another state, yet a person would be in an atmosphere that would be oriental as far as the background and racial characteristics were concerned.

Who will be the first to go?

HOME MISSIONARY PROJECT

By this time almost all of the mission groups in the church have either seen or purchased the new book, *Systematic Theology*, by Bro. Alva Huffer, our Church of God pastor in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Several missionary societies already have made it a local project to place one of these books in every public and college library in their immediate vicinity. This surely would be a good home missionary project to spread the gospel, and we can recommend the book without reservation for such an effort. (See page 9, second column.)

General Conference Progress

SUMMER CONFERENCE, AUGUST 7-12, 1960

Plans are mostly confirmed for the summer General Conference meeting at Camp Mack, Milford, Indiana. A complete program will be printed several times before the conference begins on August 7. Some of the highlights of the program are listed below, however.

Evening Speakers

Sunday—Ellsworth Routson
Monday—Warren Sorenson
Tuesday—Delbert Jones
Wednesday—Milon Hall
Thursday—T. M. Ferrell

Classes

There will be an adult Bible class each morning at 8:45; three Bible classes each day for young people; and classes morning and afternoon for children under the direction of Sr. Doris Brown.

Special Days

Monday morning will be given to consideration of the Sunday school department. Monday afternoon will be used for a special presentation by the National Missionary Society. Morning Bible classes also will have a special Sunday school, college, or missionary emphasis.

Important Business

Among important items of business will be consideration of the Revised Constitution being proposed; decisions regarding the Oregon Bible College expansion; election of a first vice president and secretary; discussion of missions and evangelism; and other matters which will be included in the Recommendations of the Board of Directors scheduled to be printed in the June **PROGRESS JOURNAL**.

Family Accommodations

Camp Directors, Bro. and Sr. Don Overmyer, are making plans for rooms for all who are in attendance. There will be accommodations for families as before. Consideration is also being given to a nursery so that mothers can team up to care for small children during business meetings and at other times.

NEW INTEREST IN TRACTS

Several inquiries about tracts indicate a renewed interest in the opportunities to spread the gospel through the printed word. We believe that the General Conference

has a good selection of tracts, but realize that there are some weaknesses which need to be corrected. There is a need for tracts which can be used in making a first contact with an individual who may not be a Bible student or even a casual reader of the Bible. Such tracts need to be simple, to the point, and brief. They can encourage the reader to look further for information and urge him to attend the services of the church to learn more of the truth.

We would be interested in your suggestions and ideas along this line of literature.

NOTES FROM DIGBY

Bro. John Denchfield writes that bad weather in February and March caused a slight decrease in attendance at Lighthouse Mission. The weather also has slowed completion of the building.

Some of the needs of the new building, about which Bro. Denchfield has been asked, are: Communion, kitchen, social, and classroom tables; pulpit, Communion, children's, and folding chairs; lights for piano, pulpit, and classrooms; materials for blackboards, street signs, bulletin boards, kitchen cabinets, and storage cabinets; classroom pictures; Sunday school register board; Christian flag; and kitchen equipment.

Bro. Denchfield also suggests these tips for sending used clothing. He is very thankful for the abundant supply of clothing which has helped many through the cold winter. Freight is the most reasonable. Combine shipments to total one hundred pounds, since it costs as much to ship fifty pounds as one hundred pounds. Send clothing to: Lighthouse Mission Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia. Indicate that the shipment contains used clothing for free distribution only or for relief purposes.

THE CURRENT BUDGET

Printed below is the budget approved at last summer's General Conference business meetings, and the report of current giving toward the operation of your General Conference services. Expenses thus far this year are within the budget, but income has not been up to requirements.

Remember the day-to-day work of the Church of God as it is carried out through your General Conference. When you see a *Truth Seeker's Quarterly*, a *Restitution Herald*, a **PROGRESS JOURNAL**, a *Challenge* magazine, a Berean youth handbook or newsletter, a graduate of Ore-

gon Bible College, a church building built with the help of Mission Builders, a church being assisted by pastoral aid, a *Systematic Theology*, a *Songs of Truth* songbook, a youth inspired by a Bible quiz contest or a week at youth conference; or one of the many other indirect results of work and workers of your General Conference, remember to pray for it and to give for it.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

ESTIMATED INCOME

Gross Profit From Sales and Printing	\$19,000.00
Tuition, Room, and Board	12,000.00

Total Estimated Income \$31,000.00

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Salaries	\$39,000.00
Light, Water, Fuel	2,700.00
Telephone and Telegraph	500.00
Insurance	600.00
Postage	1,500.00
Office Supplies and Expense	2,500.00
Advertising	200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	1,500.00
Travel Expenses	3,000.00
Janitor and Towel Service	800.00
Pictures and Cuts	900.00
Editorial Expense	800.00
Speakers	60.00
Foreign Missions	4,500.00
Pastoral Aid	3,600.00
Food	5,000.00
Rent	1,000.00
Taxes	1,550.00
Reserve for Depreciation	4,000.00

Total Estimated Expenses \$73,710.00

Total Contributions Needed \$42,710.00

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

\$42,710.00

Given Through March 29 17,109.26

Bal'ance to Be Given By September 30 25,600.74

Goal for Giving for March 3,948.29

Received in March 2,010.72

Giving Goal for April

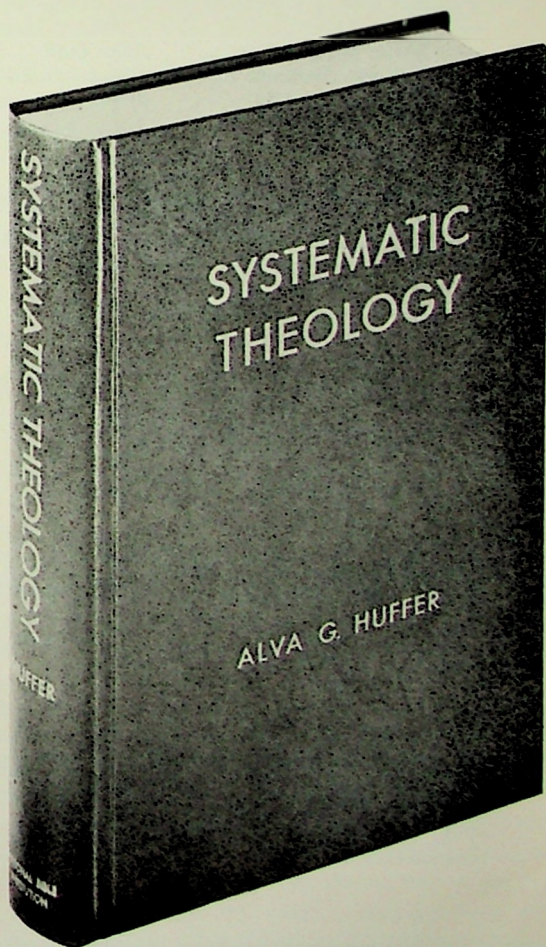
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SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

The largest publishing effort of the Church of God General Conference is now completed. "Systematic Theology," a book by Pastor Alva G. Huffer, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is now in distribution.

This monumental book of 589 pages is the result of ten years of research and writing by Bro. Huffer. As the name of the book states, it is a systematic presentation of the great doctrines of the Bible.

"Systematic Theology" may be ordered now for immediate delivery. The cost is \$5.95, postage paid. Send your order to: National Bible Institution, Oregon, Illinois. This book cannot be purchased through bookstores, but must be ordered directly from the publisher at this price.





August 21 - 27, 1960

**Camp Reynoldswood
Dixon, Illinois**

For those going into eighth grade
through college age

NATIONAL BEREAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

STAFF:

Milon Hall
Timothy Pearson
Terry Ferrell
Dallas Demmitt
Paul Shaw

Joan Hall
Harold Doan
Orpha Ferrell
Joyce Knapp
Dolena Shaw

CLASSES:

Bible Truths (all ages), Timothy Pearson, teacher
Church of God History (older campers), T. M. Ferrell, teacher

Missionary Opportunities (all ages), Harold Doan, teacher

God in Nature (younger campers), Milon Hall, teacher

EVENING PROGRAMS:

Sunday—Orientation and Inspiration, Milon Hall

Monday—Oregon Bible College Night

Tuesday—Quiz Elimination

Wednesday—Quiz Elimination

Thursday—Campers' Program

Friday—Decision Night

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Tours of Oregon Bible College, Camp Council, National Advisory Council, Klean Kamp Awards, Devotional Periods, Campers' Night, Camp Banquet, Campfires, Camp Quiet Hours, Camp Choir and Special Music Periods, King and Queen Election, Hikes, Tournaments, and Supervised Recreation: tennis, volley ball, badminton, soft ball, horseshoes, ping-pong, tether ball, and swimming.

TESTIMONY

I really have enjoyed camp this year. As every day went by, the lessons got more interesting. I hope we will have a national camp next year. I think at this camp you have more and better fellowship than any other place. I know that I will never forget this year at camp, and I am sure the counselors will never forget it either.—Mary Ann Wulff, Raker Church of God, Delta, Ohio.

(Get your Conference enrollment application from your youth leader, or write Harold Doan, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois, and one will be mailed to you.)

Pictured at the top is the 1959 Berean Youth Conference Choir, under the direction of Bro. Paul Shaw. Below is a game of volley ball during last year's conference. (Photos by T. M. Ferrell.)



Do You Confess Jesus?

By Pastor J. R. LeCrone
Fredericktown, Missouri

"A little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilaean, and thy speech agreeth thereto. But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak" (Mark 14:70, 71).

ACCORDING to our natural disposition, and the stage of our spiritual development, we may condemn, pity, or excuse Peter for denying that he was a follower of Jesus. To have done so would have been to expose himself to the scorn and ridicule of the crowd, and to possible danger of physical injury or death. But, regardless of our personal attitude toward Peter, none sees anything admirable in Peter's denial. We are agreed that it was highly reprehensible and unworthy of imitation. We cannot forget that this same Peter once said to Jesus, "Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death" (Luke 22:33). We have an instinctive aversion to "fair weather friends," who will be faithful to us only when it appears to them to be advantageous to do so, abandoning us without a backward glance whenever they find their friendship for us to be inconvenient, awkward, or embarrassing.

Every baptized Christian has promised to take up his cross and follow Jesus, vowing that he will, if necessary, sacrifice his life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel. But what if he proves unfaithful to that promise, and by his actions declares as plainly as though he had spoken the words, "I know not this man"? Whoever permits other considerations, whether of business, social functions, personal feelings, pleasure, or pride to lead him into activities and attitudes unworthy of a disciple of Jesus, denies Him just as positively as did Peter.

It is a matter of record that Peter repented and was forgiven by Jesus. But we are not left in doubt as to the ultimate outcome for Peter, had he failed to repent, seek the forgiveness of Jesus, and make a fresh start. For Jesus' words on the subject are stark in their sheer clarity and simplicity. Hear Him! "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32, 33). These words were not spoken to Peter alone, but include you and me.

There are many ways of witness open to the member of the Church of God. We can witness through our attendance and support of the church, distribution of literature, personal testimony to friends, giving to missionary programs, and in many other ways.

THE PLEDGE — AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH

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The Christian way has always been one of sacrifice. God Himself sacrificed His Son. Jesus gave His life. The wonder and marvel of it is that it is in giving and sacrificing that we really live. This is the abundant life, now and future, that Jesus brings.

Jesus gave His life in service to the Father. God gave His Son a place at His right hand; a name above every name, King of Kings and Lord of Lords; all things put under His feet. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

Accomplishing God's work, past, present, and future, has, does, and will require sacrifice. Accomplishing anything near our goal in this campaign will not be done by pledging easily from "off the top," but, rather, by plumbing the very depths of our faith and pledging with the greatest possible measure of sacrifice.

We need to practice as we sing:

"Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold."

All of us give ourselves to something. Let's make sure it's not something too small. The challenge to give ourselves to the greatest work man has ever known—God's work, "to know Him and to make Him known"—is ours. Let's not waste ourselves on lesser things.

We make a living by what we get.

We make a life by what we give!

May these expressions of faith, our pledges, increase our faith and joy in service as we rise to build to His glory.

EDITORIAL

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We appreciate the work done, and want to emphasize the importance of these statistics.

Mailing lists for the *PROGRESS JOURNAL*, *Challenge* magazine, and other publications are corrected by these lists. The Church of God Directory is checked and corrected on the basis of this information. Pastoral aid programs are often affected by these reports. The statistics furnished to such national publications as "The Yearbook of American Churches," "Handbook of Denominations," the "Encyclopedia Britannica."

A church which keeps accurate records and which can furnish accurate statistics is a church which is alert and usually has a good base for growth. As we impose on secretaries again this year, we thank them for their cooperation and acknowledge the importance of their work.

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4-15—Pre-Easter Services at Pennellwood Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., Dale Ward, speaker.
- April 10-15—Holy Week Services at Omaha, Nebr., Harold Doan, speaker
- April 10-17—Pre-Easter Meetings at Blanchard, Mich., Hollis Partlow, speaker
- April 22-24—Minnesota State Berean Conference, Long Lake Bible Camp; Timothy Pearson, guest speaker
- April 23, 24—Ohio Spring Conference, Maple Grove Church of God, Lawrenceville
- April 25-May 1—Special services, Litchfield, Minn., Church of God; Timothy Pearson, guest speaker
- May 16-29—Revival Services, Maurertown and Fort Valley, Va., Churches of God; Raymond Brown, guest speaker
- May 21, 22—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Macomb
- June 8-12—86th Annual Minnesota State Conference, Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley
- June 12-18—Annual Michigan Conference at Camp Chief Noonday
- June 20-26—Indiana State Conference, North Salem, Harold Doan, speaker
- June 23-26—Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference at Clark's Chapel
- June 25-July 3—Texas Conference, Gatesville; Paul and Dolena Shaw, guest leaders
- June 26-July 3—Southwest Youth Camp at Wrightwood, Calif.
- June 27-July 3—Nebraska Family Retreat, Camp Merrill
- July 24-31—Illinois State Conference at Oregon
- August 7-12—General Conference at Camp Mack, Ind.
- August 15-20—Ohio State Youth Camp
- August 21-27—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Ill.
- August 24-28—Ohio State Conference, Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland; Austin Railton, guest speaker

CORRECTIONS IN CHURCH DIRECTORY

Since printing the Church of God Directory in the last Progress Journal, the following corrections have been sent to us. Please write in the changes on your Directory.

Kokomo, Indiana: Mrs. Virginia Cook, Secretary, OONS 1300 E., Greentown

Niles, Michigan: Mrs. Alice Langel, Secretary, 54047 Maple Lane, South Bend 17, Ind.; Carson Langel, Superintendent, 50-047 Maple Lane, South Bend 17, Ind.

Eden Valley, Minnesota: Mrs. Lillian Mills, Secretary, Eden Valley; Norwald Sogge, Superintendent, Eden Valley

Campbell, California (San Jose): Orville Kinsey, Superintendent, 1116 Johnson, San Jose

Texas Conference: First Vice President, W. H. Reeves, Mullin

PROGRESS IN NEW WORK AT TROY, OHIO

On February 7, 1960, our Troy Church had a business meeting. The meeting followed a potluck dinner at the home of Bill and Carol Schmidlapp. There were twelve adults and eight children present.

It was decided to observe March as Sunday School Month. Bill Newnam was named chairman to put into action ideas to help our Sunday school grow.

A motion was adopted to become members of the Mission Builder's League.

Vivian Magaw, Carol Schmidlapp, Don Brown, and Bill Newnam were named a committee to formulate a constitution and suggest names for our church.

We have been meeting regularly for Sunday school since October, 1959. Since January, 1960, we also have had weekly church services. Pastors Francis Burnett, Richard Smith, and V. J. Reeves have been taking turns conducting preaching services a month at a time. We greatly appreciate this service until Bro. Curtis Simpson assumes the pastorate here. Joyce Demmitt, Secretary.

PROGRESS AT FONTHILL, ONTARIO

Fonthill Church of God has started a fund with which to buy a pulpit for the mission at Digby, Nova Scotia. This is one of the missionary projects of the church.

The Fonthill bulletin reports that Bro. and Sr. Will Holland, who have suffered a long siege of illness, are feeling better and would like to hear from church friends. A card would cheer them at 92 Pine St. N., Thorold, Ont.

The same bulletin informs that a Church Historian, Joan Rose, has been appointed to keep a record and make a scrapbook up to date of the life and activities of the Fonthill Church of God. This sounds like an excellent idea.

BAPTISMS AT OREGON, ILLINOIS

We are happy to announce the baptism of eight persons at the Oregon Church of God recently. The following were baptized on March 9: Gregory A. Doan who was baptized by his father, Harold Doan; Stephen Bolhaus, 507 Jefferson St.; Jeanne Fridley and her father Richard A. Fridley, Highway 64, all of Oregon.

On March 16, 1960, the following were baptized: Joyce Fridley, who was ill when her sister and father were baptized; Dick Martin and Tom Martin, both of 1010 S. 4th St.; and Stephen Cullen, 707½ Monroe St., all of Oregon. A Communion service was held right after the last baptismal service for those who had been baptized and for the large group which were attending. We pray God's richest blessings upon these new Christians throughout their lives.

Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Pastor.

NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ STIRRING INTEREST

One of two Kokomo, Ind., Bible Quiz teams won a state elimination at the Indiana Youth Retreat at Camp Mack in February. Two Oregon, Ill., teams competed for an evening worship service in March. A Fonthill Berean Bible Quiz team defeated a Baptist team, and now has challenged the men of the Church of God to a contest on Ephesians. Indiana plans another match April 9 at Hillsburg. Illinois Bereans plan a Bible Quiz for state championship, May 21. The Book of Ephesians has been receiving thorough study these past weeks in the Ohio churches, also. Plans are made for district finals and several teams are hard at work preparing.

FAITH CHAPEL, PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Since our last report, much work has been done in the basement. The Faith Workers painted the kitchen and bathroom, and made curtains for the kitchen. The men built a cabinet in the bathroom and put up the sink. They also finished the cabinets and counter in the kitchen.

The youth group has reached an enrollment of sixteen. They take charge of the opening exercises of Sunday school the last Sunday of each month.

The Central Zone Sunday School Rally that was held at Peoria on February 20 was successful, with approximately sixty persons attending.

We have started having a teachers' meeting once each month on the first Sunday evening of the month. A teachers' training course is planned for the first two weeks in April.

Our attendance in February reached the total of 46. We have fifty persons enrolled in Sunday school. Hilda Kump, Secretary.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL Littlefork, Minnesota

On Sunday, March 20, 1960, the first meeting of the Church of God Sunday School at Littlefork, Minn., was held at the home of Hattie B. Johns, about nine miles north of Littlefork, on Linford Road. Those attending were: Mary and Orland Barnes, Hattie, Gertrude, and Byron Johns, and Dorothy, Gerry, and Lawrence Skinway.

We intend to meet regularly at the same address, and any Church of God people visiting in northern Minnesota are cordially invited to attend. Gertrude Johns, Secretary.

PENNELWOOD SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, April 3, 1960, will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich. Pastor Alva Huffer announces special anniversary services for the day and invites friends of the church to be in attendance. This date is also the eleventh anniversary of the dedication of the building.

LITCHFIELD, MINNESOTA, PROGRESS

The Litchfield Church has installed a new furnace and it is now in use. We thank the Lord that He has made this improvement possible.

Bro. Emory Macy goes to Littlefork in northern Minnesota once a month and holds classes there under the sponsorship of the Minnesota State Conference. The possibilities there are very encouraging, as there are from ten to twenty in attendance each month. We of the Litchfield Church are pleased to have Bro. Macy taking part in the work there.

The Litchfield Church is on the air over KLFJ, Litchfield, about once each quarter. Bro. Macy has devotions each morning and evening during the week and the Sunday service is then broadcast from the church. Our last such broadcast was on Sunday, March 6. We are thankful for this opportunity to spread the gospel message to the community.

The churches of the community take turns singing at the hospital each Sunday. The Litchfield Church of God, on March 6, took its turn at the Meeker County Memorial Hospital and sang several selections on each floor. We are glad for the privilege of ministering in this small way to the sick and afflicted.

Our church and Sunday school attendance has been down some the past couple of months due to a great deal of sickness. However, with spring in the air we are sure we can again get up to our average and continue to increase our average attendance over the past year. S. O. Ross, Elder.

WALTER J. GOOD

Bro. Walter J. Good, seventy-eight, fell asleep in death on March 19, 1960. He had been hospitalized for two days.

He and his wife, Mrs. Amanda Seerist Good, had been married for fifty-six years, and have resided in Browntown, Va., all of their married life. To this union were born three children. There are six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bro. Good was baptized on July 30, 1944, by John P. Mercer. He had served as an officer of the Cool Spring Church for several years. We understand that he helped to build the original church building in 1899. He was always willing to do more than his share of work for the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted on March 22, 1960, by the writer, Joseph R. Darden and Bro. C. F. Pryor assisted in these services. Bro. Good was laid to rest in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Front Royal, there to await the call of his Master.

Richard S. Dick, Pastor.

PASTOR WILLIAM WACHTEL RESIGNS AT DIXON, ILLINOIS

Bro. William Wachtel tendered his resignation as pastor of the Dixon Church of God, effective September 1, 1960. He plans to enter Wheaton College at that time to continue his studies toward a Master's Degree under the Joseph D. Lawrence Scholarship to prepare for teaching at Oregon Bible College. The course of study at Wheaton will probably take two years.

BAPTISM AT MACOMB, ILLINOIS

Donald Hightower came forward Sunday morning, March 20, 1960, confessing his need for Christ, after the sermon given by Pastor Harry Goekler, our guest speaker. He was immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins the following afternoon. His address is Colechester, Ill. May God bless him richly in this life and also in the one which is to come.

Hollis Partlowe, Pastor.

ANN LEE HELLAWELL

Sr. Ann Hellowell was born in Shepley, England, August 31, 1866. She homesteaded in Canada in 1907, came to California in 1917, and has resided in Pomona since 1935. She became a member of the Pomona Church in 1952, and has been an inspiration to all who knew her.

Sr. Hellowell became ill last winter, was placed in a rest home, but never recovered. She fell asleep in death on February 27, 1960. Surviving are: one daughter, Mrs. Elsie McLeod of Pomona, and one son, Ernest Hell-

awell of Bellflower, and six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted at Todd Memorial Chapel in Pomona on March 1, 1960, the writer officiating, assisted by Bro. George Lichty. Interment was made in the Pomona cemetery, where she sleeps, awaiting the Master's call to life.

William Dick, Pastor.

BROTHER GORDON IMPROVING

Bro. G. J. Gordon, Chappell, Nebr., was able to preach at the Chappell Church of God recently. He has been gaining strength and is able to be up and around each day. We pray for the continued blessing and help of the Lord in His illness.

BRO. HARRY GOEKLER RESIGNS

Bro. Harry Goekler has resigned his pastorate at Happy Woods Church of God, Hammond, La., and will be available for another pastorate September 1, 1960. His address is Hammond, La., Rt. 3, Box 51-C.

The new Church of God Vacation Bible School Lessons for 1960 are now being prepared. The theme for this ten-lesson series of Bible school lessons will be:

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INDIANA NEWS

The state youth group experimented with a winter youth retreat at Camp Mack in February. Ironically, the snow did not appear until Sunday morning and the ice was not considered safe enough for skating, but the two days were filled to capacity with activities which included a treasure hunt, talent show, discussion periods, a showing of colored slides of Mexico, a candlelight banquet, and the Bible quiz—highlight of the week end. The retreat was deemed a huge success with a capacity-plus crowd, in addition to the enthusiasm and interest.

Indiana youth have really been preparing for the national contest with local quizzes on the Book of Ephesians, and interest and excitement was at an all-time peak during the contest at the retreat. It is hoped that there can be another "run-down" at the state quarterly conference for the entertainment and enlightenment of the adults. Incidentally, the spring conference has been set for April 9 at the Hillisburg Church.

It has been reported that the Hillisburg Church is in the midst of remodeling work and the addition of more kitchen equipment. Burr Oak has been discussing plans for the remodeling of the exterior, although no construction has begun as yet. It has been announced that Pastor Warren Sorenson has accepted the church's invitation to stay for a two-year term.

During the months of February, March, and April the state Sunday schools are having a contest based upon percentages of attendance. They have been divided into two districts—the north and south. Winners of the districts are to be feted at picnics in May, according to present plans, and the Sunday school with the highest percentage will be honored at the state conference.

According to latest reports, the state conference will this year be held at Camp Mack from June 19-25. There will be more news on this in the next issue of Progress Journal.

Marjorie Overmyer, Reporter.

NEWS FROM WESTERN MISSOURI

The Church of God at Raymore (formerly Kansas City) is a three-room building which has been nicely arranged for the Sunday school and worship services. Increased attendance has proved the worth of this move.

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BAPTISMS AT POMONA, CALIFORNIA

It was our privilege to assist three adults in making an entrance into the body of Christ. They are: Mrs. Mary Wheeler, 3945 Lytle Creek Rd., Fontana, Calif., and Herman and Susie Luning, 461 W. Northridge, Glendora, Calif. Sr. Wheeler was baptized on March 13, 1960, and Bro. and Sr. Luning on March 22. These faithful believers have been zealous students of the Word and are a blessing to the Pomona congregation. We ask God to guide these disciples in their new life of dedication to Him.

William Dick, Pastor.

BENJAMIN BLEASDALE

Bro. Benjamin Bleasdale was born on August 19, 1862. Most of his life he was a school teacher and principal in various parts of this country and in the Philippines. He finally took up residence in Sierra Madre, Calif., and was a member of the Pomona, Calif., Church.

In his later years, Ben carried his age very well and was an interesting conversationalist on many topics. He fell asleep in death on March 20, 1960. Surviving are his wife, Laura, two daughters, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted on March 23, 1960, by the writer, who gave a message of assurance from the Scriptures. Interment was made in Mountain View Cemetery, Altadena, Calif., where he rests in hope of the resurrection.

William Dick, Pastor.

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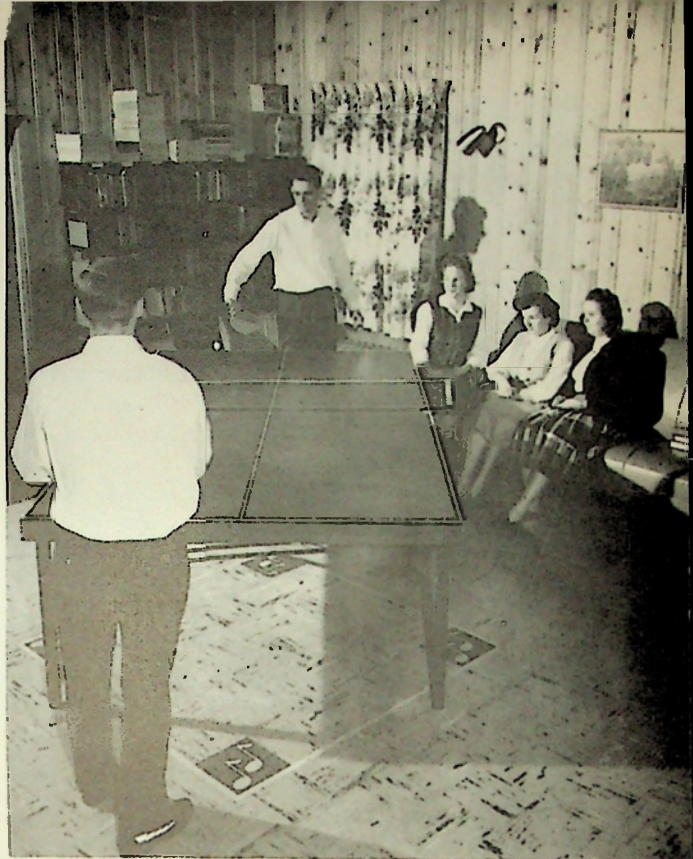
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Oregon Bible College Opportunities

CHRISTIAN GROWTH AND SERVICE

By James Rencontre

Oregon Bible College offers good opportunities for Christian growth and service. It seems that I have heard that phrase somewhere before. Oh, yes! I think that was what an article in *The Restitution Herald* said. It's true! I know, because I have attended Oregon Bible College and I am proud to be a graduate from it.

You might ask, "What does Oregon Bible College offer in Christian education?" I don't think that I will take the time to write out a list of all the courses that the College has to offer, but I would like to tell you about a few of them. Courses like Introduction to the Bible, Bible Survey, and Doctrine give the student a good foundation in the Word of God. If you are looking for a general knowledge of the Old Testament, there is Old Testament History. Bro. C. E. Lapp has a teaching class which offers practical experience in teaching children in the grade school level. If you are preparing for the ministry, there are several courses in pastoral work and preaching that give a good insight into the problems that the minister will face, and how he can handle them.

About now you might be thinking, "All that school teaches is Bible." You are partly right. The Bible is and always will be the center of the College. The College does offer courses in English, archeology, speech, psychology, and several other non-Biblical subjects to give the student a well-rounded program.

I believe that from the brief outline of the courses that are offered at Oregon Bible College the reader can come to the same conclusion that I have. Oregon Bible College offers good opportunities for Christian growth and service. Are you planning to train for Christian service and the work of the Lord?

COLLEGE MUSIC

One phase of the well-rounded music program of Oregon Bible College is the Illminno Quartet.

This talented quartet has added a great deal to the musical side of the College. It has been very active this past year in church and evangelistic singing. People in the local churches, at Crusader's for Christ meetings, in the chapel services at the College, and at various other occa-

sions, such as the Ministerial Conference, have enjoyed the quartet's singing and have been moved by their spiritual messages in song.

The Illminno Quartet is composed of Jesse Pestle, first tenor; Russ Dickerson, second tenor; Bob Gaspar, baritone; and Lowell Wegner, bass. The quartet is accompanied by Janet Turner. All are freshmen except Jesse Pestle, who is a senior. The odd name of the quartet derives from the home states of the members. Jesse Pestle and Janet Turner are from Illinois, Bob Gaspar and Lowell Wegner are from Minnesota, and Russ Dickerson is from Ohio; therefore, the Ill-Minn-O Quartet.

COLLEGE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

By Terry Dwyer, Nebraska

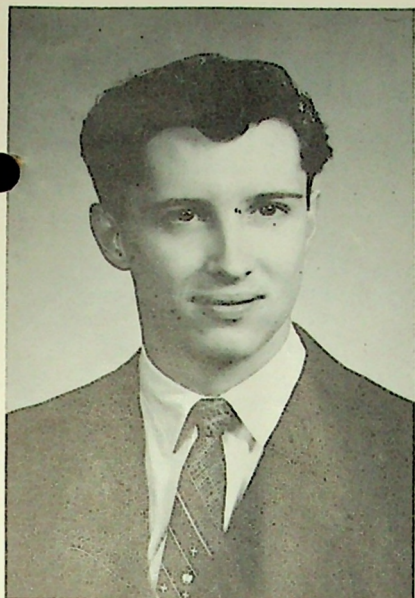
When time is allowed, students at Oregon Bible College usually have little trouble finding something to do to entertain themselves. Most students, however, have such a busy schedule that there is not an abundance of time for participation in many outside activities. To meet this situation, there are activities planned by the College social committee in which the whole student body may participate.

The spring and fall banquets, the spring and fall breakfasts, school picnics, along with numerous parties coinciding with a particular season of the year, are planned by the committee. The committee appoints individuals or groups of individuals to prepare entertainment, decorations, choice of food, guest speakers, etc. The fall breakfast serves to help the students get acquainted with each other, as well as for Christian fellowship.

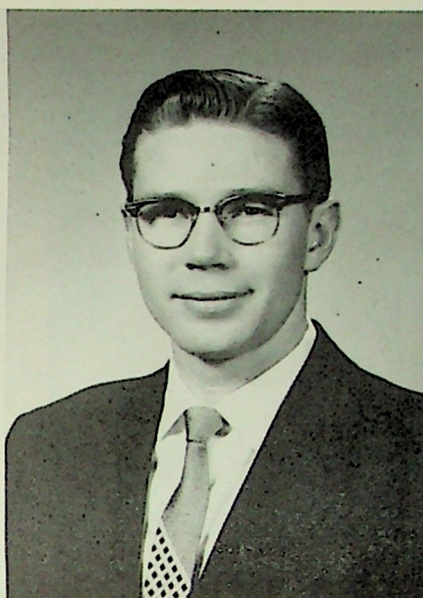
The activities mentioned are traditional at Oregon Bible College. There also are other socials which generally take place but which are not established custom.

Supplementary to these social functions are many special ones which have more Christian emphasis placed upon them or, rather, which are strictly religious gatherings. Field trips to other religious institutions, such as synagogues and missions, are other examples. All in all, the student at Oregon Bible College usually has enough things with which to fill his schedule and does not wish to further elaborate upon it for lack of time for more extra-curricular activities.

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Edward Houser, Chicago, Illinois



Jesse Pestle, Good Hope, Illinois



James Rencontre, Weiser, Idaho

EDWARD HOUSER

Four years in Oregon Bible College have provided me with many rich experiences. I have been fortunate to meet and become friends with a number of wonderful people. The close friendships I have acquired while here will endure for many years to come.

Certainly, my most valuable blessing has come in learning of the necessity of a personal relationship with God in the life of each individual. I have been shown more positively than ever before that in Christianity, outward observances and intellectual knowledge are to no avail as far as salvation and rich spiritual blessings are concerned, without a real, personal friendship with God which comes only through being re-created in Christ Jesus.

I am aware of many of the limitations of our school. However, I know also that there are men and women here who are vitally interested in and dedicated to the task of improving it. I am convinced that by their diligent efforts, your support, and the blessing of the Spirit of God, it is possible for this college to edify the Church of God and bring honor and glory to our Saviour.

C. JESSE PESTLE

I have thoroughly enjoyed my four years of schooling at Oregon Bible College. They have been years packed full of vital training. The first two years were geared to give me a general Biblical background knowledge. The last two years were more for practical experience and concentrated study of ministerial duties.

Most of the acquaintances made in college are lifelong acquaintances. It is a pleasant experience to meet and en-

joy so many Christian young people from many parts of our country. Those who attend Oregon Bible College do so with the intention of increasing their service to the Lord.

There is a great challenge for young people who will devote their lives to the Lord and attend Oregon Bible College. The Lord needs workers in His vineyard today.

The Word of God is held highly by Church of God people and it is put foremost in the College curriculum. We believe that the Holy Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation. For this reason we study diligently for the edification of ourselves and of others. We at the College would like to see many more young people devote their lives to God.

JAMES RENCONTRE

I came to Oregon Bible College three years ago as a transfer student from Aurora College, Aurora, Illinois. The reason I left a liberal arts college to attend a Bible college is simple. I found something missing in a liberal arts school that only a Bible college could give, and that was a good foundation in the Word of God.

I am not saying that a liberal arts school is not good. What I want to say is that Oregon Bible College has given me a rounded education in the Word of God and the work of the ministry in an atmosphere that is of a high spiritual nature. A person can be educated in the Word of God and the same person can know God. I have found God as my close companion in Oregon Bible College. I believe that it is because of my attendance at Oregon Bible College that I feel this close relationship to God.



JUNIOR CLASS

Front row:

Rebecca Barnhill
Rex Cain
Ardis Larington

Back row:

Robert See
Russell Magaw
Ted Arnes

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Glenda Wolfe
Marlyn Holquist
James Fyfe



FRESHMAN CLASS

Front row:

David Louzecky
Lowell Wegner
Janet Turner
Donna Claussen

Back row:

Deloris Larington
Robert Gaspar
Terry Dwyer
Russell Dickerson
Ruby Peterson

The Importance of the Bible College

By Otto E. Dick, Superintendent
Oregon Bible College

In fewer than fifty years the number of Bible colleges and Bible institutes in the United States and Canada has grown from about thirty to approximately two hundred fifty, about two hundred of which are in the United States. In addition to this number of organized schools are several hundred evening Bible institutes which meet in churches and homes. Almost without exception, in such Bible-centered schools of higher learning there is a steady growth in enrollment and in expansion of curriculum and housing facilities to meet the demands of an expanding population. In a recent report, ten Bible colleges reported land additions totaling \$160,000. Twenty-three schools reported new building expenditures for the past year totaling \$1,791,000.

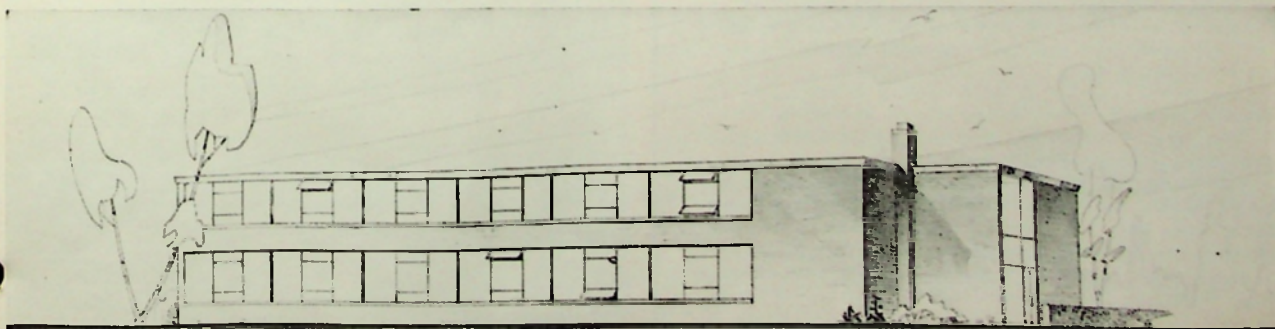
This significant growth in the Bible college movement is a response to a growing need for Christian higher education, which is being more and more neglected by liberal arts colleges and frequently prohibited in state colleges and universities. The Bible college movement is also a response to a growing conviction that the church can no longer train its own teachers adequately and that ministers, evangelists, and missionaries need a specialized kind of training that is not obtainable in most liberal arts schools. It is quite significant that "during the past twenty-five years at least one half of all Protestant missionaries from the United States and Canada who have entered foreign missions work—and a sizable percentage of United States Christian workers, especially for the independent churches and smaller evangelical denominations—received part or all of their preparation in a Bible institute or college" (*Christian Life*).



Our own Bible College was established and has been maintained by the Church of God to assist the church in accomplishing its objectives; namely, nurture of the membership and spreading the gospel to the lost. The extent to which any Bible college can perform its function depends upon several factors. It must have enough students to justify offering a satisfactory course of studies. It must have a dedicated, trained, and experienced staff. It must have adequate financial and moral support. Finally, it must have adequate equipment and housing. With the loyal support of the Church of God, Oregon Bible College has been able to make slow but steady progress in developing or improving the essentials mentioned above.

One of the most important present needs of the College with which you can help most is a new building to serve as a dormitory for single men. This proposed building also would provide needed space for our library, for dining facilities, and for a cafeteria kitchen. We are fortunate to be able to use the Magaw home to house single men at present but must have more satisfactory facilities if the College is to accomplish the purpose for which it was established by the Church. The present facilities will

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College Gospel Teams

By C. E. Lapp, Dean

To those who are not within driving distance of the College, it might be of interest to know about our gospel team trips, and what we hope to accomplish by sending out students on these trips.

Our first emphasis is upon being a blessing to those who have invited us into their church. Second, we endeavor to make the trip one of spiritual enrichment to the students who go and witness. A third thing we endeavor to do as we go on these trips is to bring to all our young people the realization that Christianity can be a rich and rewarding experience, and to motivate other young people to give themselves to a life of full-time service to the Lord.

Our first trip of the season was to Golden Rule Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Brother C. F. Pryor and his church gave us a warm welcome. Although we were privileged to be there for only one service, the Lord was in the service and we felt repaid for the long trip by the rich spiritual fellowship enjoyed while there.

The second trip of the season was to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where we took two overloads of young people to service the Southlawn and Pennellwood Churches of God. The churches combined in an afternoon service which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

In November, a group of young people drove to the Church of God at Macomb, Illinois, to help celebrate their anniversary. It is always a joyous occasion when we are invited to Macomb, and we pray they are blessed with us.

In December, the entire College choir, under the direction of Sister Louise Lapp, drove to our sister church in Rockford, Illinois. Much of the time was given to music by the choir, with several solos for added blessing. A sermonette was given by one of the students.

Due to bad roads and hazardous driving conditions, we did not take gospel team trips during January and February.

The College was faithfully represented at the Illinois Spring Conference by Robert and Sara See and Janet Turner.

Our latest trip was to Morse Mill, Missouri, where we have a faithful group who are keeping the gospel light going forth. They have just finished a new basement church and are hoping to build the superstructure in the near future.

Our last scheduled trip is planned for Eldorado, Illinois, to the Restitution Church, where Brother John Lewis is pastor.

College Objectives and Christian Service

By
Kenneth Milne
Instructor



Beginning this past school year we had a set of objectives to guide both the faculty and the students. Much work went into the forming of the objectives. They were well received both by teachers and students.

It is our purpose to center all of our work around these objectives. These are means we have for evaluating our work. Since our readers are acquainted with the five objectives that have been adopted, we feel it is not necessary for us to quote them again.

One of our principal objectives is to "lead the student to a thorough knowledge of the Bible, the inspired Word of God, and to a correct understanding and acceptance of the doctrines of the Church of God."

The faculty is dedicated to the program of training young people in the great distinctive truths as taught by the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. We have met several times this past year to discuss the progress that we have made toward our goals.

Another objective has to do with Christian service. It reads: "To direct knowledge, understanding, and skills by means of practical Christian service opportunities."

Last year, during orientation week, each student filled out a form giving information regarding his experience in Christian work before coming to Oregon Bible College. With this information at hand, we have an idea just what each student is capable of doing.

Each week, the student fills in a report. This gives us information as to where they have worked during the week, and just what they have done in the way of Christian service. All of this information is tabulated and kept in a permanent file.

After studying the information for the past year, we have discovered the weaknesses in our program. Sometime before next school year, we are planning to formulate a definite set of objectives for our Christian service program. It is our desire that each student will not only get theory, but also practical service experience.

The College Choir

By Louise Lapp
Music Instructor

"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding" (1 Cor. 14:15).

These are the words in the song which we chose as our theme at the beginning of the year. May they ever challenge us!

There are fifteen young people in the choir. During the year, we have had the privilege of singing several numbers in an afternoon service at the Rockford Church. In the evening, the same program was given at East Oregon Chapel. We also provided the special music for the Midwinter Ministerial Conference.

We are thankful for these opportunities for service. Music has its own special way of thrilling our hearts and keeping our spirits in tune with God. We do not have many instructions in the Bible for singing, but in Colossians 3:16 we read, "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." There is also the admonition, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19).

Sacred Concert, May 15

We give our most cordial invitation to you to come and worship with us in our fifth spring concert. We pray it will lift your spirits and thrill your hearts! This is our project for the second semester and the students are working patiently and diligently to give their best in praise to Him.

There will be a number by the girls' trio; a bass solo by Rex Cain, "Come, Ye Blessed"; a soprano and alto duet, "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears," by Grace Ratering and Dolena Shaw; a tenor and alto duet, "Love Divine,"



by Janet Turner and Jesse Pestle; a special mixed chorus group will sing two numbers; and the choir eight numbers.

In addition to the musical numbers, the class in Psalms will give a choral reading of four of the Psalms, with musical background accompaniment.

The program will conclude with everyone singing *The Lord's Prayer* together. This must be experienced to be appreciated, so come and join with us.

Graduation, June 1

The choir also will sing a prayer of consecration entitled, "Eternal Life" by Dungan, for the graduation services, June 1.

Oregon Bible College is grateful to Mr. Schildberg of the Schildberg Studios, Dixon, Illinois, who supplied all of the photographs for this special Maranatha issue of Progress Journal. This gift is greatly appreciated.



College Leaders

Other leaders in the work of Oregon Bible College are Brother and Sister Lonnie Anderson and Brother Paul Hatch. Brother and Sister Anderson serve at Golden Rule Dormitory where single women live and where all single students eat their meals. Brother Hatch serves at the Magaw home where single men live. Brother Hatch also works in the College library and on the historical files of National Bible Institution.

These workers are responsible for the pleasant home and excellent meals enjoyed by the Oregon Bible College students.



THE TEACHING CLASS

By Rebecca Barnhill, Washington

Here you see Brother C. E. Lapp demonstrating the use of flannelgraph. Last semester alternating halves of the class would teach each Wednesday at East Oregon. Those students which did not teach each time would work on assembling flannelgraph stories. These stories were on large sheets of paper which we had to color and then paste on flannel and cut them out. These stories will be kept by the College for the use of the students.

Also among our activities has been learning the use of other audio and visual aids in teaching. Here you see David Louzecky telling about the use of the slide projector. We also learned the use of the movie projector, filmstrips, chalkboards, object lessons, and many other aids from special reports given by various students. One interesting demonstration was that of the use of puppets which were made and demonstrated by Dolena Shaw and Joyce Magaw. They used the tape recorder to record the voices and sound effects needed.

Our largest project has been that of conducting the religious education classes in East Oregon. This has been a great blessing to us and has given us not only a sense of responsibility, but much practical experience.

The teaching class was sorry that Sister Verna Thayer could not remain with us, but we have greatly appreciated the efforts of Brothers Dick and Lapp.



CITY-WIDE YOUTH RALLIES

By David Louzecky, Wisconsin

Patterning themselves after the Youth for Christ organization, an assemblage of Oregon Bible College students has been conducting city-wide youth rallies. The purpose of these rallies is to bring the youth of Oregon to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Evangelistic is an appropriate description. The usual nucleus of a speaker or Youth for Christ film was complemented with musical specials, lively inspirational singing, and an invitation. An atmosphere of enthusiasm and spirituality has manifested itself at all rallies.

In an effort to reach more teen-agers and augment attendance, the organization dispensed with its former name, Crusaders for Christ, and used the name, "City-Wide Youth Rally." Under the careful auspices of its chairman, Edward Houser, the organization made great advances toward the achievement of its goals of reaching more teen-agers. New forms of advertisement were employed and hundreds of teen-agers were contacted.

Taking turns as master of ceremonies, were Edward Houser and Robert Gaspar, while Paul Shaw energetically led the song service. With the outstanding co-operation and zealous participation of each member, Edward led the organization through a successful year.



WORSHIP IN MINIATURE

By Glenda Wolfe, Texas

Three days each week we have "worship in miniature" in our College chapel. This affords opportunity for us to put into practice what we are learning in the classroom, exercise special talents, and gain strength for daily activities.

The College faculty is responsible for Monday chapels. The splendid manner in which they meet this responsibility and their *many* other responsibilities, causes us to wonder if they are slipping some forty-eight hour days into their schedules.

Wednesday chapels are planned by the chapel committee, a committee of three students working with Brother Dick. Guest speakers, films, periods of meditation, testimonies, and music specials are woven together by the committee to create meaningful midweek services.

The expository preaching class brings our week of chapel services to a fitting close. The class members rotate, to enable each to equally share in the responsibility of conducting the services and bringing the sermons.

Many of the students and faculty members have learned that the chapel is an excellent place for early morning devotions. It provides an atmosphere for quiet, uninterrupted meditation and prayer.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

By Edward Houser, President

Probably the most active, certainly the most highly organized group in our College, is the Student Council. Composed of two representatives from each class, plus a faculty adviser, the Council meets semi-monthly to conduct business meetings pertaining to college life and activities.

This group is the voice of the students. The primary function of the Council is to represent the student body to the administration and the administration to the student body. This includes reflecting student opinions, moderating student grievances, and presenting constructive student suggestions to the administration. Furthermore, Student Council members endeavor to uphold moral and scholastic standards of the student body both collectively and individually.

The latest milestone reached in the improvement of this organization has been the formation of a new constitution for the government of the Student Council. For at least two years, a need for a new constitution had been felt. This year, David Louzecky was appointed chairman of the constitution committee. Under his able leadership, the student body met three times a week for four weeks to revise and adopt the constitution David had composed.

As the Student Council continues to adhere to the newly adopted constitution, we can well expect this body to be a great asset of Oregon Bible College.



General Conference Progress

1960 GENERAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS AND PROGRAM

On pages 14 and 15 you will find a proposed revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Conference. This revision is the result of a recognized need which has been under discussion for several years. The Revised Constitution will be one of the major matters of business at the 1960 General Conference, August 7-12, 1960, at Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana.

On page 16 you will find a tentative program for this summer's Conference. There are a few parts of the program yet to be confirmed, and there is always a possibility of changes in procedure. We think you will agree that this is an important year in the history of the work of your General Conference, and you will want to be a part of the things that will be accomplished with the help of the Lord.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BOOKS IN THE MAIL

The Vacation Bible School books for the 1960 season are now in the mail to all who have ordered them. You will find this an excellently prepared set of ten lessons, which even the inexperienced leaders can use to conduct a successful Bible school.

The vacation Bible school can be a feeder for the Sunday school, providing many new contacts and enrolling many new children in the church program. You will find this set of lessons, "God Speaks Through Holy Men," Bible-centered words of truth that will be a blessing to all the children.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A meeting of the General Conference Board of Directors is being planned for May 6, 7 at Nappanee, Indiana. Many important matters of business concerning the work of the General Conference, the General Conference program for next summer, and the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for Oregon Bible College will be on the agenda.

The National Missionary Society Board plans a meeting in Oregon the preceding week end to discuss the home and foreign missionary program of the General Conference and prepare recommendations for the Board of Directors and the General Conference delegates.

The License and Ordination Committee and the Sunday School Department also have been conducting regular meetings to keep up with the work in their fields of labor. We are indebted to all volunteer workers.

SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE ENROLLMENTS COMING IN

We have thus far received five enrollments toward a goal of one hundred for the National Berean Youth Conference planned for August 21-27 at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Illinois. This early response is encouraging.

SLIPPING BEHIND IN CONTRIBUTIONS

We have been slipping behind each month in our goals for giving. The \$42,710.00 budget adopted at last General Conference is the goal which will provide the funds necessary to carry on the approved services of the General Conference. Oregon Bible College, printing and publishing literature of truth, home missions (pastoral aid, Mission Builder's League promotion and administration, vacation Bible schools), foreign missions (the important ministry at Digby, Nova Scotia), the Berean Youth Department, and the general services of the Church of God General Conference, require our regular contributions.

The figures below show that we have fallen behind our goal by about \$4,000.00. The Lord has blessed us with increased income from sales, and with lowered expenses.

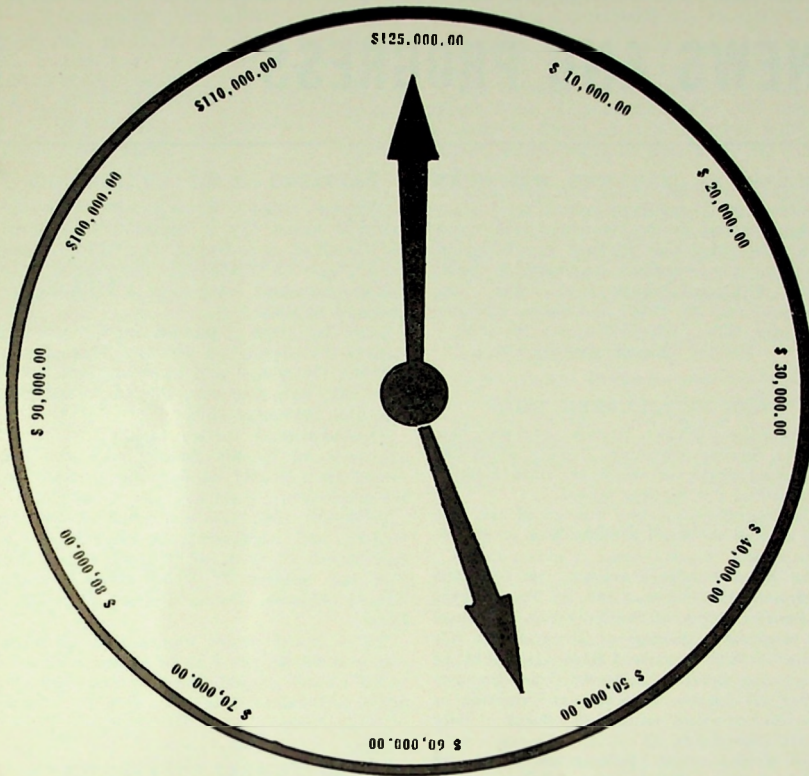
The regular tithes of churches and state conferences to the work of the General Conference, the tithes of isolated people, and the offerings of individuals, make it possible for your General Conference to serve you and others. Remember its program in prayer and with your support.

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Received in April	2,577.80

Giving Goal for May
\$4,549.78

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960
October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960
\$42,710.00

Given Through April 28	19,561.08
Balance to Be Given By September 30	22,748.92



TIME MARCHES ON

Since last month, the hands of the clock have moved dramatically ahead. We are now almost halfway to the goal, with a total of commitments and cash of \$53,346.10. Most reports are not in from district chairmen or from local chairmen.

The goal is \$125,000.00 to construct the proposed dormitory, dining hall, library building for Oregon Bible College. This much-needed expansion will provide additional quarters and new incentive to enroll and conserve a larger student body.

This expansion program is not designed to increase the number of students. While a larger student body would be advantageous in many respects, numbers alone is not the goal. The real motivation is the need in the Church of God for trained pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and teachers. It is believed that as these trained workers are provided, established churches can be served, and new fields of missionary endeavor opened to the true gospel.

Now is the time to make this expansion possible, through enlargement of the facilities of Oregon Bible College. Now is the time to make a commitment to this cause, and to give toward your commitment.

As funds are received, plans will go ahead for actual construction of this proposed building, so that it can be in use for the Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College, in 1964.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!

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CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATES

The following ministers of the Church of God have asked that their names be listed as available for pastorates in September, 1960.

Harry Gockler, Rt. 3, Box 51-C, Hammond, La.

Daniel W. Fyfe, Rt. 1, Michigantown, Ind.

Richard Dick, Box 990 Front Royal, Va.

Roy Humphreys, 7822 Stanton Rd., Little Rock, Ark.

Vernis D. Wolfe, 714 Myrtle St., Tempe, Ariz.

CHURCHES NEEDING PASTORS

The Happy Woods Church is seeking a pastor. Would anyone interested please let it be known by May 15 by notifying Mrs. Sam Bottolfs, Rt. 3, Box 49-C, Hammond, La.

Tempe Ariz. The Tempe, Ariz., Church of God pulpit will be open September 1, 1960. Please direct applications and inquiries to the church secretary, Miss Roselin Fredlund, 2028 LaRosa Drive, Tempe, Ariz.

EDEN VALLEY NEWS

The Eden Valley (Minn.) Church of God held its annual business meeting Thursday evening, April 7, 1960.

Guy Mills was elected deacon, Elmo Gaspar, elder, and John Peters, trustee. Mrs. Lillian Mills was re-elected secretary, and Norvald Sogge as treasurer. Mrs. Edith Eades and Mrs. Roma Voss were elected deaconesses and Mrs. Earl Brossard as reporter.

Bro. E. O. Routson was elected to serve another year as pastor with a substantial raise in salary. Building plans and desirable locations for our new church were also discussed. In the meantime, it was decided to redecorate our present church auditorium. The State Berean Conference met at Long Lake Camp, April 22-24, with Bro. Timothy Pearson as guest speaker.

Etta Marie Routson underwent surgery at the Saint Cloud hospital, March 16, to correct a knee defect. She will be in a cast and on crutches for three months. She is at home and back in school as a senior. Her brother Harold also was on crutches for a few weeks with a broken ankle incurred in the last basketball game.

Our Sunday school attendance is very good. On October 1, we started giving pins for perfect attendance, and thirty-three pins were given out for the first three months. The second quarter was down a good deal due to measles, chicken pox and flu. The winter attendance has ranged from 87 to 99.

Mrs. Earl Brossard, Reporter.

GEORGE SIPLE MEMORIAL BOOKS

A \$100.00 memorial gift has been given in the name of George Siple to be used for books for the Oregon Bible College library. Such memorials are greatly appreciated and make a lasting gift to honor our brothers and sisters of the faith.

BAPTISMS AT GRAYTOWN, WISCONSIN

Three young men have added their membership strength to the Church of God, Graytown, Wis. They are: Richard van Blaircom, Downing, Wis., baptized November 8, 1959; Ronald Hillman, Prairie Farm, Wis., baptized February 14, 1960; and Steven Graham, Stillwater, Minn., baptized March 20, 1960.

Ernest Graham, Pastor.

FROM BRUSH CREEK, OHIO

Mrs. John (Diane) Hustan, Jr., was baptized on Sunday afternoon, April 3, 1960. She is a young mother of two boys. John is superintendent of our Sunday school.

The young people had charge of the evening service on April 3. They had an inspiring service.

Our Sunday school average for the first quarter of this year was 149. At Troy, it was 20. Every member of the Troy Sunday school was formerly a member at Brush Creek. We rejoice in their work and know, too, that we are gaining members at Brush Creek that are "filling in" for the ones who are working at Troy. God rewards us in our efforts if only we will have faith.

Our Sunday school teachers, assistants, and officers are now divided into workshop classes during the regular monthly meeting. We find this to be extremely interesting and helpful.

Francis Burnett, Pastor.

BAPTISMS AT OREGON, ILLINOIS

We are happy to announce the baptisms of three young people on Wednesday evening, April 13, 1960. Following our prayer service and a brief lesson on our hope, David P. Opel came forward and confessed Christ, expressing his desire to be baptized. The following were baptized: Miss Sue Ann Dyer, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Stanley Dyer, Robert Charles Opel and David P. Opel, sons of Bro. and Sr. Paul Opel, all of Byron, Ill. A Communion service was held immediately after the baptismal service and the following Sunday "the right hands of fellowship" were extended to the new members. We ask God's richest blessings to be upon them in their new relationship with God.

Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Pastor.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Bro. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., having resigned his pastorate at Oregon, Ill., has accepted the pastorate of the Southlawn Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Bro. Jesse Pettle, to graduate in June from Oregon Bible College, has accepted the pastorate of the Dixon, Ill., Church of God.

Bro. John Humphreys plans to resume his pastorate at Felida, Wash.

Bro. Darrell Maddock will assume the pastorate of the Glad Tiding Chapel, Dayton, Ohio, in June.

Bro. Curtis Simpson will take the pastorate of the new Church of God, Troy, Ohio, in July.

BAPTISMS AT RIPLEY, ILLINOIS

Although Easter Sunday was bleak and rainy, it was a day of happiness and rejoicing for all of us at Ripley. Four of our young people, ages 13 to 16, made their decision for Christ by making confession of faith and requesting baptism.

They had been reminded in the morning sermon that Jesus had promised that all who believed the gospel and were baptized would be saved. Believing this, they were ready to take this important step.

The baptismal service took place in the afternoon of Easter Sunday and was witnessed by a goodly number who gathered at the creek-side.

It is with happiness and pride that we introduce, and recommend, to the brethren of the Church of God, the following, who are now the children of God: Lewis Ransom, Brenda Ralston, Donna Porter, and Cheryl Porter.

These young people are of sterling integrity and should prove to be of unusual value to the Church of God. We pray that they may prove faithful to their vows unto the coming of King Jesus.

Harry Sheets, Pastor.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Southwest Conference met at Pomona, Calif., April 1-3, 1960. Some of the distant members were not able to be here, but attendance was still quite good.

The ministers of the southwest gave their usual good sermons. Bro. William Dick preached the opening sermon Friday evening. Bro. Vernis Wolfe preached Sunday morning, Bro. T. M. Ferrell preached Sunday afternoon, and Bro. Gerald Cooper preached Sunday evening. As a special speaker, Dr. William Lawrence of Tempe, Ariz., spoke to us Saturday evening.

This conference had much excellent music. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, daughter and son-in-law of the Herman Lanings, sang solos Friday evening. Saturday evening the choir sang. Sunday morning Rob Emery and Hal Stilson sang a duet, the choir sang, and Dunann McLeod sang a solo. Russell Long led the singing Sunday afternoon when the young people were in charge, Sunday evening Dorothy Prickett sang a solo.

The conference took action favoring the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign. The desirability of obtaining guest speakers from outside the southwest was emphasized at the business session. This would help us maintain closer contact with the Church of God as a whole.

The local Dorcas ladies were in charge of meals. Lunch and dinner were served in the rear of the church Saturday and Sunday. Bro. Don Perkins was of great assistance at all meals, with his catering truck.

The fall meeting will be held in Los Angeles, probably in October. We are all looking forward to another uplifting meeting such as the one just held in Pomona.

Malcolm McLeod, Conference Secretary.

SPONSORS FOR APRIL 1960

Mr. & Mrs. H. U. Krogh	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Townsend	20.00
Lawrenceville Church	22.46
Mr. & Mrs. C. Ballentine	10.00
Virda Sitler	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Lewis	5.00
Mrs. Robert Atkins	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. T. M. Ferrell	15.00
Friends	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Jones	10.00
Brush Creek Church	77.35
Ripley Church	75.00
Hope Chapel Contributors (Ind.)	125.00
Dixon Church	43.65
Willis Turner family	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Loren Burnett	10.00
Mrs. Ethel Buchanan	5.00
Happy Woods Church	28.96
Emma B. Coleman	10.00
Pennellwood Church	100.78
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones	20.00
Mauertown S. S.	54.95
Laura M. Keenan	15.00
Mrs. Belya Knife	50.00
Mrs. Olive Deck	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Stadden	10.00
Fonthill Church	78.53
Tempe Church	80.75
Ohio State Conference	500.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Sheeley	5.00
Mrs. Letitia Waller	10.00
Litchfield S. S.	7.78
Donald R. Ward	15.00
Leila E. Whitehead	5.00
Mrs. F. L. Austin	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Johnson	50.00
Betty Townsend	5.00
Southwest Conference	45.50
St. Louis Church	25.00
Ripley S. S.	28.00
Oregon Church	37.49
Brush Creek Berean Society	3.88
Indiana State Missionary Society	105.00
Illinois State Conference	50.00
Myra Roberts	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Les LeCrone	5.00
Happy Woods Doreas Society	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carpenter	10.00
Mrs. G. Guiles	5.00
Evangelism & Missions	174.19
Omaha Church of God	150.00
Morse Mills Church	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hetrick	5.00
Felida Church	7.10
Golden Star Class (Happy Woods)	5.30
Marlyn Holquist	5.00
Glenda Wolfe	5.00
Hillside Chapel	12.50
Mr. & Mrs. Roseoe Dunbar	52.00
Mrs. Ed Eades	5.00
Blanchard Church	34.17
Eden Valley Church	11.50
Mrs. Marion Richards	11.00
Ladies Adult Class—Golden Rule Church S.	10.00
S. in Memory of Mary Elaine Marsh	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	25.00
Ida Lapp	5.00
Burr Oak Church	85.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Doan	8.00
Gospel Gleaners Class	3.00
Jessie M. B. Kaufman	2.00
Blessed Hope Church (Rockford)	15.00
Maconb Missionary Society	5.00
Truth Seeker's Church	25.00
Fonthill S. S.	21.96
Dollar A Month Club	21.00
Edward Houser	5.00
Elizabeth Addams	5.00

BAPTISM AT LAWRENCEVILLE, OHIO

Our hearts rejoiced Sunday, April 10, 1960, when Debby Pensyl was immersed into Christ. We pray God's blessing upon her as she walks a new path in the Christian life.

E. Richard Smith, Pastor.

BAPTISMS AT BLOOD RIVER CHURCH

We were all happy when five of the young people came forward for baptism at the close of the morning service, April 10, 1960, at Blood River. Immediately after the service, we went to Blood River, where they were immersed in the name of Christ for the remission of sins.

Those baptized were: Margorie and Lois Anthon, Mary Jane McKinney, Marie Hutchinson, and Ruth Mattison. We ask God's blessing upon these girls as they begin their walk on the straight and narrow path that leads to life.

James Mattison, Pastor.

PENNELWOOD NEWS

Pastor Alva G. Huffer has accepted another call for two years at the Pennellwood Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. He reports in the Pennellwood bulletin an Easter attendance of 203 for Sunday school and 229 for morning worship.

ELAINE MARSH

Death struck a tragic blow in the home of Bro. and Sr. Arlen Marsh on Friday afternoon, March 25, 1960. As little Elaine Marsh was on her way home from kindergarten, she was struck by an automobile. She was pronounced dead upon arrival at a near-by hospital.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Words of comfort and strength were read from Jeremiah 31:15-17; Isaiah 40: 10, 11; 11:1-9; 65:17-25; Mark 10:13-16. The final words left with Bro. and Sr. Marsh were the words of the Apostle Paul from 1 Corinthians 7:14.

C. F. Pryor.

LULU MAY REDDELL

Mrs. Lulu May Reddell, aged seventy-one years, was born in Missouri, but had lived in California for the last fourteen years. She died in a San Jose hospital, April 12, 1960, after an illness which had prevented her from attending church services for over two months. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Robert Reddell, and by five sons of a previous marriage, Rudolph Lashley of Fredericktown, Mo.; Elmer, Cordell, and Hartford Lashley of Los Gatos, Calif.; and Donald Lashley of San Francisco, Calif.; and by numerous other relatives and friends.

Sr. Reddell was brought to a knowledge of the truth through the efforts of Sr. Mabel Couch, now of White Hall, Ill., when they were neighbors living near the old Blush Church in Missouri. She was baptized by Bro. J. H. Anderson over thirty years ago. Sr. Couch was able to be with her old friend during her last hours—a comfort to both of them.

When the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham near San Jose was organized, Sr. Reddell became a charter member and continued to actively support it in every way possible until her death.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor at the church building on Friday, April 15, 1960. She was laid to rest at the Santa Clara City Cemetery, there to await the coming of the Lord and the resurrection! This was the Hope that sustained her for over thirty years. May it be the Hope of all!

Gerald L. Cooper, Pastor.

BROTHER A. M. JONES

Funeral services for Bro. A. M. Jones were to be conducted at Conger Street Church of God, Waterloo, Iowa, May 3, 1960. May the comforting hope of life in Christ at resurrection be with Sr. Jones and family. Sr. Jones' address is R.F.D., Hector, Minn.

IDA EASTMAN

On March 27, 1960, a well-loved lady of the church commenced her last rest before the call of Christ. Over fifty-four years ago, February 6, 1906, she had accepted Christ as her Saviour and was immersed in the waters of baptism. Since that date, she has been active in the Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Fonthill, Ont., Churches of God. She was in her eighty-seventh year, but young in heart. Her cheerful Christian countenance and attitude will be greatly missed by her daughters and families, Mrs. Dan Brown and Mrs. Ellsworth Sullivan, as well as by her church family.

A prayer service was conducted in Niagara Falls, N. Y., Wednesday, March 30, and immediately afterwards a funeral service was conducted by the pastor in the Fonthill Church of God. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery of Ridgeville, Ont.

WARD BROWN

Ward Brown was the father and father-in-law of Jack and Marion Brown of Titusville, Fla. Mr. Brown had been ill for some time, and died on March 30, 1960. He was in his eightieth year.

Funeral services were conducted in Fenwick by Mr. Dobson of the Fenwick United Church and Pastor Hall, April 1. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery of Ridgeville, Ont.

E. Milton Hall, Pastor.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE VINCENT

William Lawrence Vincent, second son of Charles and Mary Paisley Vincent, was born in Buena Vista Township, Schuyler County, Ill., on April 24, 1882, and died on the morning of March 28, 1960.

Bro. Vincent accepted the call of the gospel as a young man and was baptized by Bro. S. J. Lindsay. He remained faithful to this faith for the rest of his life.

On January 22, 1913, he married Hettie Mae Chapman, who preceded him in death on July 3, 1931. To this union was born one son, Lyle Ellsworth, who with his wife, Audry, cared for him during his two-year illness.

He is survived by his son and wife, one grandson, and one sister, Alida M. Ritchey.

Bro. Vincent, who now sleeps free from pain and sorrow, was laid to rest to await the call of his Master on the resurrection morn. This was his hope in life. May it soon be realized by the return of King Jesus!

Harry Sheets, Pastor.

PICTURE CREDIT FOR APRIL

In the April issue of Progress Journal, we neglected to credit Bro. T. M. Ferrell for the fine front-page photo. Bro. Ferrell has supplied us with several excellent photos from time to time and we appreciate his gift of time and talent.

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

General Conference of the Churches of God (Including National Bible Institution)

PREAMBLE

It is understood that the General Conference is an assembly of delegates and interested members of the Churches of God, meeting at a designated place and time to confer on all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the churches.

ARTICLE I

Time and Place of Conference

Section 1. The general offices of the Church of God General Conference shall be located at Oregon, Illinois, identified as National Bible Institution, an Illinois corporation not for profit.

Section 2. The General Conference shall meet once each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Conference or its Board of Directors, but in no case shall the date be fixed earlier than July 1, or later than August 31. Announcement of the time and place shall be made by the secretary of the Conference at least one month in advance by publication in *The Restitution Herald* or *Progress Journal*. The General Conference may be called at such other times as may be necessary, and may convene immediately, without notice, upon consent of a majority of the member churches.

Section 3. For the purpose of conducting business, the General Conference is incorporated in the State of Illinois under the name of "National Bible Institution," a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE II

Delegates

Section 1. Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof.

Section 2. A member church is a church of God which has on record a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

Section 3. The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers associated with the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates-at-large and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches.

Section 4. A member who has attended at least four services, or who has made a financial or service contribution, during the year is considered an active member of his church. These shall be considered as minimum requirements only.

Section 5. A credentials committee shall be appointed by the president of the General Conference before every conference, and the committee shall have the power to confirm or disqualify any delegate according to the terms of this constitution.

Section 6. Each church shall certify to the secretary of the General Conference the names of its delegates or delegate and alternates; this certification shall be accompanied by a list of the names and addresses of the active members to be represented. No delegate will be recognized in any conference session without having been recognized by the credentials committee. If any delegate is absent from any conference session, an alternate who has been approved by the credentials committee may be appointed to act.

Section 7. Any church which cannot send a delegate or delegates to the annual confer-

ence may appoint a delegate or delegates from the general active membership of the Church of God. However, any delegate appointed under this section shall have only one vote, and under no circumstances can any delegate represent more than one church or state or district conference. A notice must be sent to the secretary of the Church of God General Conference containing a statement of the intentions of the church and the names and addresses of its active members to be represented, within fifteen days before the Conference convenes.

Section 8. Each delegate shall have one vote.

ARTICLE III

Business Sessions

Section 1. All matters of General Conference business shall be open to the discussion of all members present, but only delegates may vote or introduce motions. All delegates shall be seated in a section of the auditorium reserved for them, and no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section.

Section 2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of twenty-five duly qualified delegates. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE IV

Officers of the Conference

Section 1. Seven directors shall be elected in General Conference delegate sessions; said directors shall constitute the Board of Directors of National Bible Institution. The Board of Directors shall organize by the election of necessary officers at the first meeting following each annual Conference election. These officers shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three board members.

Section 2. No elected director shall be a paid employee of the National Bible Institution for a period longer than two months in any one year.

Section 3. The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders.

Section 4. Nominations for each director shall be by General Conference delegates in session at least one day before the day set for the election, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship.

Section 5. Nominations shall be made from the floor; but voting shall be done by ballot, and no nominee shall be elected unless he receives a majority of the votes cast. In case a majority is not received by any nominee in the first balloting, balloting shall continue after eliminating the name receiving the lowest number of votes, until an election is reached. Each director shall be elected separately.

Section 6. The terms of office for all General Conference directors shall be for three years. No director shall succeed himself for a second term. Directors shall be elected in this order: three directors one year, two directors the following year, and two directors the next year, and directors shall be elected in this order hereafter.

Section 7. Any director who may become inactive through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death, shall be replaced

for the unexpired term by election at the next annual conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTION (Authorized by the General Conference of the Churches of God)

ARTICLE I

Purpose of the National Bible Institution

Section 1. The purposes for which the National Bible Institution is incorporated are:

(A) That evangelistic work be extended to meet the needs of the Church of God everywhere, and to open new fields of missionary activity.

(B) That publishing facilities be provided under capable editorial supervision for the issuance of all necessary literature.

(C) That facilities be provided to aid in the education of those desiring to prepare themselves for the ministry or other religious work.

(D) That a board of benevolences be organized to minister to individual needs as they may arise.

Section 2. The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another (throughout the church) in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." In such oneness of spirit they shall unite in an effort to edify the body of Christ in utilizing the contributed strength of the church to affirm by print and voice the following Biblical truths and kindred truths, viz.:

Statement of Faith

A. GOD. We believe that only one person is God, and that He is a literal (corporeal) being—almighty, eternal, and the Creator of all things.

B. JESUS CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He did not personally pre-exist.

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of His people.

D. THE BIBLE. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration, and that it is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

E. MAN. We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All men, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

F. SALVATION. We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ, and that it consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His Spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

- 1) Belief of the gospel of the Kingdom and the things concerning Jesus Christ;
- 2) Sincere repentance for sin, which may be evidenced by confession and restitution;
- 3) Baptism—immersion—in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
- 4) Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G. THE CHURCH OF GOD. We believe that the Church of God is the Scriptural name for that body of people who have been called out from among all nations through obedience to the gospel plan of salvation.

Christ is the Head of the Church; and the nature, work, and government of the Church are set forth in the New Testament.

II. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, and Teacher. It will be based on the standards which He taught and exemplified. Thus, it will be characterized by prayerful dependence on God, study of His Word, and faithful stewardship of time and possessions—with tithing as a practical expression of such stewardship. The Church of God will stand behind and support the honest convictions of those members who are conscientiously opposed to serving in the armed forces.

I. ISRAEL. We believe that "Israel" is the name of the literal descendants of Abraham through Jacob. As God's chosen nation, Israel was given the land of Palestine, but because of disobedience they were scattered throughout the world. In accordance with God's covenant with them, they will be restored to Palestine as the head of the nations in the Kingdom of God.

J. THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the Church as joint-heirs with Him. His Millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked, after which will be established "New Heavens and a New Earth" wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all.

ARTICLE II

General Offices

Section 1. The general offices of National Bible Institution shall be located at Oregon, Illinois.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Institution shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three directors. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The directors of the General Conference of the Church of God shall be, ex officio, corresponding directors of the National Bible Institution, and their terms of office shall be of the same duration.

Section 3. The work undertaken by the Institution shall be divided into such departments as may be necessary, each department to be provided with its own head, all under the supervision of the Institution.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of the Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the chairman to call and preside at all meetings of the General Conference and of the Board of Directors of the National Bible Institution, and to perform all other duties properly belonging to the presiding officer, not otherwise provided.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the vice-chairman to keep the president when called upon to discharge the executive duties, and to act in the chairman's place in case of the absence or disability of the chairman.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, to keep a record of the activities and accomplishments of the Institution, to report such minutes and records to the General Conference when requested to do so, and at any other time when called upon by the chairman or board of directors.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer or of his representative as authorized by the Board of Directors, to receive all monies,

to disburse the same, and to keep an accurate account thereof. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep safely all funds in the possession and control of the Institution, to make a complete annual report of the receipts and disbursements to the annual conference and to the Board of Directors upon request, to submit such reports for publication, and to see that the accounts of the Institution are kept so as to show its financial standing at all times. The treasurer shall furnish surety to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to transact and administer the business of the Institution in accordance with these by-laws and Article I above. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the chairman or at the call of two or more members of the board, notice having been given of the date and place of meeting a reasonable time in advance. Notice by mail, telephone, telegram, by publication in The Restitution Herald or the Progress Journal, or in person, shall be deemed sufficient. The Board of Directors shall have power to devise ways to accomplish the objects of the Institution as set forth in Article I, Section 1, above.

Section 6. The Board of Directors is empowered:

(A) To acquire and hold real property and personal property.

(B) To sell or otherwise dispose of property.

(C) To raise money by subscription.

(D) To receive gifts, donations, and bequests.

(E) To receive and hold monies in trust as foundations or endowments, the profits of which shall be used in maintaining the work of the Institution.

(F) To employ a competent General Manager who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of National Bible Institution, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him.

(G) To fill temporarily by appointment any elective office that may become vacant through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death of any incumbent, until the next annual conference, when the vacant office shall be filled by regular election.

(H) To do any other necessary act for the establishment, prosecution, and accomplishment of the business of the National Bible Institution.

ARTICLE V

Quorum for Doing Business

Section 1. A quorum of the board of directors for transacting of business shall consist of not fewer than five members.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Policy of the Institution

Section 1. The financial policy of the Church of God General Conference shall be based wholly upon the principle of tithing by all members, both churches and individuals. The Board of Directors of National Bible Institution shall be governed in the work undertaken by the unified budget adopted by voluntary action of the delegates at the annual General Conference session.

ARTICLE VII

Amendment of the By-Laws

Section 1. The by-laws of the Institution may be amended, altered, or revised by a two-thirds majority vote of delegates present at any General Conference meeting, notice having been given of the proposed amendment or revision in at least three consecutive issues of The Restitution Herald or

the Progress Journal, the first appearance thereof to be at least thirty days prior to the convening of the conference by which it is to be considered. Said notice shall plainly state the nature and purpose of the amendment or revision. Publication in The Restitution Herald or The Progress Journal shall be deemed sufficient notice.

ARTICLE VIII

Auditing of the Books of the Institution

Section 1. The chairman shall appoint a competent auditor whose duty shall be to examine the books and other financial records of the treasurer and to make a full report of their condition in writing to the General Conference at its annual meeting, or at such other time or times as may be required. Said auditor shall in no case be a member of the board of directors, or personally interested in the disposition of the funds of the Institution.

The Constitutional Revision Committee

Willis Turner Harold Doan
Harry Sheets John Railton
Harvey U. Krogh, Jr.

Revision of Article I, Section 2, A to J

Harvey U. Krogh, Jr. Kenneth Milne
William Wachtel

(The above-listed committees were appointed at last General Conference to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of National Bible Institution. The revision above is the result of many meetings and of discussion with interested individuals and groups, including the Ministerial Association and the Board of Directors. Major changes from the present Constitution and By-Laws will be found in the Constitution, Article II, Section 2, and Article IV. In the By-Laws, changes will be noted in Article I, Section 2; Article III, Section 1; and Article VI. This revision will be printed, in accordance with the present By-Laws, in three issues of Progress Journal, and will be acted upon at the summer General Conference business meetings.)

EAST OREGON NEWS

Since our last report about the progress of our church, we have been continuing improvement of our building. Thanks to the hard work of the members, we have completed refinishing the woodwork, repainted our auditorium, put a wrought-iron railing on the church steps, and laid asphalt tile on the basement floor. A deep-fat fryer and grill have been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gershaugh. We thank the Lord for these added improvements.

We are looking forward to the delivery of our new auditorium furniture and center aisle carpet, which should be delivered soon.

We had our first sunrise service and breakfast this Easter, and were pleased with the results. We had 39 present for both. We were thankful for a congregation of 79 for Sunday school and 63 for church the same day.
Paul Shaw, Pastor.

ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Plans are made for the Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference for June 23-26, 1960, at Clark's Chapel Church of God, located in Cox Valley, on Cox Valley Road, which leaves Highway 109 seven miles north of Magazine, Ark.

All are invited to attend this Church of God district conference for good spiritual food.
E. O. Cox, Superintendent

Clark's Chapel Sunday School

PROGRAM FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

August 7-12, 1960

Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana

Children's Class Director—Doris Brown
 Recreation Director—C. F. Pryor
 Delegate Pool Committee—Leota Hanson
 Credentials Committee Chairman—Mrs. F. L. Austin
 Ministerial Association President—James Mattison
 Priscillas' President—Jeanne Smith
 Program Chairman—Harold Doan
 Missionary Society President—Delbert Jones
 Sunday School Department President—Harold Newnam

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President—S. O. Ross
 First Vice President—Cecil Patrick
 Second Vice President—John Hayse
 Treasurer—Willard Naylor
 Secretary—J. R. LeCronc
 General Manager—Harold Doan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 16-29—Revival Services, Maurertown and Fort Valley, Va., Churches of God; Raymond Brown, guest speaker
 May 21, 22—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Macomb
 June 8-12—86th Annual Minnesota State Conference, Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley
 June 12-18—Annual Michigan Conference at Camp Chief Noonday
 June 16-19—Northwest Conference at Felida, Wash.; William Dick, guest speaker.
 June 20-26—Indiana State Conference, North Salem, Harold Doan, speaker
 June 23-26—Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference at Clark's Chapel
 June 25-July 3—Texas Conference, Gatesville; Paul and Dolena Shaw, guest leaders
 June 26-July 3—Southwest Youth Camp at Wrightwood, Calif.
 June 27-July 3—Nebraska Family Retreat, Camp Merrill
 July 24-31—Illinois State Conference at Oregon
 August 7-12—General Conference at Camp Mack, Ind.
 August 15-20—Ohio State Youth Camp
 August 21-27—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Ill.
 August 24-28—Ohio State Conference, Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland; Austin Railton, guest speaker

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COLLEGE

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accommodate but nine or ten boys and allows very little supervision.

Through the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign every member of the Church of God has an opportunity to serve in a very real or tangible way. Here is a chance to unite with other faithful Christian workers in making one of the most profitable investments that you have ever made. This is one of the ways in which you may assist in feeding the flock of God for which one is promised a "crown of glory that fadeth not away."

The staff and students of Oregon Bible College pray that you will consider the needs of your College and that you will join others in helping to make the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign a success. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. Your interest in this phase of the Lord's work is deeply appreciated.

Sunday, August 7

1:00 Guests may check in any time after noon on Sunday
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening worship, Ellsworth Routson, speaker

Monday, August 8

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study in charge of Sunday School Department
 Young people
 Adults
 Children—Doris Brown
 9:45 Sunday School Department program
 11:00 Sunday School Department business meeting
 12:00 Lunch
 1:00 Prayer service, C. E. Lapp
 1:30 Missionary program, C. E. Lapp, Chairman
 3:15 Rest, recreation, fellowship, special committee meetings
 5:30 Supper
 6:15 Ministers' meeting and Priscillas' meeting
 7:30 Evening worship, Keynote Message, Warren Sorenson, speaker

Tuesday, August 9

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
 Adults—Warren Sorenson
 Young people—Emory Macy
 Children—Doris Brown
 9:45 Young people—Larry Townsend
 9:45 Opening of General Conference delegate meetings. Seating of delegates
 10:00 Communications
 10:10 President's message to the Conference, S. O. Ross, President
 10:30 Recess
 10:45 Board of Directors' report and recommendations
 Treasurer's report
 Distribution of proposed budget
 Appointment of committees
 12:00 Lunch
 1:00 Prayer session, Richard Smith
 1:30 Consideration of Missions and Evangelism
 1) Recommendations of Mission Board
 2) Report of Secretary concerning mission societies
 3) Report of the Nova Scotia mission, John Denchfield
 4) Recommendations of the Board of Directors in this field
 5) Nomination of Mission Board officers
 6) Delegate motions
 3:15 Rest, recreation, special committee meetings
 5:30 Supper
 6:15 Ministers' meeting; Priscillas' meeting
 7:30 Evening worship, Delbert Jones, speaker

Wednesday, August 10

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study in charge of Sunday School Department
 Adults
 Young people
 Children—Doris Brown
 9:45 Young people—Daniel Fyfe

9:45 Reading of the Minutes
 9:50 Election of Mission Board
 10:00 Voting on motions concerning Evangelism and Missions from previous day
 10:30 Recess
 10:45 Constitutional Revision Committee report. Discussion of proposed revision
 12:00 Lunch
 1:00 Prayer service, Dean Moore
 1:30 Young people's Bible class, Curtis Simpson
 1:30 Continue action on Constitutional Revision
 2:30 Nominations for First Vice President and Secretary
 2:45 License and Ordination Committee report
 3:15 Rest, recreation, special committee meetings
 5:30 Supper
 6:15 Ministers' Meeting and Priscillas' Meeting
 7:30 Evening worship, E. Milton Hall, speaker

Thursday, August 11

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
 Adults—Kenneth Milne
 Young people—C. E. Lapp
 Children—Doris Brown
 9:45 Reading of the Minutes
 9:50 Election of First Vice President and Secretary
 10:15 Recess
 10:30 Consideration of business concerning Oregon Bible College
 1) Expansion program report
 2) Recommendations of Board of Directors and Board of Education
 3) Delegate motions concerning Oregon Bible College
 12:00 Lunch
 1:00 Prayer service
 1:30 Young people Bible class, Don Ward
 1:30 Consideration of business concerning Publishing and Printing
 2:30 Consideration of business concerning Berean Youth Fellowship
 3:15 Rest, recreation, fellowship, special committee meetings
 5:30 Supper
 6:15 Ministers' meeting and Priscillas' meeting
 7:00 Evening worship. Installation of officers, Ministerial Association
 Communion service—J. R. LeCronc and John Hayse
 Evening speaker, T. M. Ferrell

Friday, August 12

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
 Adults—Hollis Parlwe
 Young people—Leon Driskill
 Children—Doris Brown
 9:45 Secretary's report
 10:00 Consideration of 1960-61 General Conference budget
 10:15 Closing business
 10:45 President's concluding remarks
 11:00 Adjournment and dismissal

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The Decade of Development of Evangelism and Missions

Report and Recommendations of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors

The following report and recommendations were adopted at the regular meeting of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors, May 6, 1960. These recommendations are printed at this time to give delegates from churches and conferences time to study them and get instructions from the groups they represent concerning action to be taken on them.

As we look back upon the year which has passed and look forward to the new fiscal year to begin October 1, 1960, there is uppermost in our minds the realization that the Lord has blessed us in many ways. Under His guidance and leadership there has been progress in the service to which He has called us of preaching the gospel to every creature. Through the services of local churches and mission points, through evangelism of state and district conferences, through the various services of the General Conference, the gospel has been widely preached and printed, converts have been won, faith has been strengthened, and Christians have grown in knowledge and Spirit of the Lord.

New churches were organized at Troy, Ohio, and McCook, Nebraska. A new Sunday school was organized at Littlefork, Minnesota. New church buildings were constructed or purchased at San Jose, California; Bedford, Ohio; Morse Mill, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; Jordan, Missouri; and Digby, Nova Scotia. Extensive remodeling and enlargement were accomplished at several other churches. Other churches secured new parsonages, and made improvements upon state conference camps and buildings.

While we are not able to keep accurate records of additions or losses from Church of God membership throughout the year, there has been an increase in the total membership as contacted through the regular issues of the General Conference publications. The total membership as now recorded in Church of God mailing lists is nearing fifty-four hundred people.

General observation of the Church of God as a whole reveals several areas of growing spiritual strength and some areas of weakness which need strengthening. There is more unity of thought and action; more tolerance of one another's opinions and willingness to serve together to advance the Lord's work; more evidence of training, experience, and leadership ability in the positions of responsibility in the church; more evidence of concern for the pastor and desire to provide fairly for his physical needs as he furnishes spiritual leadership in the church; more evidence

of missionary and evangelistic concern for the lost; and a greater emphasis upon the stewardship responsibilities of individual believers.

At the same time, there is a need for more ministers of the gospel who are qualified to oversee the flock and feed the Church of God. (Acts 20:28.) There is a need for even more diligent stewardship of time and money which will provide willing workers for all Church of God endeavors and provide at least a title for the advancement of the gospel. There is a need for greater evangelism by the individual, by the church, by the state conference, by the General Conference, at home and abroad, for the gospel must be preached as a witness to all nations.

The following departments of the General Conference have been established to assist the Church of God in the preaching and printing of the gospel of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. This report and recommendations will concern only those departments of the work not reported elsewhere by boards and committees charged with specific phases of the work.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

Oregon Bible College, under direct supervision of Bro. Otto E. Dick, Superintendent, has enjoyed a year of progress. Bro. and Sr. Lonnie Anderson joined the College staff in June, 1959, in charge of the dormitory facilities of the College. Bro. C. E. Lapp is dean; Sr. Louise Lapp is music instructor; Bro. Kenneth Milne is a teacher. Bro. William Wachtel is entering Wheaton College under the Joseph D. Lawrence Scholarship for two years of graduate school work in preparation for future teaching at Oregon Bible College. Sr. Verna Thayer started the year on the staff but was forced to retire because of poor health. Several students completed the course, "Introduction to Psychology," offered by Northern Illinois University at its Taft Field Campus in Oregon. The University plans to offer another, different course next fall which will be available to many of our students.

Oregon Bible College graduated three students in June: Jesse Pestle, Edward Houser, and James Recontre. At this writing, Bro. Pestle has accepted the pastorate of the Dixon, Illinois, Church of God.

Because of the Youth Conference again being at Dixon, Illinois, it was decided it would be necessary in 1960 to have a College homecoming for the benefit of young people who might want to visit the College. It was thought

that the young people at the Youth Conference would be taken on tours of the College, and groups of senior students were invited to attend a day at College in the spring. Several groups of high school seniors took advantage of this opportunity.

Uppermost in our minds during this year has been the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the expansion of Oregon Bible College. After several years of study, discussion, and progressive action by the General Conference, and after approval of a general plan for raising funds by commitments for this building campaign, the Board of Directors put this Campaign in motion in the fall of 1959. An architect was secured who drew preliminary plans for a combination dormitory, library, dining hall building, and a Silver Anniversary Building Campaign to secure individual commitments was begun in March, 1960. Total estimated cost of the building suggested by the architect and approved by the Board of Directors was \$125,000. Commitments were solicited by mail and by individual contact through teams organized in each local Church of God. At this time a total of \$86,329.95 has been committed in faith by members of the Church of God for this expansion program.

Recommendations

1) That the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign be continued to secure commitments and contributions from those who have not yet participated in this program, and that as soon as at least \$75,000.00 in cash has been received from these gifts, commitments, and bequests, construction be started on a building that will fill the immediate needs of Oregon Bible College. Money from commitments and bequests and gifts in excess of the amount needed to complete this building should be held in reserve for future building needs.

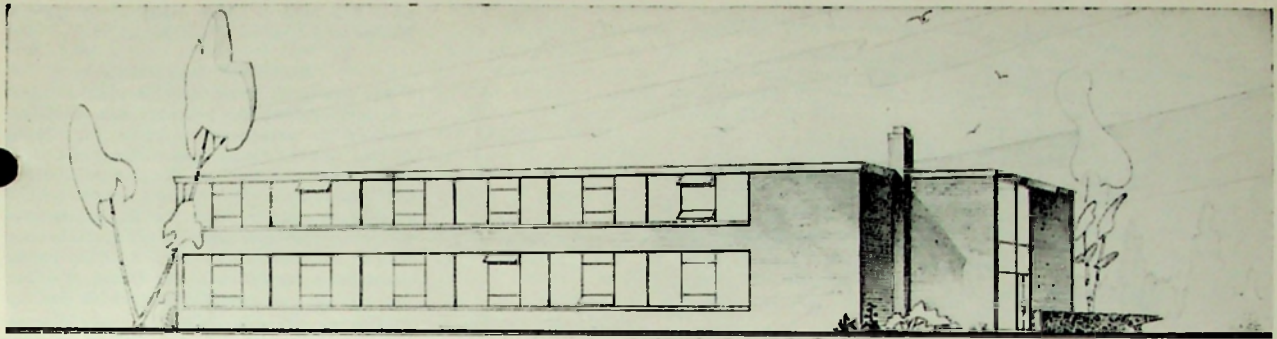
In the meantime, every effort should be made to improve the staff, curriculum, service activities, and class and administrative facilities of Oregon Bible College.

2) Oregon Bible College enrollment should be doubled for effective operation of the College and to graduate the number of trained workers needed by the Church of God. To reach this ideal requires prayerful interest by each member of the Church of God; encouragement of qualified young men and women to enroll in Oregon Bible College through scholarships; student assistance; personal encouragement of young men and young women through counseling to urge them to consider full-time service to the Lord as a career; and support of Oregon Bible College costs and capital expansion program.

HOME MISSIONS

There are several aspects of the Church of God General Conference work of Home Missions. The purpose of this department of the work is to assist in the establishment of new Sunday schools, Bible classes, and churches. This is now done in the following ways.

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Proposed New Oregon Bible College Building

Pastoral Aid

Pastoral aid is extended to churches to help them secure the services of a pastor. The amount of pastoral aid extended depends upon the need of the church and its ability to support a pastor, the aid which the state conference of that district is willing to give, and other considerations. Usually the program is spaced over a five-year period with the aid being reduced each year until the five years are finished. It is hoped that during that time the church will grow to become self-supporting.

During the past year pastoral aid was extended to: Harlingen, Texas; Niles, Michigan; Baltimore, Maryland; Cool Spring, Virginia; and, beginning in June, to Troy, Ohio. The Board of Directors adopted a policy of requiring monthly reports from pastors of churches receiving pastoral aid, and of annually reviewing all churches receiving pastoral aid to determine on what basis the program should be continued.

Recommendations

1) We recommend that this pastoral aid program be continued, since it is one of the best and most effective means by which the General Conference can help in the founding of new Churches of God.

Mission Builder's League

The Mission Builder's League now has about nine hundred members. In 1958 and 1959, Mission Builder's helped finance the construction of the Dayton, Ohio, and San Jose, California, Church of God buildings. In 1959 and 1960, Mission Builder's assisted in the construction of the new Church of God building at Digby, Nova Scotia, and to buy the Church of God building at Bedford, Ohio. Approximately \$4,800.00 was contributed to the cost of the Digby, Nova Scotia, building.

In this program, also, definite standards have been adopted to guide the Board of Directors in decisions concerning the approval of churches for the Mission Builder's League assistance. Although no one can guarantee the success of an undertaking, it is hoped that all the churches assisted will grow and become strong Churches of God, able also to help others in the faith.

Recommendations

1) We recommend that solicitation continue to enroll new Mission Builder's and that we continue to have one or two appeals each

year for worthy churches desiring to build or buy church buildings.

Vacation Bible Schools

Due to the retirement of Sr. Thayer, this phase of the home missionary work has undergone some revisions. Vacation Bible school lessons were prepared this year by Sr. Iris Burnett and a group of ladies from Brush Creek. They did an excellent work and are to be commended for their long hours of labor.

In Sr. Thayer's work with the vacation Bible schools, she had truly finished her course. She had succeeded in training workers in the various places she served so they had become able to have their own Bible schools without outside help. Many ministers and their wives also have become proficient in this work and are able, when guests at conference, to conduct the Bible schools associated with the conference. At the time of Sr. Thayer's retirement, she had worked to the point that new churches, churches without pastors, and the colored meetings were the places which needed her services most. Though she is sorely missed on the General Conference staff, it is possible to supply workers from Oregon Bible College to help staff those Bible schools where outside help is needed.

Because of racial tensions and the fact that the Lord has not yet opened the way for us to secure the services of colored leaders, we have not been able to take advantage of the various possibilities in colored work. Contacts are being kept alive in Cleveland, Ohio; Morristown, Tennessee; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Springfield, Louisiana, but the future of the colored work will depend greatly upon colored leadership.

Recommendations

1) We recommend that we continue to publish one new ten-lesson set of vacation Bible school lessons each year, and that each Church of God be encouraged to conduct its own Bible school, but, where necessary, College students can be provided to give assistance. Orders for Church of God lesson materials should be placed as early after January 1 as possible so that the correct number of books can be printed.

2) We recommend that continued search be made for colored workers to train for permanent work among the colored people.

3) We recommend that vacation Bible school materials be furnished to those places which offer an evangelistic opening for development

of an established work, such as some colored Bible schools, or new mission points.

Superintendent of Evangelism and Missions

It has been realized for some time that a new General Conference staff member is needed to serve as Superintendent of Evangelism and Missions. This has been favorably voted upon by General Conference delegates.

The Board of Directors, after investigating some possible answers to this problem, decided to wait for the time being to fill this post. Because of the severe shortage of pastors it has been decided that it would be unwise to call another active pastor from a pastorate at this time. Important as this position is, it seems more favorable to develop the fields already open and crying for pastoral leadership than to open new fields on a national basis at this time.

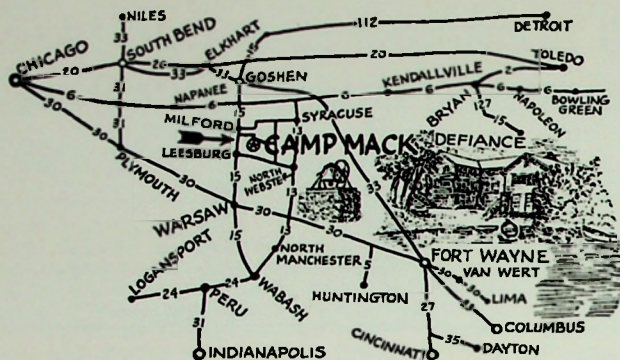
We believe that the opening of new fields and the organizing of new churches can best be accomplished on the "branch church" basis, where a pastor and local lay leaders can furnish leadership to the fledgling church until a pastor is available. New fields also are being opened by diligent laymen who move into new areas and begin new "home" Sunday schools and Bible classes. Recent examples of branch church expansion are: Troy, Ohio, and McCook, Nebraska. Home work examples are the "home" Sunday school at Littlefork, Minnesota, and the Bible class at Niagara Falls, New York.

Evangelism by General Conference Staff

In spite of the retirement of Sr. Thayer and the fact that a Superintendent of Evangelism and Missions has not been secured, the General Conference has not been without field work. Gospel teams from Oregon Bible College; preaching services by College students; and services conducted in many places by Brothers Doan, Dick, and Lapp have supplied preaching, teaching, and witnessing to many churches and conferences throughout the year. Bro. Doan conducted several services at the Zebra Reservation in the Upper Peninsula, in addition to services at sixteen different churches throughout the year.

Color slides of the work at Digby, Nova Scotia, and of the National Bible Institution offices and staff also were widely distributed this past year. Eleven issues of Progress Journal also kept contact with the work of the Church of God alive throughout the country.

In the absence of a full-time evangelist, it



is planned to try to relieve office work of staff members to release them for more field work for the General Conference. Every effort will be made to utilize all pastoral leadership to the best advantage for the evangelistic work of the Church of God as a whole.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING

This has been a banner year for the Church of God in the publishing field, with the completion of the book, "Systematic Theology," by Bro. Alva G. Huffer. At this writing (May), fewer than two hundred of the one thousand books printed remain to be sold. The book has been widely sold to individuals, and placed in many public and college libraries. Several books have been reserved for textbook use for several years at Oregon Bible College.

At this time, there are about sixteen hundred individuals subscribing to The Restitution Herald, and about six hundred Heralds of each issue are distributed through Herald racks. About thirty-one hundred copies of Progress Journal are mailed each month. One Journal is mailed to each family or separate address of Church of God members. Ideally, there should be at least four thousand subscribers to The Restitution Herald (3,000 members and 1,000 non-members), plus hundreds more distributed through the Herald racks.

We now print and sell about seven thousand Truth Seeker's Quarterlies each quarter. The editors are: Lois Worley, Nursery and Pre-School; Jean Doan, Primary; Louise Lapp, Junior; Mary Railton, Junior High-Senior High; and William Wachtel, Adult. The Pre-School and Nursery quarterlies have been improved with perforated "take-home" pages, and enlargement of some lesson materials. Truth Seeker's Quarterlies, vacation Bible school books, and The Restitution Herald are fairly priced and in line with competitive materials.

There now are sixty-three separate tract titles, and five booklets in the Bible Digest Series kept in stock. Several new titles are needed. We have been adding about five new tracts per year to the list.

One of the greatest opportunities for spreading the truth of the gospel is through the distribution of literature—tracts, booklets, The Restitution Herald—and through the use in Sunday schools and vacation Bible schools of literature of truth.

During the past few years, Church of God Sunday school quarterlies, tracts, and song-

books have been used by a growing number of churches and individuals outside the Church of God. Correspondence recently with Charles French in Australia, who has purchased many dollars worth of our literature, says that it is very well received in Australia and New Zealand. Spanish-language tracts have also been sold and distributed in the Bahama Islands by a Scottish missionary society.

There are some weaknesses in our literature program from the home and foreign missions point of view. One suggestion is that our tracts do not offer a "first-contact" message for the unbeliever or the person one may be first introducing to the Church of God. It is thought that we need more simple, brief, evangelistic-type tracts.

Another suggestion is that our tracts and booklets are too expensive. It is true that other companies offer tracts at a rate much lower than ours. The reason is that they can print in volume of millions while we print in hundreds or thousands because of a limited market.

We soon must consider the reprinting or revising of Songs of Truth. This book has been accepted and used throughout the Church of God and has also found use in churches other than Churches of God. Several of the books have been sold recently to other churches which want music with the "going to heaven" error eliminated.

Recommendations

1) We recommend that we add a line of tracts that will be brief and simple that can be used in contacting potential new members for the Church of God; and that tract prices be lowered, with the understanding that they will be subsidized by contributions, at least until volume of sales increases to the point that we can "break even" at the lower price.

2) We recommend that the songbook, Songs of Truth, be revised before reprinting, with the addition of more hymns at the end of the book, if possible, so that both old and new books could be used interchangeably in the same church. (Churches could then slowly replace the old books with revised editions, and continue to use the old and new together.)

3) We recommend that "Systematic Theology" be a stock book of the General Conference, in original or revised editions. Later editions could probably be more economically printed and, through a discount arrangement, could be offered for sale through regular bookstores. A correspondence course based

upon this book is being prepared by Brother Huffer and Brother Denn Moore.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The National Missionary Board has chief responsibility for the planning and co-ordination of the missionary work of the Church of God General Conference. Officers are elected to this board by the delegates of the General Conference. The Board meets several times each year to study the foreign mission program and the general evangelistic outlook of the Church of God, and makes recommendations for action to the Board of Directors. Those recommendations which are approved are put into action as soon as possible, and administered by the staff of the General Conference. This has proved to be an effective arrangement, and the administration of the work at Digby, Nova Scotia, under the direction of Bro. John Densfield, has been handled without major problems in the past year.

It appears that there are many opportunities for expanding the work of the Church of God in Digby, Nova Scotia, if workers could be found to serve there, and if finances could be arranged to support them. We believe that there are also opportunities in other parts of the world (Australia, New Zealand, South America, Hawaii, Alaska), but the need for workers and the need for financial backing is yet to be met.

It is interesting to note that in the Decade of Development program the goals for foreign missions has been met in one half of the decade. Those goals were: 1) one foreign mission field opened and staffed by 1964; 2) an organized missionary society with a regular allotment from the General Conference budget.

Recommendation

1) At the suggestion of the Missionary Board, we recommend that the National Missionary Board be appointed by the Board of Directors beginning with this next Conference year.

BEREAN YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Immediately after General Conference last summer, a successful National Berean Youth Conference was conducted at Camp Reynoldswood. Though enrollment was only seventy-five, it was a successful conference. Most of the credit is due Bro. and Sr. Milton Hall and their staff of counselors. Bro. and Sr. Hall will head the staff for the 1960 Youth Conference being planned for Camp Reynoldswood, August 21-27. Important features of the Conference, in addition to the spiritual benefits of the classes, worship, and fellowship, were the contact with Oregon Bible College, the election of a National Youth Advisory Council to help plan the work of the National Berean Youth Department, and the actual conversions which resulted from the Conference.

Several state camps again are planned for this summer. These camps will serve the young people in Minnesota, Washington, the Southwest, Indiana, Ohio, Fonthill, Louisiana, Texas, Nebraska, Michigan, and Missouri, and probably those from other areas. Many state youth retreats also serve campers in the fall and spring.

One of the important projects of the past year was the National Bible Quiz on the books of Ephesians and First Timothy. Be-

reans formed teams in many churches and competitions were conducted between different teams within churches, between churches, and in the National Youth Conference will match state and district champions. This program has proved to be a great blessing to the youth fellowship groups which participated. Those youth leaders and pastors who furnished the leadership needed to get this program under way were richly rewarded in seeing the interest in Bible study which developed.

The Berean Youth Department continues to publish the monthly Berean Youth Leader's Newsletter, Challenge magazine quarterly; and the Berean Youth Leader's Handbook quarterly. Copy for the last issues of Challenge have been almost entirely furnished by the young people themselves.

One of the greatest needs in the Berean Youth Fellowship is for leadership. A national youth director is needed, and leadership is needed in many local churches and state conferences. While the youth work has grown and prospered, there is still much to be done.

Recommendations

- 1) We recommend that the National Bible Quiz be carried on another year.
- 2) We recommend that even if it requires financial underwriting, the National Youth Conference be continued as a necessary part of the youth program.
- 3) We recommend that each pastor take the initiative to see that adequate leadership is exercised in each local church to organize and continue the Berean Youth Fellowship program.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FINANCES

During the current fiscal year, contributions have fallen behind the goals for giving established at the last General Conference. This undoubtedly has been partially due to extra giving to the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign, the Mission Builder's League appeals, appeals from the Priscillas, and expanded needs of the local churches and state conferences. Probably the over-all giving of the people of the Church of God was at an all-time high last year.

While there may be causes, they do not solve financial problems. The giving of the Church of God membership does not yet approach a tithe. Best estimates are that the average per capita giving of the Church of God is about one third of a tithe. Many more than tithe, but most give much less than a tithe.

The financial program of the Church of God General Conference is more clearly spelled out in the revised constitution being submitted for action by the 1960 General Conference delegates. It is based upon the tithe and the unified budget.

Recommendations

- 1) We recommend that each member tithe to his local church. Isolated members, not affiliated with a local church, could tithe directly to the General Conference. We recommend that each church and state conference tithe to the General Conference. If each member tithes to his local church (\$2.00 per week for each \$1,000.00 of annual income), and each church in turn tithed to the state conference and the General Conference (20 cents

of the \$2.00 to the state conference and 20 cents of the \$2.00 to the General Conference), every department of the work of the Church of God would be adequately financed.

The unified budget submitted each year to the General Conference delegates represents the operating costs for the services rendered by the General Conference. This budget must be met by these tithes from the churches and state conferences and by gifts of individuals. Other programs such as the Silver Anniversary Campaign and the Mission Builder's League are over and above this budget and must be carried out by sacrificial giving in addition to the tithe.

Wills, bequests, insurance benefits, memorial gifts, and other such income also can help the General Conference to add to capital investments of machinery, buildings, College equipment, etc.

General Recommendations

- 1) We recommend that a committee be appointed to develop some standard plans for church buildings; this committee to work in conjunction with the Mission Builder's League to suggest possible plans for construction of church buildings and parsonages.
- 2) We recommend that the corporate name of this organization be changed from National Bible Institution to Church of God General Conference. Because of the confusion which exists within the Church of God and outside of the church between the various names used for the same organization, we believe that this change would be advantageous. There is confusion in the City of Oregon, for instance, between the names Oregon Bible College, National Bible Institution, and Church of God General Conference.
- 3) We recommend the adoption of the revised constitution as presented by the committee, with the addition of the above-mentioned name change. We believe that the addition of two members to the Board of Directors would give possibility of wider representation, and that organization of the Board within itself would assure experienced leadership in positions of responsibility.
- 4) We recommend that every local Church

of God be encouraged to hold the deed to its property jointly with its state or district conference or with the General Conference. This step will protect property from confiscation and will give added legal standing to a congregation in case of internal difficulties which endanger title to the property. Many churches have already done this and can testify to the wisdom of this arrangement.

5) We recommend that study be given to an annuity program whose funds would be used for a loan fund for the building of church buildings and parsonages. Such a fund would serve a double purpose: it would provide an income for annuity buyers and would also establish a much-needed loan fund for church building. Interest paid by the borrowers would pay the interest on the annuities, and the administrative costs of handling the fund. Eventually this would become a revolving fund with its own capital, in addition to the active annuities.

6) We recommend that study be given by the Ministerial Association to the possibility and advisability of establishing a Board of Arbitration to counsel, when requested, with a church which has internal problems.

We make this report and recommendations with thanks to the Lord for His blessings upon His work; with thanks to the many volunteer workers on boards and committees of the General Conference, with thanks to the staff of the General Conference for its service, and with thanks to the membership for its faithful support and prayers for the Church of God General Conference.

DELEGATES, ATTENTION!

Delegate forms have been mailed to all church and state conference secretaries. It is important that these forms be filled out and returned to the General Conference office, even if no delegate will be present from your church or conference. It is possible to appoint a delegate, however, from another church or conference if one is not available from your membership.

Study the reports and recommendations in this issue and the July issue so you will be ready to act at General Conference.





Fourth Mission Builder's League Appeal

CHURCH of the OPEN BIBLE (Church of God) Bedford, Ohio

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference has approved the Church of the Open Bible, Bedford, Ohio, to receive funds from the fourth appeal for the assistance of the Mission Builder's League. New church buildings have been constructed at Dayton, Ohio; San Jose, California; and Digby, Nova Scotia, with the proceeds of three previous appeals.

The Church of the Open Bible was organized in 1954 as a Bible class and has now grown to a congregation of eighteen active members. Pastor J. Arlen Marsh has given freely of his time and talents to see this church firmly established.

This congregation was able to purchase a building all ready to occupy which had been outgrown by its former owners. The building was purchased at a substantial saving over what it would have cost to build. Though the building was appraised at \$24,000.00, it was purchased by the congregation for \$10,000.00.

The assistance of the Mission Builder's League will help pay for this building and provide this congregation a permanent meeting place where it can grow in number and knowledge as it meets regularly for services. Appeals are being mailed to all Mission Builders and we await an early response for this worthy undertaking for the Lord.

Mission Builders agree with their membership to contribute at least \$5.00 toward each new church building approved for assistance of the League. There are now almost nine hundred Mission Builders. The goal is one thousand. This is a project in which many members, each doing a little, can be a great help to a small congregation in providing a church building. This is an opportunity to engage in a missionary endeavor and be a part of the preaching of the gospel to people outside your own community. This is a Home Mission opportunity in which you can help establish a strong home base from which to reach out to all the world with the gospel.

- 873. Bruce Lutton
- 874. Mr. & Mrs. John Huston, Jr.
- 875. David & Rose Mary Shellhaas
- 876. L. H. Anderson
- 877. Fonthill Missionary Committee
- 878. Fonthill Valiant Sunday School Class
- 879. Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Drew
- 880. Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Welsh
- 881. Ladies' Circle of Guthrie Grove
- 882. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lawson
- 883. Troy Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith
- 884. Junior Bereans of Brush Creek
- 885. Myrtle Lofquist
- 886. Kingdom Seekers Class, Brush Creek
- 887. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hall
- 888. Leo Behrends
- 889. Elsie M. Moore
- 890. William Smith
- 891. Mrs. Jennette Reeves
- 892. Joyce Lea Driskill
- 893. Sarah Jessie Anderson
- 894. John C. Rener
- 895. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Humphreys
- 896. Ladies Doreas Society, Lighthouse Mission
- 897. Duke Parsons

PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MISSION BUILDER

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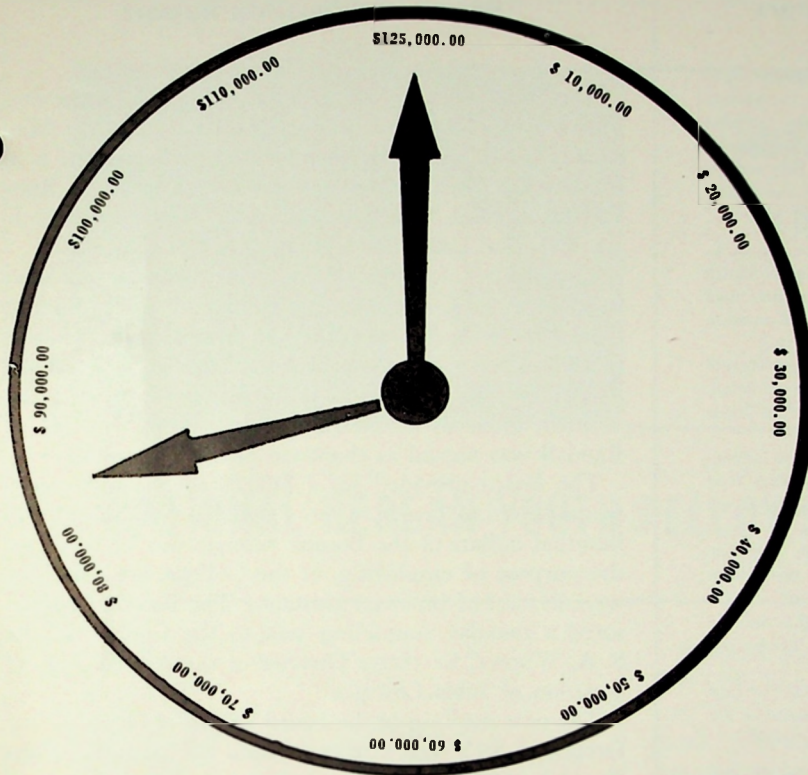
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City & Zone

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Be a Mission Builder!

Mail to
NATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTION
Oregon, Illinois



NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!

● WILL YOU GIVE?

\$5000	at	\$1000.00	per year,	or	\$85.00	monthly
1000	at	250.00	per year,	or	17.00	monthly
500	at	100.00	per year,	or	8.50	monthly
300	at	60.00	per year,	or	5.00	monthly
250	at	50.00	per year,	or	4.25	monthly
200	at	40.00	per year,	or	3.50	monthly
150	at	30.00	per year,	or	2.50	monthly
100	at	20.00	per year,	or	1.75	monthly
75	at	15.00	per year,	or	1.50	monthly
50	at	10.00	per year,	or	1.00	monthly

MORE THAN HALF THE GOAL REACHED

Commitments already received for the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for Oregon Bible College now total \$86,329.95. This is more than one half the goal of \$125,000.00 to build the new dormitory, library, dining hall for Oregon Bible College. There are many districts which still have not reported on their campaign efforts, and we are optimistic that the goal will be reached before General Conference.

It is hoped that when the goal has been reached in commitments, payments will be made regularly on the commitments until sufficient cash is on hand to begin construction of the proposed building. The Board of Directors recommends that at least \$75,000.00 be on hand before building.

If you have not been contacted by a campaign worker, or have not received the additional information contained in the campaign packet, you may write for this packet or make your commitment, using the coupon on this page.

● USE THIS COUPON

My intentions are to give \$..... payable at \$..... (per year) (per month) for the expansion of Oregon Bible College, should the Lord tarry and continue to make this sacrificial giving possible for me.

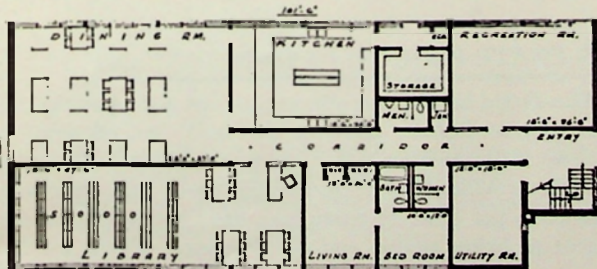
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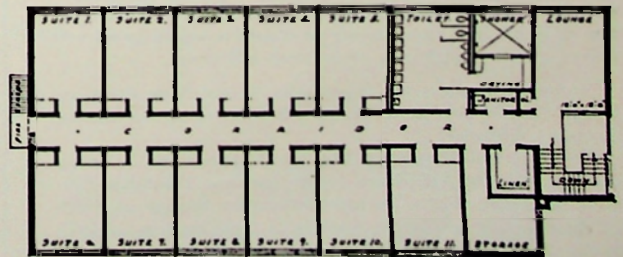
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(Mail to: National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.)



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
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National Missionary Society Report

By Ada Simpson, Secretary

During the past year the National Missionary officers have held three board meetings. Matters considered were in relation to the mission work in Digby, Nova Scotia, and the training of Oregon Bible College students in mission work. The recommendations made concerning the students were referred to the Board of Education. Recommendations made to the Board of Directors which were adopted and put into action were:

1. We recommend that Bro. John Denchfield be asked to take at least one roll of black and white pictures each month during the building at Digby for keeping our people informed and inspired. Expense of same is to be paid out of mission funds.

2. We recommend that all young people whom Bro. Harold Doan feels can be used to advantage, and who are qualified, should be sponsored to go out this summer in vacation Bible school work.

3. Bro. Denchfield says he could use a projector to advantage in his church. Is there a projector at headquarters that could be sent him? (One has been sent which was purchased by the Tempe Missionary Society.)

4. We recommend that we solicit articles through The Restoration Herald and Progress Journal for practical missionary work that has been done, or some that could be done.

5. We urge that people be urged in every possible way to pray for our present mission work, and for a great awakening in this field.

6. We recommend that in the next general letter to pastors and workers that they be urged to use every means to get their young people to do some practical missionary work.

One thousand dimeters were ordered, and early in the fall samples were sent to each church with the hope they would use them to encourage their members to give for mission work. All of them were given out and another thousand has been ordered. Since last November, over \$700 has been received.

A page in the Progress Journal has been presented each month with articles and news pertaining to mission endeavor. We are sorry that more churches did not send in reports of what they are doing in mission work, as we had hoped this page could be used for an exchange of ideas and encouragement.

Two sets of colored slides showing the mission work in Digby have been prepared and are ready for showing.

Recent recommendations presented to the Board of Directors which have received their approval and attention are:

1. We recommend that the National Missionary Board members be appointed by the Board of Directors, beginning with this next Conference year.

2. We recommend that missionary funds be used to take care of any expense for Sr. Donna Claussen's trip and stay in Digby, Nova Scotia, this summer, which is in excess of the amount to be paid from the Berean Caravan fund.

3. In the field of literature distribution, we recommend that we pursue all leads through Mr. French for the distribution of gospel literature not only in Australia but in Israel and points in India and Africa, as he sends addresses.

Information about our opportunity to distribute literature through Mr. French of Australia will be given at the coming General Conference.

The National Missionary Board will present the following motion at General Conference for discussion and decision. "We move the adoption of a National Missionary Sunday on which all churches will emphasize missions in their services and will receive a special offering for projects as recommended by the National Missionary Board."

Board of Education Report

By Otto E. Dick

The Oregon Bible College Board of Education met during General Conference and during the Midwinter Ministerial Conference. The membership of the Board is as follows: Lucille Ratering, Vernis Wolfe, Loie Jones, Ruby Railton, Roland Stilson, Emory Macy, Milon Hall, C. E. Randall, Paul Louzecky, and Otto Dick, Sr., chairman.

The primary activities of the Board this past year were to sponsor the College Booster campaign, to appropriate money from the Booster fund for promoting the College in various ways, and to appoint a committee for studying the scholarship program of the College and making recommendations as to awarding scholarships. Bro. C. E. Randall was named as chairman of this committee.

The Board provided for a \$100.00 scholarship, which was awarded to Terry Dwyer of Omaha, Nebraska. Three hundred dollars of the Booster receipts was set aside for the purpose of employing, at the College, students who were in need of financial assistance. The Board also sponsored a two-day counseling visit to the College by Dr. S. A. Witmer, Executive Director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

The next meeting of the Board will be at General Conference at 3:15 each afternoon until the business of the Board is completed.

BOOSTER FINANCIAL REPORT

March 12, 1960

Balance, June 1, 1959	\$ 692.00
Receipts	1,296.00
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	\$1,988.00

Expenditures

Louise Lapp, expenses to Winona Lake music conference	\$ 50.00
Printing	249.83
Paid to students for work	140.70
Cuts for publications	3.72
Postage	50.00
Dr. S. A. Witmer, fee (consultation service to College)	100.00
Traveling expenses, Dr. Witmer	27.00
Scholarship (Terry Dwyer)	100.00
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	\$1,267.65

DELEGATE POOL TO BE IN OPERATION

The Board of Directors has approved the operation of the delegate expense pool for the 1960 General Conference on the same basis that it has worked before. The pool expense provides for one automobile from each church at four cents per mile. In every case, one auto would be sufficient to bring pastor and all delegates. When the expense is turned in it is averaged with the total expenses of all delegates.



August 21 - 27, 1960

**Camp Reynoldswood
Dixon, Illinois**

For those going into eighth grade
through college age

NATIONAL BEREAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

STAFF:

Milon Hall	Joan Hall
Timothy Pearson	Harold Doan
Terry Ferrell	Orpha Ferrell
Paul Shaw	Dolena Shaw
Dallas Demmitt	Nancy Demmitt

CLASSES:

Bible Truths (all ages), Timothy Pearson, teacher
Church of God History (older campers), T. M. Ferrell, teacher
Missionary Opportunities (all ages), Harold Doan, teacher
God in Nature (younger campers), Milon Hall, teacher

EVENING PROGRAMS:

Sunday—Orientation and Inspiration, Milon Hall
 Monday—Oregon Bible College Night
 Tuesday—Quiz Elimination
 Wednesday—Quiz Elimination
 Thursday—Campers' Program
 Friday—Decision Night

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Tours of Oregon Bible College, Camp Council, National Advisory Council, Klean Kamp Awards, Devotional Periods, Campers' Night, Camp Banquet, Campfires, Camp Quiet Hours, Camp Choir and Special Music Periods, King and Queen Election, Hikes, Tournaments, and Supervised Recreation: tennis, volley ball, badminton, soft ball, horseshoes, ping-pong, tether ball, and swimming.

Pictured above is one of the classes taught by Bro. C. E. Lapp at the 1959 National Youth Conference at Camp Reynoldswood. One of the richest blessings of the summer camping program is the concentrated periods of study and worship. Many campers have stated that they learn more in one week of camp than in months of other services.

One hundred campers are sought from the young people of the Church of God to take advantage of the opportunities presented by this week of Christian fellowship, study, worship, and spiritual experience.

Use the coupon below to receive your application blank and enroll early in this outstanding Youth Conference.

Please send me an application blank for the 1960 Borean Youth Conference.

Name Age

Address

City Zone State

General Conference Progress

GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORT ISSUE

This issue contains reports, recommendations, the Constitutional Revision, and program for the 1960 General Conference, August 7-12, at Camp Alexander Mack. These reports and recommendations will be among the business matters to be considered at the delegate sessions of the General Conference.

It will be an important year in the history of the General Conference and each church and conference should make every effort to be represented by qualified delegates. Delegate forms have been mailed to church and conference secretaries and some have already been returned. A well-attended Conference by interested delegates and Church of God members will be helpful in the planning and administration of the services of your General Conference.

CONCERNING CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS

Since there are several different accounts in the General Conference to which contributions are now being made (General Fund, Silver Anniversary Building Campaign, Mission Builder's, etc.), it would be helpful if each contributor would mark his check or money order for the fund to be credited. In this way we can credit your contribution to the proper account and send you an accurate receipt. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIALS

Pastors were recently informed that we are completely sold out of the new vacation Bible school series, "God Speaks Through Holy Men." It will not be possible to fill any more orders for these books. We are grateful for the many orders received and regret that we will not be able to supply more schools.

Because of limited time, and limited machinery, it is necessary to print all of the Bible school books in the early spring. We must therefore estimate on the basis of orders on hand and sales from the year before, the number of books that will be needed. We plan to print enough for all orders, and yet not have books left after the year is past. When orders do not come into the office until late in the spring, it is difficult to guess how many books may be needed. Since some churches used our materials for the first time this year, we underestimated the need and ran out of books. Because of the process used in printing, and because of the time element (we are now in the process of printing Sunday school quarterlies), we are limited in the number of books that can be reprinted.

If Bible school committees could meet soon after the first of the year and give us an approximate number of the books that will be needed we can print to order and be sure that each church will receive Bible school books.

The General Conference is attempting to supply the best books possible, as economically as possible, to as many churches as possible, with limited help and equipment. Early orders can help tremendously in accomplishing this.

CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED

The approved budget for 1959 - 1960 is \$42,710.00. This figure represents the contributions needed to carry on the service of the General Conference: pastoral aid; aid to missions; Oregon Bible College; printing and publishing; Berean Youth Fellowship; and the general services performed by the Conference for churches and state conferences.

We have been falling behind each month in the Goals for Giving, and have received \$6,000.00 less than should have been received by this time.

The services of the General Conference are important to the Church of God and deserve our regular support. We are thankful for the tithes from churches and state conferences and for the offerings sent by individuals and pray that the Lord will provide, through His people, for the work of spreading the gospel through pulpit and literature.

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

\$42,710.00

Given Through May 31	\$22,524.01
Balance to Be Given by September 30	20,185.99
Goal for Giving for May	4,549.78
Received in May	2,562.93

Giving Goal for June
\$5,046.49

PROGRAM FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

August 7-12, 1960

Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana

Sunday, August 7

- 1:00 Guests may check in any time after noon on Sunday
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:30 Evening worship, Ellsworth Routson, speaker

Monday, August 8

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study in charge of Sunday School Department
Young people—Timothy Pearson
Adults—Francis Burnett
Children—Doris Brown
- 9:45 Sunday School Department program
- 11:00 Sunday School Department business meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer service, C. E. Lapp
- 1:30 Missionary program, C. E. Lapp, Chairman
- 3:15 Rest, recreation, fellowship, special committee meetings
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Ministers' meeting and Priscillas' meeting
- 7:30 Evening worship, Keynote Message, Warren Sorenson, speaker

Tuesday, August 9

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
Adults—Warren Sorenson
Young people—Emory Macy
Children—Doris Brown
- 9:45 Young people—Larry Townsend
- 9:45 Opening of General Conference delegate meetings. Seating of delegates
- 10:00 Communications
- 10:10 President's message to the Conference, S. O. Ross, President
- 10:30 Recess
- 10:45 Board of Directors' report and recommendations
Treasurer's report
Distribution of proposed budget
Appointment of committees
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer session, Richard Smith
- 1:30 Consideration of Missions and Evangelism
1) Recommendations of Mission Board
2) Report of Secretary concerning mission societies
3) Report of the Nova Scotia mission, John Denchfield
4) Recommendations of the Board of Directors in this field
5) Nomination of Mission Board officers
6) Delegate motions
- 3:15 Rest, recreation, special committee meetings
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Ministers' meeting; Priscillas' meeting
- 7:30 Evening worship, Delbert Jones, speaker

Wednesday, August 10

- 7:30 Breakfast

- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study in charge of Sunday School Department
Adults—E. Richard Smith
Young people—Dwaine Demmitt
Children—Doris Brown
- 9:45 Young people—Daniel Fyfe
- 9:45 Reading of the Minutes
- 9:50 Election of Mission Board
- 10:00 Voting on motions concerning Evangelism and Missions from previous day
- 10:30 Recess
- 10:45 Constitutional Revision Committee report. Discussion of proposed revision
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer service, Dean Moore
- 1:30 Young people's Bible class, Curtis Simpson
- 1:30 Continue action on Constitutional Revision
- 2:30 Nominations for First Vice President and Secretary
- 2:45 License and Ordination Committee report
- 3:15 Rest, recreation, special committee meetings
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Ministers' Meeting and Priscillas' Meeting
- 7:30 Evening worship, E. Milton Hall, speaker

Thursday, August 11

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
Adults—Kenneth Milne
Young people—C. E. Lapp
Children—Doris Brown
- 9:45 Reading of the Minutes
- 9:50 Election of First Vice President and Secretary
- 10:15 Recess
- 10:30 Consideration of business concerning Oregon Bible College
1) Expansion program report
2) Recommendations of Board of Directors and Board of Education
3) Delegate motions concerning Oregon Bible College
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer service—Roy Humphreys
- 1:30 Young people Bible class, Don Ward
- 1:30 Consideration of business concerning Publishing and Printing
- 2:30 Consideration of business concerning Berean Youth Fellowship
- 3:15 Rest, recreation, fellowship, special committee meetings
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Ministers' meeting and Priscillas' meeting
- 7:00 Evening worship. Installation of officers, Ministerial Association
Communion service—J. R. LeCrone and John Hayse
Evening speaker, T. M. Ferrell

Friday, August 12

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
Adults—Hollis Partlow
Young people—Leon Driskill
Children—Doris Brown

- 9:45 Secretary's report
- 10:00 Consideration of 1960-61 General Conference budget
- 10:15 Closing business
- 10:45 President's concluding remarks
- 11:00 Adjournment and dismissal

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Camp Directors—Don and Marjorie Overmyer
Assistant Camp Directors—Ed and Mildred O'Neil
Music Director for evening services—Richard Dick
Children's Class Director—Doris Brown
Recreation Director—C. F. Pryor
Delegate Pool Committee—Leota Hanson
Credentials Committee Chairman—Mrs. F. L. Austin
Ministerial Association President—James Mattison
Priscillas' President—Jeanne Smith
Program Chairman—Harold Doan
Missionary Society President—Delbert Jones
Sunday School Department President—Harold Newnam

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President—S. O. Ross
First Vice President—Cecil Patrick
Second Vice President—John Hayse
Treasurer—Willard Naylor
Secretary—J. R. LeCrone
General Manager—Harold Doan

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Accommodations: Camp Mack is a large camp, with accommodations for families and for individuals. There are rooms and cabins. Reservations cannot be made in advance, but Bro. and Sr. Overmyer will assign families and individuals to suitable quarters upon arrival at camp.

Costs: The camp charges the General Conference \$2.85 per day per person for lodging and food. There is a special rate for small children. Costs of the Conference are met by offerings received at each evening service. Total costs have been met in this way in previous years, and this same procedure will be followed this year.

Facilities: There is a fine swimming beach with a lifeguard on duty each afternoon when the beach is open. There are tennis courts, horseshoes, volley ball, tether ball, shuffle board, and other recreational facilities, including boating on Lake Wabec. Grounds are spacious and beautiful. There is a canteen open several hours each day for refreshments and incidentals. Meals are excellent.

Fellowship and Spiritual Blessings: Among the greatest pleasures of General Conference is to renew old friendships, meet new friends among the brethren from far and near, and enjoy the week of fellowship with others of "like precious faith." The Bible classes, worship services, prayer services, and discussions of the Lord's work are a source of lasting inspiration and blessing. While the schedule is always full, there is time for fun and fellowship in a Christian atmosphere. We know you will enjoy the Conference and be happy that you attended.

Attend Your General Conference in August, 1960

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

General Conference of the Churches of God (Including National Bible Institution)

PREAMBLE

It is understood that the General Conference is an assembly of delegates and interested members of the Churches of God, meeting at a designated place and time to confer on all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the churches.

ARTICLE I

Time and Place of Conference

Section 1. The general offices of the Church of God General Conference shall be located at Oregon, Illinois, identified as National Bible Institution, an Illinois corporation not for profit.

Section 2. The General Conference shall meet once each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Conference or its Board of Directors, but in no case shall the date be fixed earlier than July 1, or later than August 31. Announcement of the time and place shall be made by the secretary of the Conference at least one month in advance by publication in *The Restoration Herald* or *Progress Journal*. The General Conference may be called at such other times as may be necessary, and may convene immediately, without notice, upon consent of a majority of the member churches.

Section 3. For the purpose of conducting business, the General Conference is incorporated in the State of Illinois under the name of "National Bible Institution," a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE II

Delegates

Section 1. Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof.

Section 2. A member church is a church of God which has on record a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

Section 3. The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers associated with the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates-at-large and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches.

Section 4. A member who has attended at least four services, or who has made a financial or service contribution, during the year is considered an active member of his church. These shall be considered as minimum requirements only.

Section 5. A credentials committee shall be appointed by the president of the General Conference before every conference, and the committee shall have the power to confirm or disqualify any delegate according to the terms of this constitution.

Section 6. Each church shall certify to the secretary of the General Conference the names of its delegates or delegate and alternates; this certification shall be accompanied by a list of the names and addresses of the active members to be represented. No delegate will be recognized in any conference session without having been recognized by the credentials committee. If any delegate is absent from any conference session, an alternate who has been approved by the credentials committee may be appointed to act.

Section 7. Any church which cannot send a delegate or delegates to the annual confer-

ence may appoint a delegate or delegates from the general active membership of the Church of God. However, any delegate appointed under this section shall have only one vote, and under no circumstances can any delegate represent more than one church or state or district conference. A notice must be sent to the secretary of the Church of God General Conference containing a statement of the intentions of the church and the names and addresses of its active members to be represented, within fifteen days before the Conference convenes.

Section 8. Each delegate shall have one vote.

ARTICLE III

Business Sessions

Section 1. All matters of General Conference business shall be open to the discussion of all members present, but only delegates may vote or introduce motions. All delegates shall be seated in a section of the auditorium reserved for them, and no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section.

Section 2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of twenty-five duly qualified delegates. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE IV

Officers of the Conference

Section 1. Seven directors shall be elected in General Conference delegate sessions; said directors shall constitute the Board of Directors of National Bible Institution. The Board of Directors shall organize by the election of necessary officers at the first meeting following each annual Conference election. These officers shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three board members.

Section 2. No elected director shall be a paid employee of the National Bible Institution for a period longer than two months in any one year.

Section 3. The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders.

Section 4. Nominations for each director shall be by General Conference delegates in session at least one day before the day set for the election, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship.

Section 5. Nominations shall be made from the floor; but voting shall be done by ballot, and no nominee shall be elected unless he receives a majority of the votes cast. In case a majority is not received by any nominee in the first balloting, balloting shall continue after eliminating the name receiving the lowest number of votes, until an election is reached. Each director shall be elected separately.

Section 6. The terms of office for all General Conference directors shall be for three years. No director shall succeed himself for a second term. Directors shall be elected in this order: three directors one year, two directors the following year, and two directors the next year, and directors shall be elected in this order hereafter.

Section 7. Any director who may become inactive through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death, shall be replaced

for the unexpired term by election at the next annual conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTION (Authorized by the General Conference of the Churches of God)

ARTICLE I

Purpose of the National Bible Institution
Section 1. The purposes for which the National Bible Institution is incorporated are:

(A) That evangelistic work be extended to meet the needs of the Church of God everywhere, and to open new fields of missionary activity.

(B) That publishing facilities be provided under capable editorial supervision for the issuance of all necessary literature.

(C) That facilities be provided to aid in the education of those desiring to prepare themselves for the ministry or other religious work.

(D) That a board of benevolences be organized to minister to individual needs as they may arise.

Section 2. The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another (throughout the church) in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." In such oneness of spirit they shall unite in an effort to edify the body of Christ in utilizing the contributed strength of the church to affirm by print and voice the following Biblical truths and kindred truths, viz.:

Statement of Faith

A. GOD. We believe that only one person is God, and that He is a literal (corporeal) being—almighty, eternal, and the Creator of all things.

B. JESUS CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He did not personally pre-exist.

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of His people.

D. THE BIBLE. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration, and that it is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

E. MAN. We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All men, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

F. SALVATION. We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ, and that it consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His Spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

- 1) Belief of the gospel of the Kingdom and the things concerning Jesus Christ;
- 2) Sincere repentance for sin, which may be evidenced by confession and restitution;
- 3) Baptism—immersion—in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
- 4) Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G. THE CHURCH OF GOD. We believe that the Church of God is the Scriptural name for that body of people who have been called out from among all nations through obedience to the gospel plan of salvation.

Christ is the Head of the Church; and the nature, work, and government of the Church are set forth in the New Testament.

H. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, and Teacher. It will be based on the standards which He taught and exemplified. Thus, it will be characterized by prayerful dependence on God, study of His Word, and faithful stewardship of time and possessions—with tithing as a practical expression of such stewardship. The Church of God will stand behind and support the honest convictions of those members who are conscientiously opposed to serving in the armed forces.

I. ISRAEL. We believe that "Israel" is the name of the literal descendants of Abraham through Jacob. As God's chosen nation, Israel was given the land of Palestine, but because of disobedience they were scattered throughout the world. In accordance with God's covenant with them, they will be restored to Palestine as the head of the nations in the Kingdom of God.

J. THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the Church as joint-heirs with Him. His Millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked, after which will be established "New Heavens and a New Earth" wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all.

ARTICLE II General Offices

Section 1. The general offices of National Bible Institution shall be located at Oregon, Illinois.

ARTICLE III Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Institution shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three directors. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The directors of the General Conference of the Church of God shall be, ex officio, corresponding directors of the National Bible Institution, and their terms of office shall be of the same duration.

Section 3. The work undertaken by the Institution shall be divided into such departments as may be necessary, each department to be provided with its own head, all under the supervision of the Institution.

ARTICLE IV

Duties of the Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the chairman to call and preside at all meetings of the General Conference and of the Board of Directors of the National Bible Institution, and to perform all other duties properly belonging to the presiding officer, not otherwise provided.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the vice-chairman to assist the president when called upon to discharge the executive duties, and to act in the chairman's place in case of the absence or disability of the chairman.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, to keep a record of the activities and accomplishments of the Institution, to report such minutes and records to the General Conference when requested to do so, and at any other time when called upon by the chairman or board of directors.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer or of his representative as authorized by the Board of Directors, to receive all monies,

to disburse the same, and to keep an accurate account thereof. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep safely all funds in the possession and control of the Institution, to make a complete annual report of the receipts and disbursements to the annual conference and to the Board of Directors upon request, to submit such reports for publication, and to see that the accounts of the Institution are kept so as to show its financial standing at all times. The treasurer shall furnish surety to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to transact and administer the business of the Institution in accordance with these by-laws and Article I above. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the chairman or at the call of two or more members of the board, notice having been given of the date and place of meeting a reasonable time in advance. Notice by mail, telephone, telegram, by publication in The Restitution Herald or the Progress Journal, or in person, shall be deemed sufficient. The Board of Directors shall have power to devise ways to accomplish the objects of the Institution as set forth in Article I, Section 1, above.

Section 6. The Board of Directors is empowered:

(A) To acquire and hold real property and personal property.

(B) To sell or otherwise dispose of property.

(C) To raise money by subscription.

(D) To receive gifts, donations, and bequests.

(E) To receive and hold monies in trust as foundations or endowments, the profits of which shall be used in maintaining the work of the Institution.

(F) To employ a competent General Manager who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of National Bible Institution, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him.

(G) To fill temporarily by appointment any elective office that may become vacant through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death of any incumbent, until the next annual conference, when the vacant office shall be filled by regular election.

(H) To do any other necessary act for the establishment, prosecution, and accomplishment of the business of the National Bible Institution.

ARTICLE V

Quorum for Doing Business

Section 1. A quorum of the board of directors for transacting of business shall consist of not fewer than five members.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Policy of the Institution

Section 1. The financial policy of the Church of God General Conference shall be based wholly upon the principle of tithing by all members, both churches and individuals. The Board of Directors of National Bible Institution shall be governed in the work undertaken by the unified budget adopted by voluntary action of the delegates at the annual General Conference session.

ARTICLE VII

Amendment of the By-Laws

Section 1. The by-laws of the Institution may be amended, altered, or revised by a two-thirds majority vote of delegates present at any General Conference meeting, notice having been given of the proposed amendment or revision in at least three consecutive issues of The Restitution Herald or

the Progress Journal, the first appearance thereof to be at least thirty days prior to the convening of the conference by which it is to be considered. Said notice shall plainly state the nature and purpose of the amendment or revision. Publication in The Restitution Herald or The Progress Journal shall be deemed sufficient notice.

ARTICLE VIII

Auditing of the Books of the Institution

Section 1. The chairman shall appoint a competent auditor whose duty shall be to examine the books and other financial records of the treasurer and to make a full report of their condition in writing to the General Conference at its annual meeting, or at such other time or times as may be required. Said auditor shall in no case be a member of the board of directors, or personally interested in the disposition of the funds of the Institution.

The Constitutional Revision Committee

Willis Turner	Harold Doan
Harry Sheets	John Railton
Harvey U. Krogh, Jr.	

Revision of Article I, Section 2, A to J

Harvey U. Krogh, Jr.	Kenneth Milne
William Wachtel	

(The above-listed committees were appointed at last General Conference to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of National Bible Institution. The revision above is the result of many meetings and of discussion with interested individuals and groups, including the Ministerial Association and the Board of Directors. Major changes from the present Constitution and By-Laws will be found in the Constitution, Article II, Section 2, and Article IV. In the By-Laws, changes will be noted in Article I, Section 2; Article III, Section 1; and Article VI. This revision will be printed, in accordance with the present By-Laws, in three issues of Progress Journal, and will be acted upon at the summer General Conference business meetings.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 12-18—Annual Michigan Conference at Camp Chief Noonday
June 16-19—Northwest Conference at Felida, Wash.; William Dick, guest speaker.
June 19-25—Indiana Conference at Camp Mack, Harold Doan, guest speaker.
June 23-26—Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference at Clark's Chapel
June 25-July 3—Texas Conference, Gatesville; Paul and Dolena Shaw, guest leaders
June 26-July 3—Southwest Youth Camp at Wrightwood, Calif.
June 27-July 3—Nebraska Family Retreat, Camp Merrill
July 10-17—Camp for ages 13-18, Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley, Minn.
July 17-23—Camp for ages 10-12, Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley, Minn.
July 18-24—Washington Bible Camp, Cashmere
July 24-31—Virginia State Conference, Maurertown, Delbert Jones, guest speaker.
July 24-31—Illinois State Conference at Oregon
August 7-12—General Conference at Camp Mack, Ind.
August 15-20—Ohio State Youth Camp
August 21-27—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Ill.
August 24-28—Ohio State Conference, Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland; Austin Railton, guest speaker

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

CHURCHES NEEDING PASTORS

Cool Spring Church of God, Brownstown, Va., wishes to employ a pastor as of September, 1960. Write Mrs. Robin B. Cary, P.O. Box 157, Front Royal, Va., church secretary.

The Happy Woods Church is seeking a pastor. Would anyone interested please let it be known by notifying Mrs. Sam Bottolfs, Rt. 3, Box 49-C, Hammond, La.

Tempe Ariz. The Tempe, Ariz., Church of God pulpit will be open September 1, 1960. Please direct applications and inquiries to the church secretary, Miss Roselin Fredlund, 2028 LaRosa Drive, Tempe, Ariz.

MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PASTORATES

The following ministers of the Church of God have asked that their names be listed as available for pastorates in September, 1960.

Harry Gockler, Rt. 3, Box 51-C, Hammond, La.

Daniel W. Fyfe, Rt. 1, Michigantown, Ind.
Richard Dick, Box 990 Front Royal, Va.

LITCHFIELD, MINNESOTA

A fine series of meetings, with Pastor Timothy Pearson as guest speaker, was held April 25 through May 1, 1960. During these meetings Betty Wegner came forward for baptism and was baptized at the Long Lake Campgrounds on April 30.

On May 8, Stanley and David Lunderby were baptized.

We are happy to report that Bro. Emory Macy has consented to serve as our pastor for another year. Lois Allen, Secretary.

FLAGG CENTER NEWS

The Flagg Center, Ill., Church established a new attendance record on Easter Sunday, with eighty-two present for the program.

The work of the College students and the pastors are being blessed of the Lord in having this number witness the depicted events surrounding the resurrection of our Saviour. The junior members of the Sunday school gave recitations and readings. The teen-age girls gave an excellent playlet. The boys presented excellent monologues.

The study of the Scriptures and the preparation of this program prompted Eva Sue Standford, Rt. 2, Rochelle, Ill., to make known her desire and need to receive Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. She was baptized on May 8, 1960.

We are sure that through the power of God the College students who serve as teachers (Rex Cain, Grace Ratering, Ruby Peterson, Gloria Sloema, Becky Barnhill, Edward Houser), song leaders (Bob Gaspar, Russell Dickerson), and associate pastors (Edward Houser and others) will be able soon to harvest much "fruit" for the Master in this field.

Dallas Demmitt, Pastor.

THANK YOU!

I would like to send word through the Progress Journal pages to all the brethren and sisters of our Faith in many states who so kindly remembered me recently on my 108th birthday, with many letters of congratulation and birthday greeting cards. I would like in this way to thank all of you. I am deeply thankful to the Father in heaven for my long life, and pray that it be devoted to Christian service for Him, in faith to the end. May God bless you all.

Your sister in Christ,
Anna B. Eychaner.

GEORGE FOSTER

George Russell Foster, son of Russell C. and Pamela Callie Foster, was born September 13, 1875, near Havana, Ark. He died April 10, 1960, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ora Owens at Lincoln, Ark.

He was married, on October 29, 1896, to Miss Mattie Mott of Havana. To this union were born five sons and two daughters.

Surviving are Virgil of Sao Paula, Calif., Bill and Fred of Fort Smith, Ark., Everett of Danville, and Mrs. Ora Owens of Lincoln, Ark., ten grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, one half brother, Martin Foster of Havana, and a host of other relatives and friends. Services were in Morris Chapel.

He was a member of the Church of God for many years, and was well able to give an answer of his hope in Christ. His manner of life was an inspiration to those who knew him. After the death of his wife in 1952, he spent the remaining years with his children.

C. Alan McLain, Pastor.

ETHEL LEHMAN

Ethel Lehman, daughter of Daniel K. and Algic Rose Louise Lehman, was born December 12, 1889, in Perry City, Iowa. She died while at work on May 5, 1960.

She was baptized by Bro. D. C. Robison in January, 1909, and became a member of the Brush Creek (Ohio) Church of God.

Surviving her death are one sister, Dessa Benn of Dayton, Ohio, and one brother, Henry Ashford Lehman of Canfield, Ohio, many nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends.

The family moved to Miami County, Ohio, when Ethel was ten. She spent the early part of her adulthood in this county. The last thirty-six years she has lived in Canfield and has worked for the Savings and Loan Company of that city.

She now rests in hope of the Scriptures, which she knew to be true—the coming of Jesus to the earth and the resurrection of the dead.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 8, at the Brush Creek Church of God, and burial was made in the Curtis Cemetery at the side of the church. Francis E. Burnett, Pastor.

BROTHER ROY HUMPHREYS TO BE AT BROADMOOR CHURCH

Bro. Roy Humphreys has accepted the pastorate of the Broadmoor Church of God, Little Rock, Ark., for another year.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION

A commencement service was conducted at the Oregon Church of God, June 1, for Edward Houser, Jesse Pestle, and James Rencontre, who have successfully completed their studies at Oregon Bible College. Commencement speaker was Bro. Timothy Pearson, Hope Chapel pastor, South Bend, Ind.

TRAVELERS WELCOME AT HOPE CHAPEL

On Sunday, August 7, the opening day of General Conference, Hope Chapel Church of God in South Bend, Ind., invites all travelers to General Conference to worship with them at the morning services and stay for dinner which will be prepared by the ladies of the church. Hope Chapel, 1723 S. Leer St., is only about thirty-five miles from Camp Mack and after dinner those attending Conference will be able to register at the camp. There will be no Sunday noon meal at the camp, because another group will be there until early afternoon. Thank you, Hope Chapel, for your hospitality!

J. M. MORGAN

J. M. Morgan, a long-time minister of the Church of God in the southwest, died at Bristow, Okla., May 18, 1960. Services were conducted by T. A. Drinkard at the Dunaway Funeral Home, Bristow, and burial was at 44 Cemetery, near Bristow. Bro. Morgan was ninety-one years of age at the time of his death. He waits with the saints of all the ages for the resurrection to life.

SMITH - McQUISTON

Lila Beth Smith of Route 3, Russellville, Ark., and Harold McQuiston of Oklahoma were united in marriage on April 14, 1960, at her home west of Russellville by the writer.

Harold is in the army. They will live in South Carolina. Lila is the daughter of the late Bro. H. Scott Smith, a Church of God minister for eighteen years before his death. Relatives and friends attended the double ring ceremony and wished them many happy years.

Mrs. Vivian Kirkpatrick (the bride's sister) of Hollbrook, Neb., and two of her daughters, Donna and Debbie, and a friend came for the wedding.

C. Alan McLain, Pastor.

ILLNESSES

Sr. Mary Helen Mattison is recovering at home after several days in the hospital. Bro. C. E. Randall is recovering from an operation. Bro. G. J. Gordon is back in the hospital at this writing.

MAY SPONSORS

These are the individuals and groups who contributed to the General Conference during May, making possible the continued services of your General Conference.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Moore	33.80
Happy Woods Church	23.33
Evangelism & Missions	391.98
Mary C. Railton	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earle Mogle	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Railton	10.00
Esta Starbuck	10.00
Golden Rule Sunday School	75.00
Lawrenceville Church	22.52
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Ballentine	10.00
Virda Sittler	10.00
Friends	301.00
Mrs. Robert T. Atkins	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Townsend	35.00
L. J. Elton	5.00
Burr Oak Church	85.00
Leila E. Whitehead	5.00
Mrs. F. L. Austin	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	35.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Payne	20.00
Macomb Missionary Society	5.00
Illinois State Conference	50.00
Litchfield Sunday School	8.05
Emma B. Coleman	10.00
Mauertown Sunday School	65.79
Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Jones	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Ashelford	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Dale Ward	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Anderson	10.00
Ida Lapp	5.00
Berean Youth Fellowship	2.40
Lois Hunt	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Percy Murphy	25.00
Pennellwood Sunday School	68.39
Young Adult S. S. Class (Mo.)	12.23
Mr. & Mrs. George McMurtrie	115.00
Ladies Adult Class (Ohio)	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ellsworth Routsen	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schweir	20.00
Muriel Hass (Memory of Arthur Randall)	5.00
Blessed Hope Church (Rockford)	25.00
L'Anse, Michigan	7.39
Omaha Church	250.00
Mr. & Mrs. Otto Dick	20.00
John Renner	1.00
Macomb Church	18.54
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Lewis	15.00
Truth Seeker's Church	25.00
Mazy & Martha Society	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. David Shellhaas	14.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kump	5.00
Mrs. Anna B. Eychaner	10.00
Mrs. Lila Guiles	10.00
Leota B. Hanson	5.00
Mrs. Ethel Buchanan	5.00
Mrs. G. W. Marrs	5.00
Brush Creek Church	87.16
Pennellwood Church	94.24
Junior Workers S. S. Class	5.00
Maybelle Hanson	6.00
Willis Turner Family	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Delos Andrew	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. William Wachtel	15.00
Dixon Dorcas Society	10.00
Louisiana State Conference	49.80
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dean	20.00
Mrs. C. L. McCorkle	100.00
Myrtle & Iava Hodge	5.00
Felida Church	8.57
Dollar-a-Month Club	12.00
Mrs. J. C. Waller	4.00
Tempe Church	59.74
Mrs. Rose Peterson	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carpenter	10.00
Faith Chapel Junior S. S. Class	5.00
V. E. Kirkpatrick Family	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Stadden	20.00
George Long	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sheets	5.00

J. A. WILLIAMS

Bro. J. A. (Jody) Williams, a faithful member of the Mullin, Texas, Church of God, died on Saturday, April 30, 1960. He is survived by his wife, four children, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was buried at Mullin on Monday, May 2, to await the call of the Lord.

Richard Worley, Pastor.

CELIA LAPE

Celia Elizabeth Crowell was born September 15, 1890, in Warren County, Ind., the daughter of Carl and Emma Crowell.

She was married to John Lape on January 20, 1907. To this union were born three sons and five daughters: Owen Lape of Ripley, Iowa; James Lape of Sun Valley, Calif.; Paul Lape of Gowrie, Iowa; Lillian Beardsley of Hedrick, Ind.; Marie Kimble of Jackson, Mich.; and Audry of Lafayette, Ind. These, with the husband, survive, two daughters having died in infancy. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Sr. Lape was a devoted and loyal member of the Hedrick Church of God. She will be sadly missed by her family and multitude of friends.

Services were conducted from the Hedrick Church by the writer on Monday afternoon, and interment was in the West Lebanon Cemetery.

James M. Watkins, Pastor.

ED SLAY

Funeral services of Ed Slay were conducted in the Walker Cemetery near Havana, Ark., April 9, 1960. He was a member of the Church of God. He was eighty-nine years of age. Many relatives and friends attended.

C. Alan McLain, Pastor.

MARJORIE COOPER SMITH

Our community was greatly saddened by the accidental death of Mrs. Marjorie Cooper Smith. She died on May 16, 1960, as a result of an automobile accident. She was on her way to work.

Mrs. Smith, age 27, is survived by her husband, Archie; three children, David, Nancy, and Victor; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Cooper; two brothers, William and Gary; one sister, Florence; and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Ada Updike.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the Cool Spring Church of God, Browntown, Va. The writer conducted the funeral services at the church on May 19. She was laid to rest in the Updike family cemetery to await the call of her Master.

Richard S. Dick, Pastor.

MRS. P. D. CHOAT

Sr. P. D. (Beulah) Choat, Gatesville, Texas, died April 30, 1960. She had suffered for several years with leukemia, but was very faithful in her work for the church. She is survived by five children, all members of the Church of God, and several grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at Gatesville.

Richard Worley, Pastor.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Vacation Bible School certificates to be awarded to children who have attended Bible school, printed on attractive bulletin covers, are available at 4 cents each, \$3.50 per 100, postpaid, from National Bible Institution, Oregon, Illinois.

PASTOR A. M. JONES

Arthur Murray Jones, second son of George and Mary Campbell Jones, was born at Punxsutawney, Pa., on September 23, 1877. When he was a small child, he came west with his mother and received his education in Iowa and Illinois. After high school, he attended a Methodist college at Fulton, Ill., with the aim of being a minister.

While still quite young, his health became poor and upon his doctor's advice, he sought outdoor work as a salesman. At the age of twenty, he became acquainted with the Church of God group at Eagle Grove, Iowa. From that time forward he taught and preached the Word of God he so ardently accepted. He served as an Iowa minister for many years. Then, eighteen years ago, he left Iowa to serve as pastor at Springfield, Ohio; Saint Cloud, Minn.; Eldorado, Ill.; and Kokomo, Ind.

Two years ago, he retired from active ministry to live near his son and family at Hector, Minn.

Bro. Jones became ill at Waterloo, Iowa, while visiting friends. After submitting to surgery, he suffered a stroke. He fell asleep in Christ on May 1, 1960, to await the sure call of his Master in the Resurrection Day.

Besides his wife Mamie, he leaves a daughter, Olive Burnham at Fort Dodge, Iowa; his son Delbert of Hector, Minn.; five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Linford W. Moore at the Waterloo Church of God. Many relatives and a host of friends in Christ from Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and Indiana were there.

As was said of Samuel, may it be said of him, "A very aged man, even fourscore years old. He was a very great man" (2 Sam. 19:32).

Pastor Linford W. Moore.

SADIE DELL BREMER

Sadie Dell Savage was born July 9, 1899, the daughter of Thomas and Dell Savage, in Waite Park, Minn. She died, Tuesday, May 10, 1960, following surgery.

She is survived by her husband Theodore, one son Kenneth of Minneapolis; five brothers: George Savage of Eden Valley; Thomas and John Savage of Waite Park; Harry Savage of Kimball; and Frank Savage of Lewistown, Mont.; and three grandchildren.

Sr. Bremer was a beloved and active member of the Church of God in Saint Cloud for many years. She served as Sunday school superintendent, president of the Dorcas society, and Sunday school teacher.

Her sudden death was a shock to all the church, and she will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were conducted on May 13 by the pastor. She was laid to rest in North Star Cemetery to await the fulfillment of her hope of the first resurrection at the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Arnold Johns, Pastor.

SISTER VERNA THAYER

A recent letter from the J. D. Morelands who with the McGintys have been caring for Sr. Verna Thayer reports that she spent another five days in the hospital late in May but is now at home (RFD, Greenbrier, Ark.).

BEAN - HAYS

Arthur Hays, Seaton, Ill., and Judith Benn, Macomb, Ill., were united in marriage on May 29, 1960, in a double ring ceremony at the Macomb Church of God. Mary Bean, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and William Hays, brother of the groom, served as best man. Becky Partlowe was flower girl. May God's richest blessing rest upon this couple as they go down life's pathway together.

Hollis Partlowe, Pastor.



BEDFORD, OHIO

Two baptisms gladdened the Bedford Church as it prepared to take full occupancy of its new building the third Sunday of May.

Nancy Humphrey, 16, was baptized April 24. Her father, William Humphrey, was baptized May 8. The Humphrey family has attended the Bedford Church ever since the group began as a Bible class in 1954. Their address is 487 Lamson Street, Bedford.

William Cramer, stationed at Quantico, Va., with the United States Marines, was home on leave the weekend of April 10. While visiting in Bedford, he fell from a car when the door flew open. Bad head cuts kept him hospitalized for several days. He, with his brother Kenneth, was the first baptized into the Bedford group.

The Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, is giving two new Sunday school tables and other furniture to the Bedford Church, and is contributing most, if not all, the cost of a new outdoor illuminated bulletin board. Several organizations in the Golden Rule group pooled resources in the effort. Some years ago, the Golden Rule Sunday School gave us the Bibles we keep in our church seats. At about the same time, the Pennellwood (Grand Rapids, Mich.) Church of God gave us a Communion set. All this help is appreciated beyond mere thanks—especially by a church whose membership now totals only eighteen.

This membership, however, represents a gain of three hundred sixty per cent since the Church of the Open Bible began meeting. Some of those who have attended regularly had not been inside a church in many years before they started their association with us.

Last summer, we arranged to purchase a building appraised at \$24,000 for a cash price of \$10,000. The building seats a few more than one hundred, has a number of classrooms, and has a crying room for infants. The building is wired for a public address system. One rest room, two utility rooms, and one classroom are in the basement. There is no kitchen, but we have an excellent baptistry.

Some repairs will be necessary. None seems to be large. Church auditorium furniture, except for platform and Communion furniture, was included in the purchase price. The Howard Seabeek family has contributed a Communion table, and the Golden Rule contribution includes Communion chairs. We have pur-

chased the existing pulpit—wired for a microphone—from the Church of Christ which owned the building before us. We shall have to buy a piano.

Bedford Church members arranged personal loans. One family remortgaged its house. This money, along with a treasury that came to about \$4,300, was turned over to the church on an interest-free basis. The combination enabled us to pay cash for the building in August, 1959. We had only three weeks in which to arrange the purchase. The Church of Christ had other cash offers of up to \$18,000, but preferred to sell to another church.

Thanks to help from outsiders, some of it quite substantial, we have reduced our interest-free debt from \$6,000 to \$4,800 in the last nine months. During this period, the Church of Christ from which we bought rented the building for its own services while its new church was being constructed. The Church of Christ moved out the third Sunday in May, leaving us with an income reduced by an average of \$75 a month.

The pastor serves without pay. Any other arrangement would have eliminated the possibility of buying a building of our own. Sunday school teachers and others have worked hard under difficult conditions and often in the face of very poor health. Only two families live within five miles of the church; most live much farther away. The pastor lives nineteen miles away.

These facts make working in the church neighborhood difficult. We employed Bro. Richard Dick, now pastor of a Virginia church, to canvass the church area thoroughly five years ago during two summer months. No similar effort has been possible since, nor would one in all likelihood have been successful in view of the circumstances we faced in our meeting places and hours of service.

With God's help, with prayer, with concerted effort, we hope to make the Bedford Church grow faster, in numbers and in spirit, now that we have a building of our own which we can occupy exclusively. Plans are being laid to take advantage of the blessing God has given us. How well they will work—or if they will work at all—only God now can tell.

J. Arlen Marsh, Pastor.

Bedford Approved for Mission Builder's Appeal

The Bedford Church has been approved by the Board of Directors for the next appeal

ELLIOTT MILLER FISK

Elliott Miller Fisk, son of John R. and Julia All (Culiver) Fisk, was born in Carrollton County, Mo., on October 30, 1874, and died at Caldwell, Kan., on May 19, 1960. He was the last living member of his family of six boys and three girls.

At the age of seven, Mr. Fisk came with his parents, in a covered wagon, to Millerton, Kan.

On August 14, 1900, Mr. Fisk was married to Clara Catherine Peck, near Caldwell, Kan. To this union three daughters, and three sons were born. He was always a loving and devoted father. Children were always being held in his highest esteem.

In early manhood Mr. Fisk was baptized into the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, by Bro. Oliver, and later became a charter member of this denomination in Arkansas City, Kan. He remained true to this faith as long as he lived. Mr. Fisk was engaged in farming as his lifetime vocation. He was instrumental in organizing community affairs. He served several years on the Bluff Township Board, the school board, and the church board while living in Grant County, Okla.

He is survived by his three sons, Ralph and Howard of Caldwell; Daniel of South Haven; and his three daughters, Mrs. Harold (Ethel) Braun of Wellington; Mrs. W. H. (Marie) Neal of Caldwell; and Mrs. Reuben (Pearl) Gulinger of Arkansas City. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

After funeral services conducted from the Presbyterian Church in Caldwell, by the undersigned, he was laid to rest in the Caldwell cemetery to await that great awakening call to a new life.

V. E. Kirkpatrick.

for Mission Builder's League assistance. Pertinent facts concerning the church are in the news item above. An appeal will be in the mail soon to all Mission Builder's for help for this deserving church. Be looking for this letter, respond quickly, and if you are not a Mission Builder this is another opportunity to increase your stewardship by helping another congregation secure its own building. Enroll as a Mission Builder now!

Mr. Harvey Krogh Sr.
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SHOULD the Lord tarry, the Fortieth Annual Church of God General Conference will convene at Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana, Sunday, August 7, 1960. Delegate meetings will begin on Tuesday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m.

There are many items of great importance to the present and future work of the Church of God which will be considered at this Conference. There will be opportunity here for each member of the Church of God through his appointed or elected delegates to voice his opinion and to make his decisions known.

The work of the Church of God in evangelism and missions; Oregon Bible College; printing and publishing; Berean Youth Fellowship activities; licensing and ordaining of ministers; and other areas of service will be reviewed and plans made for the future. The Constitution and By-Laws will be discussed for revision to provide a better organization and basis from which to serve. Services of Installation, Ordination, and Communion are also planned as a part of the worship program of the Conference.

Your General Conference provides you with many opportunities for enlarged service and fellowship. Through participation in the work of the General Conference you reach out through pastoral aid, literature, and workers into communities, homes, states, countries, which you and I may never visit.

Through the training received by students at Oregon Bible College you reach out into churches, evangelistic fields, mission stations, where, through these students, you have a part in sowing the seed of the gospel.

Through the Church of God General Conference, you have fellowship opportunities with ministers and fellow members from other states and countries, whom you might never know without the binding influence of Conference meetings and services.

Through the General Conference, with its publications, its exchange of ministers, its annual meetings, you have opportunity for exchange of views and understandings that helps each of us to grow in grace and knowledge. Truth is preserved and clarified through this broader fellowship and meeting of many minds.

Here are some of the ways in which you can help make this General Conference meeting the most meaningful and useful.

1) Attend General Conference yourself if it is at all possible. While only delegates vote, all may participate in the discussions and the Conference program.

2) Choose the very best delegates possible from your church. Qualified delegates can add depth and vigor to the important decisions which must be made.

3) Help delegates to attend by including your church and conference in the delegate expense pool, which helps equalize expenses for all delegates from far and near. This equalization makes it possible for all churches to have representatives at the Conference.

4) Inform your delegates of your thoughts concerning the matters to be discussed at General Conference. Informed delegates who have met with the church board or with the entire congregation before General Conference best represent the thinking of the group.

5) When General Conference is over, give your delegates time to explain to the entire congregation or state conference what has occurred at General Conference and the meaning of the decisions which were made.

6) Keep informed and support the Church of God General Conference program throughout the year. Because of the democratic processes by which all decisions are made, they become binding and meaningful only when we as individuals accept them and act upon them.

As we approach Conference time, we pray with you the Lord will bless in the selection and informing of delegates that His will may be done in all things and that this may be the best of all Conference meetings.

Attend General Conference

August 7 - 12, 1960, Camp Mack

Report from Lighthouse Mission

By Pastor John Denchfield

NOW in the second year as pastor of our mission work in Nova Scotia, I continue to rejoice in the beauty of this portion of God's creation, even as I am continually impressed with the evident need of the gospel of Christ in the hearts of its people. The field is white unto the harvest. The laborers are too few. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest," Jesus said.

It is evident that many have been praying and helping, for in the midst of various difficulties the work of Lighthouse Mission Church of God has been going forward—not too fast, but steadily.

A very good vacation Bible school was held last year, with a total enrollment of 122; a high single-day attendance of 101, and a perfect attendance record for 64. Miss Donna Claussen and Dallas Denchfield were constantly working and leading to bring this about with the aid of our regular workers.

This year, with the additional facilities provided by our new building, the same capable leadership, plus more of our local workers, we anticipate an even better school. Plans are also in the making for an additional school at Culloden, a near-by community.

Services have been well attended throughout the year, and interest in all projects has been good. While averages do not always give a true picture, they are as follows: Church service, 58; Sunday school, 48 1-4; devotional, 18 1-3; Berean, 37. Berean attendance is usually over forty, but one poorly attended meeting brought down the average. Other meetings are reasonably true to averages. All meetings show an increase over the previous year.

Our highest attendance at church service was that of the program commemorating Jesus' birthday. One hundred forty-six attended. The second highest was 86 attending the evening program of vacation Bible school.

Many of the regular services are highly inspirational, as God's Spirit attends. Perhaps most inspiring was the service on July 12, 1959, when seven were buried with Him in baptism at a beautiful inland lake.

The Dorcas group meets regularly each month and has several projects developing to help in the building work.

Many of the Bereans are enjoying their correspondence

with Pen Pals arranged through our national Berean work.

Another inspiring meeting was the early morning service in commemoration of Jesus' resurrection. Twenty-five gathered to enjoy the glory of the sunrise as it proclaimed our living Lord to return in all His glory.

During the year the Smith Family (four) moved to New York and the Earle Brown Family (five) moved to Shubenacadie, about 150 miles from Digby, in Nova Scotia. Their absence was felt and we continue to miss them, but others are taking hold and the work goes on.

Now that this work is becoming more stable and our building is nearing completion of the first stage, we continue to pray and plan to reach out into neighboring communities, for there is more to be done everywhere. Continue with us in prayer and support that the work thus far will be as a steppingstone to take us always onward.

The big project of the past year has been the construction of the new church building. First of all, we want to point out that it has been only through your help through our national mission work, Mission Builder's League, and direct contributions that we could even begin to build. We thank God for you! Now that we are in the new building and no longer need to pay rent we have undertaken the responsibility of purchasing a furnace which, when complete, will cost about \$1300.00. Thus, our project is quite small compared to the almost six thousand dollars which you have supplied, and yet it will be a big load requiring a good measure of sacrifice for us, which also is good.

It was in early June that the lots "on top of the hill" in Digby were finally secured. Building plans were drawn and presented at General Conference. It was agreed that the Mission Builder's League would be called upon to help with the building funds.

The plans were presented and found acceptable by the Digby Town Council and on September 27, 1959, the mission group met in prayer and thanksgiving at the building site for the dedication of this portion of His creation for His service and the first breaking of the ground.

Work moved along very well with members and friends giving of their time and energy as they found it

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possible, and four carpenters hired on an hourly basis. The building measures 36 feet by 66 feet on the outside, with a 16 foot diameter polygon tower at the front corner. This tower will eventually be the "lighthouse" of the building. Walls are of poured concrete 12 inches thick. Above ground level they will be veneered with rock. Footings, walls, and floor together required 523 bags of cement. This produced well over 100 yards of concrete. In all, 212 yards of gravel were used.

With the best of our efforts, we were unable to get the cement floor poured before winter arrived, so found it necessary to wait for spring and warm weather. Our first service was held in the new building on Sunday, May 8, 1960, with 74 in attendance. While we still have a great deal of finishing work to do, we rejoice in God's goodness in such ample provision for service.

When completed, we will have nine rooms in the basement. Five of these will be used at present for classes, one for the clothing, one for furnace, a kitchen, and dining room. The wash room is separate, just off the furnace room. The dining room will be our auditorium and rostrum until the upper floor of the building is completed. Again; we are thankful!

The distribution of clothing continues to be a very important part of the Mission work. And again you have been doing very well in keeping us in good supply so that we usually can fill the needs.

Our work has been a joy, for it is in service unto Him whom we love. We trust that in your support you have and will continue to receive similar, yea, even greater joy in service.

DELEGATE FORMS AND STATISTICAL FORMS

Sr. Austin, Chairwoman of the Credentials Committee, requests that all delegate forms be sent to National Bible Institution, as soon as possible. There is much advance work which must be done with the delegate forms before General Conference begins, and this is possible only when the forms have been returned.

Forms were mailed to all church and state conference secretaries as listed in the Directory printed in the PROGRESS JOURNAL in March. If you did not receive a form please notify, Harold Doan, Box 231, Oregon, Ill., and one will be sent immediately.

It is important that names and addresses be correctly listed on the delegate forms, since they are used to check our mailing list for PROGRESS JOURNAL. We thank all secretaries for their careful attention to this.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY BUILDING CAMPAIGN FOR OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

At this writing, total commitments received for the Oregon Bible College expansion campaign total about \$89,000.00. Most churches have completed their cam-

paigns and most cards have been received and credited. Only 516 individual commitments have been made by Church of God members and families from a possible 3200. We know that there are still many individuals and families who will want to make a commitment or a lump sum contribution to this important Silver Anniversary Campaign.

Due to local conditions, some churches have decided to wait until fall for their campaigns. We know that many more individuals who will not be contacted through a church will also want to take part. Your response is needed now, since we hope to conclude this campaign soon, that we may make concrete plans for the completion of this project.

THANK YOU!

Though, as you will see below, contributions to the regular budget for conducting the General Conference services have been below requirements, we continue to be thankful for the interest of many individuals and churches in this work. Giving for all causes has probably been at an all-time high in the Church of God this year. \$9,000.00 has been contributed through Mission Builders for two new churches. About \$7,000.00 has been paid on Silver Anniversary Commitments. Two workers who needed assistance were helped with contributions of more than \$5,000.00. In addition, the amount stated below was given for the regular services of the General Conference.

These services (evangelism and missions, printing and publishing, Berean Youth Fellowship, Oregon Bible College, and general services) must be continued. In fact, there is need for reaching out in many of these fields. We know that as the Lord blesses and works through His people all these opportunities will be used.

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

\$42,710.00

Given Through June 30	\$25,230.08
Balance to Be Given by September 30	17,479.92
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Goal for Giving for June	5,046.49
Received in June	2,706.07
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Giving Goal for July
\$5,826.64

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 10-17—Camp for ages 13-18, Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley, Minn.
 July 17-23—Camp for ages 10-12, Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley, Minn.
 July 18-24—Washington Bible Camp, Cashmere
 July 24-31—Virginia State Conference, Maupertown, Delbert Jones, guest speaker.
 July 24-31—Illinois State Conference at Oregon
 August 7-12—General Conference at Camp Mack, Ind.
 August 13-21—Iowa State Conference, Waterloo; guest speakers, Paul Williams and Leon Driskill.
 August 15-20—Ohio State Youth Camp
 August 21-27—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, Ill.
 August 24-28—Ohio State Conference, Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland; Austin Railton, guest speaker

PASTORS AVAILABLE FOR CHURCH OF GOD PASTORATES

Daniel Fyfe, Rt. 1, Michigantown, Ind.
 Arnold Johns, 401 20th Ave. N., St. Cloud, Minn.
 Raymond Brown, 1348 Oak St., Morristown, Tenn.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Bro. Richard Dick has accepted the pastorate of the Happy Woods, La., Church of God.
 Bro. Harry Gockler has accepted the pastorate of the Church of God at Harlingen, Texas.

CHURCHES NEEDING PASTORS

Chappell, Nebr., Church of God is in need of a pastor. Applicants should contact Mrs. Burton Smith, Chappell, Nebr.
 Restitution and Salem Churches of God, Casey and Martinsville, Ill. Address: Mrs. Harrison Stephens, R. F. D. Martinsville, or Mr. Sylvan Richey, Box 15, Martinsville.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE HONOR ROLL

Semester 2, 1959-60

High Honor: Marlyn Holquist, David Louzecky.

Honor: Russell Dickerson, Russell Magaw, Janet Turner, Edward Houser, Robert See.

LESSON WRITERS FOR THIRD QUARTER

The wrong list of writers was included in the Adult Truth Seeker's Quarterly for the third quarter. Writers are as follows: G. France, 1, 2; J. R. LeCrone, 3, 4; H. Sheets, 5; F. Burnett, 6; J. A. Marsh, 7, 8; J. Mattison, 9; H. Gockler, 10; T. M. Ferrell, 11; A. Huffer, 12; W. Dick, 13.

SOUTHLAWN NEWS AND BAPTISMS

Our last month at the Southlawn Church was one very profitable and fruitful. We rejoiced to have thirteen baptisms. We present the following to the household of faith: Mrs. Mary Vodry; Mrs. Revn Sorenson; Connie and Vernon Simmons; Mr. Bernard Terrell and his two sons, Robert and Gary Terrell; Bill and Sue Heintzelman; Mr. Eugene Potter; Mrs. Barbara Grose; Jacquelyn Hale, and Francis Van Fleet. We are happy that in these we have families united in Christ. We pray God's blessing upon them.

Through the month of May we prepared fourteen radio programs for "The Voice of Truth," WOOD, Grand Rapids. Bro. H. U. Krogh, Jr. will continue this program after the first Sunday in September.

The Southlawn Church gave Mrs. Wiggins and me a "going-away" party which was conducted along the line of "This Is Your Life." At the close of the evening we were presented with lovely Hamilton Deluxe wrist watches.

We appreciate the co-operation we received while pastor of the Southlawn Church. We are now at home in our summer home near Paynesville, Minn., on beautiful Lake Koromis.
 Walter Wiggins.

BURR OAK NEWS

Howard Carlisle and Shirley Stafford were united in marriage at the Burr Oak (Ind.) Church of God, April 15, 1960. The pastor read the vows, assisted by Thomas Rough, pastor of the Hibbard E.U.B. Church. A reception followed in the social rooms of the church. The couple will make their home near Hibbard, Ind.

Mary Mevis became the bride of Albert Rex, Jr., in a ceremony before the family and a few friends, May 28, 1960. A reception for the couple was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mevis, the bride's parents. They will make their home in Culver, Ind.

R. Warren Sorenson, Pastor.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Born to Larry and Betty Townsend, Nancy Denise, May 28, 1960. . . . Pastor Darrell Maddock has begun his pastorate at the Glad Tidings Chapel, as of the first of June. . . . Young people from Virginia recently conducted services at Fonthill, Ont. . . . Indiana Conference and the Louisiana Conference each publish neat monthly newspapers for all the membership. . . . Faculty members of Oregon Bible College recently attended a week-long convention for Bible college teachers at Fort Wayne Bible College. . . . Bro. John Hayse, second vice president of the Board of Directors of National Bible Institution spent several days in the hospital and is still on a restricted schedule. . . . Mark Royce was born to Royce and Juanita (Logsdon) Gilberts on May 22, 1960, Mount Horeb, Wis. Congratulations! . . . Congratulations to Bro. E. F. Marsh, Milford, Nebr., on his ninety-sixth birthday, July 2, 1960.



GROVER JAMES GORDON

Grover James Gordon was born to James and Emma Gordon at Saint Paul, Nebr., on March 18, 1889, and died after a prolonged illness at Chappell, Nebr., June 6, 1960. He was one of a family of fourteen children.

After the death of his father in 1897, he made his home with his sister, Mrs. Eva Phelps, near Cambridge, where he grew to manhood. He engaged in farming for a number of years. He united with the Church of God and was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ by Almus Adams on October 30, 1915. He later attended the Ministerial Training School of the Church of God at Oregon, Ill.

On June 24, 1929, he was united in marriage with Inez G. Long at her home near Cambridge. On August 15, 1929, he was ordained and entered the ministry for the Church of God. During his lifetime, he served churches in Holbrook, Omaha, and Chappell, Nebr.; Lawrenceville and Cleveland, Ohio; Fonthill, Ont.; and Los Angeles, Calif. He moved to Chappell on September 1, 1956, where he was serving the Church of God at the time of his death. His profound understanding of the Word of God and his exemplary Christian life were an inspiration to members of the congregations where he served.

He is survived by his wife, Inez, and by five sisters and one brother. They are: Mrs. Cora Puce, Hastings, Nebr.; Mrs. A. T. Nelson, Omaha, Nebr.; Mrs. Ida Pinkerton, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. William Greenlee, Sr., Oshkosh, Nebr.; Mrs. Jesse Steele, Tooele, Utah; and Harry Gordon, Auburn, Wash.

Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned of Oregon, Ill., at the Churches of God at Chappell and Holbrook, with Elders Vivian Kirkpatrick and C. E. Randall assisting in the service at Holbrook. Interment was in the Holbrook cemetery.

Harvey U. Krogh, Jr.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to the brethren and friends who have extended so many kindnesses to us during our recent sorrow.

A special thank you for the prayers, cards, letters, gifts, and Memorial fund that have been received. May the Lord bless each one.
 Inez Gordon and relatives.

JUNE SPONSORS

Fredericktown Church	15.00
Blessed Hope Church of God (Rockford)	15.00
E. F. Marsh	5.00
Blanchard Church	41.17
Willis Turner Family	21.50
Burr Oak Church	170.00
Macomb Church	18.90
Julia Atkins	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones	20.00
Western Sister	10.00
Mrs. Fanny Lund	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Townsend	10.00
Litchfield Sunday School	8.03
Virda Sittler	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Hiram Schier, Jr.	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Opel	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Smead	15.00
Mrs. Dorothy Napper	5.00
Lawrenceville Church	25.50
Mr. & Mrs. Clark Ballentine	10.00
Happy Woods Church	44.87
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Burnett	229.64
Martha Burnett	24.80
Mary Burnett	23.00
John Renner	1.00
Dixon Church	72.61
Hillside Chapel	18.18
Brush Creek Church	93.23
Ripley Church	77.95
Mrs. Frank Moran	5.00
Emma B. Coleman	10.00
Hector Church	25.00
Almeda Wertz	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Schier	30.00
Mr. & Mrs. Oral Miller	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Johnson	20.00
Pennellwood Church	115.88
Mauertown Sunday School	85.97
Gospel Gleaners Class	3.00
Mr. & Mrs. L. Bridegam	10.00
Maybelle Hanson	6.00
E. Dorothy Magaw	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. William Schmidlapp	5.00
Tempe Church	41.67
Fort Valley Church	50.00
Mr. & Mrs. Fulton Ramsey	50.00
Jennie E. Townsend	6.00
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Anthony	5.00
Mrs. Olive Deck	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn M. Birkey	10.00
Miss Emma Sissle	7.00
Mr. & Mrs. John G. Hayse	10.00
Janet Turner	5.00
Indiana State Conference	125.00
Litchfield Church	11.45
Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis	5.00
Brush Creek Young People	29.80
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp	25.00
Chicago Missionary Society	15.00
Leila E. Whitehead	3.00
Mrs. F. L. Austin	2.00
Ida Lapp	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Anderson	10.00
Rachel Krogh	3.00
Brush Creek Sunday School	163.57
Esther Ayres	5.00
Oregon Sunday School	37.43
Oregon Church	51.32
Truth Seeker's Church	25.00
Terry Dwyer	18.50
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Savage	11.00
Illinois State Conference	50.00
Youth For Christ Class	5.00
L'Anse Church	10.85
Mrs. Opal Perry	5.00
Mrs. Lila Guiles	10.00

KOKOMO COMMUNICATION

During the last few weeks, six have come forward to claim Jesus Christ as their Saviour. On Sunday afternoon, May 22, 1960, the brethren gathered at the water near Kokomo. Miss Janet Snyder was immersed by her grandfather, Elder D. G. Harvey. Miss Patsy Canin, Miss Joyce Raitton, Master Rex Shaw, Miss Vicki Welder, and Mrs. Lena Layton were then immersed by the pastor. These new Christians communed with us in their first Lord's Supper on the following Thursday evening.

On the next Sunday, Mrs. Janice Shaw, Mrs. Alice Maroney, and Mrs. Sarah Welder, by virtue of having been immersed in the name of Christ and having complete concord with the Bible's doctrine, indicated the placement of their membership in Jay Street Church of God. Then these three, together with the newly baptized ones, received the right hand of fellowship.

The Berean Youth Fellowship has sponsored two Quiz teams. Coached by Director Barbara Harvey, our teams have successfully challenged our sister Indiana churches. We believe the spiritual results of this activity can be tremendous.

One means of encouraging our youth is participation in church league basketball. Our basketball team acquitted itself well during the past season. The boys were treated to a banquet in the commodious basement of the Gerald Maroney home.

A unique feature of the Kokomo Sunday School is the "Jar Fund." Some years ago, Bro. Arthur Jones, then pastor, invited all the boys and girls to fill an empty quart fruit jar with coins. Thereafter, most of the congregation's loose pocket change has gone into the jar at the end of each Sunday school period. The jar has played a major part in the purchase of new pews and a new piano. The jar fund has recently been renamed the "A. M. Jones Memorial Fund," and will be used for many worth-while projects.

Because of the sore need for classroom space, we are laying plans for expansion of our present building. The fields are white unto the harvest and the church must keep its building prepared for use by the Lord.

Austin Raitton, Pastor.

HUTCHINSON - BOTTOLEFS

On Saturday night, June 4, 1960, Miss Sylvia Hutchinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hutchinson, and Mr. Charles Bottolfs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bottolfs, were united in marriage at the Happy Woods Church of God. Following the wedding, a reception was held in the social room of the church.

Both Sylvia and Charles are members of the Happy Woods Church, and are active and faithful workers in all its services. We pray God's richest blessings on their new life together and their new home.

Harry Gockler, Pastor.

Mrs. Robin C. Ayres	50.00
Golden Rule Missionary Society	25.00
National Evangelism	205.02
Macomb Missionary Society	5.00
Felida Church of God	9.55
Mary & Martha Society	20.00
Emory Macy	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Jones	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carpenter	10.00

BAPTISMS AT CLEVELAND

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

It was by this invitation from the Word of God that many met in the Golden Rule Church of God sanctuary each evening, Monday through Friday, May 16 to 20, and on Sunday, May 22, to hear inspiring messages by a servant of God, Bro. Milton Hall. At the close of the Sunday afternoon service two people came forward to confess their faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ. They were: Mrs. Mabel Burhenne and Miss Lynn Hatcher. Later two others: Mr. Walter Weidensall and his son Paul requested baptism.

The act of Christian baptism not only unites the believer with Christ but, often, unites families in the Lord. For several years, Sr. Fairy Lyon had prayed and longed for the time when her sister Mabel would join her in the household of faith. This prayer and the prayers of many others God answered. The Weidensall family is now united in Christ, Sr. Weidensall having been a member of the body of Christ for more than two years. Continue to pray for your lost friends, bring them to Christ.

C. F. Pryor, Pastor.

TESTIMONY FOR MISSION BUILDER'S LEAGUE

"Just a word of testimony for the Mission Builder's League. Of course, we are familiar with the Glad Tidings Chapel (Dayton). Today we worshiped in the new church at San Jose and it is wonderful. I believe that every Mission Builder member would be proud of how his money has been used in both places."—Francis Burnett, pastor of the Brush Creek Church of God, who has been traveling in the West. The address of the church has been changed to 555 McGlincey Lane, Campbell, Calif., incidentally.

CASHMERE, WASHINGTON, BAPTISM

We are happy to report that Von Corbaley, son of the late A. L. Corbaley, requested baptism. He was baptized May 22, 1960, and is now a member of the body of Christ. May the God of Abraham watch over him and may his brethren set a good example for him that he may attain unto the promised life.

Lyle Rankin, Pastor.

ERWIN - JENKINS

Miss Lillie Mae Erwin became the bride of Mr. Demus Jenkins on Friday night, June 3, 1960, at the Happy Woods Church of God, Hammond, La. Neither party is a member of the church, though Lillie Mae is a member of the Happy Woods Sunday School. May the blessing and guidance of God rest upon them in their new life together.

Harry Gockler, Pastor.

ZWIERSCHKE - MASON

A pretty wedding took place on May 28, 1960, in the Fonthill (Ont.) Church of God, when Donna Florence Zwierschke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zwierschke, became the bride of Ronald Raymond Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mason. The pastor performed the wedding ceremony. They left for northern Ontario on their honeymoon. On their return, they will reside on Cayuga St., Cayuga, Ont.

E. M. Hall, Pastor.

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

General Conference of the Churches of God (Including National Bible Institution)

PREAMBLE

It is understood that the General Conference is an assembly of delegates and interested members of the Churches of God, meeting at a designated place and time to confer on all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the churches.

ARTICLE I

Time and Place of Conference

Section 1. The general offices of the Church of God General Conference shall be located at Oregon, Illinois, identified as National Bible Institution, an Illinois corporation not for profit.

Section 2. The General Conference shall meet once each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Conference or its Board of Directors, but in no case shall the date be fixed earlier than July 1, or later than August 31. Announcement of the time and place shall be made by the secretary of the Conference at least one month in advance by publication in The Restitution Herald or Progress Journal. The General Conference may be called at such other times as may be necessary, and may convene immediately, without notice, upon consent of a majority of the member churches.

Section 3. For the purpose of conducting business, the General Conference is incorporated in the State of Illinois under the name of "National Bible Institution," a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE II

Delegates

Section 1. Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof.

Section 2. A member church is a church of God which has on record a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

Section 3. The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers associated with the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates-at-large and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches.

Section 4. A member who has attended at least four services, or who has made a financial or service contribution, during the year is considered an active member of his church. These shall be considered as minimum requirements only.

Section 5. A credentials committee shall be appointed by the president of the General Conference before every conference, and the committee shall have the power to confirm or disqualify any delegate according to the terms of this constitution.

Section 6. Each church shall certify to the secretary of the General Conference the names of its delegates or delegate and alternates; this certification shall be accompanied by a list of the names and addresses of the active members to be represented. No delegate will be recognized in any conference session without having been recognized by the credentials committee. If any delegate is absent from any conference session, an alternate who has been approved by the credentials committee may be appointed to act.

Section 7. Any church which cannot send a delegate or delegates to the annual confer-

ence may appoint a delegate or delegates from the general active membership of the Church of God. However, any delegate appointed under this section shall have only one vote, and under no circumstances can any delegate represent more than one church or state or district conference. A notice must be sent to the secretary of the Church of God General Conference containing a statement of the intentions of the church and the names and addresses of its active members to be represented, within fifteen days before the Conference convenes.

Section 8. Each delegate shall have one vote.

ARTICLE III

Business Sessions

Section 1. All matters of General Conference business shall be open to the discussion of all members present, but only delegates may vote or introduce motions. All delegates shall be seated in a section of the auditorium reserved for them, and no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section.

Section 2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of twenty-five duly qualified delegates. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE IV

Officers of the Conference

Section 1. Seven directors shall be elected in General Conference delegate sessions; said directors shall constitute the Board of Directors of National Bible Institution. The Board of Directors shall organize by the election of necessary officers at the first meeting following each annual Conference election. These officers shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three board members.

Section 2. No elected director shall be a paid employee of the National Bible Institution for a period longer than two months in any one year.

Section 3. The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders.

Section 4. Nominations for each director shall be by General Conference delegates in session at least one day before the day set for the election, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship.

Section 5. Nominations shall be made from the floor; but voting shall be done by ballot, and no nominee shall be elected unless he receives a majority of the votes cast. In case a majority is not received by any nominee in the first balloting, balloting shall continue after eliminating the name receiving the lowest number of votes, until an election is reached. Each director shall be elected separately.

Section 6. The terms of office for all General Conference directors shall be for three years. No director shall succeed himself for a second term. Directors shall be elected in this order: three directors one year, two directors the following year, and two directors the next year, and directors shall be elected in this order hereafter.

Section 7. Any director who may become inactive through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death, shall be replaced

for the unexpired term by election at the next annual conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE NATIONAL BIBLE INSTITUTION (Authorized by the General Conference of the Churches of God)

ARTICLE I

Purpose of the National Bible Institution

Section 1. The purposes for which the National Bible Institution is incorporated are:

(A) That evangelistic work be extended to meet the needs of the Church of God everywhere, and to open new fields of missionary activity.

(B) That publishing facilities be provided under capable editorial supervision for the issuance of all necessary literature.

(C) That facilities be provided to aid in the education of those desiring to prepare themselves for the ministry or other religious work.

(D) That a board of benevolences be organized to minister to individual needs as they may arise.

Section 2. The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another (throughout the church) in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." In such oneness of spirit they shall unite in an effort to edify the body of Christ in utilizing the contributed strength of the church to affirm by print and voice the following Biblical truths and kindred truths, viz.:

Statement of Faith

A. GOD. We believe that only one person is God, and that He is a literal (corporeal) being—almighty, eternal, and the Creator of all things.

B. JESUS CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He did not personally pre-exist.

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of His people.

D. THE BIBLE. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration, and that it is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

E. MAN. We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All men, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

F. SALVATION. We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ, and that it consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His Spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

- 1) Belief of the gospel of the Kingdom and the things concerning Jesus Christ;
- 2) Sincere repentance for sin, which may be evidenced by confession and restitution;
- 3) Baptism—immersion—in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
- 4) Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G. THE CHURCH OF GOD. We believe that the Church of God is the Scriptural name for that body of people who have been called out from among all nations through obedience to the gospel plan of salvation.

Christ is the Head of the Church; and the nature, work, and government of the Church are set forth in the New Testament.

H. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, and Teacher. It will be based on the standards which He taught and exemplified. Thus, it will be characterized by prayerful dependence on God, study of His Word, and faithful stewardship of time and possessions—with tithing as a practical expression of such stewardship. The Church of God will stand behind and support the honest convictions of those members who are conscientiously opposed to serving in the armed forces.

I. ISRAEL. We believe that "Israel" is the name of the literal descendants of Abraham through Jacob. As God's chosen nation, Israel was given the land of Palestine, but because of disobedience they were scattered throughout the world. In accordance with God's covenant with them, they will be restored to Palestine as the head of the nations in the Kingdom of God.

J. THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the Church as joint-heirs with Him. His Millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked, after which will be established "New Heavens and a New Earth" wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all.

ARTICLE II General Offices

Section 1. The general offices of National Bible Institution shall be located at Oregon, Illinois.

ARTICLE III Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Institution shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three directors. These officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The directors of the General Conference of the Church of God shall be, ex officio, corresponding directors of the National Bible Institution, and their terms of office shall be of the same duration.

Section 3. The work undertaken by the Institution shall be divided into such departments as may be necessary, each department to be provided with its own head, all under the supervision of the Institution.

ARTICLE IV Duties of the Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the chairman to call and preside at all meetings of the General Conference and of the Board of Directors of the National Bible Institution, and to perform all other duties properly belonging to the presiding officer, not otherwise provided.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the vice-chairman to assist the president when called upon to discharge the executive duties, and to act in the chairman's place in case of the absence or disability of the chairman.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, to keep a record of the activities and accomplishments of the Institution, to report such minutes and records to the General Conference when requested to do so, and at any other time when called upon by the chairman or board of directors.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer or of his representative as authorized by the Board of Directors, to receive all monies,

to disburse the same, and to keep an accurate account thereof. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep safely all funds in the possession and control of the Institution, to make a complete annual report of the receipts and disbursements to the annual conference and to the Board of Directors upon request, to submit such reports for publication, and to see that the accounts of the Institution are kept so as to show its financial standing at all times. The treasurer shall furnish surety to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to transact and administer the business of the Institution in accordance with these by-laws and Article I above. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the chairman or at the call of two or more members of the board, notice having been given of the date and place of meeting a reasonable time in advance. Notice by mail, telephone, telegram, by publication in The Restitution Herald or the Progress Journal, or in person, shall be deemed sufficient. The Board of Directors shall have power to devise ways to accomplish the objects of the Institution as set forth in Article I, Section 1, above.

Section 6. The Board of Directors is empowered:

(A) To acquire and hold real property and personal property.

(B) To sell or otherwise dispose of property.

(C) To raise money by subscription.

(D) To receive gifts, donations, and bequests.

(E) To receive and hold monies in trust as foundations or endowments, the profits of which shall be used in maintaining the work of the Institution.

(F) To employ a competent General Manager who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of National Bible Institution, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him.

(G) To fill temporarily by appointment any elective office that may become vacant through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death of any incumbent, until the next annual conference, when the vacant office shall be filled by regular election.

(H) To do any other necessary act for the establishment, prosecution, and accomplishment of the business of the National Bible Institution.

ARTICLE V

Quorum for Doing Business

Section 1. A quorum of the board of directors for transacting of business shall consist of not fewer than five members.

ARTICLE VI

Financial Policy of the Institution

Section 1. The financial policy of the Church of God General Conference shall be based wholly upon the principle of tithing by all members, both churches and individuals. The Board of Directors of National Bible Institution shall be governed in the work undertaken by the unified budget adopted by voluntary action of the delegates at the annual General Conference session.

ARTICLE VII

Amendment of the By-Laws

Section 1. The by-laws of the Institution may be amended, altered, or revised by a two-thirds majority vote of delegates present at any General Conference meeting, notice having been given of the proposed amendment or revision in at least three consecutive issues of The Restitution Herald or

the Progress Journal, the first appearance thereof to be at least thirty days prior to the convening of the conference by which it is to be considered. Said notice shall plainly state the nature and purpose of the amendment or revision. Publication in The Restitution Herald or The Progress Journal shall be deemed sufficient notice.

ARTICLE VIII

Auditing of the Books of the Institution

Section 1. The chairman shall appoint a competent auditor whose duty shall be to examine the books and other financial records of the treasurer and to make a full report of their condition in writing to the General Conference at its annual meeting, or at such other time or times as may be required. Said auditor shall in no case be a member of the board of directors, or personally interested in the disposition of the funds of the Institution.

The Constitutional Revision Committee

Willis Turner Harold Doan
Harry Sheets John Raitton
Harvey U. Krogh, Jr.

Revision of Article I, Section 2, A to J
Harvey U. Krogh, Jr. Kenneth Milne
William Wachtel

(The above-listed committees were appointed at last General Conference to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of National Bible Institution. The revision above is the result of many meetings and of discussion with interested individuals and groups, including the Ministerial Association and the Board of Directors. Major changes from the present Constitution and By-Laws will be found in the Constitution, Article II, Section 2, and Article IV. In the By-Laws, changes will be noted in Article I, Section 2; Article III, Section 1; and Article VI. This revision will be printed, in accordance with the present By-Laws, in three issues of Progress Journal, and will be acted upon at the summer General Conference business meetings.)

STUNT NIGHT AT CONFERENCE

Sr. Marjorie Overmyer is planning a stunt night for General Conference. Humorous skits, songs, recitations, pantomimes, and other acts will be welcomed on the program. Come prepared to eliminate as much rehearsal time as possible.

ERNEST A. CRUNDWELL

Ernest A. Crundwell was born in Brownwood, Texas, October 16, 1877, and died in Burbank, Calif., June 1, 1960.

He was married April 23, 1905, to Miss Bertha Owen. To this union were born two children, Hazel Crundwell Cripe, and Dr. J. Bradley Crundwell, both of Burbank, Calif.

Bro. Crundwell was baptized by A. S. Bradley at Mullin, Texas, July 6, 1914.

He came with his family to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1918 and was a charter member of the Los Angeles Church of God for many years, later affiliating himself with the Church of the Open Bible at Pomona.

Besides his wife, daughter, and son, he is survived by three grand-children. A host of friends, which was attested by the attendance, and beautiful floral offerings at the services.

Services were conducted by Bro. William Dick of Pomona and prayer was offered by Bro. Terry Ferrell of Los Angeles, June 3, at the Ackerman Funeral Home. He was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead at the second coming of Christ.

Nettie B. Crundwell

PROGRAM FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

August 7-12, 1960

Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana

Sunday, August 7

- 1:00 Guests may check in any time after noon on Sunday
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:30 Evening worship, Ellsworth Routson, speaker

Monday, August 8

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study in charge of Sunday School Department
Young people—Timothy Pearson
Adults—Francis Burnett
Children—Doris Brown
- 9:45 Sunday School Department program
- 11:00 Sunday School Department business meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer service, C. E. Lapp
- 1:30 Missionary program, C. E. Lapp, Chairman
- 3:15 Rest, recreation, fellowship, special committee meetings
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Ministers' meeting and Priscillas' meeting
- 7:30 Evening worship, Keynote Message, Warren Sorenson, speaker

Tuesday, August 9

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
Adults—Warren Sorenson
Young people—Emory Macy
Children—Doris Brown
- 9:45 Young people—Larry Townsend
- 9:45 Opening of General Conference delegate meetings. Seating of delegates
- 10:00 Communications
- 10:10 President's message to the Conference, S. O. Ross, President
- 10:30 Recess
- 10:45 Board of Directors' report and recommendations
Treasurer's report
Distribution of proposed budget
Appointment of committees
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer session, Richard Smith
- 1:30 Consideration of Missions and Evangelism
1) Recommendations of Mission Board
2) Report of Secretary concerning mission societies
3) Report of the Nova Scotia mission, John Denchfield
4) Recommendations of the Board of Directors in this field
5) Nomination of Mission Board officers
6) Delegate motions
- 3:15 Rest, recreation, special committee meetings
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Ministers' meeting; Priscillas' meeting
- 7:30 Evening worship, Delbert Jones, speaker

Wednesday, August 10

- 7:30 Breakfast

- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study in charge of Sunday School Department
Adults—E. Richard Smith
Young people—Dwayne Demmitt
Children—Doris Brown
- 9:45 Young people—Daniel Fyfe
- 9:45 Reading of the Minutes
- 9:50 Election of Mission Board
- 10:00 Voting on motions concerning Evangelism and Missions from previous day
- 10:30 Recess
- 10:45 Constitutional Revision Committee report. Discussion of proposed revision
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer service, Dean Moore
- 1:30 Young people's Bible class, Curtis Simpson
- 1:30 Continue action on Constitutional Revision
- 2:30 Nominations for First Vice President and Secretary
- 2:45 License and Ordination Committee report
- 3:15 Rest, recreation, special committee meetings
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Ministers' Meeting and Priscillas' Meeting
- 7:30 Evening worship, E. Milton Hall, speaker

Thursday, August 11

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
Adults—Kenneth Milne
Young people—C. E. Lapp
Children—Doris Brown
- 9:45 Reading of the Minutes
- 9:50 Election of First Vice President and Secretary
- 10:15 Recess
- 10:30 Consideration of business concerning Oregon Bible College
1) Expansion program report
2) Recommendations of Board of Directors and Board of Education
3) Delegate motions concerning Oregon Bible College
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Prayer service—Roy Humphreys
- 1:30 Young people Bible class, Don Ward
- 1:30 Consideration of business concerning Publishing and Printing
- 2:30 Consideration of business concerning Berean Youth Fellowship
- 3:15 Rest, recreation, fellowship, special committee meetings
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:15 Ministers' meeting and Priscillas' meeting
- 7:00 Evening worship. Installation of officers, Ministerial Association
Communion service—J. R. LeCrone and John Hayse
Evening speaker, T. M. Ferrell

Friday, August 12

- 7:30 Breakfast
- 8:45 Morning devotions and Bible study
Adults—Hollis Partlow
Young people—Leon Driskill
Children—Doris Brown

- 9:45 Secretary's report
- 10:00 Consideration of 1960-61 General Conference budget
- 10:15 Closing business
- 10:45 President's concluding remarks
- 11:00 Adjournment and dismissal

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Camp Directors—Don and Marjorie Overmyer
Assistant Camp Directors—Ed and Mildred O'Neil
Music Director for evening services—Richard Dick
Children's Class Director—Doris Brown
Recreation Director—C. F. Pryor
Delegate Pool Committee—Leota Hanson
Credentialed Committee Chairman—Mrs. F. L. Austin
Ministerial Association President—James Mattison
Priscillas' President—Jeanne Smith
Program Chairman—Harold Doan
Missionary Society President—Delbert Jones
Sunday School Department President—Harold Newnam

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President—S. O. Ross
First Vice President—Cecil Patrick
Second Vice President—John Hayse
Treasurer—Willard Naylor
Secretary—J. R. LeCrone
General Manager—Harold Doan

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Accommodations: Camp Mack is a large camp, with accommodations for families and for individuals. There are rooms and cabins. Reservations cannot be made in advance, but Bro. and Sr. Overmyer will assign families and individuals to suitable quarters upon arrival at camp.

Costs: The camp charges the General Conference \$2.85 per day per person for lodging and food. There is a special rate for small children. Costs of the Conference are met by offerings received at each evening service. Total costs have been met in this way in previous years, and this same procedure will be followed this year.

Facilities: There is a fine swimming beach with a lifeguard on duty each afternoon when the beach is open. There are tennis courts, horseshoes, volley ball, tether ball, shuffle board, and other recreational facilities, including boating on Lake Wabec. Grounds are spacious and beautiful. There is a canteen open several hours each day for refreshments and incidentals. Meals are excellent.

Fellowship and Spiritual Blessings: Among the greatest pleasures of General Conference is to renew old friendships, meet new friends among the brethren from far and near, and enjoy the week of fellowship with others of "like precious faith." The Bible classes, worship services, prayer services, and discussions of the Lord's work are a source of lasting inspiration and blessing. While the schedule is always full, there is time for fun and fellowship in a Christian atmosphere. We know you will enjoy the Conference and be happy that you attended.

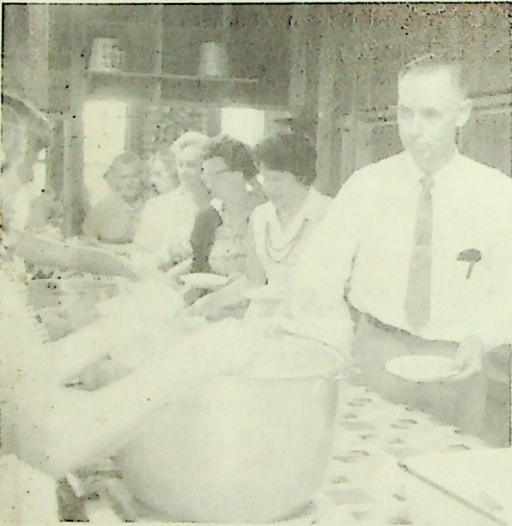
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Scenes from 1960 Church of God General Conference



EDITORIALS

Harold Doan
Editor

1960 GENERAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The 1960 General Conference, conducted at Camp Alexander Mack, was one of the best-attended, and most inspiring of all General Conferences. Three hundred seventy-five people were registered, and the majority were in attendance throughout the week. There was a wonderful spirit of unity and harmony, and great spiritual blessings were received by all who were in attendance.

Among other inspiring facts, there were seventy youngsters enrolled in the Bible school, and there were sixty-two teen-agers in attendance during most of the week. The children, under the direction of Sr. Doris Brown, and the young people under various teachers, also enjoyed the meetings and the fellowship of General Conference.

Evening messages were challenging, and special music, Communion, an ordination service, and the installation of new officers, added to the spiritual uplift of the meetings. Morning devotions and Bible classes and afternoon prayer services, also contributed to the general unity of faith and spirit.

In addition to a large number of delegates, many people attended the conference business meetings where important actions were taken that will determine the direction of future progress of the Church of God General Conference.

Plans are already being made for next summer's conference should the Lord tarry. The following dates have been confirmed for the 1961 General Conference at Camp Alexander Mack—August 6-11. It is also planned that the 1961 National Berean Youth Conference will follow the General Conference at Camp Mack, August 14-20.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTITUTION HERALD

The October 15 issue of *The Restitution Herald* will be Number 1 of Volume 50 of this Church of God publication. October 12, 1911, Volume 1, Number 1, of *The Restitution Herald* was published in Oregon, Illinois, by The

Restitution Publishing Company, with the late Bro. S. J. Lindsay as editor and manager.

Throughout the next publishing year, special attention will be given to this milestone in Church of God publishing and every effort will be made to acquaint all Church of God members with this long-established magazine of truth.

More than half of the families of the Church of God are not subscribers to *The Restitution Herald*. These families are missing a part of the evangelistic work of the Church of God and the blessing that can come from the messages of inspiration and truth that are presented by leaders of the church. If you are one of these families, why not subscribe now? Use the coupon on page 7.

SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL BEREAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

The 1960 National Berean Youth Conference has just concluded at Camp Reynoldswood. This was also one of the best youth conferences in our memory. One hundred five young people were enrolled, with eleven counselors. The weather was delightful; fellowship was wonderful; the classes and inspirational services were a blessing to all; and the fun of being together will be long remembered by all.

The Ohio Berean Quiz team won the national championship. In the first contest the East Oregon, Illinois, team, was eliminated by quizzers from Washington State. Ohio eliminated the Indiana All-Stars. In the final match, Ohio defeated the Washington team, to win the national championship. Each of the four teams competing deserves great honor for the hours of study and practice represented in the close contests at the national conference. (*Challenge* magazine will carry pictures and reports of the Quiz.)

FRONT PAGE PICTURES Upper left: table waiters, Paul Johnson, Iris Burnett, June Andrew, and Lila Van Fleet, wait for pancakes for their tables. Upper right: delegates in a business session considering Conference actions. Lower left: left to right; Pastors Richard Dick, Hollis Partlowe, Austin Railton, and Richard Worley, who were ordained at an evening service during the 1960 General Conference. Lower right: Pastor Richard Smith, assisted by Pastor Harry Sheets, conducting one of the two baptisms during General Conference. Bro. W. H. Fields, Springfield, Ohio, was immersed at this service.

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CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

August 9-12, 1960

J. R. LeCrone, Secretary

Morning Session—August 9, 1960

The meeting was called to order by President S. O. Ross at 9:40 a.m., Tuesday, August 9, 1960.

The Credentials Committee, consisting of Srs. Evelyn Austin, Ruth Halls, and Janet Turner then sent the delegates.

Bro. Harry Sheets led in prayer.

A communication from Sr. Verna C. Thayer was then read by the secretary.

Bro. Hayse moved and Bro. Harry Sheets seconded, that a letter of communication to Sr. Thayer be prepared, to be signed by all, and that those who wish to do so give a donation to be sent to Sr. Thayer. The motion carried.

Bro. Ross then delivered the President's Message to the Delegates. He called attention to the recommendations of the Board of Directors, and suggested that the delegates study the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-laws, and be prepared to accept or reject them.

Attention was also directed to the Organizational Chart of the Church of God General Conference, and the importance of leadership at the local level was emphasized.

A brief recess was taken at 10:55 a.m.

The meeting was again called to order at 10:57 a.m., and Bro. Harvey Krogh led in prayer.

Bro. Willard Naylor then gave the Treasurer's Report.

Bro. Milton Hall moved, and Sr. John Hayse seconded, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as given. The motion carried.

A report from Bro. Orville Westlund on his work as a navy chaplain was then read by the secretary.

Bro. C. E. Lapp moved, and Bro. Rolland Stilson seconded, that the report of Bro. Westlund be accepted, and that the Secretary be instructed to write Bro. Westlund a letter of commendation and encouragement. The motion carried.

Sr. Ada Simpson gave a report of the work of the Mission Board.

The report was declared approved as read.

Bro. John Denehfield reported on the progress of the missionary effort in Nova Scotia.

The Credentials Committee reported the following delegate attendance: officers 6; ministers 40; delegates 54; total 100. At the first session in 1959—102.

The meeting was recessed at 11:50, to be reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Bro. Emory Maey led in prayer.

Afternoon Session

Bro. Richard Smith led a devotional service.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Bro. Ross then turned the meeting over to Delbert Jones, president of the Missionary Board. Bro. Jones spoke of the necessity for supporting all phases of the missionary work of the church.

Sr. Simpson read the following recom-

mendation: We, the Missionary Board, recommend that the Board of Directors appoint a committee of three to work out the details for regional missionary conferences, to be held in 1961. The committee is to report at the fall meeting of the General Conference Board of Directors.

Bro. Denehfield was then called upon to speak concerning the future of the missionary effort at Lighthouse Mission, Digby, Nova Scotia.

A quartet of young people representing Nova Scotia sang, "Cleanse Me."

Bro. Denehfield then gave a detailed report of his hopes and plans for both the immediate and more distant future of the work in Nova Scotia.

Bro. Kenneth Milne offered the following recommendation: The committee appointed to study the possibility of having a national missionary Sunday recommends that the first Sunday in November be designated as "National Missionary Sunday." This to be observed annually. Signed Kenneth Milne, Hollis Partlow, C. E. Lapp.

Bro. Jones then called for nominations for the office of vice president of the Missionary Board. Bros. Timothy Pearson and Richard Smith were nominated.

Bro. William Wachtel moved and Bro. Rolland Stilson seconded, that the nominations cease. The motion carried.

The service was then turned back to the leadership of Bro. Ross, who opened the meeting for delegate action.

Bro. Jones moved and Bro. Kirkwood seconded, that the resolution presented by the Missionary Board with regard to regional missionary conferences be adopted. The motion carried.

Bro. Lapp moved, and Bro. Wachtel seconded, that the resolution relative to a National Missionary Sunday, to be observed annually on the first Sunday in November be adopted. The motion carried.

Bro. Don Overmyer moved, and Bro. Milton Hall seconded, that the following recommendation of the Board of Directors regarding pastoral aid to churches be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that this pastoral aid program be continued, since it is one of the best and most effective means by which the General Conference can help in the founding of new Churches of God.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved and Bro. Stilson seconded, that the following recommendation regarding Mission Builder's Aid be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that solicitation continue to enroll new Mission Builders and that we continue to have one or two appeals each year for worthy churches desiring to build or buy church buildings.

Bro. Jones moved and Bro. Johns seconded, that the following recommendation concerning Vacation Bible Schools be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that we continue to publish one new ten-lesson set of vacation Bible school lessons each year, and that each Church of God be encouraged

to conduct its own Bible school, but, where necessary, College students can be provided to give assistance. Orders for Church of God lesson materials should be placed as early after January 1 as possible so that the correct number of books can be printed.

Bro. Francis Burnett moved and Bro. Sheets seconded, that the following recommendation concerning a continued search for colored people to study at Oregon Bible College be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that continued search be made for colored workers to train for permanent work among the colored people.

Bro. Johns moved, and Bro. Huffer seconded, that the following recommendation with regard to furnishing vacation Bible school materials to those places which offer evangelistic opening for development of an established work, be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that vacation Bible school materials be furnished to those places which offer an evangelistic opening for development of an established work, such as some colored Bible schools, or new mission points.

The Credentials Committee reported the following delegate attendance for the afternoon session: officers 6; ministers 40; delegates 63; total 109. For the same session in 1959—107.

Bro. Timothy Pearson moved and Bro. Darrell Maddock seconded, that the meeting be recessed until August 10, at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried.

Bro. Cecil Patrick led in prayer.

Morning Session—August 10, 1960

The meeting was called to order by President Ross at 9:50 a.m.

Bro. Ellsworth Routson led in prayer.

The meeting was then turned over to the leadership of Bro. Delbert Jones, who conducted the election of vice president of the Missionary Society.

Bro. Timothy Pearson received the majority vote, and was declared elected.

Bro. Ross then announced that the Board of Directors has appointed the members of the Missionary Board to function as a committee of three, to plan regional missionary conferences for 1961.

Bro. Willis Turner explained the proposed revisions in the Constitution and By-laws of the General Conference, as they relate to organization and procedure.

A recess was declared at 10:30, and refreshments were served in the lobby.

The meeting was again called to order at 10:55.

Bro. Gerald Cooper led in prayer.

Bro. Turner continued with the explanation of the proposed revision of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Krogh explained the proposed revision of the Statement of Faith.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved, and Bro. Kenneth Milne seconded, that the report of the committee on the proposed revision of the constitution be accepted. The motion carried.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved, and Bro. Cecil Patrick seconded, that the recommendation of the Board of Directors, with regard to changing the corporate name to "Church of God General Conference" instead of National Bible Institution be adopted.

Bro. Francis Burnett moved and Bro. Kenneth Milne seconded, that the recommenda-

tion be amended as follows: In order to distinguish ours from other Church of God churches, and in compliance with our adoption of the name in our own Constitution, We, the Brush Creek Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, move that under General Recommendations, Part 2, the corporate name be changed to read: "Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith General Conference." The motion lost.

The original recommendation of the Board of Directors was then voted upon, and carried as follows: We recommend that the corporate name of this organization be changed from National Bible Institution to Church of God General Conference.

(The Church of God General Conference Constitution and By-Laws, as revised and adopted by the delegates, is printed in its entirety on pages 8 and 9.)

Bro. Arlen Marsh moved, and Bro. Roy Humphreys seconded, that the Preamble to the Constitution be adopted, with the four words "It is understood that" stricken. The motion carried.

Bro. Arlen Marsh moved, and Bro. Delbert Jones seconded, that the motion be amended to read as follows: The Church of God General Conference is a not for profit corporation. Delegates and interested members of the Churches of God will meet at a designated place and time to confer on all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the Churches.

Bro. Harvey Krogh moved, and Bro. Paul Johnson seconded, that the word "organization" be substituted for the word "corporation" in the preamble. The motion carried.

The motion as amended was then voted on and passed.

The Credentials Committee reported the following attendance: officers 6; ministers 42; delegates 69; total 117. At the same meeting last year, 105.

Bro. Arnold Johns moved, and Bro. Gerald Cooper seconded, that the meeting be recessed until 1:15 p.m. The motion carried.

Afternoon Session

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

Bro. Ross led in prayer.

Bro. Francis Burnett moved and Bro. Alva Huffer seconded that Article I of the revised constitution be adopted.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved, and Bro. Ben Carpenter seconded that Section 1 of Article I, be amended to read "Headquarters" instead of "General Offices." The motion carried.

The motion to adopt Article I as amended carried.

Bro. Willis Turner moved and Bro. Arnold Johns seconded, that Article II be adopted in its entirety.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved and Bro. William Wachtel seconded that Article II, Section 2 be amended to read, "A member church is a Church of God which has on record at headquarters a statement of affiliation with the General Conference." The motion carried.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved, and Bro. William Wachtel seconded, that in the third line of Section 3, the words "associated with" be stricken, and the word "of" substituted. The motion carried.

Bro. C. E. Lapp moved, and Bro. Rolland Stibson seconded, that in Article II, Section

1, the word "six" be changed to "twelve." The motion to amend lost.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved, and Bro. Hayse seconded, that the following words be added to Section 5: "Any delegate or delegation disqualified, may appeal to the General Conference in session." The motion carried.

Article II was then adopted as amended.

Bro. Willis Turner moved, and Bro. Cecil Patrick seconded that Article III, Section 2, close with the words, "not covered by our Constitution and By-laws." The motion carried. Article III was then adopted.

Bro. Willis Turner moved, and Bro. Delbert Jones seconded, that Article IV be adopted in its entirety, with the addition of the words "starting in 1961" added at the end.

Bro. Delbert Jones moved, and Bro. Arnold Johns seconded, that the words "three directors one year, two directors the following year, and two directors the next year, and directors shall be elected in this order hereafter" be deleted from Article IV, Section 6. The motion lost.

Bro. Turner, with the consent of Bro. Jones, withdrew the motion to add the words "starting in 1961."

Article IV was then adopted in its original form.

A consideration of the revision of the By-Laws was then started.

Bro. Harvey Krogh moved, and Bro. Milton Hall seconded, that Article I of the By-Laws be adopted, with the suggested addition of the word "immortal" to follow "eternal" in Section A of the Statement of Faith, and No. 3 of Section F to read, "baptism, which is immersion."

Bro. Francis Burnett moved, and Bro. Paul Johnson seconded, that the following be added to Section II, under the Statement of Faith. "The Church of God will recognize those members who, because of their religious convictions, claim exemption from military service." The motion carried.

Bro. C. F. Pryor moved, and Bro. Arnold Johns seconded, that No. 2, under F in the Statement of Faith be amended by adding the words, "Confessing Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and Lord." The motion carried.

Section C of the Statement of Faith was changed by common consent to read, "We believe that the Holy Spirit is God's divine power and influence, manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of His people. We believe that the Holy Spirit is not a person."

Article I of the By-Laws was then adopted as amended.

Nominations were then declared to be open for vice president and secretary.

Nominated for vice president were Milton Hall, Vernis Wolfe, and Garnett Coverston.

Bro. Delbert Jones moved, and Bro. Hayse seconded, that nominations for vice president close. The motion carried.

Nominated for secretary were Francis Burnett and Fred Schuld.

Bro. Gerald Cooper moved, and Bro. Ben Carpenter seconded, that nominations for secretary close. The motion carried.

The Delegate Pool expense was reported to be \$51.82.

The Credentials Committee reported the afternoon delegate attendance to be: officers 5; ministers 38; delegates 65; total 108. Last year—107.

Bro. Milton Hall moved, and Bro. Roy Humphreys seconded, that the meeting be recessed until 8:15 on August 11. The motion carried. Bro. Belus Holt led in prayer.

Morning Session—August 11, 1960

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m.

Bro. Francis Burnett led in prayer.

The minutes of the meeting for August 10 were read and, with minor corrections, approved.

The election of a vice president and secretary was then held, with the following results. Bro. Milton Hall was elected vice president, and Bro. Francis Burnett was elected to the office of secretary.

A ten-minute recess was declared at 10:35. The meeting was again called to order at 10:55. Bro. Demmitt led in prayer.

Bro. Turner explained that since the change in the corporate name, Articles 2 and 3 of the By-Laws become unnecessary, and recommended their elimination, with the exception of Section 3 of Article III, which would then become Section 7 of Article IV, which now becomes Article II. Each of the following Articles to be numbered from Article II.

Bro. Alva Huffer moved, and Bro. Willis Turner seconded, that Article II be adopted. The motion carried.

It was agreed by common consent, that wherever the term "Restitution Herald or Progress Journal" appears in the Constitution, it be changed to the "Restitution Herald and (or) Progress Journal."

Bro. Harvey Krogh moved, and Bro. Arlen Marsh seconded, that in Article IV, Section 7 of the Constitution, the words "temporary appointment of such directors may be made by the Board of Directors until the next Annual Election," be added. The motion carried.

Bro. Schuld moved, and Bro. Pryor seconded, that Article II, Section 6 (B) be amended by adding the words; "only by a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors."

Bro. Harvey Krogh moved, and Bro. Delbert Jones seconded, that the amendment be amended to read "by five sevenths" instead of "by a majority." The motion lost.

The original motion was then voted on and lost.

Bro. Willis Turner moved and Bro. Milton Hall seconded, that Article III be adopted, with the words "not fewer than" stricken. The motion carried.

Bro. Willis Turner moved and Bro. Roy Humphreys seconded, that Article IV be adopted.

By common consent, it was agreed to strike out the word "wholly" and to add the words "and offerings," to "tithes." The words "giving of" were to be added, and the word "voluntary" stricken.

With these changes, the motion carried.

Bro. Willis Turner moved, and Bro. Ben Carpenter seconded, that Article V be adopted. The motion carried.

Bro. Milton Hall moved, and Bro. Roy Humphreys seconded, that Article VI be adopted.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved, and Bro. Willis Turner seconded, that Article VI be amended by deleting the words "or personally interested in the disposition of the funds of the institution," and the words "or any regular employee of the Church of God General Conference," be added. The motion carried.

The motion, as amended, was then passed.

Bro. Willis Turner moved, and Bro. Delbert Jones seconded, that the Constitution as revised and amended, be adopted in its entirety, and go into effect in 1961. The motion carried.

The Credentials Committee reported: officers 6; ministers 38; delegates 66; total 110. Last year—114.

Bro. Cecil Patrick moved, and Bro. Roy Humphreys seconded, that the meeting be recessed until 1:15 in the afternoon.

Bro. Milton Hall led in prayer.

Afternoon Session—August 11, 1960

The meeting was again called to order at 1:40, following a devotional period.

Bro. Francis Burnett moved, and Bro. Paul Johnson seconded, that printing of the adopted constitution in pamphlet form be withheld until after the annual conference of 1961, to allow for amendments, if so desired. The motion carried.

Bro. C. E. Randall moved, and Bro. Harold Doan seconded, that the following resolution be adopted: Realizing the dangers inherent in certain phases of the current political campaign to undermine the traditional principle of separation of church and state and the sinister effects which will gradually come to our way of life in this country—Be it resolved that we use our various mediums of communication to apprise our people of the dangers inherent in the encroachments being made by the Roman Catholic hierarchy on the freedoms contained in the separation of church and state. The motion carried.

Bro. Harvey Krogh gave a report of the activities of the Board of License and Ordination during the past year.

Bro. Krogh also reported for the Board for the Administration of the Ministers' Retirement Fund.

Bro. Doan moved, and Bro. Humphreys seconded, that the report of the Board of License and Ordination be accepted. The motion carried.

Bro. Turner moved, and Bro. Randall seconded, that the report of the Board for the Administration of the Ministers' Retirement Fund be accepted. The motion carried.

Bro. Randall reported for the Oregon Bible College Booster Committee.

Bro. Doan reported on the expansion plan for Oregon Bible College.

Bro. Dick reported for the Board of Education.

Bro. Delbert Jones moved, and Bro. Ellsworth Routson seconded, that the Board of Directors' recommendation under Oregon Bible College be adopted. The motion carried. That the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign be continued to secure commitments and contributions from those who have not yet participated in this program, and that as soon as at least \$75,000.00 in cash has been received from these gifts, commitments, and bequests, construction be started on a building that will fill the immediate needs of Oregon Bible College. Money from commitments and bequests and gifts in excess of the amount needed to complete this building should be held in reserve for future building needs.

In the meantime, every effort should be made to improve the staff, curriculum, service activities, and class and administrative facilities of Oregon Bible College.

A brief rest period was observed at 2:30.

The meeting was again called to order at 2:35.

Bro. Hayse moved, and Bro. Turner seconded, that the continuing board members of 1960 recommend that we give a standing vote of thanks to the two retiring members. The motion carried.

Bro. William Wachtel reported on his proposed studies at Wheaton College.

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, Bro. Hayse commended the work of the staff of Oregon Bible College, and moved a standing vote of appreciation. Bro. Harvey Krogh, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sr. Ada Simpson moved and Bro. Hollis Partlow seconded, that the churches receive a special offering on National Missionary Sunday for projects as recommended by the National Missionary Board. The motion carried.

Bro. Delbert Jones moved, and Bro. Timothy Pearson seconded, that a rising vote of thanks be given Bro. C. E. Lapp in recognition of his services on the Missionary Board. The motion carried.

Bro. Delbert Dunbar reported for the Committee on Finances, and suggested that the organizational plan of the Silver Anniversary Campaign be used in raising funds for the work of the General Conference.

Bro. Doan moved and Bro. William Wachtel seconded the adoption of the following resolution: Whereas in the year 1960, an outstanding book "Systematic Theology," was published by the Church of God General Conference, and has been widely distributed and greatly appreciated within the Church of God; Be it resolved that this Conference be recorded as expressing its gratitude with a rising vote of thanks to Pastor Alva G. Huffer, author of this important work, for his years of sacrificial labor and this great contribution of time and talent which has been a blessing to the Church of God. The motion carried.

Bro. Willis Turner moved, and Bro. C. F. Pryor seconded, that recommendation No. 1, under Printing and Publishing be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that we add a line of tracts that will be brief and simple that can be used in contacting potential new members for the Church of God; and that tract prices be lowered, with the understanding that they will be subsidized by contributions, at least until volume of sales increases to the point that we can "break even" at the lower price.

Bro. Don Overmyer moved, and Bro. Roy Humphreys seconded, that recommendation No. 2 be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that the songbook, Songs of Truth, be revised before reprinting, with the addition of more hymns at the end of the book, if possible, so that both old and new books could be used interchangeably in the same churches. (Churches could then slowly replace the old books with revised editions, and continue to use the old and new together.)

Bro. Milton Hall moved, and Bro. Darrell Maddock seconded, that recommendation No. 3 be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that "Systematic Theology" be a stock book of the General Conference, in original or revised editions. Later editions could probably be more economically printed and, through a discount arrangement, could be offered for sale through regular bookstores.

Bro. Demmitt moved and Bro. Pearson seconded, that recommendation No. 1, under The Berean Youth Program be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that the National Bible Quiz be carried on another year.

Bro. Milton Hall moved, and Bro. Dallas Demmitt seconded, that recommendation No. 2 be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that even if it requires financial underwriting, the National Youth Conference be continued as a necessary part of the youth program.

Bro. Roy Humphreys moved, and Sr. Lily Wegner seconded, that recommendation No. 3 be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that each pastor take the initiative to see that adequate leadership is exercised in each local church to organize and continue the Berean Youth Fellowship program.

Bro. Timothy Pearson moved, and Bro. Darrell Maddock seconded, that recommendation No. 1, under General Recommendations be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that a committee be appointed to develop some standard plans for church buildings; this committee to work in conjunction with the Mission Builder's League to suggest possible plans for construction of church buildings and parsonages.

Bro. Delbert Jones moved, and Bro. Austin Raillon seconded, that recommendation No. 4 be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that every local Church of God be encouraged to hold the deed to its property jointly with its state or district conference or with the General Conference. This step will protect property from confiscation and will give added legal standing to a congregation in case of internal difficulties which endanger title to the property. Many churches have already done this and can testify to the wisdom of this arrangement.

Bro. Harold Doan moved, and Bro. John Denchfield seconded, that recommendation No. 5 be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that study be given to an annuity program whose funds would be used for a loan fund for the building of church buildings and parsonages. Such a fund would serve a double purpose: it would provide an income for annuity buyers and would establish a much-needed loan fund for church building. Interest paid by the borrowers would pay the interest on the annuities, and the administrative costs of handling the fund. Eventually this would become a revolving fund with its own capital, in addition to the active annuities.

Bro. John Hayse moved, and Bro. Roy Humphreys seconded, that recommendation No. 6 be adopted. The motion carried. We recommend that study be given by the Ministerial Association to the possibility and advisability of establishing a Board of Arbitration to counsel, when requested, with a church which has internal problems.

The Credentials Committee reported: officers 6; ministers 36; delegates 65; total 107. Last year—100.

Bro. Humphreys moved and Bro. Hayse seconded, that the meeting be recessed until August 12, at 9:45. The motion carried.

Bro. Doan led in prayer.

Morning Session—August 12, 1960

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Bro. C. F. Pryor led in prayer.

The minutes for the meeting of August 11, were read, and approved as read.

Bro. Robbins reported that, due to the help received from the Illinois State and General Conferences, the work of the Church of God at Peoria, Illinois, is prospering.

Bro. Arlon Marsh expressed the appreciation of the Bedford, Ohio, Church for Mission Builders Aid.

Bro. Gerald Cooper reported that, with Mission Builders aid, the San Jose, California, Church has been completed and dedicated.

Bro. John Hayse expressed appreciation for pastoral aid at Harlingen, Texas.

Bro. John Benchfield expressed appreciation for help in missionary work at Digby, Nova Scotia.

Bro. Dean presented the proposed budget, with comments and explanations.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES

October 1, 1960—September 30, 1961

Estimated Income	
Gross profit from sales and printing	\$20,000.00
Tuition, room & board	11,000.00
Total estimated income	\$31,000.00
Estimated Expenses	
Salaries	\$40,000.00
Light, water & fuel	2,700.00
Telephone & telegraph	450.00
Insurance	600.00
Postage	1,300.00
Supplies & expense	2,500.00
Advertising	100.00
Repairs & maintenance	1,500.00
Travel expenses	2,500.00
Pictures & cuts	900.00
Editorial expenses	1,250.00
Speakers	60.00
Assistance to churches	3,000.00
Foreign missions	5,200.00
Food	4,000.00
Rent	1,000.00
Taxes	2,000.00
Janitor service	800.00
Reserve for depreciation	4,000.00
Total estimated expenses	\$73,860.00
Contributions needed	\$42,860.00

Bro. Raymond Brown moved, and Bro. Arnold Johns seconded, that the Budget of \$42,860.00 for the year be adopted. The motion carried.

Bro. Pryor extended an invitation to all to attend the Ohio State Conference to be held at Golden Rule Church in Cleveland, August 24-28.

Bro. Ed Demmitt moved, and Bro. Harvey Krogh, Jr., seconded, that special emphasis be given in the September Progress Journal to raise the current budget, which ends September 30. The motion carried.

A brief discussion regarding a possible retirement plan for Church of God ministers, followed.

Bro. Delbert Jones moved and Bro. Raymond Brown seconded, that September 18, 1960, be designated as General Conference

Sunday, with special emphasis being made toward meeting our budget.

Bro. Wm. Wachtel moved that the Conference Board be permitted to select a date in the spring for the purpose. The motion lost for want of a second.

The original motion carried.
The Credentials Committee reported: officers 5; ministers 24; delegates 45; total 74. Last year—64.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Delegate Attendance	a.m.	p.m.
August 9	100	109
August 10	117	108
August 11	110	107
August 12	74	
		Last Year
Largest attendance	117	114
Smallest Attendance	74	64
Average attendance	104	101
Officers present (including mgr.)	6	5
Ministers present	43	39
Delegates present	70	70

Delegate forms sent	108	115
Delegate forms returned	102	62

Churches using delegate forms for first time: Denver, Colo.; Broadmoor Church, (Ark.)

Membership reported by number of churches returning	In-Active	active
delegate forms	3,412	793
1959	3,196	669

Approximate membership reported by conferences returning delegate forms
1959 2,663 14
1959 2,688 319
Committee, Evelyn H. Austin, Ruth T. Halls, Janet Turner.

Bro. Willis Turner moved, and Bro. Milton Hall seconded, that a standing vote of thanks be extended to Sr. Austin for providing this information. The motion carried.

The minutes of this meeting were then read, and approved as read.

Bro. Raymond Brown moved, and Bro. Gerald Cooper seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The delegates then joined in singing the first verse of "God Be With You."
Bro. Roy Graham led in prayer.

LICENSE AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met several times this past year to work on the revision of the statement of faith for the By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference and to examine those who made request for ministerial license.

There were only sixty-six who held recognition cards during all of the past year. Bro. John Hayse was granted a ministerial license on November 13, 1959. Bro. Jesse Peelle was granted a license on June 1, 1960.

Twenty-three of our ministers are ordained and four more: Bros. Richard Diek, Austin Railton, Hollis Partlowe, and Richard Worley were ordained on Wednesday evening at the 1960 General Conference.

We feel the loss of three of our ministers who recently fell asleep in death. They were: Bro. A. M. Jones on May 1; Bro. J. M. Morgan on May 18; and Bro. Grover Gordon on June 6.

We are sorry also that Sr. Verna Thayer had to give up her work in 1959 because of ill health. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Chairman.

REPORT OF MINISTERS' FUND

At the General Conference in August, 1959 a motion was made setting forth rules for administration of the Ministers' Fund. The board of five members, consisting of the pastors of the Oregon, Rockford, and Dixon Churches, Oregon Bible College Dean, and the General Manager of the National Bible Institution was organized.

Requests have been received in behalf of three of our ministers, Bro. Grover Gordon, Sr. Verna Thayer, and Bro. A. M. Jones. The sum of \$1500 has been given as gifts in accordance with the rules set forth in the original motion. \$329.00 has come into the fund by contributions, which leaves a balance of \$2,529.00. Anyone wishing to help maintain this fund may send contributions to National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Ill.
Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Chairman.

(One suggestion made at the General Conference was that birthday offerings from Sunday schools again be used to build this ministers' fund. Some churches already follow this practice.—Editor.)

Bibles and Books

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REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the Church of God General Conference

As Adopted at the 1960 General Conference Delegate Meetings

PREAMBLE

The Church of God General Conference is a not for profit organization. Delegates and interested members of the Church of God will meet at a designated place and time to confer in all matters pertaining to the spiritual life and business of the churches.

ARTICLE I

Time and Place of Conference

Section 1. The general offices of the Church of God General Conference shall be located at Oregon, Illinois.

Section 2. The General Conference shall meet once each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Conference or its Board of Directors, but in no case shall the date be fixed earlier than July 1, or later than August 31. Announcement of the time and place shall be made by the secretary of the Conference at least one month in advance by publication in The Restitution Herald and (or) Progress Journal. The General Conference may be called at such other times as may be necessary, and may convene upon consent of a majority of the member churches.

Section 3. For the purpose of conducting business, the General Conference is incorporated in the State of Illinois under the name of "Church of God General Conference," a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE II

Delegates

Section 1. Each member church of fifteen or more members, which has held at least six preaching services during the year, shall be entitled to one delegate for each fifty of its active members or fraction thereof.

Section 2. A member church is a church of God which has on record at headquarters a statement of affiliation with the General Conference.

Section 3. The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers of the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates-at-large and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches.

Section 4. An individual member who has attended at least four services, or who has made a financial or service contribution, during the year is considered an active member of his church. These shall be considered as minimum requirements only.

Section 5. A credentials committee shall be appointed by the chairman of the General Conference before every conference, and the committee shall have the power to confirm or disqualify any delegate according to the terms of this constitution. Any delegation thus disqualified may appeal to the Conference.

Section 6. Each church shall certify to the secretary of the General Conference the names of its delegates or delegate and alternates; this certification shall be accompanied by a list of the names and addresses of the active members to be represented. No delegate will be recognized in any conference session without having been recognized by the credentials committee. If any delegate is

absent from any conference session, an alternate who has been approved by the credentials committee may be appointed to act.

Section 7. Any church which cannot send a delegate or delegates to the annual conference may appoint a delegate or delegates from the general active membership of the Church of God. However, any delegate appointed under this section shall have only one vote, and under no circumstances can any delegate represent more than one church or state or district conference. A notice must be sent to the secretary of the Church of God General Conference containing a statement of the intentions of the church and the names and addresses of its active members to be represented, at least fifteen days before the Conference convenes.

Section 8. Each delegate shall have one vote.

ARTICLE III

Business Sessions

Section 1. All matters of General Conference business shall be open to the discussion of all members present, but only delegates may vote or introduce motions. All delegates shall be seated in a section of the auditorium reserved for them, and no delegate shall be allowed to vote unless seated in the reserved section.

Section 2. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of twenty-five duly qualified delegates. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by this Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE IV

Officers of the Conference

Section 1. Seven directors shall be elected in General Conference delegate sessions; said directors shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference. The Board of Directors shall organize by the election of necessary officers at the first meeting following each annual Conference election. These officers shall be a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer, and three board members.

Section 2. No elected director shall be a paid employee of the Church of God General Conference for a period longer than two months in any one year.

Section 3. The qualifications of each director shall be those given in 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1, and such other scriptures as teach the qualifications of church leaders.

Section 4. Nominations for each director shall be by General Conference delegates in session at least one day before the day set for the election, and shall not be closed with fewer than two nominees for each directorship.

Section 5. Nominations shall be made from the floor; but voting shall be done by ballot, and no nominee shall be elected unless he receives a majority of the votes cast. In case a majority is not received by any nominee in the first balloting, balloting shall continue after eliminating the name receiving the lowest number of votes, until an election is reached. Each director shall be elected separately.

Section 6. The terms of office for all General Conference directors shall be for three years. No director shall succeed himself for

a second term. Directors shall be elected in this order: three directors the first year, two directors the following year, and two directors the next year, and directors shall be elected in this order hereafter.

Section 7. Any director who may become inactive through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death, shall be replaced for the unexpired term by election at the next annual conference. Temporary appointment of such director may be made by the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE

ARTICLE I

Purpose of the Church of God General Conference

Section 1. The purposes for which the Church of God General Conference is incorporated are:

(A) That evangelistic work be extended to meet the needs of the Church of God everywhere, and to open new fields of missionary activity.

(B) That publishing facilities be provided under capable editorial supervision for the issuance of all necessary literature.

(C) That facilities be provided to aid in the education of those desiring to prepare themselves for the ministry or other religious work.

(D) That a board of benevolences be organized to minister to individual needs as they may arise.

Section 2. The Board of Directors and employees shall walk in a manner worthy of the calling wherewith they are called, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another [throughout the church] in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." In such oneness of spirit they shall unite in an effort to edify the body of Christ in utilizing the contributed strength of the church to affirm by print and voice the following Biblical truths and kindred truths, viz.:

Statement of Faith

A. GOD. We believe that only one person is God, and that He is a literal (corporeal) being—almighty, eternal, immortal, and the Creator of all things.

B. JESUS CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. He did not personally pre-exist.

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit is not a person, but is God's divine power and influence manifest in God's mighty works and in the lives of His people.

D. THE BIBLE. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, given by divine inspiration, and that it is the only authoritative source of doctrine and practice for Christians.

E. MAN. We believe that man was created innocent, but through disobedience to God fell under condemnation of death—the cessation of all life and consciousness. All men, being both sinful and mortal, are in need of salvation.

F. SALVATION. We believe that salvation is by the grace of God, through the atoning blood of Christ, and that it consists of God's forgiveness of sin, the imparting of His Spirit to the believer, and finally the gift of immortality at the resurrection when Christ returns. The steps in the gospel plan of salvation are:

- 1) Belief of the gospel of the Kingdom and the things concerning Jesus Christ;
- 2) Sincere repentance for sin, which may be evidenced by confession and restitution;
- 3) Baptism—which is immersion—in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.
- 4) Growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G. THE CHURCH OF GOD. We believe that the Church of God is the Scriptural name for that body of people who have been called out from among all nations through obedience to the gospel plan of salvation. Christ is the Head of the Church; and the nature, work, and government of the Church are set forth in the New Testament.

H. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. We believe that the Christian life is primarily a life of consecrated discipleship to Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour, and Teacher. It will be based on the standards which He taught and exemplified. Thus, it will be characterized by prayerful dependence on God, study of His Word, and faithful stewardship of time and possessions—with tithing as a practical expression of such stewardship. The Church of God will recognize those members who, because of their religious convictions, claim exemption from military service.

I. ISRAEL. We believe that "Israel" is the name of the literal descendants of Abraham through Jacob. As God's chosen nation, Israel was given the land of Palestine, but because of disobedience they were scattered throughout the world. In accordance with God's covenant with them, they will be restored to Palestine as the head of the nations in the Kingdom of God.

J. THE KINGDOM OF GOD. We believe that the Kingdom of God will be established on earth when Christ returns personally and visibly to reign as King in Jerusalem over the whole earth, with the Church as joint-heirs with Him. His Millennial reign will be followed by the final judgment and destruction of the wicked, after which will be established "New Heavens and a New Earth" wherein there will be no more death and God will be all in all.

ARTICLE II

Duties of the Officers

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the chairman to call and preside at all meetings of the General Conference and of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference and to perform all other duties properly belonging to the presiding officer, not otherwise provided.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the vice chairman to assist the chairman when called upon to discharge the executive duties, and to act in the chairman's place in case of the absence or disability of the chairman.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, to keep a record of the activities and accomplishments of the Conference to report such minutes and records to the General Conference when requested to do so, and at any other time when called upon by the chairman or board of directors.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the treasurer or of his representative as authorized by the Board of Directors, to receive all monies, to disburse the same, and to keep an accurate account thereof. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep safely all funds in the possession and control of the Conference, to make a complete annual report of the receipts and disbursements to the annual conference

and to the Board of Directors upon request, to submit such reports for publication, and to see that the accounts of the Conference are kept so as to show its financial standing at all times. The treasurer shall furnish surety to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to transact and administer the business of the Conference in accordance with these by-laws and Article I above. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the chairman or at the call of two or more members of the board, notice having been given of the date and place of meeting a reasonable time in advance. Notice by mail, telephone, telegram, by publication in The Restitution Herald and (or) the Progress Journal, or in person, shall be deemed sufficient. The Board of Directors shall have power to devise ways to accomplish the objects of the Conference as set forth in Article I, Section 1, above.

Section 6. The Board of Directors is empowered:

(A) To acquire and hold real property and personal property.

(B) To sell or otherwise dispose of property.

(C) To raise money by subscription.

(D) To receive gifts, donations, and bequests.

(E) To receive and hold monies in trust as foundations or endowments, the profits of which shall be used in maintaining the work of the Conference.

(F) To employ a competent General Manager who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of General Conference, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned him.

(G) To fill temporarily by appointment any elective office that may become vacant through sickness, resignation, prolonged absence, or death of any incumbent, until the next annual conference, when the vacant office shall be filled by regular election.

(H) To do any other necessary act for the establishment, prosecution, and accomplishment of the business of the Church of God General Conference.

Section 7. The work undertaken by the Conference shall be divided into such departments as may be necessary, each department to be provided with its own head, all under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

Quorum for Doing Business

Section 1. A quorum of the board of directors for transacting of business shall consist of five members.

ARTICLE IV

Financial Policy of the Church of God General Conference

Section 1. The financial policy of the Church of God General Conference shall be based upon the principle of giving of tithes and offerings by all members, both churches and individuals. The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference shall be governed in the work undertaken by the unified budget adopted by action of the delegates at the annual General Conference session.

ARTICLE V

Amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws

Section 1. The constitution and by-laws of

the Church of God General Conference may be amended, altered, or revised by a two-thirds majority vote of delegates present at any General Conference meeting, notice having been given of the proposed amendment or revision in at least three consecutive issues of The Restitution Herald and (or) the Progress Journal, the first appearance thereof to be at least thirty days prior to the convening of the conference by which it is to be considered. Said notice shall plainly state the nature and purpose of the amendment or revision. Publication in The Restitution Herald and (or) the Progress Journal shall be deemed sufficient notice.

ARTICLE VI

Auditing of the Books of the Conference

Section 1. The chairman shall appoint a competent auditor whose duty shall be to examine the books and other financial records of the treasurer and to make a full report of their condition in writing to the General Conference at its annual meeting, or at such other time or times as may be required. Said auditor shall in no case be a member of the Board of Directors, or an employee of the Church of God General Conference.

NEW CONSTITUTION TO TAKE EFFECT NEXT YEAR

This Constitution and By-Laws was adopted to take effect in 1961. During this year, the change of names will be legally made and by next Conference time, should the Lord tarry, the changes provided in this new document can go into full effect.

The new Constitution and By-Laws will not be printed in booklet form until after next year's General Conference business meetings. This will be done to give ample time for other amendments to be made before a final printing.

Delegates attending the General Conference business meetings this year, came informed of the desires of their churches and conferences in regard to the proposed revisions. We hope that the same study will be given now to the adopted Constitution and By-Laws.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 23-25—Illinois State Youth Retreat, Camp Emmaus
- September 30-October 2—Michigan Fall Conference, Blanchard
- October—Booster Month for Oregon Bible College
- October 28-30—Southwest Conference, Los Angeles
- October 29—Illinois Ministers' Meeting at Eldorado
- October 29, 30—Illinois Quarterly Conference at Eldorado
- November 6—National Missionary Sunday in all Churches of God
- November 11, 12—Church of God General Conference Board of Directors meeting, Oregon, Ill.
- August 6-11, 1961—Church of God General Conference, Camp Alexander Mack

General Conference Progress



**CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Pictured above is the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors. Left to right they are: Willard Naylor, treasurer; Francis Burnett, secretary; S. O. Ross, president; John Hayse, second vice president; Milon Hall, first vice president. The Board of Directors is elected by the delegates at the annual General Conference session. The term of office is three years. Next year, according to the terms of the new Constitution and By-Laws, the Board will be enlarged to seven members, to give a greater representation on the Board from different sections of North America.

Members of the Board serve without salary, and give much in the way of time, energy, talent, and personal funds to carry on their responsibility. The Board usually meets three times during the year, and at General Conference several times, to consider the many phases of the work of the Church of God General Conference.

NAME CHANGE TO TAKE EFFECT NEXT YEAR

The change of name of the corporation from *National Bible Institution* to *Church of God General Conference* will not take effect till Conference time next year. During the months between now and then checks and other correspondence should still be addressed to National Bible Institution.

OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE BOOSTER DAY COMING

The Oregon Bible College Board of Education has selected the month of October again this year as Booster

Month. Instructions and supplies are being sent to the ministers, who are being asked to conduct the campaign or to appoint someone to do so. The Board desires that each congregation set aside one Sunday of October as College Day, or Booster Day at which time the College program and College needs will be emphasized and the College Booster campaign will be conducted. Further information will be given in the October number of Progress Journal.

GENERAL CONFERENCE GIVING EMPHASIS SEPTEMBER 18

As you will have noticed in the Minutes of the General Conference, and as you will quickly observe from the figures below, delegates were concerned with good reason for the fact that giving has not been equal to our goals for giving in the current fiscal year. With only one month left in this year, \$11,377.64 is needed to meet the goal adopted at the 1959 General Conference meeting. This deficit has meant a curtailing of some work, and inability to undertake new projects by the General Conference.

It was moved by the delegates that on September 18, special attention and emphasis be given in each Church of God to the General Conference budget, and that each member be encouraged to help reach our goal by September 30.

It will be left to the pastor and leaders of each church to decide what should be done to give proper emphasis to this matter, but we pray that each one will take the responsibility and be concerned in this matter. The services of the General Conference: Oregon Bible College, pastoral aid, foreign missions, evangelism, Berean Youth Fellowship, printing and publishing, and many other general services; are worthy of our support.

GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1959 - 1960

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

\$42,710.00

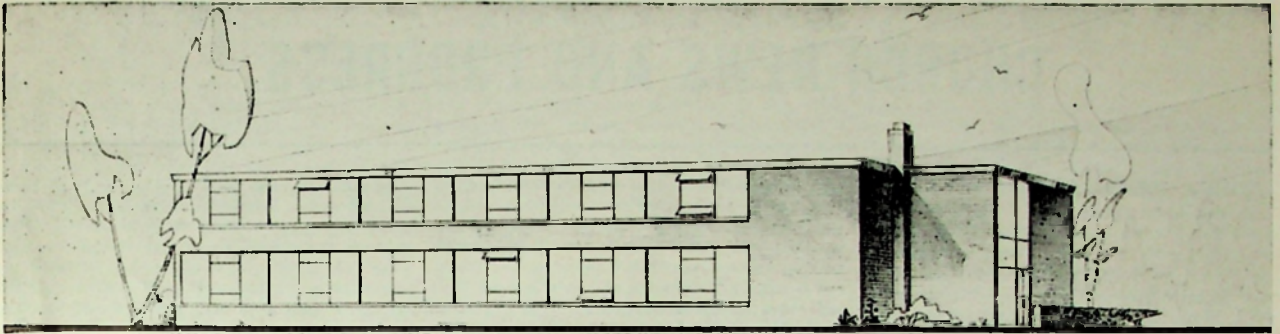
Given Through June 30

\$31,323.36

Balance Needed by September 30

to Reach Our Goal

\$11,377.64



Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the Expansion of Oregon Bible College

The end of the Decade of Development Program and the Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College will be reached in 1964, should our Lord tarry. In keeping with the growth of the Church of God and the need for trained workers to shepherd the flock and evangelize, Oregon Bible College, the training center for Church of God leaders, must expand its physical facilities.

A building like the one sketched above, to house a dormitory, kitchen-cafeteria, and library, would fill the immediate needs for additional space for Oregon Bible College.

After years of planning and progressive actions by the Church of God General Confer-

ence, the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign has been launched to provide the estimated \$125,000.00 needed to build and equip the proposed building.

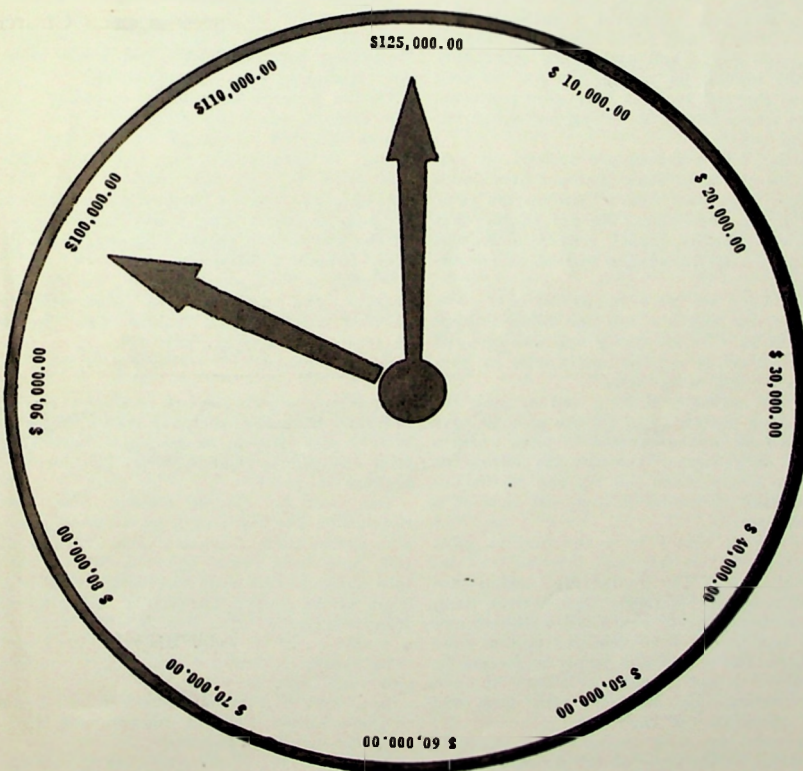
The campaign, launched in the spring, has already received heartening response, and more than \$98,000.00 has been committed and contributed by the Lord's people for this important undertaking. It is hoped that after the total amount of funds needed has been committed, and after at least \$75,000.00 of this amount has been received in contributions, that construction can begin.

Now is the time for decision! What will you undertake to do to make this vision re-

ality? Commitments, lump sum contributions, transfer of stocks or bonds, are needed to help the Church of God reach its goal and to go on to the concrete plans of bringing this building into being.

Pray for the Lord to guide you in giving. Trust in Him to provide the means to meet your commitment, and to make possible your sacrificial giving.

This is an effort over and above your regular tithes and offerings for the work of the Church of God. This is a call to go the second mile, to do more than usual for the sake of the gospel and the preparation of messengers to proclaim the salvation that is in Christ.



● WILL YOU GIVE?

\$5000 at	\$1000.00 per year, or	\$85.00 monthly
1000 at	250.00 per year, or	17.00 monthly
500 at	100.00 per year, or	8.50 monthly
300 at	60.00 per year, or	5.00 monthly
250 at	50.00 per year, or	4.25 monthly
200 at	40.00 per year, or	3.50 monthly
150 at	30.00 per year, or	2.50 monthly
100 at	20.00 per year, or	1.75 monthly
75 at	15.00 per year, or	1.50 monthly
50 at	10.00 per year, or	1.00 monthly

● USE THIS COUPON

My intentions are to give \$..... payable at \$..... (per year) (per month) for the expansion of Oregon Bible College, should the Lord tarry and continue to make this sacrificial giving possible for me.

Please send me a Campaign packet.

Name

Address

City State

(Mail to: National Bible Institution, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.)

CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

BIBLE SCHOOL AT BLOOD RIVER

A successful Bible school was conducted June 20-24, 1960, at the Blood River Church of God. Lucille Richardson was superintendent, assisted by Mary Helen Mattison. The new lessons prepared by Iris Burnett were used. Many of the teachers and several parents commented on the high quality of the lessons.

A new schedule was introduced this year. Instead of holding morning classes, we convened from 2:00 until 4:30 each afternoon. This plan worked very nicely. A school bus was driven by the pastor, enabling some to come who would not otherwise have been able to attend.

Total enrollment was 142; average attendance was 116; 72 children, teachers, and helpers had perfect attendance.

James Mattison, Pastor.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

The Michigan Conference was held at Camp Chief Noonday, June 12 to 18, 1960. Even though it rained nearly every day, there was good attendance and everyone enjoyed the week of fellowship together. Nearly one hundred stayed at the camp and many others drove in for some of the services. It was decided to have the Conference at a camp again next year.

The following officers were elected: first vice president, Clair Aleumbraek, 1419 Pickett St., Grand Rapids; secretary, Wm. Hanson, Caledonia.

The Fall Conference is to be held at Blanchard September 30 through October 2. Wm. Hanson, Secretary.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Northwest Conference held its fifty-second annual June meeting at Felida, Wash. Everyone enjoyed and benefited from the fine fellowship and co-operation experienced and the thought-provoking sermons, musical contributions by the young folks, the added feature of kodachrome slides, the common interest of kindred spirits. All will be long remembered.

Bro. William Dick, our guest speaker from Pomona, Calif., gave a series of interesting sermons from which we gained new interpretations and new thoughts on a number of Bible topics.

Attendance was good at all meetings. We had a Sunday school class for adults and another for the young people. All the officers were re-elected: Ava Kelley, president; Flora Anthon, vice president; Fern Bell, secretary; Leo Behrends, treasurer. Conference ended with Communion service, Bro. John Humphreys, officiating.

The delicious Sunday dinner at the church was thoroughly enjoyed and afforded opportunity for much good fellowship. It is good to become better acquainted with the brethren whom we seldom see.

We were glad to become acquainted with Bro. Dick, to hear about a number of our

churches he has visited and to see them on the screen, to hear of the work his church in Pomona is doing with the active young people's group. We pray for the Lord's blessings on the workers in the churches. We thank our heavenly Father for the privilege of having these conferences, and all hope to meet again for more inspirational meetings.

Fern Bell, Secy.

MORSE MILL CHURCH OF GOD

The new basement addition at Morse Mill, Mo., is nearing completion. We are thankful to God that we have this additional space to use for Sunday school, vacation Bible school, and all our social activities. We are continuing to use the old church building for worship services and part of our Sunday school classes. The new addition will soon be paid for and then we hope to build a new sanctuary on the top of it. We thank God for the donations of money and labor which have made this possible.

We now have an outside illuminated bulletin board. The young people of the church donated money for this purpose. Dr. and Mrs. Norman Tierney donated the large piece of plate glass used in the front of it. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Picken donated other materials and Mr. Fieken made the sign. The young men of the church helped to install it.

We have just completed a successful vacation Bible school. Attendance tied that of last year's record and both years' attendance was the highest on record. We are working to keep the new children that were contacted by the school and to meet and encourage the parents, also.

Sunday school attendance records on special days this year show that our attendance on those days was higher than on the same days in the past years. We are hoping that when our Sunday school year is over, the average yearly attendance will be as encouraging.

At Easter we were happy to have Bro. C. E. Lapp and the Oregon Bible College gospel team with us. Our group was inspired by their services and the opportunity to meet and fellowship with them.

We are earnestly seeking and praying for a full-time pastor. Until we are able to have one with us, we have voted to have worship service each Sunday through the efforts of our own group. Each Sunday one of the upper classes in Sunday school will sponsor a worship service.

Our young people were the first to offer their help in this way and presented an inspiring service. The junior high group prepared a special Father's Day service, with the co-operation of the small children and the young people who presented several song numbers. The writer was deeply impressed by the sincerity and earnestness shown by each one participating. We feel that God will bless them all for their efforts.

However, we were especially thankful to God when, at the close of the worship service

conducted by the adult class, Miss Sandra Harper came forward, confessing Christ as her Saviour and requesting baptism. She was baptized by Bro. Kirby Davis on Sunday June 26, 1960. Immediately afterwards a Communion service was held at the church. We pray that God will richly bless Sandra as she continues to serve Him. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harper of Morse Mill.

The Morse Mill and St. Louis Area is a tremendous missionary field and we earnestly request your prayers as we try in our own humble way with God's help to reach as many as possible.

Mrs. Orville Buxton, Sunday school supt.

CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE Bedford, Ohio

Thanks to help from the Mission Builders and from others who have contributed liberally to our building fund, the Bedford Church of God (local name: Church of the Open Bible) has reduced its debt by mid-July to a little less than \$3,000.

No words would be sufficient to express our gratitude for the help that has come to us. Additional aid is still coming in, and we hope soon to be wholly debt-free.

Baptism of Miss Nancy Humphrey was reported earlier as having taken place the week after Easter. Nancy's father, William Humphrey, was baptized a few weeks later. Bro. Humphrey is a church trustee.

During a series of business meetings lasting through much of May and June, the church adopted a simple constitution, declared its association with the Ohio State Conference through one article of the constitution, and elected Sunday school officers. Election of church officers was postponed until the end of the vacation season, probably after General Conference.

Sunday school superintendent is Howard Seabeck, who transferred his membership to us from the Cleveland Golden Rule Church of God only recently. His wife, Ruth Seabeck, transferred her membership at the same time.

Assistant superintendent is Daniel Hayes. Secretary-treasurer of the Sunday school is Miss Nancy Hayes, whose name may have been changed by marriage by the time this appears in print.

Bro. and Sr. George Keiffer, who were responsible for teaching a great many members of the three Cleveland area Churches of God, have been forced by ill health to move to a nursing home near Pittsburgh. Their address is the Bessie Cartwright Convalescent Home, Imperial, Pa. Bro. Keiffer suffered a stroke early in July. His wife has never fully recovered from an arm injury received two years ago.

Bro. and Sr. Arthur Noske were chosen to serve as the Bedford delegate and alternate to General Conference.

J. Arlen Marsh, Pastor.

BURR OAK REMODELING

Burr Oak, Indiana

For a number of years the members of the Burr Oak Church have been working towards a remodeling and "face-lifting" job for the church. Plans were finally completed, a contract let, and construction is now under way.

The loose red brick has been removed, and Indiana limestone is now being laid. Plans call for covering the entryway, steps and all, and making a new stairway to the basement alongside the one leading to the vestibule. The front of the building is being enlarged, providing for a larger classroom, an additional classroom, and enlarging the basement.

The finished building will feature new windows with colored glass, and a new steeple. When completed, members will be re-landscaping the grounds.

While in the process of construction, it was decided also to add a porch to the parsonage. For the present, this will consist of merely a floor and roof, but the members will probably screen it in themselves before too long.

The contractor has planned the work so that services can be conducted as usual on the inside, though the outside looks ready to collapse. Marjorie Overmyer, Secretary.

EDEN VALLEY NEWS

Eden Valley, Minnesota

On June 4, 1960, at the Eden Valley Church, with Bro. E. O. Routson officiating, Jay Brossard and Judy Peters were united in marriage. Both are graduates of Eden Valley high school and Jay graduated from The Northwest School of Technology, while Judy is a graduate of Humboldt Institute. Both young people are active in church work.

Our cradle roll has increased by three. A son was born July 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamilton; a daughter July 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Mills; and on April 14, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hamilton.

At the election of officers concluding the annual June Conference, Elmo Gaspar was re-elected president and Frank Johnson of Hector was elected treasurer, to serve with Carroll Bennett, vice president, and Mrs. Orpha Rubin, secretary. This series of meetings with local pastors as speakers was held at Long Lake Island Camp.

Mrs. Earl Brossard, Secretary.

BAPTISMS AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

We are happy to announce the baptism of the following young people of the Los Angeles Church: Nancy Smith, 138 E. 104th St., Los Angeles; Judy Chain and Dennis Chain, 10250 Western Ave., Downey; and Wane Wolcott and Robin Wolcott, 2848 Manhattan St., La Crescenta.

All of these young people attended the Southwest Berean Youth Camp, June 26-July 3, at Wrightwood, Calif. Nancy, Wane, and Robin made their decisions at camp, Wane being baptized at camp on July 2, 1960; the others were baptized at the Los Angeles Church on July 17, 1960.

We welcome these Christian young people to the household of faith, praying that God will bless them as they live for Him, and further praying that He will help their parents and us, as leaders, to nurture them in the Christian way. T. M. Ferrell, Pastor.

INDIANA CONFERENCE

Indiana State Bible School and Conference was conducted June 19-25, 1960, at Camp Mack. Brother Tim Pearson was director of the camp which had over sixty in "residence," with others driving over during the daytime sessions. The largest number present for a meal, according to Sr. Austin Raiton, who had charge of the dining room, was 84. Bro. and Sr. Ed O'Neil, of Hope Chapel, served as dean of boys and matron of girls, respectively.

Bro. and Sr. Harold Doan attended as guest leaders and Bro. Doan spoke on Sunday evening and again on Friday. The other evenings were planned especially for the youth.

Regular business sessions of the Conference were held on Saturday. Officers elected included Bro. Austin Raiton, president; Bros. Ed O'Neil and Meredith New, vice presidents; Sr. Nettie Guge, secretary; and Bro. Don Overmyer, treasurer. Bro. Tim Pearson was elected for the post of state youth director.

In the Sunday School Association meeting, Sr. Mellie Trongean was elected president; Sr. Cecil Raiton, vice president; and Sr. Mildred O'Neil, secretary-treasurer. Sr. Opal New was re-elected president of the Missionary Society; Bro. Ed O'Neil, vice president; and Sr. Evelyn Overmyer, secretary-treasurer.

On Saturday afternoon, Paula Reichard of Hope Chapel was baptized in the waters of Lake Wabec by her pastor, Bro. Tim Pearson. Barbara Overmyer expressed her desire to be baptized and was baptized the following day by her pastor, Bro. Warren Sorenson.

All in all, it was deemed a wonderful week, and the youth are certainly looking forward to the next year.

Marjorie Overmyer, Reporter.

THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

The Texas Conference convened June 26-July 3. There was good attendance. Everyone enjoyed the fine lessons given by Bro. Paul Shaw, our guest speaker, and Bro. Richard Worley, our state evangelist. We had a good Bible school led by Sr. Dolena Shaw. There was a picnic on Saturday for all the young people. A good time was had by all.

Our Conference voted to keep all the same officers who were to be elected. They were W. H. Reeves, Mullin, first vice president; Alvin Wolfe, Gatesville, second vice president; and Alvena Gandy, Midland, secretary. Alvena Gandy, Secretary.

REVIVAL SERVICES IN VIRGINIA

We are able to report very good revival services in both of the churches. The attendance and interest were good throughout the meetings. The high attendance at the Maurertown Church was 73, and the average was 51. The high attendance at the Fort Valley Church was 104, and the average was 80.

Everyone enjoyed the enthusiastic preaching of Bro. Raymond Brown. Sr. Brown provided a special program for the children each evening. Those who heard it came back as often as they could. The music was wonderful, with the Browns taking a leading part in it. Bro. Richard Dick also helped with the services.

Lonny Ward confessed his faith in Jesus

Christ, and was baptized in His name for the remission of sins during the services.

We know that the churches were blessed and revived as a result of the services, and our hope and prayer is that more conversions will result from the seed sown.

I want to thank those who were faithful in attendance. We had some who attended all sixteen services. We had some who attended almost all of the services. We had some who attended only once or twice or not at all. To those I can only say that they missed a chance to receive a blessing from God, and an opportunity to testify to their faith.

Dale Ward, Pastor.

ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference was held at Clarks Chapel. We had good attendance. There were five good speakers and all gave good sermons. There was Bible study in the afternoon for adults and young people.

Our new officers are Earnest Cox, president; Eddie Mathews, vice president; Mrs. Blanch Hayse, treasurer; Ethel Humphreys, secretary; Bro. W. R. Simmons, evangelist. Bro. Simmons is ready to go and work. Won't you give him an opportunity?

Our conference was good, and all who attended received a great benefit. We pray, if it be the Lord's will, more will help us next year. Remember, the Lord doesn't really need us, but we surely need Him.

If you need a vacation, try our conference. Let's all do our best for the Master.

Ethel Humphreys, Secretary.

FAITH CHAPEL

Peoria, Illinois

On August 21, 1960, Patsy Schaefer and Betty Patterson came forward and confessed Christ. That same afternoon they were immersed in Christ Jesus for the remission of their sins by Pastor Louis Kump. After the baptismal service, all returned to the church for the Communion service. We pray the blessings of our Father to rest upon these two young people as they start their new life for Christ. Hilda Kump, Secretary.

BURR OAK, INDIANA, NEWS

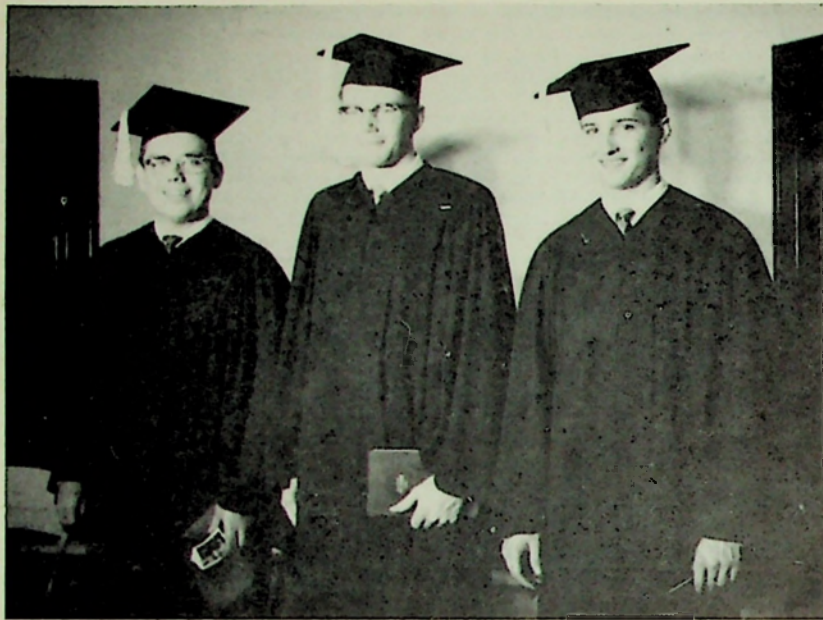
Larry Burch and Doris Norris were united in marriage by the writer at the North Salem Church of God, Saturday afternoon, June 18, 1960. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Walkerton community building. We wish for this couple God's blessing for continued happiness.

We are happy to add two more to the body of Christ. Barbara Overmyer and Cindy Kemple were baptized in the name of Christ Sunday afternoon, June 26. A Communion service was observed at the church following the baptism. We pray for God's blessing and leadership to be ever present in the lives of these two girls.

R. Warren Sorenson, Pastor.

THE FELIDA CHURCH OF GOD

The Felida Church of God was host to the Northwest Conference, June 16-19, 1960. The guest speaker, Bro. Wm. Dick of Pomona, Calif., was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Upton. He is a very earnest speaker of God's truth. We were blessed by his presence and pray that God's keeping power will enable him to show the way of life to many young people, of which he has a nice group in his church.



GRADUATES OF OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

This is the graduating class of 1960. We wish it had been three times as large. Their graduation is now history for a matter of three months, and we know that history is valuable as we look to the future.

What does history tell us about our graduates? Are they altogether successful in their chosen field of labor? Will they use their specialized schooling to be active ministers or will they become better laymen?

According to our best statistics of graduates in the past, two out of three are now actively engaged in regular ministerial work of preaching the gospel and pastoring churches. The remaining third includes a large portion of girls who have graduated. Some of the young men have done some preaching, but have decided to change their vocation in life.

To be a graduate of Oregon Bible College does not necessarily guarantee success in the ministerial field, any more than those who graduate from any other specialized college guarantees each will follow that line of work. What, then, is the value of the Christian education?

Jesus commended Mary for having come to sit at His feet, and said, "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:42). Martha was trou-

bled about many things, but she missed the wonderful privilege of sitting at the feet of Jesus and learning of His way of life. Both are dead now, but which of these two do you think enjoyed the richer life?

In this materialistic world, too many of us have our eyes covered with the \$ sign, which keeps us from seeing spiritual values. Which is more important, to make a living or a life? Who is richer, the man who can write a check with six figures, or one who knows the riches of God's grace? Which will be of greatest help and blessing when the Lord comes? What answer would you give to a young person of the Church of God who says, "I would like to come to college, but my parents want me to get a job so I can make money"? If success is money, or public acclaim, or earthly possessions, then we should all send our children to Hollywood. But, if success is to be measured by nearness to God, a living faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, a holy life and a virile witness to others, then a Christian education means everything to young men and women and the future of the Church of God.

Encourage your young people who want to come to college by your prayers and sacrifices, and there will be a real future for the Church of God and its membership.

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 Joseph Fletcher, Rt. 1, Box 30A, Burke, Va.
 E. Richard Smith, 4480 St. Paris Pike, Springfield, Ohio
 Kirby Davis, 1816 Mulberry Lane, Wenatchee, Wash.
 John Humphreys, Rt. 1, Box 245A, Independence, Ore.
 Curtis Simpson, 428 S. Counts St., Troy, Ohio

GENERAL CONFERENCE CAMP EXPENSES

Offerings	\$3,498.96
Camp expenses	3,373.45
Excess income	\$ 125.51

The delegate pool expense was \$51.82. This was slightly higher than previous years because it has been working as intended to encourage delegates from distant churches to attend the Conference. Near-by churches should remember that their expenses for delegates would be much more than this if the Conference were conducted at outlying places in fairness to distant churches.

THANK YOU

Thanks are due to the many people who volunteered time and work to make the 1960 General Conference a success. We will not try to name all the workers who served on the program, on boards and committees, around the campgrounds, and during the months preceding the Conference. Thanks to all who assisted—the Lord knows how well you served.

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE

The eighty-sixth annual Conference of the Minnesota Churches of God was held at Long Lake Camp at Eden Valley, July 8-12, 1960. The state's ministers served as speakers. All services were greatly enjoyed and well attended. The attendance on Conference Sunday was: Sunday school, 128; church service, 215.
 Orpha Ruhn, Secretary.

MEMBERS SHOULD RECEIVE JOURNAL

We are sure that many member-families of the Church of God are not receiving the monthly issues of the Progress Journal. When subscribing to The Restitution Herald for others, or going over your church membership list, please tell us of members who should be receiving the Journal. It is sent free, monthly, to all Church of God families.

BAPTISM AT COOL SPRING CHURCH

Mrs. Clifton (Marie) Updike came forward to accept Christ as her Saviour at the close of the worship service on July 3. On the following Tuesday evening she was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ by her son-in-law, Bro. Hollis Partlowe. She was baptized in a creek near the Browntown Church of God.

Immediately after the baptism, a Communion service was held at the church. Following this, the right hand of fellowship was extended to Sr. Updike. May God continue to bless her.
 Richard Dick, Pastor.

BAPTISM AT SAN JOSE

The baptistry in our new building was used for the first time on Sunday, July 31, 1960, when it was my pleasure to baptize S 1 Sgt. R. H. Brown into the body of Christ. Sgt. Brown is the husband of Charna (Wagner) Brown, a member of the Dixon, Ill., Church of God. They are now residing at Novato, Calif., near Hamilton AFB where Sgt. Brown is stationed. We are thankful for this new member of the Church of God and rejoice in the new oneness in Christ of this young couple. May God bless them richly, through Jesus Christ!

Gerald L. Cooper, Pastor.

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Janet Turner	5.00
Ripley S. S.	26.00
Mrs. Eva Driver	5.00
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Hope Chapel (South Bend)	79.78
Ferrell family	10.00
Indiana State Miss. Soc.	80.00
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Mrs. Edna Smith	5.00
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Rachel Krogh	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Larsen	10.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Allan Ramsey	10.00
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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore	13.00
Mrs. Ralph J. Luttrell	5.00
Mary & Martha Society	25.10
Delbert Dunbar family	100.00
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Hope Chapel (Arkansas City)	50.00
Russell Butler family	50.00
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Hillside Chapel	11.48
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Mrs. C. L. McAllister	7.00
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Felida Church	18.60
Louisiana State Conference	14.77
Illinois State Conference	100.00
Alice R. Young, Estate	100.00
Tempe Church	44.70
Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Gaspar	50.00
Mrs. F. L. Austin	2.00
Leila E. Whitehead	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carpenter	20.00
Oregon Church	66.88
Dollar-A-Month Club	18.00
Burr Oak Church	170.00
Dixon Church	62.02
Fredericktown Church	13.93
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brown	1.61
Dorothy Magaw	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. David Shellhaas	26.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Anderson	10.00
Western Sister	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Roose	50.00
Donald Ward	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Myers	10.00

BAPTISMS AT OMAHA

Sunday, July 10, 1960, was a joyous day at the Omaha Church, when nine persons presented themselves to the Lord and requested baptism. Those being immersed were: Delbert and Virginia Shain, Elmer and Pamela Voss, Charles Moroson, Larry and LeAnn Appleby, Lynette Dixon, and Linda Jensen. May the God of all grace enrich these with His blessings and make them zealous witnesses for truth and righteousness.

C. E. Randall, Pastor.

JORDAN, MISSOURI, BAPTISMS

At the close of our Missouri Conference, Ronald Mitchell of Cross Timbers, Mo., and Tommy Thibault of Half Way, Mo., confessed their need and faith in Jesus the Christ. They entered the waters of spiritual regeneration Sunday afternoon, August 21. We pray that "he which hath begun a good work [in them] will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Don Ward, Pastor.

BAPTISMS AT EDEN VALLEY

On July 17, 1960, at the Island Campgrounds, three of our young people came for-

ward to accept Christ and be baptized by their pastor, Bro. E. O. Routson. They were Gary Sogge, Barry Brossard, and Merry Sue Gaspar, all of Eden Valley, Minn. On August 21, Phyllis Peters was baptized into the saving name of Christ. Her address is Paynesville, Minn., but her school and church are in Eden Valley. May the Lord lead and guide them always.

Mrs. Earl Brossard, Reporter.

BAPTISMS IN MISSOURI

Roger Poe of Springfield, Donnie Owsley of Cross Timbers, and Miss Dorothy Logan of Half Way, Mo., accepted the saving grace of God through Jesus Christ and were baptized July 22, 1960, at the Missouri State Youth Camp near Fredericktown.

Don Ward, Pastor.

BAPTISM AT LITTLE ROCK

We were all made happy when Mrs. Mary Ellen Hinterberg of Tulsa, Okla., accepted Christ at her mother's home in Little Rock, Ark., and was baptized in obedience to Christ's command by Bro. Richard D. Stanton, August 13, 1960.

Mrs. R. D. Stanton, Secretary.

BAPTISM AT POMONA, CALIFORNIA

On Decision Night at our Southwest Youth Camp, several young people came forward to confess publicly their faith in Christ. One of them is an active worker in the Pomona Youth Fellowship—Miss Joan Hamilton, of 2253 Angela St., Pomona. It was our privilege to assist Joan in putting on Christ in baptism at the camp on July 2, 1960. We pray for the Lord's guidance as she walks in the newness of the Christian life. William Dick, Pastor.

BAPTISMS AT MORRISTOWN

On July 31, 1960, Brenda Holt of 303 Cleveland Ave., Morristown, Tenn., and Mrs. Dean Blanken (Joyce Holt) of Rt. 1, Piedmont, S. C., were baptized in the all-saving name of Jesus, at Morristown. Brenda and Mrs. Blanken are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Holt. We praise God for the decision of these two to follow Christ.

Raymond L. Brown, Pastor.

HAYES - FURLICH

Saturday, August 13, 1960, at the Golden Rule Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Nancy Hayes and Michael J. Furlich were joined in marriage. The writer, pastor of the Bedford (Ohio) Church, performed the service.

Nancy has been a member of the Church of God for a number of years. Her membership has been at Bedford for about four years. Mike is a Roman Catholic.

Following the late-morning wedding, a reception was held at a Veterans of Foreign Wars hall on the east side of the city. The couple then left for a honeymoon in the Poconos Mountains of Eastern Pennsylvania.

Both the Golden Rule and the Bedford congregations extend their best wishes and pray for God's blessing to rest on the Furlichs.

J. Arlen Marsh, Pastor.

SHUT-IN

Mrs. Lawrence Burch, Rt. 1, Walkerton, Ind., is seriously ill, and desires prayers and letters from her church friends. She is a member of the North Salem, Ind., Church of God.

OLSEN - MENESEZ

Miss Linda Olsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Olsen, and Mr. Terry Menesez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Menesez, were united in the holy bond of matrimony on Friday evening, July 15, 1960. The double ring ceremony was conducted by the writer at our church in Pomona, Calif.

Mrs. Shirley Sutherland, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Best man was Mr. Jerry Menesez, brother of the groom. Beautiful flowers provided by the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Marjorie Ferrell, enhanced the sanctuary.

The newlyweds now live at 342 E. Pasadena St., Pomona, where Terry is employed. We pray that God will bless these two lives and guide them into many happy Christian experiences. William Dick, Pastor.

NEEDHAM - JOHNSON

In a simple ceremony, with only the parents of both parties attending, Mareen Needham became the bride, July 8, 1960, of George Johnson. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, Walker, La. The newlyweds will reside at Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, where the groom is a student. We pray God's constant blessing upon Marcen and George as they establish a home in Him. Gordon Laundry.

SINCLAIR - APPLEBY

Emile Sinclair and Richard Appleby were united in marriage Wednesday evening, July 6, 1960, at Papillion, Nebr., by the writer in a single ring ceremony, with Leonard and Norma Appleby attending as witnesses. Both parties are of sterling character and followers of the Lord. As they establish their new home, may the Lord's richest blessing attend them. C. E. Randall, Pastor.

AXEL WAHLGREN

Axel Wahlgren was born in Stockholm, Sweden, May 10, 1879, and died June 24, 1960, in New Uhm, Minn. On December 31, 1932, he was united in marriage to Minnie Johnson, at Chicago. Six years later they moved to Hector, Minn. While in Hector, he attended the Church of God. He is survived by his wife, who is a member of the Hector Church.

Funeral services were conducted June 26, by Pastor Delbert Jones of the Hector Church of God, and burial was at the Hector Village Cemetery.

MAUDE MARY RENNER

Maude Mary Button was born in Chicago, Ill., January 19, 1885, and died at Madison, Wis., July 20, 1960, after several months of illness.

On November 7, 1907, she was married to Edwin T. Renner, who preceded her in death in 1954. She was baptized by Bro. James Wilson in Chicago, and was a life-long member of the Church of God in Chicago. She was active in church work, as long as her health permitted.

She is survived by two sons, Ross of Madison; and John Stanley, Miami, Fla.; three granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

Services were conducted by the writer, July 22, and burial was at Arlington Cemetery, Elmhurst, Ill., where she awaits the call of the Lord. Harold Doan.

WILLIAM HOLLAND

The death of Bro. William Henry Holland, 92 Pine St. N. Thorold, Ont., occurred at the St. Catharines General Hospital on July 14, 1960. Bro. Holland had been in ailing health since 1953 when he suffered a severe fall. In 1957 he had a coronary attack, followed by several subsequent attacks which curtailed his activities. In June of this year he was confined to his bed with another attack which proved fatal.

The deceased was a son of William Henry Holland and Ellen Crawford Holland and was born at Thorold, November 13, 1892. He was married June 28, 1921, to Myrtle Irene Weldon, at Thorold, by Bro. F. L. Austin, pastor of the Fonthill Church of God.

He was a faithful member of the Fonthill Church of God, where, over the years, he served as deacon, treasurer, Sunday school superintendent and teacher. He was a member of the choir and for a number of years served as elder, and at the time of his death was honorary elder. He was baptized on December 19, 1920, by Bro. F. L. Austin. Bro. Holland's Christian life and love of the Word of God will long be an inspiration to the congregation of the Fonthill Church of God.

Besides his widow, Irene Weldon Holland, he is survived by a son, W. Weldon Holland, 215 S. 8th St., Watertown, Wis. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. William Foster; a granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held from the Noble S. Crowe Funeral Home, Thorold, on July 18, 1960, the service being conducted by Bro. E. Milton Hall. Interment followed in Fonthill Cemetery, Fonthill, Ont.

A fund in honor of the late Bro. Holland will be established by the Church of God, Fonthill, Ont. The nature of the memorial will be determined by relatives and church officials. Mrs. Pearl Brown, Reporter.

PERMELIA THOMPSON LEWIS

Permelia Thompson, daughter of Washington and Hulda (Zander) Thompson, was born in Schuyler County, Ill., on December 30, 1873. She died on June 30, 1960.

On April 6, 1893, she was united in marriage to Albert H. Lewis. Six children were born to this union. Her husband preceded her in death on March 24, 1932.

Surviving are two daughters, Lena (Mrs. Lela) McDaniel of Bowen; Thelma (Mrs. Ernest) Ransom of Mt. Sterling; two sons, Thomas of Mt. Sterling, and Lawrence of Rushville. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Maggie Bray; ten grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

Perlie, as she was affectionately called, was a member of the Ripley Church of God which she attended until failing health prevented. (Records have been lost so we do not know when she was baptized, nor by whom.) Her four living children are all members of the Ripley Church which is living testimony to her faithfulness.

Funeral services were held from the Ripley Church of God on July 2. She now sleeps in the Ripley Cemetery to await the call of her Master.

A grandson, John Lewis, pastor of our Eldorado Church, assisted in the services. Harry Sheets, Pastor.

JOHN CLEVELAND COOPER

John Cleveland Cooper, was born to William A. and Elizabeth Ragsdale Cooper at Oak Grove, Mo., October 26, 1891. He died at the Veteran's Hospital at Poplar Bluff, Mo., August 16, 1960.

He was united in marriage to Ollie Clouse, July 4, 1920. To this union were born twin sons, Doyle Lee and John Carol. Doyle Lee died in infancy.

Surviving are his wife, Sr. Ollie Cooper, one son, Bro. John Carol Cooper, and three brothers, Bros. Robert and Henry Cooper of Fredericktown, Mo., and George Cooper, of Compton, Calif.

Funeral services were held at the Fredericktown Church of God, August 18, and burial was at the Parkview Cemetery in Farmington. The writer was in charge of the services.

Bro. Cooper became a member of the Church of God (Faith of Abraham) in 1928, and was a faithful worker in the Lord's vineyard for the rest of his life. Since he rarely missed a church service, his absence will be keenly felt by every member of the congregation. We trust that the Lord will raise up others who will share the burden laid down by Bro. Cooper, and that the congregation will again be complete at the resurrection, when Jesus returns. J. R. LeCronic, Pastor.

MELVIN BARBER MOSER

Melvin Barber Moser, a faithful child of God and an example to all, fell asleep in death on August 14, 1960. He had been ill for more than four years, and had long expected death. Bro. Moser believed that, like Job, he will hear and answer the call of his Lord. He rests in the cemetery at Seminole, Texas, until that time.

He was born at Kansas City, Mo., November 14, 1911, married April 13, 1947, and baptized in 1954. He and his wife, Sr. Colleen Moser, had made their home in Odessa since 1950. Others who survive are: his mother, Mrs. Minnie Moser, Seminole, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Thomas, Navasota, Texas; and a brother, Clifford Moser, Kansas City, Mo. V. J. Reeves.

HARRY BROCKLEBANK

Memorial services were conducted on June 13, 1960, at Forest Lawn in Glendale, Calif., for Bro. Harry Brocklebank, who died of a heart attack on June 8, 1960.

Bro. Brocklebank was born in London, England, on September 21, 1875, and emigrated on his own as a young man. He settled in Wenatchee, Wash., where he was married to Lottie Duran on August 3, 1903. She preceded him in death on December 22, 1924.

Bro. Brocklebank was a member of the Wenatchee Church of God, having been baptized by N. D. Titchel while in his thirties. He was a devoted student of prophecy, and spent most of his time in recent years studying and writing on the subject.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Harry Whited, of Panorama City, Calif., with whom he resided, and by three grandchildren.

After services conducted by the writer, with Pastor Frederick Fels of Panorama City assisting, he was laid to rest on a beautiful hillside in Forest Lawn. May the life-giving Saviour soon come to wake those sleeping in Him. Terry Ferrell, Pastor.