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## A History of the Church of God General Conference

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### PART TWO

In the November 7 issue of Progress Journal the first article in this series appeared. It contained the history of the first Church of God General Conference, organized in 1888, and the reorganization of the Church of God General Conference at Waterloo, Iowa, in 1921. The remaining part of this history will consider the General Conference by departments of its work and trace the history of the Bible Training School and Oregon Bible College; the development of publications; evangelism and missions; the development of the Constitution; the Decade of Development Program; and miscellaneous items of General Conference history.

#### History of the Bible Training School and Oregon Bible College

At the meetings of General Conference delegates in 1923, discussions were begun concerning the need for a Bible training school to teach ministers for the work of the Church of God. This need had also been recognized in 1888. The Restitution Herald, reporting on the 1924 General Conference, contained these words of Bro. F. L. Austin, "Returning in thought to August a year ago, it will be recalled that the Executive Board approved an effort to commence Bible study class work at the earliest possible convenience. There are some of our young men, who had already been patiently waiting for a year or two, for the opening of such an operation. Your secretary (F. L. Austin) felt that, in duty to them, it was all but obligatory to undertake this work. Therefore, little dreaming of the difficulties to be encountered in securing proper management for the greenhouse, these men were informed that class

work would begin early in November, 1923. They made their plans accordingly. This class of young men worked under immense difficulties during these months. The class consisted of Paul C. Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Cedric Pope, Melville Lyon, Charles Fletcher, and Harry Sheets. In addition, other young men and women attended the class more or less regularly but not with the same definite aim in view. It has been possible to have the class work in the evenings only."

In 1926, the following action was taken by the Conference delegates. "The Board, in outlining the work for the future, has arranged to make an effort to carry out the wish of the Conference. It was the voice of the Conference that the Bible Training Class should be considered an established and permanent fact. Instead of operating from year to year as in the past, it was the wish of the Conference that the Bible Training Class should be continued permanently. Therefore we wish to announce that the Bible Training Class will begin its work for the year on Tuesday morning, October 5, 1926."

In 1933, after the Bible Training Class had been in operation for ten years, financial problems of the depression beset the General Conference and it was reported by the Executive Board, "The General Conference has instructed us to discontinue the Training School for a time, a thing which we are regretful to do, but could not avoid. The Board has also been authorized to dispose of the greenhouse as speedily and advantageously as possible. Our manager has informed you of the results along that line."

In August, 1936, after the Training School had been closed for three years, an article

appeared questioning the wisdom of continuing without the Bible Training School. The writer reminded that those who had been trained in the Bible School were all active in the ministry except two. He wrote, "When the Training Class was dropped, one of the main objections was that it cost too much. Has it cost too much to prepare young people to go out and gather the golden grain? Will they be lost if neglected? Who will be responsible then? Is it not our main objective to win others to Christ? The National Bible Institution is still faced with the problem of its expenses and the problem of meeting its obligations as before. An appeal to meet expenses is made now as before, yet there is no Training Class. Have we stopped to realize that someone must replace those who are falling asleep in death, and those who can work no longer?" Others were also asking these questions, and there seemed to be an interest in reforming the Bible school for the training of ministers and workers.

In August, 1937, a committee which had been appointed in 1936 to study the possibility of reorganizing the Bible Training School reported. "Having put forth a diligent effort to acquaint the Church of God throughout the country with the conditions under which a Training Class could be established, and having requested that all who would be interested in such a class from the standpoint of preparation for Christian service should signify their desire to attend under the conditions specified, the committee through its chairwoman, Miss Leila Whitehead, regretted to report that but one application had been made for entrance and that no other inquiries had been received. Therefore, it is impossible



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at this time to attempt revival of the class.

It was moved by Bros. C. E. Randall and G. E. Marsh, that it be the sense of this conference that a committee consisting of the presidents of the General Conference, the National Berean Society, the Ministerial Association, and the chairmen of the Board of Evangelism, provide, as far as financial support is available, for the training of young people of our denomination who desire special preparation for public Christian service. The motion carried.

In August, 1938, a Board of Education was established. This Board of three people studied throughout the year the possibility of establishing a school for the training of Christian workers.

In August, 1939, Bro. G. E. Marsh presented the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Board of Religious Education be instructed to establish a nine-months Bible Training School, beginning this fall, and be empowered to make such arrangements as necessary to carry out said instruction. Be it further resolved that the curriculum, entrance requirements, policies, financial and otherwise, and all such matters pertaining to setting up and operation of said school be placed under their jurisdiction." The adoption of the resolution was moved by Bro. Marsh and seconded by Bro. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr.

After discussion and encouragement for passage of this motion by Bros. Randall, Krogh, and Marsh, it was passed without a single dissenting voice.

In regard to the motion, a letter was read from Bro. Norman McLeod which said in part in recommending the establishment of a school, "Let us build the religious school! The religious school will, in turn, build our evangelistic work. The evangelistic work will build the church."

In 1941, Bro. C. E. Randall spoke for the Board of Religious Education of two matters that had been studied by the Board and were being recommended to the Conference. He stated, 1) The degree of Bachelor of Theology will be granted those who graduate from

our school, and, 2) the Board wishes that a more appropriate name would be chosen for the school. He moved that the name "Maranatha College" be adopted. Bro. John Eagleston seconded the motion.

After considerable discussion it was decided to table the matter of a name, leaving the decision to the Board of Education.

During the years 1941-42, the Board of Education named the school Oregon Bible College. It was also noted that Oregon Bible College would soon outgrow its present quarters, if the Lord continues His blessings on the school. Without any solicitation, \$1,000.00 had already been received for a Building Fund for expansion of Oregon Bible College.

By 1943, the fund had increased to the \$15,000.00 mark. It was then the recommendation of the Board of Education to continue advertising the need of a college building, hoping to increase the fund to \$30,000.00 during the ensuing Conference year.

The Board of Education appointed a Site Committee to make investigation during the General Conference week of 1943, and to report as soon as convenient to the Board of Education or to the Conference assembled, that a suitable site and campus might be purchased as soon as reasonably convenient.

The Committee investigated a site north of Oregon, Illinois, and reported thus to the Conference delegates. "I move that this Conference instruct the Executive Board to purchase the twenty acres of the Spoor property lying east of the highway for the sum of \$26,000.00 as soon as \$21,000.00 shall have been paid into the building fund in cash, or underwritten by parties which the Board considers reliable." The motion passed, and the matter of details of purchase was left to the Executive Board. The property was purchased that year, and Oregon Bible College moved there.

In 1950, this property was sold at a profit and construction of the present building was undertaken in the city of Oregon to provide offices, print shop, classrooms, and other facilities for Oregon Bible College. The build-

ing was completed and in use late in 1950.

Bro. C. E. Randall expressed the opinion that the ministry should be kept before the young people of the church as the highest possible calling. The College, he felt, was the greatest evangelistic effort of the Church of God.

By August, 1957, it could again be seen that Oregon Bible College was outgrowing its present facilities, and study of possible means to expand facilities was begun.

The following actions were taken in this regard at the 1957 Conference. It was adopted that: A building fund be set up with contributions, wills, bequests, and special grants encouraged; a study be made, securing qualified individuals to help, of the most practical, long-range plans for the development of a desirable and adequate campus; that a dormitory for boys and then one for girls be secured.

Sr. Lucille Ratering moved the adoption of the following resolution: "We recommend that a site for a future housing center for Oregon Bible College students be selected, and that, as funds are available and circumstances allow, housing and dining facilities be provided there for single students, and apartments for married students." The motion was adopted.

In 1958, at the August Conference, Bro. Harry Sheets moved and Bro. Raymond Brown seconded that the Board of Directors be empowered to expand College facilities on the present property as soon as financial conditions permit. This motion carried.

At this same conference, Bro. Dale Ward and Bro. Roy Humphreys moved that the Board of Directors take what steps were necessary to make Golden Rule Home a part of Oregon Bible College.

In 1959, further action was taken concerning the future of Oregon Bible College. Bros. C. E. Randall and Harold Doan moved that "Oregon Bible College be maintained as a non-accredited school in its efforts to train ministers, teachers, and evangelists for the Church of God. This is not to be construed as barring future accreditation if circumstances and needs so require."

Also passed, was a resolution that a building campaign be begun immediately to raise funds for a building on the Golden Rule Dormitory site for a men's dormitory, dining facilities, library, and other facilities. It was recommended that pledges be taken from individuals, groups, and churches to be paid over a period of five or ten years. The importance of not letting this Campaign detract from the giving for the regular work of the General Conference was emphasized. This is to be an extra effort by the Church of God.

In the year that followed, preliminary plans were drawn for such a building and the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign was begun to secure \$125,000.00 for a dormitory, dining room, library building. At this writing, about \$106,000.00 in contributions and commitments has been received. It is hoped that this building will be in use by 1964, the Silver Anniversary of Oregon Bible College.

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# Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

Delbert Jones, Editor



## THE FIELDS ARE WHITE

So often we feel that the doors are all closed to the missionaries and to missionary effort. We contend that the doors are not ALL closed!

Churches are growing rapidly in South America, and, let it be emphasized, Protestant churches are growing in number and strength. Thousands and thousands of Bibles are being distributed in South America, and where they are being distributed, churches are being built.

Brazil, according to J. Merle Davis author of *How the Church Grows in Brazil*, states that the church is growing there more rapidly than anywhere else on earth.

We are told that the Presbyterians, Methodists, Pentecostals, and Baptists are growing very rapidly. The main reason for their phenomenal growth is that they are building on the Bible. The secretary of the Bible Society of Brazil in a 1952 report said, "How account for the vitality, the strength, the progress, the dreams, the influence of the evangelical movement in Brazil? The answer is: it is Bible-centered. Evangelical Brazilians believe in the Bible. . . . In my many travels I have never encountered a people so Bible-conscious as the evangelical people of Brazil."

There is a denomination which is adding to its numbers every day in Brazil. This denomination lays great stress on evangelism as a permanent part of the church. But they have gone further. They have set the month of September aside as a month of evangelism. During September they use all of their strength, all of their prayers, all of their action on striving to reach those who know not God. Their effort is not a hit-or-miss affair. They systematically set about reaching every house in the community. They give a copy of John's Gospel to every family. (They use nearly 250,000 copies of this Gospel a year.) Then they tell the family what God means to them, and invite them to the meetings which will be held that week. This effort takes only the first two weeks of the month. The third week of the month is filled with meetings of all kinds. The fourth week is taken up with calling on every home which indicated even the slightest interest in the work. When the workers call back the second time, they again leave a book of the Bible, probably another Gospel.

This method has proved to be extremely effective in

winning Brazilians to the Lord. We are also people who hold high the Word of God, but we have not launched out in South America. We quote God's Word, "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). Do we earnestly mean what we pray? Do we go the second step and seek young people to go? Will we support additional workers in the field?

We feel that we have the truth of God's Word; now it is up to us to become dissatisfied with what we have done in the past, improve our present efforts, and do more for the Master tomorrow. Now is the time to plan for future work, future expansion, future conversions.

## DIMETERS

We rejoice that many of you are emptying your dime banks and filling them for missionary work several times. If your missionary bank is worn out, send for a new one. Address all requests to our secretary-treasurer: Mrs. Harold Simpson, 1018 Cass Ave. SE, Grand Rapids 7, Michigan.

## BUS FOR DIGBY

Pictured below is the bus which was purchased for the work at Digby, Nova Scotia. Behind it is Brother John Denchfield's private car which he also uses to carry people to and from church services.

Funds to purchase the bus were received in the special missionary offering taken in Sunday schools and churches on Missionary Day, November 6. A total of \$825.00 has been received toward the total cost of \$750.00 for the bus.



# General Conference Progress

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

All members of the Board of Directors were present for a meeting Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12. Many matters of important business concerning the work of the Church of God General Conference were discussed and plans made for the future of the work.

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY BUILDING CAMPAIGN

A letter has been sent to all members of the Church of God who have not yet taken the opportunity to participate in the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the expansion of Oregon Bible College. We hope that each member family in the Church of God will respond to this campaign so that each will have a part, even if a small part, in the building of our church college.

Each of us benefits from the training received by students at Oregon Bible College. These graduates pastor our churches, are guest speakers at special services, call in our homes, marry and bury our loved ones, write for our publications, and carry on much of the work of the General Conference. Each of us has a part to play in providing the facilities and the means for their training, since we receive the benefits.

Only one out of each six families of the Church of God has made a commitment or contribution to the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign to date. We know that there are many more who are able and who will respond. Use the coupon in the letter you receive to do your part.

## BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

Pastor J. R. LeCrone, in speaking of the responsibility that is laid upon the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, likened their work to that of the Israelites who were commanded to make bricks without straw. The taskmasters wanted Israel to produce the same number of bricks they had before, but refused to furnish straw for the bricks. (Ex. 5:5-14.)

Certain work is outlined each year for the General Conference to accomplish. A budget is adopted which represents the amount of money that is needed in contributions to carry out that work. Delegates, who represent the entire Church of God membership, vote for the projects and approve the budget. To then fail to contribute the funds that are needed to carry out the work that has been authorized, is to say to those who must do the work, "Make bricks without straw."

This is not deliberate action, we know. The Lord's people love the work and intend that it should move forward. It is simply that we often forget, or become involved in other undertakings, and hope that someone else will take over our part of the burden. But each one must do his proportionate part and carry his phase of the burden as the Lord has blessed him!

On the opposite page you will find the Treasurer's Report for the last fiscal year. The excess of funds received over expenses was due to contributions for the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign, and the Mission Builder's League, funds which are outside the regular budgeted operating costs of the General Conference.

Contributions in the past fiscal year were \$34,952.59, toward a budget goal of \$42,710.00. This was a deficit in contributions of \$7,757.41. Had these contributions been received, there would be funds available to move forward in areas where we are now lacking. There are ways in which we should be moving ahead in home and foreign missions, printing and publishing the gospel, expansion and improvement of Oregon Bible College, improving the Berean Youth Fellowship, and caring for the needs of the churches. This progress can only be made when we reach the budget goals we set for ourselves at the annual General Conference.

The tithes of churches and conferences, and the offerings of individuals, are needed to meet these goals. Below, you will see the financial report for the current fiscal year which began October 1. We cannot make bricks without straw. Make this a matter of prayer and discussion in your church and family.

## **GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1960 - 1961**

**October 1, 1960 - September 30, 1961**

**\$42,860.00**

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| <i>Given Through November 30</i>           | \$ 6,363.08 |
| <i>Balance to Be Given by September 30</i> | \$36,496.92 |
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| <i>Goal for Giving for November</i>        | \$ 3,743.00 |
| <i>Given in November</i>                   | \$ 4,021.98 |

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**Goal for December**

**\$3,649.69**

# Church of God General Conference Financial Report

October 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960

## BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

|  |             |                     |                     |
|--|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |             |                     |                     |
| Petty Cash                               | \$ 10.39    |                     |                     |
| Cash in Bank—Checking                    | 2,934.65    |                     |                     |
| Cash in Bank—Checking (Escrow)           | 1,878.32    |                     |                     |
| Cash in Bank—Savings                     | 2,057.94    | \$ 6,881.30         |                     |
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| Stocks and Bonds                         |             | 20,621.17           |                     |
| Loans Receivable—Student Loan Funds      |             | 10.00               |                     |
| Loans Receivable—Scholarship Fund        |             | 977.60              |                     |
| Accounts Receivable                      |             | 3,169.49            |                     |
| Hospitalization Premiums Receivable      |             | 144.30              |                     |
| Inventories                              |             | 8,691.42            |                     |
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| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>              |             |                     | <b>\$40,495.28</b>  |
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| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                      |             |                     |                     |
| 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 Lot—Nova Scotia              | 736.25      | 15,909.63           |                     |
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| Buildings—Gen. Administrative            | 60,231.55   |                     |                     |
| Reserve for Depreciation                 | 3,319.26    | 56,912.29           |                     |
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| Buildings—Oregon Bible College           | 11,000.00   |                     |                     |
| Reserve for Depreciation                 | 1,320.00    | 9,680.00            |                     |
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| Furniture & Equipment—Office             | 4,174.84    |                     |                     |
| Reserve for Depreciation                 | 674.07      | 3,500.77            |                     |
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| Furniture & Equip.—Print Shop            | 14,251.03   |                     |                     |
| Reserve for Depreciation                 | 3,605.33    | 10,645.70           |                     |
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| Furniture & Equipment—College            | 16,454.47   |                     |                     |
| Reserve for Depreciation                 | 3,398.47    | 13,056.00           |                     |
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| Furniture & Equip.—Youth Dept.           | 375.00      |                     |                     |
| Reserve for Depreciation                 | 112.50      | 262.50              |                     |
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| Autos & Trucks                           | 937.55      |                     |                     |
| Reserve for Depreciation                 | 181.69      | 755.86              |                     |
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| Construction in Progress—College         |             | 1,500.00            |                     |
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| <b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>                |             |                     | <b>\$113,222.75</b> |
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| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      |             |                     | <b>\$152,718.03</b> |
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| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b>         |             |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>               |             |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                         | \$1,587.25  |                     |                     |
| Accrued Social Security Tax              | 57.95       |                     |                     |
| Accrued Withholding Tax                  | 233.20      |                     |                     |
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| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>         |             | <b>\$ 1,878.40</b>  |                     |
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| <b>Other Liabilities</b>                 |             |                     |                     |
| Trust Funds                              |             | \$ 4,688.58         |                     |
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| <b>Net Worth</b>                         |             | <b>\$146,151.05</b> |                     |
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| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET WORTH</b> |             |                     | <b>\$152,718.03</b> |

## INCOME AND EXPENSE SCHEDULE

|                                       |  |                    |
|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>Operating Income</b>               |  |                    |
| Contributions—General                 |  | \$34,952.59        |
| Contributions—Other                   |  | 10,353.99          |
| Tuition—Room and Board                |  | 14,580.12          |
| Interest and Dividends                |  | 133.62             |
| Camps                                 |  | 6,088.24           |
| Gross Profit on Sales                 |  | 21,982.08          |
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| <b>TOTAL OPERATING GROSS INCOME</b>   |  | <b>\$88,990.64</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>             |  |                    |
| Payroll                               |  | \$38,723.91        |
| Other Services                        |  | 35.00              |
| Light and Fuel                        |  | 3,117.97           |
| Telephone and Telegraph               |  | 431.34             |
| Insurance                             |  | 680.41             |
| Postage                               |  | 1,517.66           |
| Office Supplies and Expenses          |  | 2,952.97           |
| Depreciation                          |  | 4,311.62           |
| Advertising                           |  | 27.50              |
| Repairs and Maintenance               |  | 1,152.31           |
| Travel                                |  | 3,132.03           |
| Towel and Janitor Service             |  | 523.75             |
| Camps                                 |  | 5,766.45           |
| Pictures and Cuts                     |  | 842.52             |
| Editorial Writers                     |  | 1,125.00           |
| Speakers                              |  | 40.00              |
| Assistance to Missions                |  | 4,480.84           |
| Assistance to Churches                |  | 6,590.00           |
| Literature and Visual Education       |  | 151.60             |
| Food                                  |  | 4,206.10           |
| Supplies                              |  | 567.66             |
| Real Estate and Personal Property Tax |  | 909.41             |
| Social Security Tax                   |  | 1,073.04           |
| Rent                                  |  | 1,000.00           |
| Legal and Audit                       |  | 350.00             |
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| <b>TOTAL OPERATING PROFIT</b>         |  | <b>\$83,709.09</b> |
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| <b>NET OPERATING PROFIT</b>           |  | <b>\$4,381.55</b>  |

## SUMMARY OF ALL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

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| Net Operating Profit                               | \$ 4,381.55        |
| <b>ADD: OTHER RECEIPTS</b>                         |                    |
| Silver Anniversary Building Fund                   | 15,068.53          |
| Non-Cash Expenses—Depreciation                     | 4,311.62           |
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| <b>TOTAL OPERATING PROFIT &amp; OTHER RECEIPTS</b> | <b>\$23,761.70</b> |
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| <b>DEDUCT: OTHER EXPENDITURES:</b>                 |                    |
| Construction in Progress—College                   | \$ 1,500.00        |
| Building—Nova Scotia Mission                       | 6,210.61           |
| Furniture and Equipment                            | 1,064.63           |
| Loan Paid Off                                      | 500.00             |
| Bus for Nova Scotia                                | 700.00             |
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| <b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>                    | <b>\$ 9,975.24</b> |
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| <b>TOTAL ALL RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES</b>        | <b>\$13,786.46</b> |

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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 24-27—Midwinter Ministerial Conference at Oregon, Ill.

August 6-11, 1961—Church of God General Conference, Camp Alexander Mack

## BRUSH CREEK NEWS

The Brush Creek Church of God held its annual evangelistic meeting, November 10-20, 1960. Bro. Emory Maey, Litchfield, Minn., was guest speaker. The average attendance for the eleven nights was eighty-nine. The following accepted the invitation, confessed Christ before men, and were baptized: Mrs. Eddie Moore, Lee Moore, Stephen Moore, Mark Pearson, Evelyn Pearson, Sherry Pearson, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fetters.

A youth forum is being conducted by the pastor on Sunday evening every two weeks. The problems of youth are presented and discussed. Young people are also making plans for the next Northeast Berean Rally to be held in January. Francis E. Burnett, Pastor.

## OLD QUARTERLIES WANTED

Bro. Robert See has been making a Church of God Bible commentary based on the comments in the Truth Seeker's Sunday School Quarterlies. He is interested in receiving copies of old quarterlies so he can complete this work. They can be sent to Robert See, 401 20th Ave., St. Cloud, Minn.

## NEW MISSION BUILDER'S APPEALS NOW IN THE MAIL

The appeals for the fifth Church of God for the help of the Mission Builder's League are now in the mail. The appeals for the Peoria Church of God should have been received by each Mission Builder. If you have not been receiving your notices, please write to Church of God General Conference, Oregon, Ill. We understand that some members of the League have not been receiving appeals. We would like to be sure we have the correct addresses and that your name is on file. Several members of the League have not responded to previous appeals and it is possible that notices have been lost.

## CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE Bedford, Ohio

Formal dedication of the congregation in its new building at 689 Adams St., Bedford, was held the afternoon of Sunday, October 9, 1960. The pastor, by request of the congregation, was in charge. We were glad to welcome visitors from Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, and a number of others from outside the Church of God family.

The service aimed specifically at participation by the congregation itself, at emphasizing the need for our working with God and for trying to keep our personal lives in conformity with His will. Children sang choruses that tied in with this idea. More than the usual number of public prayers were called for, including one by a thirteen-year-old who was given no advance notice. (Sunday school

teachers have stressed training in prayer among the children.) A short sermon, based on 1 Peter 2:5, followed the theme of "Rededicating Ourselves to God."

Two guest speakers have visited the Bedford church recently. Bro. Frank Perkins, now seeking a license from the General Conference, spoke on October 2 and assisted in the Communion service afterward. Bro. Fred Schuld, Jr., spoke on October 23, while the pastor was out of town. Both men are from the Golden Rule Church of God.

The church extends its heartfelt thanks to the Mission Builders, who so far have contributed \$3,800 toward its building debt, and to others outside the Mission Builders who have, over the last year, contributed liberally, also. Without this co-operation from others, the church would have had a long time of repayment of its \$6,000.00 building debt. As it is, the debt, through outside contributions and the work of the church itself, has been paid in full.

Considerable remodeling and renovating must be done on the building, but this is something we now shall be able to take care of without much difficulty. We hope we shall be able to help others in the future as they have helped us—and that the work of God may advance in the Bedford area.

J. Arlen Marsh, Pastor.

## LOUISIANA NEWS

### Happy Woods

The Happy Woods Church of God, Hammond, La., was host to the Louisiana State Conference, September 30 through October 2. We were inspired by the classes, sermons, and fine singing. We were gratified by the close fellowship and the feeling of unity that prevailed.

Sermons were given Saturday evening by Bro. Billie Kennedy, and Sunday afternoon by Bro. Richard Dick. Inspirational music was provided by Barbara Richardson, James Mattison, and the Happy Woods choir.

Classes were taught by Joe Foretich and Bernard Lobell. The Saturday afternoon business session considered reports by the Sunday School Department, the Evangelism-Missions Department, and others. A new Sunday school contest has been started between the Louisiana churches.

Mrs. Erma Collins, 157 Essie St., Lafayette, La., was baptized by Bro. Mattison during the Conference.

Gordon Landry, President.

### Baptisms at Happy Woods

On Sunday morning, November 13, 1960, at the close of the worship service, four young people came forward when the invitation of Christ was extended. Three of the four were baptized that afternoon by the pastor. They were: Joy Sullivan, Ted Sullivan, and Paul Anthon. The fourth, Janet Voorhies, was baptized the following Sunday afternoon. Each of these young people has been an active member of the Happy Woods Sunday School.

We pray the Lord's blessing upon them as they continue their work in the Lord's service. Richard S. Dick, Pastor.

### Baptism at Baton Rouge

In response to his request for baptism, Paul Foretich was immersed Sunday afternoon, September 11, 1960. We pray he will remain true to His Saviour throughout life and be granted life eternal when Jesus comes. Gordon Landry, Pastor.

### Blood River

After the morning sermon, November 27, 1960, Neville Richardson made her public confession of faith in Jesus Christ and asked for baptism.

In the afternoon, we went to Blood River, where, according to God's promise, her sins were washed away, and she became a member of the body of Christ.

We ask God's blessings upon Neville as she walks in the way most noble of all, and also that our Lord might give her life eternal when He comes and establishes His Kingdom. James Mattison, Pastor.

### BAPTISMS AT BLANCHARD

The people of the Blanchard church have rejoiced to see 13 people accept Christ as their Saviour and be immersed in baptism, within the last five months. Following a series of meetings in April by Bro. Hollis Partlowe, Miss Janice Roelofson came forward to accept the Lord, and was baptized the following Sunday. On Sunday afternoon, August 25, 1960, nine persons were baptized. Two of these, Miss Sandra Walkington and Miss Carol Haenke, had received Christ at the National Youth Conference. The other seven, Mrs. Doris Haenke, Miss Alice Aldrich, Miss Doris Aldrich, Miss Kathleen Riley, Miss Mary Wood, Miss Julie Kohler, and Miss Vickie Kohler, came forward at the close of the morning worship service. The baptismal service was held that afternoon at Pine River, east of Blanchard.

On October 2, following the first week of our special services conducted by Bro. Richard Smith, three more young people were baptized. They are Miss Darlene Foster, Miss Connie Bush, and Miss Joan Bush.

We are thankful for the faith that each of these has confessed, and pray that they may always be devoted to their Lord and that they will be found faithful when He returns. Dean Moore, Pastor.

### SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Bro. and Sr. James Sorenson, 1613 N. 33rd St., Omaha, Neb., will celebrate their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on December 20. They were both baptized by Bro. Almus Adams, January 12, 1912. This is an event few couples reach, and greetings from the brotherhood would be most appreciated. They are the grandparents of Bro. Warren Sorenson, pastor of the Burr Oak, Ind., Church of God. C. E. Randall, Pastor.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Teachers and Workers' Conferences

Sunday school teachers and workers' conferences are important.

No one would think of a large business corporation operating without its board of directors meetings. Likewise, one should not think of the Sunday school operating smoothly, efficiently, and progressively, without a meeting of its directors.

The question is sometimes asked: "Why should we have teachers and workers' conferences?" One good reason would be that "two heads are better than one." A person who is an officer, teacher, or worker in the Sunday school may sit at home and think of many things about which he would like to voice his opinion with reference to improving the Sunday school. This singular thinking, however, usually does not result in any corrective action. On the other hand, a Sunday school teachers and workers' conference is the place and opportunity where constructive criticism may be voiced profitably, and where suggested ideas will be carefully weighed, discussed, and, if found practical, will be adopted for use in the Sunday school. It is the place to promote positive, spiritual, Christian thinking.

The responsibility for these meetings rests upon all the workers. Let us look at the responsibilities and benefits to the different members.

**A) Sunday School Superintendent:** The responsibility of planning, arranging, and conducting the conference rests with the superintendent. It is important that a regular time and place be set for the conferences so all the workers can reserve this time to attend.

Every effort should be put forth by the superintendent to see that the conferences are carried on in an interesting and stimulating manner. One factor which tends to discourage attendance at these conferences is a dull, uninteresting presentation of the Sunday school problems. The timing is also important. The meetings should always be adjourned on time and, above all, don't forget your most important guest, God Himself. Open and close your conference with prayer. Pray for His blessing upon your conference and for Him to direct you in your efforts to serve Him. Then thank Him for all that He has done for you.

**B) Pastor:** The progressive pastor is always interested in the Sunday school and its growth. He knows that the Sunday school is the feeder for the church. The pastor should always strive to be present at the conferences to render advice and to offer suggestions which he, as a minister, will be qualified to offer. The pastor should help to co-ordinate the Sunday school and church programs and activities.

**C) Officers, Teachers, and Workers:** Needless to say, all officers, teachers, and workers should sense their responsibility to the extent that they will make a special effort to be present for every conference. The conference can be successful only when the superintendent has the full co-operation of all officers, teachers, and workers. The entire group should be loyal to and co-operate with the directive personnel of the Sunday school organization.

A workers' conference helps to secure unity

in the Sunday school work. It gives a feeling of the group spirit in Sunday school activity. It will assist in co-ordinating the work of the various departments. It will give each department a view of what the others are doing and what problems they are meeting and how they are winning the victory over these difficulties. A good Sunday school needs to be a united Sunday school, and this unity can be promoted as problems are shared in the teachers and workers' conference.

If you are not now having teachers and workers' conferences, why not start the new year by organizing and holding regular up-to-date, inspirational conferences?

Paul Overholser, President  
National Sunday School Department.

## OCTOBER - NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTORS

The following contributors to the Church of God General Conference made possible the services of the Conference in the past two months. We are thankful for their interest and support.

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| Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McMurtrie     | 125.00 |
| Willis Turner family            | 36.50  |
| Virda Stitler                   | 20.00  |
| Hillisburg Church               | 95.00  |
| Mrs. F. L. Austin               | 10.00  |
| Donald R. Ward                  | 10.00  |
| Glenda Wolfe                    | 5.00   |
| Little Beavers Class (Oregon)   | 7.20   |
| Ladies Council, New Hope Church | 10.00  |
| Illinois State Conference       | 150.00 |
| Blessed Hope (Rockford)         | 98.35  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lewis       | 10.00  |
| Mrs. Fred Nelsen                | 10.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stilson      | 10.00  |
| Fonthill Church                 | 75.29  |
| Truth Seeker's Church           | 100.00 |
| Fonthill S. S.                  | 17.76  |
| Junior Berean, Blood River      | .50    |
| Betty Townsend                  | 5.00   |
| Macomb Church                   | 64.63  |
| Maybelle Hanson                 | 11.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. George Jones       | 10.00  |
| Ellen Riesener                  | 100.00 |
| Western Sister                  | 15.00  |
| Rachel Krogh                    | 5.00   |
| Elaine Lapp                     | 15.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lapp         | 50.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brewer     | 10.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ramsey       | 13.25  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schier    | 10.00  |
| Mrs. Dorothy Larsen             | 9.45   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Anderson    | 20.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Otto        | 25.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Delos Andrew       | 10.00  |
| Mrs. Idona Romine               | 7.00   |
| Anonymous                       | 75.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wachtel        | 3.40   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nichols     | 10.00  |
| Mrs. Anne Lunderby              | 1.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carpenter      | 20.00  |
| Litchfield S. S.                | 12.98  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Howard Elton       | 200.00 |
| Broadmoor Church                | 10.00  |
| Hillside Chapel                 | 11.62  |
| Leila E. Whitehead              | 8.00   |
| Mrs. Emma Coleman               | 20.00  |
| Mrs. Lila Guiles                | 20.50  |
| Macomb Missionary Society       | 10.00  |
| Youth for Christ Class (Oregon) | 5.83   |
| Evangelism and Missions         | 967.49 |
| L'ause Church                   | 14.22  |
| Mary & Martha Society           | 30.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawson      | 15.00  |

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| Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rhodes, Jr.    | 10.00  |
| Dollar-A-Mouth Club               | 15.00  |
| Jr. Bereans, Brush Creek          | 3.00   |
| Felida Church                     | 18.70  |
| Hector Church                     | 50.00  |
| Emma L. Carruthers                | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Zeller         | 150.00 |
| Southwest Conference              | 156.35 |
| Dixon Church                      | 69.01  |
| Mrs. Frank Moran                  | 5.00   |
| Mrs. Esther Holmes                | 10.00  |
| Brush Creek Church                | 166.61 |
| North Salem Church                | 14.90  |
| Burr Oak Church                   | 170.00 |
| Pennellwood Church                | 213.33 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones        | 40.00  |
| Golden Rule Sunday School         | 100.00 |
| Grace Marsh                       | 25.00  |
| Maurertown Sunday School          | 116.84 |
| Gospel Gleaners                   | 6.00   |
| L. H. Anderson                    | 5.00   |
| Hope Chapel                       | 33.50  |
| Blanchard Missionary Society      | 85.40  |
| Blanchard Church                  | 78.72  |
| Helen Anderson                    | 50.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hoyt          | 10.00  |
| Mrs. Beulah Slater                | 35.00  |
| Oregon Church                     | 73.19  |
| Hillisburg Missionary Society     | 14.20  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hanson           | 25.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ballentine     | 10.00  |
| Lawrenceville Church              | 24.67  |
| Mrs. Laura Keenan                 | 20.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Railton         | 10.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mogle           | 10.00  |
| Esta Starbuck                     | 15.00  |
| Eldorado I. H. A. Club            | 5.00   |
| Mrs. Robert Atkins                | 10.00  |
| Denver Church                     | 36.75  |
| Lawrenceville Missionary Society  | 22.36  |
| Oregon Sunday School              | 86.25  |
| The Braden Manuels                | 80.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ashelford       | 15.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Russel Thoms         | 10.00  |
| Tempe Church                      | 91.17  |
| Mrs. Blanche Harland              | 10.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harman       | 100.00 |
| Fredericktown Church              | 13.93  |
| R. H. Judd                        | 2.00   |
| Litchfield Church                 | 31.14  |
| Faith Chapel                      | 88.70  |
| Southlawn Church                  | 100.00 |
| Azalia Winfrey                    | 92.00  |
| St. Cloud Church                  | 29.03  |
| Hope Chapel Missionary Society    | 23.29  |
| George Long                       | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Berry          | 10.00  |
| Morse Mill Church                 | 8.59   |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Naylor         | 24.46  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fyfe          | 15.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwier        | 10.00  |
| Gerald L. Cooper                  | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burnett      | 40.00  |
| Mrs. J. C. Waller                 | 9.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Elton         | 50.00  |
| Mrs. Myrle Claussen               | 10.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. David Shellhass      | 14.00  |
| L. J. Elton                       | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr. | 50.00  |
| Arkansas City Church              | 11.09  |
| Fonthill Missionary Society       | 59.37  |
| Fredericktown Young People        | 11.20  |
| Los Angeles Church                | 26.50  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne          | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Anthon        | 100.00 |
| Conger Street Church of God       | 34.50  |
| Louisiana State Conference        | 18.36  |
| Ohio State Conference             | 500.00 |

## OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE REPORT

As time progresses, we are finding satisfaction with the results of the Christian Service Program which was introduced to our students at the beginning of this year. A complete record has been kept of the activities of all students as they teach classes, lead in special services, act as song leaders or serve in any capacity. We are able to evaluate the amount of service each one is doing by tabulating these various accounts.

The churches near Oregon in which the students have had opportunity to serve are co-operating fully with the College in this new effort. Whenever the service of a student is desirable, the church makes request through the Christian Service Committee, and the College then can send someone to fill that appointment. So far, we have had some good reports, and there has been a deep appreciation of services given as well as gratitude upon the part of the student for the privilege to serve.

As time goes on and as opportunity presents itself, we hope to enlarge this service into an ever-widening circle from the College.

### CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS WEEK

During the week of November 14-18, we have been observing what we call "Christian Emphasis Week" at the College. Instead of having chapel services Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, we have had services every day. Each class has been opened with a five-minute devotional which has been prepared by one of the students in that particular class.

Classes were dismissed on Friday morning and the full time was given to prayer, meditation, a sermon, and the giving of testimonies.

The general theme of the week was that of prophecy and its practical application to our individual lives. In other words, what manner of persons ought we to be, seeing all these things shall be dissolved? Bro. Vernis Wolfe, pastor of the Oregon, Ill., Church of God, gave one message on the "Signs of the Times."

We feel the time was well spent by drawing nearer to the Lord.

### GOSPEL TRIP TO NILES, MICH.

On November 13, it was our privilege to take a gospel team to be with the church at Niles, Mich. Our ladies' trio, composed of Rachel Krogh, Martha Burnett, and Janet Turner, gave some beautiful numbers in praise. It meant a home-going for Sr. Judith Yankee, and we were happy to go with her to her home church. Bro. Robert See, who will graduate at mid-term in January, brought a fine sermon on the coming of Christ. Bro. C. E. Lapp brought the morning message to an appreciative audience.

Bro. Leon Driskill and wife are ministering to the brethren at Niles, and we pray the Lord will lead them forward as they make plans to complete their basement church with the auditorium above. Thank you, brethren in Niles. We were blessed by being in your church and in your homes.

### A CHRISTIAN PSYCHIATRIST COMING

The College staff and student body are looking forward to December 8 and 9 when we are to be visited by Dr. Brandt, a psychiatrist from Michigan. He has a very practical,

down-to-earth approach to the problems that confront people today, and is coming for the purpose of helping us to enlarge our Christian Service Program so that we may make a better evaluation of the work now being done.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE COLLEGE

About one third of the student body went home or went visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday. The remainder enjoyed some much-needed rest and a couple of extra cat naps after the alarm rang.

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES AT FREDERICKTOWN

New officers of the Fredericktown Missionary Society are: Mrs. Jane LeCronc, president; Mrs. Pearl Cooper, vice president; Mrs. Ollie Cooper, secretary. The project for the year is collecting pieces to make into quilt blocks, which will be sent to the church at Digby, Nova Scotia. Anyone having quilt pieces to donate, your gift would be appreciated. Mrs. Ollie Cooper, Secretary.

### FELIDA, WASHINGTON

Miss Fern Bell and mother, Mary E. Bell, are now located at 2019 Coolidge Court, Middleton, Wis. We miss them very much and wish God's richest blessings upon them.

On October 29 and 30 we were greatly blessed by having Bro. Kirby Davis of Wenatchee, Wash., conduct three services for us. Sr. Davis and their two sons, Aaron and Daniel, accompanied him. It had been ten years since they were here. We enjoyed the solo by Kirby, "The Love of God" and a duet by Kirby and Bonnie, "God's Way Is the Best Way." Mrs. Elmer E. Upton, Secretary.

### BAPTISMS AT OMAHA

Two of our young ladies were immersed in the likeness of Christ's death and resurrection as an expression of their confessed faith in Jesus at a special service on October 16, 1960. Jancille Rasp and Diana Grant are commended into the full fellowship of the church and we pray their lives will reflect the image and glory of their Saviour.

Clyde E. Randall, Pastor.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

While we did not remember to give notice of the annual Christmas greetings list in the Progress Journal, Bro. and Sr. Harry Payne, Linda and Arthur, did remember, and send their greetings.

### MEMORIAL DEDICATION FOR PASTOR G. J. GORDON

A Communion table, the gift of friends and neighbors, was dedicated Sunday, October 17, at the Open Bible Church of God, Chappell, Nebr., as a memorial for the former pastor, Bro. G. J. Gordon.

### PASTOR NEEDED

Cool Springs Church of God, near Front Royal, Va., is in need of a pastor. The church secretary is Mrs. Braden Manuel, 115 Polk Ave., Front Royal, Va.

### GRACE FLORENCE DREW

The Dixon, Ill., Church of God is mourning the loss of one of its most faithful members. Grace Florence Drow fell asleep in death at her home in Dixon, on Monday, Oc-

tober 17, 1960, after an illness of nearly five months. Bros. C. E. Lapp and C. J. Pestle officiated at her funeral on Wednesday, October 19. She is now resting in Chapel Hill Cemetery with the hope of rising to meet Jesus Christ at the first resurrection.

Sr. Drew was baptized in Rock River by F. E. Siple on June 16, 1921, and spent the remainder of her life serving faithfully in the Church of God at Dixon. Besides being active in the Doreans society, the Berean work, and the church choir, she served as a Sunday school teacher and as a deaconess for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Ross; four sons, Lyle and Elwyn of Dixon, Dale of Rock Falls, Ill., and Leon of Franklin Grove, Ill.; and ten grandchildren.

C. Jesse Pestle, Pastor.

### MARY BURN

Mrs. Mary Burch was born December 19, 1903, in Bourbon, Ind. On October 30, 1921, she was married to Lawrence Burch. She was a resident of Marshall County, Ind., all of her lifetime. She was a member of the North Salem Church of God.

Sr. Burch had been ill for a few months preceding her death. She had been in the hospital in South Bend, Ind., and Dayton, Ohio, and died in the Parkview Hospital in Plymouth, Ind., October 2, 1960.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer October 5. Interment was in the Tyner, Ind., cemetery. R. Warren Sorenson, Pastor.

### ALBERT SCHAEER

Albert Schaeer was born October 25, 1888, in Bern, Switzerland. He was married to Rosa Burkhalter in Peoria, Ill., August 29, 1914. He died October 1, 1960. He and his wife were baptized by Bro. Leon Driskill. Surviving are his wife, five sons, five daughters, four brothers, two sisters, twenty-five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was laid to rest until the coming of our Lord on October 3, in Spring Bay Cemetery.

Louis Kump, Pastor.

### AARON ROBERT HOWARD

Aaron Robert Howard was born January 8, 1875, in Polk County, Iowa, the son of Melissa and John Howard. He was baptized and was a member of the Church of God. He moved with his parents to Sac County and there was united in marriage to Christina Graeber on March 17, 1898. They were the parents of three children.

Mr. Howard died at his home on Tuesday, November 1, 1960. He is survived by his wife Augusta; two daughters; and two brothers.

Interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

T. M. Savage, Pastor.

### MARY M. SMALLEY

Mrs. Mary M. Smalley, Rosburg, Wash., died October 30, 1960, in a Longview hospital. She was born in Winfield, Kan., and came to Rosburg in 1886. She was a member of the Church of God, Faith of Abraham. She is survived by four sons, four daughters, a sister, thirty grandchildren, forty-nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 2, at Volk's Chapel, by Pastor H. Gary France. Burial was at Eden Valley, Cemetery. Mrs. Ethel Upton.



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# PROGRESS JOURNAL

## A History of the Church of God General Conference

*Compiled by Pastor Francis E. Burnett, Secretary, Church of God General Conference*

### PART THREE

This article continues the review of the highlights of the progress of the Church of God General Conference since its beginnings in 1888. This section will cover the first steps in the recognition of ministers, purchase of property, Conference publications, and the history of Conference financial policies.

#### MINISTERIAL RECOGNITION

One of the first steps taken by the reorganized Church of God General Conference in 1921 was to make provision to approve ministers and recommend them to the Churches of God.

December 7, 1921, the following statements were made in *The Restitution Herald*.

**"Ministers Approved by the General Conference.** The following names have been advertised and there having been no charges of improper conduct placed by anyone, the General Conference of the Church of God approves the persons named, for evangelists and pastors, in accordance with the state conferences which have issued ministerial certificates thereto: E. O. Stewart, Mrs. M. A. Woodward, J. E. Cowles, S. J. Lindsay, F. E. Siple, F. L. Austin, D. E. VanVactor, J. W. Williams, A. M. Jones, T. A. Drinkard, F. V. Blakely, J. A. Patrick, C. E. Randall, G. E. Marsh, L. E. Comer, A. W. Darby, A. S. Bradley, J. H. Anderson. Signed, J. A. Patrick, President, and F. L. Austin, Secretary."

In 1922, a Committee to Hear and Judge Complaints was established. The following explanation was given. "No little harm has been done to the cause for which the Church of God stands by the persistent circulation of complaints of immoral or habitual unchristian

conduct by some of the ministry. This injury is not alone to the church. It is equally serious in its effect upon the ones against whom the complaints are made—providing the charges are wrong, or are magnified. To correct this condition, for the good of the cause, has been one of the first labors of this General Conference effort. Owing to the distance separating, the slowness of some replies by mail, the preparation to Scripturally proceed with the matter has been greatly delayed. The Conference president announces the names of five of a committee appointed for this work. He wishes to appoint two more as soon as possible."

From this beginning, progress was made to the appointing of a permanent Committee for Licensing and Ordination. Standards were established over the years by the Ministerial Association and the General Conference delegates and an effective program for raising ministerial standards and licensing and ordaining of ministers has developed. The present program fulfills the purpose inherent in the first steps taken by the General Conference.

#### PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

With the decision to locate the Church of God General Conference in Oregon, Illinois, property was purchased to house Conference activities. The office building which had been used by S. J. Lindsay for the publication of *The Restitution Herald* was secured for offices and print shop.

In 1922 Golden Rule Home was purchased for the care of the aged. This was a large brick residence near the center of Oregon, built on a hillside. This Home has since become the dormitory for women at Oregon

Bible College, and the site is the proposed location for expansion of Oregon Bible College. (See December Journal.)

In October, 1923, a greenhouse and floral and gift shop were purchased. This branch of the work was undertaken after careful consideration by the Executive Board. It was largely in the nature of an experiment, seemingly necessary in order to extend the floral service in the city. The gift phase was added to add revenue to cover the overhead expenses of the operation.

This experiment in commercial business did not prove successful and these businesses were later sold. A store for the sale of church and Sunday school supplies was operated from 1950-58, but it also was closed, due to lack of sufficient business volume to justify its existence.

#### CHURCH OF GOD LITERATURE

In October, 1926, action was taken to begin publication of Sunday school quarterlies. It was proposed that the beginning be made with adult quarterlies to sell for six or seven cents each. These were to be followed by a quarterly for juniors and then one for primary age. It was stated, "If there are enough subscriptions to justify publication we will, D.V., have a quarterly ready for January 1, 1927. But we must know at once! We must know how many quarterlies will be taken for the first quarter of 1927."

Although orders were not sufficient to cover cost of publication, decision was made to begin publishing Truth Seeker's Quarterly for adults, intermediates, and the home department, in January, 1927.

In August, 1939, James McLain spoke relative to a more organized and determined ef-

fort in Sunday school work. He advocated that all teachers, superintendents, and ministers should be more concerned about the education of our Sunday school children; emphasized that there is a present need for suitable material for children which is not found in the present Truth Seeker's Quarterlies; and listed several members of the Church of God whom he thought capable of editing such Sunday school materials for children.

Sr. Elsie Moore also spoke relative to this matter and advocated the preparation of quarterlies especially for children. She stated that Sunday schools were now forced to use literature that was doctrinally questionable, and presented several samples of such materials.

Bro. McLain moved the formation of a committee to serve for one year to study Sunday school needs and to report at the 1940 Conference on the best Sunday school organization it would be possible to have. The motion was carried after second by J. R. LeCrone.

Truth Seeker's Quarterlies are now published by the Church of God General Conference for Nursery, Pre-School, Primary, Junior, Junior High-Senior High, and Adults. About sixty-five hundred quarterlies are printed each quarter.

### THE RESTITUTION HERALD

The Restitution Herald was begun in 1911 by the late S. J. Lindsay. In 1921 it was incorporated into the Church of God General Conference and became the official organ of this body. It was published weekly and sent only to subscribers. It contained articles, news of the churches, and promotional material for the General Conference and the churches.

In 1950, the Conference secretary, in behalf of the Executive Board, presented the opinion that the primary purpose of The Restitution Herald was to fulfill the Great Commission. Why, said he, should we sponsor drives for our own members and present news also for them in which strangers would have no interest?

In August, 1953, it was moved by Brothers Overmyer and McLain that The Restitution Herald be made a bi-weekly and that news items be reviewed to decide whether or not they should be included in The Herald. The motion lost.

In 1956, action was taken by the General Conference delegates to change the publishing dates of The Restitution Herald. Thereafter it was to be published three times each month. The first issue was to be a news issue mailed to subscribers and every member of the church. The other two issues were to be evangelistic in nature and mailed to subscribers and users of Restitution Herald racks.

This first issue of the month later became Progress Journal, which is mailed to every member family in the Church of God. The other two issues of the month are mailed to subscribers and users of racks and carries the name The Restitution Herald.

### Songbook Publication

The songbook, Gospel in Song, was published

during the Conference year 1927-28. It was edited by Thoro Harris.

In 1945, a Songbook Committee, previously appointed, reported that work had been done on a new songbook. It estimated that \$5,000 would be required to publish the book and that publication could not begin till at least \$3,000 of that amount was in hand.

In 1947, Bros. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., and Francis Burnett moved that the report of the Songbook Committee be accepted and that one edition of at least five thousand copies be published as soon as possible. Motion carried. The book was published in 1948. A second edition was published in 1954, and work is now in progress for a third revision and edition of Songs of Truth.

### Publication of "One God—God of the Ages"

In 1947, progress of the work of Bro. R. H. Judd, Colborne, Ontario, in his book, "One God—God of the Ages," was reported. The Executive Board encouraged Bro. Judd in this work. On motion of Bros. John Denechfield and Albert Siple, the Conference went on record favoring the publication of this book. It was printed and widely distributed. The book is now out of print.

### "Systematic Theology"

In August, 1957, acting on a motion by Bro. Gerald Cooper, the Conference authorized underwriting the expense of publishing the book, "Systematic Theology," by Bro. Alva G. Huffer. The book was printed in 1959 and distribution began early in 1960. Copies of the first edition are almost all sold.

### Church of God History

In 1944, Bros. C. E. Randall and G. E. Marsh were appointed historians for the Church of God and began accumulating historical materials for a printed history of the Church of God.

Books, papers, and pictures collected by G. E. Marsh were deposited in the Church of God Historical Library at his death and Bro. Paul Hatch has taken the task of cataloging this material, and organizing it for a written history.

Members who have such literature for this work of arranging a history of the church are urged to add them to this library so the work can proceed.

### Supporting the Conference

When the General Conference was organized in 1921 it was unanimously agreed that voluntary support, financial as well as talent, was the true principle of the gospel. "The financial policy of the National Bible Institution shall be based wholly upon the principle of voluntary contribution. The Executive Board shall be governed in the work undertaken by the voluntary support of those interested."

In 1948, a committee on stewardship reported the following program of tithing. Bro. John Denechfield reported for the committee, "1) Our people must be educated in tithing. 2) Every minister should become a tither. 3) Every member should tithe to his local church." The committee moved that the General Conference "direct its Board to proceed

immediately to promote tithing, or appoint a committee to promote tithing in co-operation with the Conference Board." Motion carried.

From that time forward, the tithe became the basis for all Church of God financing. In 1959 the Finance Committee, summarizing actions taken over a period of many years, recommended "that the tithe continue to be the basis of giving, with the relationship between giving and Christian living as taught in the Scriptures emphasized." The recommendation was adopted.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws, to become effective in August, 1961, states, "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 all work undertaken by the unified budget adopted by action of the delegates at the annual General Conference session."

### Purpose of the General Conference

The first Conference Declaration of Understanding in "What constitutes a Conference?"

1) We understand that a Conference is a conferring together of any or all members of the Church who may choose to be present.

2) That by voluntary assembly members of the Church meet at designated time and place to confer on any or all matters pertaining to Christian welfare; working toward better understanding of truth, and more unity where differences of faith exist; printing and dissemination of literature and books; charitable and benevolent work; and all other Christian activity.

3) That the overseers of the Church consist of evangelists, pastors, teachers, and deacons.

4) That in such Conference each individual member should conduct self in a Christian spirit.

Under the Working Rules were the following statements:

19) The purposes for which the National Bible Institution shall be incorporated are:

A) That the evangelistic work of the church be extended so it may better serve all needs of our people, and reach new fields of missionary labor.

B) That publishing facilities may be provided, under special editorial supervision, for the issuance of all necessary literature, such as books and booklets, tracts and systematized lesson leaflets, etc.

C) That facilities be provided to aid in education of those desiring to prepare themselves for the ministry, Bible training, or other religious work.

D) That a board of benevolences be organized to minister to individual needs as they may arise.

Here is a quotation from the first Conference report: "The kindness of spirit which prevailed throughout these discussions is worthy of special mention here. It was so prominent that it became the subject of frequent comment during the remainder of the week."

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# Stone Soup

by the editor

A brochure from Hiram College, forwarded to us by Bro. Don Swartz, relates the ancient story of stone soup.

In England, many years ago, a traveler stopped at a castle to ask for alms. The servants told him that there was nothing to give. They could not afford to give, since they had nothing themselves.

The traveler asked if he could have a kettle of water to make "stone soup." Intrigued by the idea of stone soup, the servants brought a kettle of water. Putting it over the fire and adding a smooth stone, the traveler soon had the water boiling around the stone. Tasting it, he asked for a little salt and pepper for seasoning.

Tasting again, he pronounced the soup quite good but thought it could be improved if there were some scraps of vegetables and meat that could be added to it. Fascinated by this time, the servants scurried to the kitchen and brought back several offerings for the "stone soup." After some sauces and condiments had been added to improve the stone soup, the audience was invited to taste it. They were all amazed at the excellence of this simple "stone soup."

The story has not lost its significance and meaning in the five hundred years it has been told. We have more than we realize to contribute to the "stone soup" being made today. If each adds his little bit, the result can be excellent, though the beginning may be small and the task seem impossible.

The story has its application to the work of the local church. One of the most disconcerting problems in many local churches is the fact that few people carry the load. Asked to help with the work, the response of many is, "We have nothing to give. There is nothing we can do." So the leadership must make "stone soup." It is only when each one adds his part, a little here and a little there, that progress can be made and results achieved. Tasks that may seem impossible can be accomplished when *each one* does his part. While our individual talents and gifts may be so small that alone we would be embarrassed to offer them, when the "stone soup" is begun and each casts in his offering, wonderful results are realized.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Every man shall bear his own burden" (Gal. 6:5). Each one has talents and possessions for which he is personally responsible to the Lord. What others do or do not do with their burdens is of no consequence since we have our own for which we are ac-

countable to God. The fact that others do more than their share does not lessen our responsibility, nor does the fact that others do less than their share.

When Jesus told Peter, "What is that to thee? follow thou me" (John 21:22), He meant that Peter was not to gauge his service by John's but was responsible only to the Lord. What John did, or did not do, had nothing to do with what Christ expected of Peter. The Lord's work thrives on something from everybody, not much from few. Even the man with only one talent was responsible to his master.

The work of the Church of God General Conference can also be like making "stone soup." It needs the fragments, the tithe of the tithe of each church and each individual, if it is to succeed. It needs the support and the prayers and talents of all the people, not just the faithful few.

In the 1959 fiscal year which ended in September, we saw the results of the work of many. Yet, of the total membership of the Church of God, relatively few participated. Contributions large and small were received from 293 individuals out of a membership of more than 5,500. Contributions were received from 42 churches out of 100. Contributions were received from six conferences out of 16. Think what could have been done with the "stone soup" if each one had taken part!

In the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the expansion of Oregon Bible College, 550 families of a possible 3,300 families have made a contribution or a commitment. This seasons the "stone soup," but think what could be done with all the fragments from all the people! No one person could do it—or should do it! Every *one* should have a part! As each adds his gift, the blessings increase for all.

Sometimes with soup, "too many cooks spoil the broth," but not so with the Lord's work. The more who engage in the work, the more who add to the ingredients, the more who give their mites, the more wonderful the outcome. Those who give receive the blessing as well as those who partake. We need more "cooks" in the local church and more "cooks" in the General Conference. Those who are working and who are giving might do more, but it is better that those who are not working and not giving do some.

The pot is boiling and the "stone soup" is in the making. What will you do?



# Does It Really Matter?

By Pastor Richard Dick  
Hammond, Louisiana

**D**OES it really matter what you believe? Many people say it makes no difference what you believe as long as you do believe something. They say that as long as you are sincere in your belief and you have good intentions, your theology or religious belief is not important. They also refer to the worn-out expression, "All roads lead to Rome." They ask, "Aren't we all worshiping the same God, but just taking different paths that all lead to this same God?" There are also some who assert that all religions are capable of leading to God.

"Some men feel that heathen religions are as valid as Christianity. They think Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, and Mohammedanism are just as good as Christianity. They suggest that Christianity should combine with the best elements of all religions in order to create one universal religion."—Huffer, *Systematic Theology*, pp. 28, 29.

## *Is Sincerity Enough?*

Would you like to take a vacation trip to Yellowstone National Park? Would you be able to find your way to the park if you relied on sincerity alone? You probably would have to stop and ask directions, or get a road map within the first few hours of your trip. It would be almost impossible to find the way without first knowing the way or by following a road map.

Would you have graduated from high school or college if you had never studied to learn the truth? Would your sincerity have been enough to get you passing grades? You probably would have "flunked out" very early in your school life. Sincerity would not have obtained your diploma for you.

How many places in the Bible do you find the following thought being presented, "Thou shalt have sincerity and thereby inherit eternal life"? There is no place in Scripture that such a statement is made. The Bible does not teach that sincerity or good intentions will bring you salvation.

## *What Does the Bible Say?*

The Bible teaches that there is only one road that leads

to God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). When questioned by the high priest, Peter said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Paul taught that there is but "one mediator" through whom we may reach God. (1 Tim. 2:5.)

When God spoke to Adam concerning the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, He said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). The serpent said, "Thou shalt not surely die" (Gen. 3:4). As you know, Eve believed the serpent. Did her sincerity in believing the serpent keep her from dying? Her sin, not believing the truth, brought upon her and the whole human race the penalty of death.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that not everyone who cries, "Lord, Lord," shall enter into the Kingdom. (Matt. 7:21-23.) In verse 14 of this same chapter Jesus said, "Narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Jesus showed that you must know the truth and the way in order to have salvation. The Bible clearly shows that truth is important, and that sincerity in itself is not sufficient for your salvation.

## *What Must We Believe?*

Let us next ask the question, What is this truth that you must believe? Can you find the truth by turning to human reason? Can you depend upon tradition or creeds to have the truth? Some church denominations claim to have the truth. They have formulated such "doctrines" as the trinity, immortality of the soul, baptism by sprinkling, burning hell for sinners today, and others. Does any church have the right to formulate such doctrines and call them truth if they are not in the Scriptures?

The Bible alone tells us what we must believe. You must not be content to sit back and accept some teaching as truth just because your church or your pastor believes it. You are expected to "study to shew thyself approved" (2 Tim. 2:15). If you do not find a certain teaching in the Bible, do not believe it.

The Bible teaches that it is necessary to conduct oneself according to true Christian principles and to uphold correct belief.

# Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

Delbert Jones, Editor



## DIGBY REPORT

Bro. John Denchfield reports that he secured the bus on October 1. As so often happens when one purchases second-hand equipment, trouble developed which has been satisfactorily repaired.

An item of interest about the bus is that the operating costs will no doubt run \$4.00 per week. Bro. Denchfield makes three bus pick-ups each week—for the young people's meeting, for Sunday school, and for the church service. Bro. Denchfield reports: "On Thursday (devotional), our 'little' bus handles the smaller group. We have had 24 in the bus at one time, but usually about 20 makes a good load. It is a real help in the work and we really do appreciate having it." He then adds, "With the coming of 1961, we will need new registration plates, as they call them here, which will cost \$43.00. . . . Hope to manage without snow tires this winter, as the tread is fairly good now, but by next winter we hope that we can get new ones.

"Attendance and interest have been very good. All is going well.

"We wish to express our thanks to all who have helped to secure this bus for us. May God bless each one of you."

Thank you very much, Bro. Denchfield, for this news which is so very heartening. May each of us remember the Denchfields and the Digby work in our prayers.

## OPENING FIELDS

By Harold Doan

In recent months, many letters of inquiry have arrived at the General Conference office from various parts of the world. Some of the inquiries have come from the United States and Canada, from people who have found tracts or *The Restitution Herald* and wish to know more about the Church of God. Some have come (for instance, one from the Philippines and one from California, on my desk now) from people who have read the brief statement of faith in the listing of the Church of God in Mead's *Handbook of Denominations*, or *The Yearbook of American Churches*.

Most of the contacts being made in other parts of the world (Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, South Africa, India, Nepal, etc.) have been through brethren in the Christadelphian Church. These believers, with whom

we are in regular correspondence, like *The Restitution Herald*, and most of the tracts of the General Conference, and are using these tools in their work of witnessing to the truth. A great amount of literature is being distributed through these sources, underwritten by the Conference, and we rejoice in this widening circle of witness.

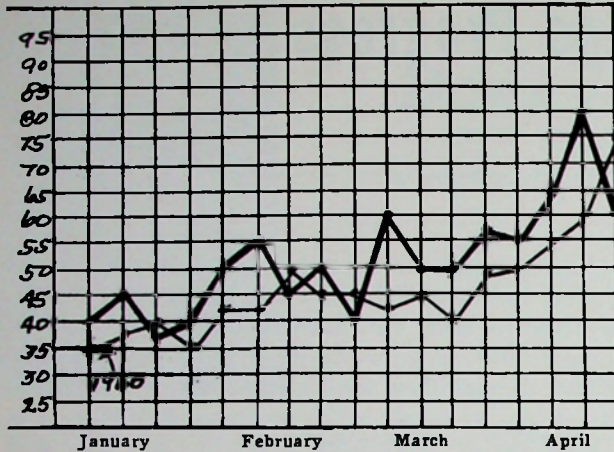
There also are independent evangelists who have read Church of God writings and are using them in some cases in their own work. We believe that the Lord is opening doors before us, and giving us opportunities through people whom we have never met. We trust that you will pray with us that good will come of these many new contacts and that many may come to a knowledge of the truth through the preaching and publishing of the gospel. Your support of the work of the Missionary Department of the Church of God General Conference makes possible the follow-up of these many opportunities and supplying the needs of these contacts.

## USED CLOTHES

Below is pictured a load of used clothing being taken from the station to the Church of God at Digby. This shipment was from Hope Chapel Church, South Bend, Indiana. Many churches have sent used clothing, and it has been distributed by Bro. Denchfield and family, and it has been greatly appreciated in Digby.



## ATTENDANCE CHART



Here is a suggested Sunday school attendance chart which gives good results. Of course, we make it large enough for the whole year. A 30 x 48 inch or 24 x 36 inch sheet of heavy white cardboard is excellent. Attendance figures on the left should be selected to be suitable for the attendance of your Sunday school. Be sure to make them high enough to have something to shoot at. Make the printing large and heavy enough so it can be read from the back of the room.

Plot your 1960 attendance ahead of time on the chart and then try to better the mark for your 1961 attendance. This chart can be used for several years by using a different color crayon each year.

We suggest that the chart be hung up for Sunday school and taken down before the start of worship service.

We think you will be pleased with the interest this chart creates and that it will help to increase your attendance. Of course, this is only one of the contributing factors, but during the nine years we have been keeping the charts our average attendance per Sunday has increased from 62 to 160.

### Special Days to Observe

Activities for Sunday schools on special days throughout the year and some of the more appropriate ones are hereby suggested.

**New Year's Sunday.** The first Sunday in the New Year. This is the Sunday to recognize and make awards to the students with perfect attendance records for the past year. Start a new Sunday school attendance chart or graph (to show each Sunday's attendance) as outlined above.

**Valentine Day.** You can do something of interest for the children. You could even have a "school days" party for the adult classes some evening.

**Easter.** A Sunrise service followed by an Easter breakfast (no expense to the Sunday school if each family brings something). Provide appropriate altar flowers and special music. A high peak on your attendance chart should be reached.

**Sunday after Easter.** Day for attendance emphasis. Try not to let your attendance chart drop sharply. Try to hold new students.

**National Baby Week.** Begins with the last

Monday in April. Concentrate on enrolling new babies in your cradle roll department all this week. Then see how many you can have present at Sunday school the following Sunday. If you have a photographer in your group, have the babies' pictures taken and present one to the mother of each baby. Also keep a print for your permanent records of church history.

**National Family Week.** Begins on the first Sunday in May. This gives you opportunity for a contest and to recognize family groups. An elderly couple could easily have fifteen or twenty persons present at Sunday school, including their children and grandchildren. Here, again, is a job for your photographer. Have him photograph the first- and second-place winners of the largest family groups and present a picture to the head of the family of each group. Again, save a print for your church history record book.

**Mother's Day.** A mother-daughter banquet some evening of the week preceding Mother's Day is a good Christian social activity. We suggest that your committee be made up entirely of men and boys and, if they are so qualified, they can do the cooking and serving, and can put on the entire program. The mother of every child in Sunday school should be invited. In fact, we think all the attending Sunday school women should be invited, whether they are mothers or not. This will break the ice for many mothers. Then be sure to invite them all back for Mother's Day (and every Sunday). For Mother's Day it is nice to announce some special awards to the oldest mother, youngest mother, mother with the most children present, mother with the youngest baby present. A potted plant makes a nice award. Here is another job for your photographer. Some Sunday schools present each lady with a cut flower or corsage.

**Children's Day.** The first or second Sunday in June. Something special should be arranged to recognize and honor the children this day.

**Father's Day.** A father-son banquet and special recognition to fathers on Sunday are suggestions similar to those outlined for Mother's Day except that the ladies be in charge.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Suggestions for 1961

By Paul Overholser, President

National Sunday School Department

**Labor Sunday.** The Sunday following Labor Day. Vacations are mostly over, the children are back in school, and the summer slump should be over. This is a good time to revitalize your Sunday school program. Why not start an attendance contest to terminate on Rally Day?

**Promotion Day.** Last Sunday in September or first Sunday in October, although some Sunday schools may prefer to hold it in the spring after school is out or at the beginning of the calendar year.

**Rally Day.** First or second Sunday in October. The usual activity is to concentrate on attendance (you should get a really high peak on your attendance chart). Be sure to have an especially active Sunday school and church program.

**Thanksgiving Sunday.** The Sunday immediately preceding Thanksgiving. Special emphasis on Stewardship and Thanksgiving should be the order of the day.

**Christmas Sunday.** This Sunday is well observed in most Sunday schools and churches. Our suggestion is to get started early on your program—at least four or five weeks ahead of time.

**Last Sunday of Year.** Make good New Year's resolutions and set new class and Sunday school attendance goals. Announcement should be made of any awards for perfect attendance for the coming year.

We would like to suggest a committee for each special event. These committees should be appointed far in advance. In fact, it would be well to have them appointed at your first Sunday school teachers and workers' conference in the new year. Why not get an "Appointment Calendar" for 1961 and write down all of your special days and events, with the committee in charge of each, for the entire year.

"A well organized Sunday school is a growing Sunday school." Such planning requires the co-operation of teachers, superintendent, pastor, and officers of the Sunday school. When each performs his part, the results will be seen in new interest and vitality in the Sunday school and a new growth in the church. Work and prayer are necessary.



The National Sunday School Department Board met in South Bend, Ind., Saturday, December 10, 1960. Members of the Board are: Paul Overholser, president; Timothy Pearson, vice president; Leota Foster, secretary; and Willis Turner, treasurer.

#### Membership

All Church of God Sunday schools are urged to join the National Sunday School Department and share in the benefits and labors of this important part of the General Conference. Dues are \$5.00 per year. They should be sent to Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Ill., where they are recorded and forwarded to the Sunday School Department treasurer. This procedure was recommended by the delegates at last summer's conference.

#### Services of the Department

In the *Christian Worker's Manual* (which may be secured for \$2.00 from the Church of God General Conference) there is a large section devoted to the organization and work of the Sunday school. Included is a list of books and films available from the National Sunday School Department. These are loaned, free of charge, for teacher training and improvement. (They should be ordered from: Mrs. Leota Foster, 103 Colrain S.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.)

The Department publishes *Go Ye*, a bulletin for Sunday school workers, containing ideas and suggestions for improvement of the Sunday school.

The Sunday School Board prepares copy for the monthly *PROGRESS JOURNAL*. (see page 4), with special emphasis on the Sunday school and its problems.

The Sunday School Department is in charge of Sunday School Day at the General Conference, bringing speakers, lessons, workshops, and films to help in the work of the Sunday school.

It also encourages in state and zone rallies, and the organization of state and district conference Sunday school departments. It studies the publications of the Church of God General Conference for Sunday schools and suggests improvements. It encourages ever higher standards for Sunday schools and Sunday school teachers, and tries to inspire ever higher goals.

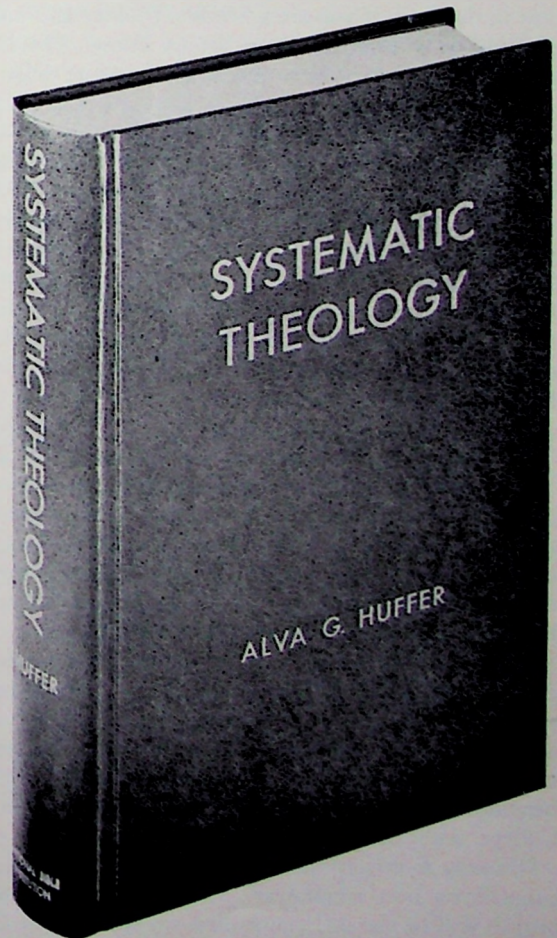
Every Church of God Sunday school should be aware of the work of the National Sunday School Department and help its cause by being annual members. Each Sunday school superintendent and secretary should check to see if his Sunday school is a member of the National Sunday School Department.

# 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.*



# General Conference Progress

## MISSION BUILDERS RESPOND TO FIFTH APPEAL

A total of \$3,800.00 was sent to the Bedford, Ohio, Blessed Hope Church of God for the fourth Mission Builders appeal. This is about the same amount received for the Glad Tidings Chapel at Dayton, Ohio. Slightly more than this was given for the San Jose, California, and Digby, Nova Scotia, appeals.

To date, about \$3,400.00 has been received for the Church of God at Peoria, Illinois, recipient of the fifth Mission Builders appeal.

There are now 925 Mission Builders. Most have responded to every appeal, and some have regularly given more than the basic \$5.00. Others have responded to none of the appeals or to only one or two.

It is possible that Mission Builders appeals are being lost in the mail. If you are a Mission Builder and have not received your appeals, please let us know. The last appeal was sent by first class mail to try to assure delivery.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING THIS MONTH

The Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference plans to meet on Friday, January 27, 1961, immediately after the Ministers' Conference. Preliminary plans will be made for next summer's Conference meetings at Camp Mack, and other matters of Conference business will be considered. The Board members give freely of their time to carry on this work and with the other volunteer boards and committees of the General Conference deserve our thanks.

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Last month a letter and cards were sent to every member family of the Church of God concerning the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign. Commitments and contributions have been made by 550 of the 3,300 families of the Church of God. A total of about \$105,000.00 has now been received in commitments and contributions.

It is wonderful that less than one sixth of the families of the Church of God have been able to almost reach the goal for the expansion of Oregon Bible College with a new dormitory-library-cafeteria building. But think what could be done if every family responded! Each family will benefit over the years from the expansion of Oregon Bible College, and each church will receive a blessing.

We pray that every family will participate in this campaign, even in a small way. The added interest in this project will be the difference between success and failure.

## CONFERENCE STAFF

Bro. Paul Johnson, superintendent of the printing department, underwent surgery in December. He is recovering nicely. . . . Sr. Leota Hanson spent Christmas week in Denver. . . . Bro. and Sr. Otto Dick, Sr., spent Christmas in Louisiana.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BOOKS

Preparation of the vacation Bible school books for 1961 is almost completed. Sr. Iris Burnett is editing these books. They will soon be printed. Order forms will be sent in February (Lord willing), with a sample lesson. Books will be printed to order and early orders will be filled first. We must follow this procedure because it is almost impossible to guess how many books will be needed. Last year we ran short of books, and we hope to avoid this disappointment this year.

## CONCERNING THE BUDGET

In November we went beyond our goal for giving for the month. This is wonderful, and we thank each one for this interest and support. (The report below is complete only through December 20.)

We are grateful to the individuals, the churches, and the conferences which faithfully support the Church of God General Conference. These gifts make possible the operation of Oregon Bible College, printing and publishing of literature of truth, foreign missions, home missions, the Berean Youth Fellowship, and other general services of your General Conference.

## **GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1960 - 1961**

**October 1, 1960 - September 30, 1961**

**\$42,860.00**

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| <i>Given through December 20</i>           | \$ 7,667.18 |
| <i>Balance to be given by September 30</i> | \$35,192.82 |
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| <i>Goal for giving for December</i>        | \$ 3,649.69 |
| <i>Given through December 20</i>           | \$ 1,304.10 |

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**Goal for January**

**\$3,910.13**





# Ministers' Conference

## January 23 - 27, 1961

The annual Ministers' Conference will be conducted, Lord willing, beginning Monday evening, January 23, and concluding Friday noon, January 27, 1961. Meetings will be conducted in the Church of God at Oregon, Illinois. Ministers of the Church of God, and students at Oregon Bible College will be in attendance at this important annual ministers' retreat and conference.

Ministers who have attended this annual conference for many years look forward to it as one of the best weeks of the year. While the program is full, and the demands are heavy on each minister's time, the blessings are equally great. The periods of fellowship and study, of devotion and prayer, of discussion of mutual problems and joys, are a source of encouragement to each one.

Churches are encouraged to help their ministers attend this meeting. Travel expenses and the expense of meals while at the conference are pooled. The total expense to each person is usually between \$20.00 and \$25.00. Each church is urged to pay this portion of the minister's expense so that every minister is able to avail himself of this opportunity. The church benefits from the added inspiration received by its minister.

Ministers who will need rooms while at the conference should write as soon as possible to Leota B. Hanson, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois. State when you will arrive and when you plan to leave, and whether or not you will be alone and have a car. Since rooms are not plentiful, please write early! Use the coupon below if you wish!

Pastor James Mattison is president of the Ministerial Association and Brother Lyle Rankin is chairman of the program committee. Programs have been prepared and soon will be printed and mailed to each minister. We look forward to an interesting week.

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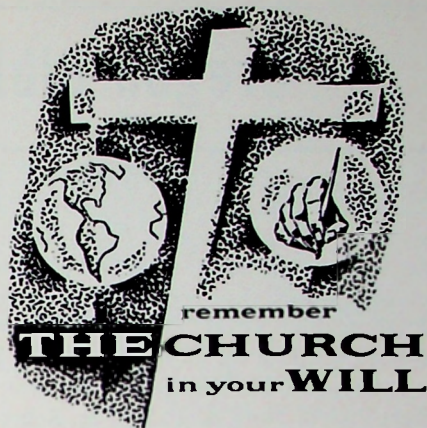
Church .....

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Will have car.  Yes.  No. Room for ..... adults

..... children

Mail to Leota B. Hanson, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois



### WILLS, BEQUESTS, AND SPECIAL GIFTS

In addition to the regular contributions that are made to provide the operating funds for the Church of God General Conference, many people like to make special gifts which are used for capital assets. New buildings, equipment, machinery, and other such assets are provided almost entirely in this way.

There are several ways in which such gifts can be made. One of these ways may be best suited to your desires and the use you wish made of the goods over which the Lord has made you a steward. One of the following possibilities may be a means of your making a lasting gift to the Lord's work.

1) Direct contributions to special purposes (such as the Oregon Bible College expansion program, machinery, books, etc.) are set aside for that purpose and used in the way that you specify.

2) Scholarships encourage and help students at Oregon Bible College and assist in providing trained leadership in the Church of God.

3) Memorial gifts in memory of a relative or loved one in the faith provide lasting honor. Appropriate cards are sent to the surviving family stating that a memorial gift has been made.

4) Life insurance can be secured, with the Church of God General Conference as the beneficiary. This is an excellent way to provide a tax-free, future contribution from your estate. Consult your insurance agent about this.

5) Bequests made in one's will will assure that that part of the estate will be used in the Lord's work as designated. Legal counsel should always be sought in the making of a will. Proper wording for including the Church of God General Conference is: "To the Church of God General Conference, incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, I bequeath the sum of ..... dollars (\$.....) in support of the work of said corporation as authorized in its Articles of Incorporation, and By-Laws."

# Oregon Bible College Progress

## HOLIDAY VACATION

The one desire of all students at Christmas time is to be at home with parents, loved ones, and old friends. As soon as school was out, they began to scatter to the far corners of our nation: Texas, Minnesota, Virginia, and Canada. We are thankful for all the fine young lives that have come to Oregon Bible College this past year.

Bro. Robert Pike of Nova Scotia and Sr. Rebecca Barnhill of Washington State were the only two students who did not go home this year. Distance was the problem.

## A PSYCHOLOGIST VISITS THE COLLEGE

For some time we have been looking forward to the coming of Dr. Henry Brandt, a Christian psychologist from the city of Detroit. Now his visit is history, and we are looking backward to evaluate what he said and did while here. Only time will reveal what has been accomplished; but so far, we feel much good has been done.

## A STUDENT'S REACTION

One student remarked, "My whole attitude toward the ministry has been changed by what was said about *service*. Jesus' words were used in Matthew 20:26, when He said, 'Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.'" This truth struck home with this one young man, but all of us came to realize as never before why people are happy when serving others.

Jesus came to give an abundant way of life to all, but only those who are *willing* to *serve* others are genuinely happy. Selfish people are unhappy, and our looking glass often reveals who one of them is. There are also those who serve, but serve with a grudging, miserly spirit, and so miss the *joy* of service. These are the ones afflicted with self-pity and a spirit of martyrdom. To be greatest in God's sight, is to completely reverse the order of our carnal thoughts and actions!

## TEACHERS' RESPONSIBILITY

Dr. Brandt pointed out quite forcefully that it was the job of the teachers to build men and women of character. The greatest problem today in human relations in our homes, schools, and churches, is that of being unable to adjust to people and circumstances.

Obviously, it becomes our job to take the students as they are when they come to college and, with love and compassion, deal with those things, whether good or bad,

to make them strong in the Lord. These characteristics may be found in the physical, mental, moral, and spiritual side of their lives. We may grant anyone the right to choose whether he wants to accept the observations made but we will not be *free* to allow the student to break down or destroy the standards or rules established.

Further, it was pointed out that our dormitories can become real tools in Christian development by training the students to live together in peace and love. The great emphasis today has been upon the academic side of life, but this must lead to the character of the individual becoming well-rounded or it is a hollow shell and unstable. They must go hand in hand. This is the ideal toward which we must work to produce strong workers for the Lord.

## STUDENTS BLESSED

Of one thing we are confident. Our students really want to be here in Oregon Bible College. Not all have been fortunate to get work, and those who do have work have only a few nickels each week to spend for those things not absolutely necessary.

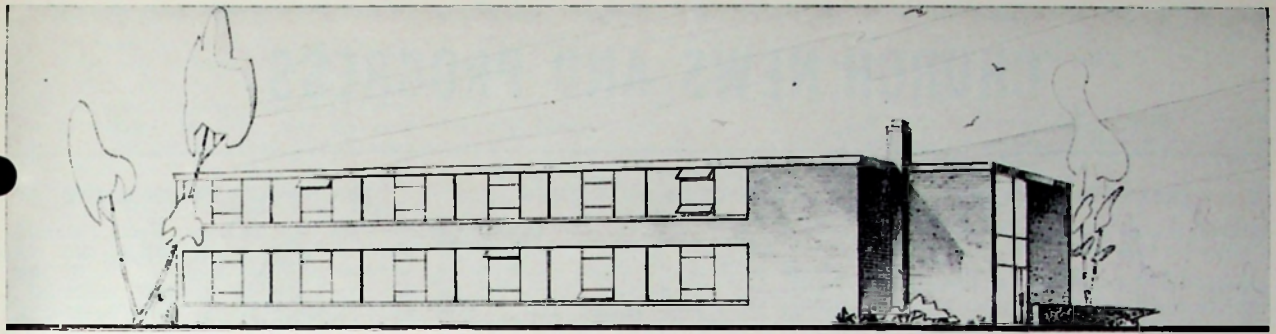
Congratulations to the churches and conferences which have helped their students financially. Bro. Russell Dickerson was thanking the Lord for a check received from his Lawrenceville, Ohio, church. Sr. Ruby Peterson received a check from her church at Fonthill, Ontario, and as a result was privileged to go home for Christmas. Others have helped and have brought blessing and joy to know that someone at home cared. A tangible gift for young hearts usually produces a stronger determination for them to do their best.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT

This year a Christian Service Department has been organized within the College for the sole purpose of forming a closer tie between the students and the churches in which they are doing their practical work assignments. All students, and especially the upperclassmen, are assigned to work as the requests are given us by the churches. This pertains to teaching, preaching, song leading, and gospel teams.

## EVALUATION

In keeping with these work assignments, we are preparing an evaluation program by which the student's work may be strengthened wherever he may serve. We believe this is another step forward in giving our students the best.



**SILVER ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN NECESSARY FOR THE CHURCH ● WILL YOU GIVE?**

*By Pastor C. E. Randall, Omaha, Nebraska  
Member of the Board of Education*

The Silver Anniversary Building Campaign to raise \$125,000.00 in the next five years by means of pledges now being solicited over the entire country must not fail. If this program is not successfully completed it will be a tremendous blow to our whole work—national, state, and local. It may be even the death knell.

There are several reasons why the entire future of our work is linked to this present campaign. The Church of God is a teaching church. To fulfill its mission, we must have trained pastor-teachers. We have too long overlooked and neglected this important factor.

As early as 1900, Dr. J. B. Gambrel, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "We have organized; we have evangelized; we have preached; but we have not . . . taught."

The effective tools of the Roman Catholic Church have been their schools and their superior teaching techniques. Of Jesus' ministry, it is said, "He taught in their synagogues." And again, "He taught as one having authority."

Oregon Bible College is our only means and place of teacher-preacher training. To build and promote this arm of our work is a task to which we all must give of ourselves and financial strength. We cannot expect to have an *outreach* unless we have some to do the *reaching*.

I believe it is the duty of every member of the Church of God to share in this urgent work. Pray over the part which you *can* and *will* carry and God will sustain you in the decision which He lays on your heart.

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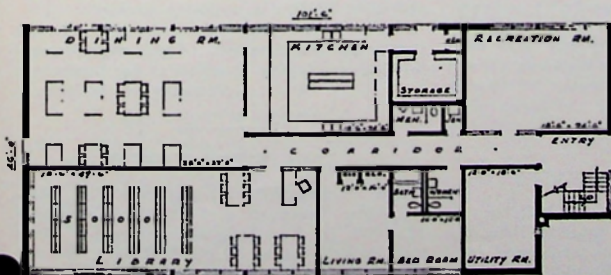
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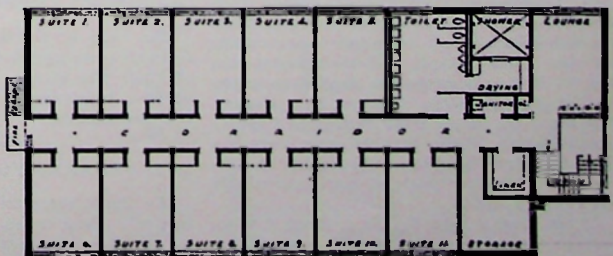
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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 24 - 27—Midwinter Ministerial Conference at Oregon, Ill.

August 6-11, 1961—Church of God General Conference, Camp Alexander Mack.

## HECTOR, MINNESOTA, NEWS

On December 17 and 18, 1960, Bro. and Sr. Delbert Jones and Bro. and Sr. Roy Johnson traveled to Littlefork, Minn., where Bro. Jones conducted services for the group there. There was a good turnout. The church is rich in faith though small in number. They are trying to purchase property for a future church building.

Betty Lou Wegner, Litchfield, and Byron Lee Johns, Littlefork, were united in marriage at the home of Bro. and Sr. Martin Wegner, November 19, 1960. Cheryl Macy was bridesmaid and Lowell Wegner was best man. The wedding was performed by the writer in the absence of Bro. Emory Macy, Litchfield pastor. Following the ceremony, a bridal dinner was served by the mother of the bride. May the Lord's richest blessing rest upon them throughout life.

Delbert Jones, Pastor.

## NEW PARSONAGE AT MACOMB

The Church of God at Macomb, Ill., is in process of purchasing a parsonage. We rejoice with the church in this forward step.

## CLEVELAND GOSPEL TEAM VISITS SOUTH BEND

A gospel team from Golden Rule Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was at Hope Chapel in November. Gospel teams from Cleveland have traveled to Fonthill, Ont., Michigan, and Virginia in the past.

## HILLSIDE CHAPEL, NILES, MICHIGAN

The Hillside Chapel Church of God conducted evangelistic meetings November 13-18, 1960. An Oregon Bible College gospel team was present for the first day of services, which got our meetings off to a good beginning. All these young people and their instructor, Bro. C. E. Lapp, gave us a good demonstration of The Christian Witness. Bro. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., pastor from Southlawn Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., brought some very applicable and challenging messages for us during the remaining part of our evangelistic meetings.

At the close of the Friday evening service, Suzanne Parueker came forward and accepted Christ and was baptized by the pastor in the Saint Joseph River, Sunday, November 20, 1960.

Leon Driskill, Pastor.

## GOLDEN RULE NEWS Cleveland, Ohio

Our boys are enjoying their basketball practice on Tuesday evenings. Thanks to the Collinwood Congregational Church for the use of their gym. Thanks, also, to Bro. Charles Jones for making the long trip from Chagrin Falls to coach the boys. They may even get good enough to enter the tournament next year.

Tuesday evening, December 27, our Berean Youth Fellowship sponsored a young people's banquet at the church.

Saturday evening, December 31, the annual Watch Night service was sponsored by the midweek prayer and Bible study group, assisted by the social committee of the church. The world begins a new year with drinking and card parties. The Christian should begin and close his year in seeking to worship and please his heavenly Father.

Attendance at worship services during the closing months of 1960 has been very good. We are especially proud of our young people.

—Golden Rule Bulletin.

## LOUISIANA NEWS Blood River

After public confession of faith following the morning sermon, Neville Richardson was baptized in Blood River, November 27, 1960. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon our beloved sister in the faith.

We were glad to have Sr. Erma Collins and her two boys, Dennis and David, with us November 5-7.

Mr. Mott McKinney died November 12, 1960, and was buried November 14. Our sympathy goes to the family. In time of any sorrow and trouble there is One who "sticketh closer than a brother," even Jesus our Lord.

A social was sponsored by the ladies' missionary society after Bible class on November 23. About sixty-four enjoyed the hot dogs and pop.

The young people enjoyed a hayride December 2, sponsored by Bro. and Sr. Billie Kennedy.

—Daybreak.

## ROCKFORD CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

The floor of the sanctuary has been tiled and new pews installed in the Rockford Church of God. The steady improvement of Church of God buildings is one of the signs of a growing church.

## THANKS FOR BULLETINS

We thank those ministers and bulletin editors who have us on their mailing lists. We glean interesting news items and brief messages for The Restitution Herald from them. If we are not on your list, we would like to be.

## OHIO STATE YOUTH RALLY

A youth rally for Berean Youth Fellowship groups from Ohio and Fonthill, Ont., was conducted at Raker, December 10, 11, 1960. Bro. Frank Perkins, Cleveland, conducted a music workshop for the young people. The rally was well attended and enjoyed by all.

## WE ERRED

The editor completely forgot the annual Christmas greeting list this year until it was too late to print it. We hope to remember it next year in time to print the list in November and December. We are sorry to have inconvenienced the many who have used this system the past two years.

## BOOK OF POEMS

Sr. Ann Lunderby writes: "I have several copies of my book, *Ann's Elite*, on hand. It consists of about forty-five of my best poems. Bro. and Sr. Emory Macy have graciously given their time to help me prepare the publication." Copies may be ordered from Mrs. Ann Lunderby, 26 E. Hanson, Litchfield, Minn., at 75 cents per copy.

## THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Pastor Walter Wiggins and wife celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on Monday, December 5, 1960. Congratulations!

## BAPTISMS AT PENNELLWOOD CHURCH

On Sunday evening, December 11, 1960, Miss Susan Aleumbrack put on the name of Christ in baptism, at the Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich.

On Sunday morning, December 25, 1960, Pennellwood Sunday School had its annual "Birthday for Jesus," with a beautiful birthday cake and a special offering gift for Jesus.

The midweek Bible classes have been studying church history and learning the progress of the Christian church from the time of the ascension of Christ until the present.

Pastor Alva Huffer's mother, Sr. Bessie Huffer of Michigantown, Ind., recently suffered severe injury in a fall at her home.

—Pennellwood bulletin.

## JACKIE BEE MARTIN

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin, born November 9, 1960, died November 18, 1960. He was the great-grandson of Elzie and Daisy Robbins of Faith Chapel. He was buried in the Springdale Cemetery in Peoria to await the Lord's return.

Louis Kump, Pastor.

## BAPTISMS AT EDEN VALLEY

Velroy Parks, Lowell Tritabaugh, Paynesville, Minn., and Kenneth Kirkpatrick, Eden Valley, Minn., confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and were baptized at the Island Campgrounds, October 23, 1960. May the Lord bless them and be their guide always. They are all freshmen at the Eden Valley school. Pastor Ellsworth Routson baptized them.

Mrs. Earl Brossard, Reporter.

## Laura Bleasdale

Sr. Laura Bleasdale was born in California on August 22, 1881. She resided in Sierra Madre, Calif., and was a member of the Los Angeles and Pomona, Calif., churches. She was very active in the service of her Lord, contributing her talents musically and in other church projects. Her religious faith was very important to her, and she delighted in discussing it with others who were interested.

Sr. Bleasdale fell asleep in death on December 6, 1960. She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin, only last March 20, 1960. Surviving are two daughters, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted on December 9 by the writer, who gave a message of assurance from the Scriptures. Interment was made in Mountain View Cemetery, Altadena, Calif., where she rests in hope of the resurrection. William Dick, Pastor.

## Maggie Bray

Maggie Bray, daughter of Washington and Hilda (Zander) Thompson, was born in Rushville, Ill., on March 4, 1878, and lived in that vicinity all her life.

On January 11, 1899, she married Albert Bray, who preceded her in death by several years.

Sr. Bray was baptized into Christ by Bro. F. L. Austin on May 15, 1932, and continued in the faith as a member of the Ripley Church of God. Blindness and failing health prevented attendance at church for the past several years.

Sr. Bray, who was residing at the Hill Shelter Home, was bothered by a faulty heart. She seemed but little worse than common when taken to the hospital on December 6, but her heart gave out and she died on December 7.

Sr. Bray was the last surviving member of her family, having been preceded in death by a sister, Perlle Lewis, and two brothers, Perry J. and Fred Thompson. She is survived by her two sons, Silas of Maywood and Clarence of Rushville, and by four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Ripley Church of God. She now sleeps in the Ripley Cemetery awaiting the resurrection call of her Master. Harry Sheets, Pastor.

## Elizabeth Bird

Mrs. Elizabeth Sophia Bird, Hillisburg, Ind., died Tuesday, November 22, 1960, at the Clinton County Hospital. She was born September 24, 1878, near Hillisburg, the daughter of Andrew and Martha Huffer. She was married to William D. Spurgeon, who died in 1920. In 1926 she was married to Benjamin Bird, who preceded her in death in 1929.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs.

Blanche Dick, Oregon, Ill., Mrs. Faye Graf, Frankfort, Ind.; and four brothers.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Raymond Brown from the Hartman Funeral Home, and burial was at the Whiteman Cemetery near Michigantown.

## Mrs. Myles Tritabaugh

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 23, 1960, for Mrs. Myles Tritabaugh, Eden Valley, Minn.

She was born February 14, 1911, the oldest daughter of Herman and Anna Shultz. She was married, August 29, 1929, to Myles Tritabaugh.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Eldon and Lowell; a niece, Barbara Tysdal, who made her home with them; her mother; five brothers; and six sisters.

She had been a member of the Church of God since her marriage, a member of the ladies aid, a loyal Christian worker and Sunday school teacher, and a helper wherever she was needed.

Ellsworth Routson, pastor of the Eden Valley Church of God, officiated at the services, and burial was at the Village Cemetery.

Mrs. Earl Brossard, Reporter.

## Henry T. Zeller

Bro. Henry Teisher Zeller fell asleep in Christ on Friday, November 18, 1960. He is survived by his wife, Suvilla; two daughters, Mrs. Leon Hanson of Blair, Nebr., Mrs. Henrietta Quinn of Denver, Colo.; one son, Charles, of Hemingford; three brothers, Russell Zeller of Rogers, Ark., Keifer Zeller of Fullerton, Nebr., Morris Zeller of Alliance, Nebr.; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held at the Hemingford Methodist Church. Words of comfort and hope of the resurrection were spoken by the writer.

Bro. Zeller was a member of the Open Bible Chapel Church of God, Chappell, Nebr. Dallas R. Demmitt, Pastor.

## Home Burned

The home of Bro. and Sr. William Sundwall burned Friday, December 22. The house was completely destroyed. The Sundwalls are members of the Jordan, Mo., Church of God.

## December Contributors

The following individuals and groups gave to the Church of God General Conference during the first twenty days of December to make possible the continuation of the services of the Conference.

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| Burr Oak Church               | \$ 85.00 |
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| Lawrenceville Church of God   | 20.04    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Paul Louzecky      | 25.00    |
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| Lila E. Guiles                       | 10.50  |
| A Sister                             | 5.00   |
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| T. M. Savage                         | 6.60   |
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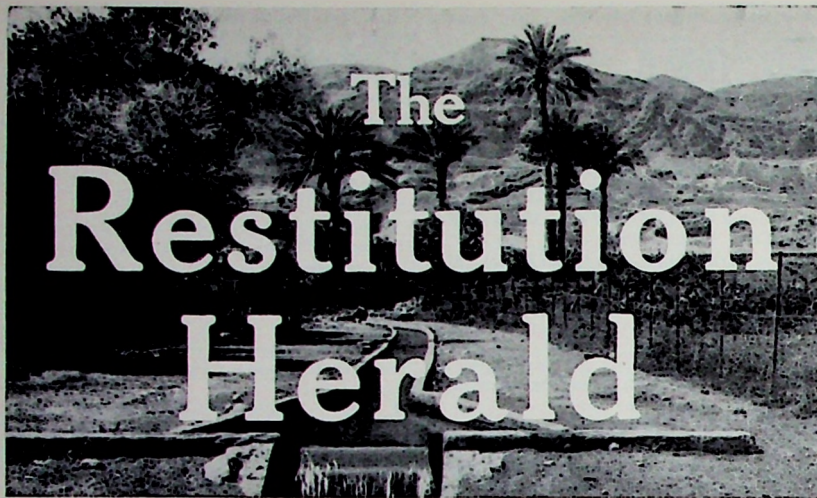
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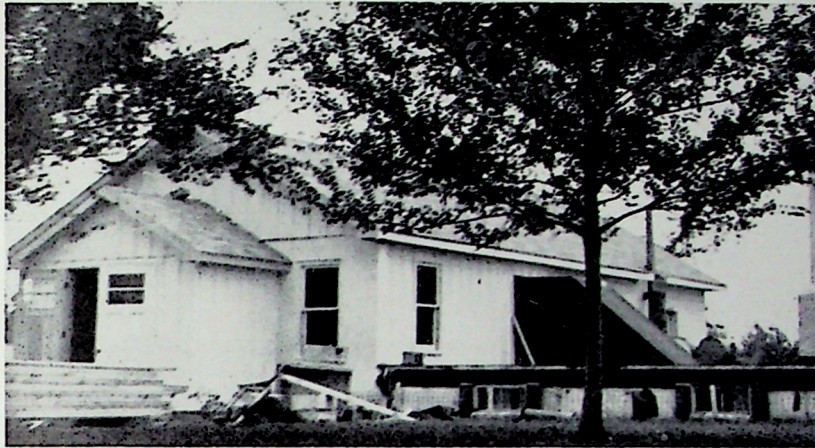
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# PROGRESS JOURNAL

## Missionary Progress

Delbert Jones, Editor

### Fredericktown Missionary Society

The Fredericktown Missionary Society meets the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting opens with a devotional service which is followed by the business meeting. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We have a potluck dinner. We spend the afternoon piecing quilt blocks. When the quilts are completed they are sent to Lighthouse Mission at Digby.

The missionary society placed world globe banks in the Sunday school classes. The money received from the banks adds to our offering from each meeting. We invest our money in various ways. We are members of the Mission Builders' League; we are active members of the National Missionary Department; we give \$5.00 each month for the Nova Scotia work. In addition, we distribute tracts, we have sent out a gospel team, and we have sent two boxes of used clothing to Lighthouse Mission.

At the December meeting we had a Christmas program and exchanged gifts.

We had a very interesting series of lessons at our meetings on "Women of the Bible."

Ollie Cooper, Secretary.

### Macomb Missionary Society

The missionary society of the Macomb Church consists of the women of the church. We meet once a month, and have devotions at each meeting. Our dues are \$1.00.

This is what we accomplished in 1960. We gave \$15.00 each month to the National Missionary Department and \$5.00 each month to the General Conference. We service one *Herald* rack. We placed Bro. Huffer's *Systematic Theology* in the library. We have pledged \$50.00 to the Silver Anniversary Building Fund. We have turned in seventeen dimeters to the National Missionary Department, and have sent 210 pounds of clothing to Nova Scotia. We purchased meat for the Illinois State Conference; purchased a stove for the church kitchen; a blanket for refugees; gave a \$10.00 gift for a new baby; and we sent \$40.00 to various individuals. Our society is a member of the Mission Builders' League.

The officers of the Macomb Missionary Society are: president, Hildreth Worley; vice president, Mary VeNard; secretary-treasurer, Bonnie Fishler; reporter, Hilda Partlow. Hildreth Worley, President.

### Blanchard Missionary Society

We here at Blanchard have just completed another year of missionary work and we are thankful for being able to do as much as we have. We look forward to even greater service to our Lord and Master this new year.

We meet the first Tuesday night of the month to discuss any business and to plan missionary programs for Missionary Sunday, which is the second Sunday of each month. Also different phases of missionary work are discussed, and we try to learn of new ways to create more missionary interest among our own people.

During the early part of 1960 we held an oriental supper to help acquaint people with the customs, food, and interests of those people. Some members were dressed in the manner of the East. Little Chinese hats were made for each child to wear.

We have paid \$15.00 monthly to our National Missionary Department. With the help of the Michigan State Conference, we have a fifteen minute radio program every Sunday morning over WCEN in Mount Pleasant.

A *Herald* rack is maintained in a local grocery store and a *Herald* subscription is sent to the local high school.

We have been fortunate to have had missionaries from foreign fields to come and speak to us and show slides of their work.

One highlight of the year was the service held for the Mexicans each Sunday night in the summer. Of course we are hampered by the language barrier, but a man from near by who could speak Spanish and works with them came and spoke to them. Men of the church brought them to the church. The basement proved too small, so we let them use the auditorium and we used the basement. A large amount of used clothing was given them, as the weather was quite cool for a while. The last night of services we joined them in singing hymns.

A large shipment of clothing was sent to Nova Scotia the first part of December. \$85.40 was given to buy chairs for Lighthouse Mission Sunday School rooms.

On the National Missionary Sunday a collection of \$49.24 was given.

We have contributed \$100.00 to the college building campaign and have pledged \$50.00 per year.

The dimeter banks have also been doing fairly well, with \$206.75 being sent to the National Missionary Department.

We are also members of the Mission Builders' League.

New officers for this year are: president, Mrs. Frances Wood; vice president, Paul Riley; secretary, Mrs. Janet Payne; treasurer, Mrs. Maudie Lint.

# A History of the Church of God General Conference

Compiled by Pastor Francis E. Burnett, Church of God General Conference Secretary

## PART FOUR

(This article presents "Conference Echoes," highlights of Conference actions since the year 1921. It is difficult to condense forty years of miscellaneous Conference actions into a few pages of type, since the work has been so varied in these formative years. These "Echoes," are taken from reports of the Conferences in *The Restitution Herald*. Previous articles have considered the formation and history of the major departments of the Conference.—Editor.)

1921

After the first General Conference meeting, one of the comments was, "The kindness of spirit which prevailed throughout the sessions is worthy of special mention. It was so prominent that it became a topic of discussion throughout the week."

1928

Different ones brought out throughout this meeting the unmeasured possibilities of the Church of God. It was urged that the Church of God should endeavor to follow closely the Scriptural directions not only in its doctrinal tenets, but also in its workings and activities as to make it an ideal church before God and man. That which constitutes a great church is not its wealth, nor its popularity, but its character and consecration and the spirituality by which it directs all its activities. The only reason a Church of God in any locality can occupy the ideal position in this respect can always be attributed to the Christian life of its membership. It is urged that we emphasize heartier consecration and service in all our church activities.

1931

Bro. G. E. Marsh said in reporting on this year, "If the world needs a scourging, how much more do we, the church, to awaken us to the importance of our mission, to stimulate us to more activity that we might 'save some.'"

This year was the end of the first decade of the General Conference and the secretary reported that the most encouraging thing that occurred in the first ten years was the establishment of the Bible Training School and the work of the ministers who had gone into the field after training there.

1932

The congregational nature of the Church of God was reaffirmed in the Conference of 1932. The secretary, G. E. Marsh, reported, "From

the beginning of its history the Church of God adhered to the congregational form of government. When the general work was instituted, its organizers were exceedingly zealous for the right of all the local churches and state conferences. Constant effort was put forth to avoid even the appearance of attempting to assume any of the duties usually performed by the earlier and more localized congregations. The General Conference conscientiously refrains from engaging in any activity which the state conferences can conveniently accomplish. It exists only to aid, encourage, advise, and instruct the brotherhood everywhere in such a manner as not to hinder, hamper, or restrict, in the least degree the work already established and efficiently conducted by the affiliating conferences."

1933

Two resolutions this year reflected the spirit of the Conference as it moved into the times of Depression. "Be it resolved that this Conference go on record as favoring deeper spiritual life among our members here present; we are resolved that we will do what we can upon our return to our home churches to promote this important objective. Be it resolved that we recommend to our members that daily prayer be offered for the enlargement of our local, state, and national church life."

1934

In 1934 the Advisory Board was discontinued. It had proved impossible to get the presidents of state conferences, and presidents of other co-operating societies together at one time to conduct the business of the Institution. The Bible Training Class was discontinued during the previous year.

1941

During this year there was a complete revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Conference and National Bible Institution. This revised Constitution then governed the Conference and is still in effect till next August when the new Constitution and By-Laws, revised in 1960, become effective.

1948

This year showed a sudden interest in missionary and evangelistic work. A motion was passed that a missionary department be included in the General Conference budget for 1948-49.

Sydney Magaw, secretary, reported that while attendance was a little below the previous records, this disappointment was atoned for in the increased interest in evangelistic and missionary work.

1950

It was moved by C. E. Randall, and seconded by Warren J. Landry, that the Board be instructed to discontinue receiving into life membership any more members in Golden Rule Home; that hereafter anyone coming into the Home be received as a roomer and a boarder; further, that this motion in no way affects the status of those already resident in the Home through contractual agreement. Since this motion echoed the report prepared by the board in pursuance of its instructions on August 11, the Board's report was not publicly offered. Motion carried.

1951

This conference also showed an increasing interest in missionary work. The Church of God was beginning to look out at the fields, white unto harvest, and desire to reach out to the lost. Bro. H. U. Krogh, Jr., presented a paper on "Building New Fields in Missionary Service."

Reporting on this Conference year, editor James Watkins wrote, "The co-operation of the members at large during this past year has been unequalled by any similar period in the past."

1952

The "Community Crusade" was a campaign suggested by the Board of Directors to assist in arousing our people to personal evangelism. This was a unified campaign with a single purpose, goal, mode of action, and approach to non-members of the Church of God. The goal of this campaign was to have one million readers of Church of God literature within the proximity of our local churches, and to reach three thousand homes with the Church of God story.

1953

The "Community Crusade Campaign" that was conducted in the fall of 1952 was successful beyond all expectations. (Summary report: 31 churches participated. Over 7,000 calls were made—the goal had been 3,000; over 30,000 individuals were included in the scope of the calling; over 75,000 pieces of material were sent out for distribution; the  
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# General Conference Progress

## EMMA C. RAILSBACK STUDENT LOAN FUND

Sr. Mildred Stantial has established a \$1,000.00 Emma C. Railsback Student Loan Fund as a memorial to her mother. Sr. Railsback had a vital interest in the work of the Church of God General Conference and Oregon Bible College. During her life she contributed generously to both and was always ready to participate in their efforts.

This loan fund will be used to help students at Oregon Bible College who have need of loans for tuition or other College expenses and will become a revolving fund for present and future students. We are grateful for this expression of interest and this memorial to an active and influential Church of God leader.

## L. E. CONNOR ANNIVERSARY

February 9, 1961, is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Bro. L. E. Connor. Bro. Connor was born February 9, 1861, and died December 4, 1943. He was a long-time leader in the Church of God General Conference. A pastor of several different Churches of God during fifty-seven years of active ministry, he was president of the General Conference and its business manager for twelve years. In 1943 he was made President Emeritus, the only person so honored since the formation of the Conference.

Bro. L. E. Connor will be long remembered and loved for his kindly spirit and the grace and charity with which he served.

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY BUILDING CAMPAIGN

As of January 16, 1961, a total of \$107,527.37 has been received in commitments and cash gifts to the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the expansion of Oregon Bible College. This total has come from 615 individual gifts and commitments.

Since there are 3300 families in the Church of God, we can quickly determine that only one in five has thus far participated in this important Campaign. We trust that others will respond soon.

Some are waiting to see if the program will succeed. It cannot succeed if the majority wait to see what others will do. Twenty-five hundred people could quickly put this Campaign far over its minimum goal of \$125,000.00.

Do not wait—participate! Use the coupon on page 8.

## NEW SLIDES AVAILABLE

A new set of slides of General Conference offices, staff, and extension services is now available. The color slides

are accompanied by a suggested script. They are loaned free of charge. Write: Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE FINANCES

We continue to praise God for the individuals, churches, and conferences who give regularly to the Church of God General Conference. Your giving makes possible the many services of your Conference: Oregon Bible College, printing and publishing, pastoral aid, the Mission Builders' League, Berean Youth Fellowship, foreign missions, and the other services rendered to members and Churches of God.

We thank you for this support of the work, knowing that its continuance and expansion depend upon the faithful stewardship of the membership. Many opportunities are now at our doors. There are areas opening for evangelism, where missions and new Churches of God could be established. Workers are needed, and funds are needed to take full advantage of these opportunities. Faithful stewardship includes walking circumspectly, using time to good advantage, being true to the mission to tell others of the true gospel, and using tithes and offerings to further the work of our Lord.

## PRAY NOW FOR NEW STUDENTS

Graduation and withdrawal of some students will leave a small body in Oregon Bible College *unless* we pray and work now for a record enrollment for the fall semester, 1961. Will you?

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## GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1960 - 1961

October 1, 1960 - September 30, 1961

**\$42,860.00**

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| <i>Given through January 30</i>            | \$12,076.53 |
| <i>Balance to be given by September 30</i> | \$30,783.47 |
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| <i>Goal for giving for January</i>         | \$ 3,910.13 |
| <i>Given through January 30</i>            | \$ 3,112.61 |

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**Goal for February**

**\$3,847.93**

# Oregon Bible College Progress

## GOSPEL TEAM

On January 8, a gospel team from the College was privileged to attend and assist in the morning worship services at the Truth Seeker's Church of God, Chicago, Ill. Those on the team were Rachel Krogh, Petsy Holt, Gloria Shaw, Martha Burnett, Terry Dwyer, and C. E. Lapp.

Special instrumental and vocal numbers were given by the girls with Bro. T. Dwyer assisting in the Scripture reading and prayer. Bro. C. E. Lapp gave the sermon.

A special monthly fellowship dinner was enjoyed at the home of Bro. and Sr. Howard Lewis. Bro. William Watchel is pastoring the church while attending Wheaton College.

## EXTENSION COURSE AT N. I. U.

The second semester five students from Oregon Bible College will attend the Northern Illinois University course given at Taft Campus east of Oregon. College credit is being earned by these courses.

## MID-YEAR INVENTORY

During the time we spend studying our college courses, there are questions which arise as to their value. A number of our students now express themselves on the personal satisfaction and blessing which have been received.

*Child Psychology.* "One of the most enjoyable courses I have taken this past semester has been Child Psychology. Before coming to college I did not even have a mild interest in any form of psychology. Last semester my mind was changed with the taking of General Psychology, and I have enjoyed this subject even more this semester. I think the reason for my enjoying this semester's course so much was the interesting writing style of the author of our textbook."—*Terry Dwyer.*

*Christian Growth.* "The course that I have enjoyed most during the first semester has been the course in Christian Growth. This course has not been in the curriculum of Oregon Bible College, but has been taught moment by moment, day by day, and week by week in everything that we have done.

"Through personal counseling, chapel services, and association with other Christian students, we have learned, first the importance of Christian growth, and second the techniques by which we can achieve it.

"I have benefited much from this course and am sure I will continue to do so. I recommend it for everyone."—*Martha Burnett.*

*Old Testament History.* "There are various reasons why I like this course. The course was intellectually stimulating. I feel that I have truly gained a wealth of knowledge from this class. The class was hard, so it was challenging to me. It was a course that I wanted to learn because I did not have the ambition to study the Bible on my own, yet I desired to know the Scriptures.

"Another reason was that we made a notebook. This notebook contained maps, tables, or anything that we wished to put in it. The notebook can be used for future reference and is not merely a fulfilling of requirements. The notebook helped to make a part of our grade, and we could put as much work in on it as we desired.

"The most important reason why I liked this course was that it is God's Word. I feel that the study of God's Word is the most important work of all. The Lord's way is the best way, and by studying the Bible, we can find out the Lord's way. The Bible is inspiring and motivating, so it is easy to see why I liked the class in Old Testament History."—*Russell Dickerson.*

*Sunday School Organization and Daily Vacation Bible School.* "The College course that I have enjoyed most was Sunday School Organization. I have enjoyed all of them but particularly this one. One reason for this may be the fact that I have worked in vacation Bible schools in years past. I have received many facts from this course which I can put into use in the near future. It has brought to my attention several ways in which the Sunday school and the vacation Bible school can be improved. The course was not too hard, because of the experience I have had."—*Ruby Peterson.*

*Practice Teaching.* "The class I have enjoyed most this first semester is Practice Teaching. We have studied from an excellent textbook, Teaching for Results, in which the material is presented in an interesting way. The main reason I have enjoyed this course is that we immediately put to use what we have learned. It is a practical course, for we learn by doing.

"I have enjoyed going to the East Oregon Church and teaching the boys and girls there. I feel that I am having a part now in the spreading of the gospel to others who have not heard, and I am thankful for this opportunity."—*Rachel Krogh.*

## NEW STUDENTS

Two new students are enrolled for the second semester. They are Beatrice Garner, Texas, and Earline Calahan, Ohio. Welcome to Oregon Bible College.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 19—Burr Oak, Ind., Dedication of remodeled building  
February 17-19—Michigan-Indiana Youth Retreat, Camp Chief Noonday  
March 3-5—Michigan Quarterly Conference, Southlawn Church of God  
March 27-April 2—Pre-Easter Revival Meetings, Hillisburg Church of God, Richard Smith, Speaker.  
June 11-17—Michigan State Conference, at Camp Chief Noonday, Yankee Springs  
June 12-18—Nebraska Family Retreat, Camp Merrill  
August 6-11—Annual General Conference, Camp Mack  
August 14-20—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Mack

## FONTHILL, ONTARIO, NEWS

On December 11, 1960, Layman's Sunday, everyone enjoyed messages presented by: Reuben McArthur, Maurice Anger, David Elliott, Jack McArthur, and Wilson Kirkwood.

A Watch Night social and service on New Year's Eve entertained and inspired all who attended.

Our Berean young people are endeavoring to secure a stereophonic amplifier, record player, and sound system for the church.

The missionary society is collecting more clothing to send to Digby, Nova Scotia.

The annual Sunday school meeting was conducted on January 4, 1961. The following officers were elected for the coming year: superintendent, Joe Fletcher; assistant superintendent, Reuben McArthur; secretary-treasurer, Phyllis Mires; assistant secretary-treasurer, Karen Rose; pianist, Blanche Dorsey; assistant pianist, Betty Anger; cradle roll, Grace Anger; auditor, Douglas Elliott.

The annual church business meeting was held on January 11, 1961. Following are the elected officers for this year: elders, 1st, David Elliott, 2nd, Edward Goit, Sr.; deacons, 1st, Fred Jones, 2nd, Dan Brown; deaconess, Blanche Dorsey; secretary, Douglas Elliott; treasurer, Irvin Barnhart; trustees, Reuben McArthur, Ray Dilamarter, Howard Shute, Maurice Anger, Gerald Rose; organist, Winnie Lampitt; assistant organist, Blanche Dorsey.

At the close of the service Bro. Hall presented three Certificates of Appreciation, as a token of gratitude for years of sacrifice and devotion in the service of their Lord: To William Holland for his fourteen years of faithful service as elder. (Presented posthumously through Mrs. William Holland.) To Irvin Barnhart for his twenty-five years of faithful service as treasurer. (He still holds this office.) To Joseph Fletcher for his twenty-three years of faithful service as elder.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mires are the proud parents of a baby girl, Ruth Ann, born on January 10, 1961.

On January 8, Bro. Hall fell in his driveway and severely strained the ligaments in his ankle and leg, causing considerable pain, and necessitating the use of crutches. His son,

Ken Hall, took charge of evening services on two Sundays in Bro. Hall's absence. Elder Edward Goit filled the pulpit on Sunday morning, January 15.

Bro. Irvin Barnhart and Sr. Dorothy Bradley have recently undergone surgery. They are in need of prayer during their convalescence. Mrs. Edward Goit, Reporter.

## PASTOR NEEDED

Cool Springs Church of God, near Front Royal, Va., is in need of a pastor. The church secretary is Mrs. Braden Manuel, 115 Polk Ave., Front Royal, Va.

## NEW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BOOKS

Vacation Bible school lessons for 1961 are entitled, "God Made All Things." The books are prepared by Sr. Iris Burnett, and assistants from the Brush Creek Church of God. The copy is prepared and printing will be done soon.

There are three lesson books and a teacher's book. Book One is for pre-school through second grade; Book Two is for third and fourth grades; Book Three is for fifth grade and up, and the Teacher's Book is for use by all teachers. The Teacher's Book gives instructions for handwork, sources of supply, and much additional help and information in preparing lessons and in conducting a successful Bible school.

Orders will be filled in the order in which they are received. We will try to estimate the total needs and print plenty of books, but early orders will help us make this estimation and will insure that you will receive your supply of these excellent Bible school books.

Pupils' books will sell for 35 cents each and the Teacher's Book for 20 cents each.

## HOPE CHAPEL ACTS OF CHARITY

Projects of benevolence during December at Hope Chapel were:

Adoption of a migrant child by the senior Berean youth fellowship. Adoption of a migrant child by the Naylors, and another by the E. McChesneys. Several have been busy shopping for these needy ones. Ladies aid members have made favors for trays at nursing homes. The junior BYF plans to sing Christmas carols at nursing homes. We are grateful for this good response to the appeal for showing charity.—Hope Chapel Bulletin.

## TROY, OHIO

The new year opens with a feeling of progress in the work of the Troy Church. A committee has been named to formulate a constitution for our growing Sunday school. Work is underway on this and it will soon be submitted to the congregation for approval.

The Lawrenceville young people continue to provide our Sunday school quarterlies for us. We truly appreciate their help.

Our attendance has doubled this year and we pray that we may obtain suitable quarters so that we may increase (perhaps double) our attendance again this year.

Carol Schmidlapp, Secretary.

## NEWS FOR "PROGRESS JOURNAL"

News for the Progress Journal should be mailed to Harold Doan, Box 231, Oregon, Ill., and should arrive before the twentieth of the month preceding publication. News which is to be reprinted from a bulletin should be clearly marked and the writer's name signed. Typewritten copy, double spaced, is preferred, but handwritten copy, if legible and well spaced on the page, is acceptable. Share the news of your church activities with others. Pictures are also welcome. They should be on glossy paper, black and white, and with as sharp contrasts of black and white as possible. Pictures will be returned if requested.

## DAIRY WORKER WANTED

Bro. David Johnson, Hector, Minn., is interested in hiring a Church of God family with experience in dairy farming. Bro. Johnson has an opening for a herdsman. If anyone should be interested, write, David Johnson, Ravid Farm, Hector, Minn.

## OLD QUARTERLIES WANTED

Bro. Robert See has been making a Church of God Bible Commentary based on the comments in the Truth Seeker's Sunday School Quarterlies. He is interested in receiving copies of old quarterlies so he can complete this work. They can be sent to Robert See, 401 20th Ave., St. Cloud, Minn.

## ARKANSAS CITY SERVICES

Recently, our Dorcas Society sponsored a vesper service of organ music by Miss Patricia Butler. We have had the organ only one year, and Patricia, a high school student, has been studying organ and plays excellently. The service was well attended by members and friends. Another interesting service was a group of colored slides with a lecture by a lady who had recently been to Palestine.

Dora Morgan, Secretary.

## NEW WORK IN NEBRASKA

Bro. Vivian Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Churches of God at Holbrook, Moorefield, and McCook, Nebr., reports that a new work is now being carried on near Brady.

Sunday afternoon services are being conducted by Bro. Dan Dovenbarger, Farnam, at a schoolhouse near Brady. Several friends and members from the area and from Moorefield have been taking part in the meetings.

## HOPE CHAPEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Hope Chapel Missionary Society has created a scholarship fund to pay the two semesters tuition for any student to Oregon Bible College who is approved by the Missionary Society. The student must be a freshman from Hope Chapel. At the present time this scholarship is \$200.00. This is a fine way for the Society to assure the future training of boys and girls for the Lord's service.

SEE the revised tract list in The Restitution Herald for publication that you can use in your study and witnessing.

**SPONSORS**

December 21, 1960—January 30, 1961

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|---|----------|
| Azlin Winfrey   | \$150.00 |
| Gospel Gleamers Class                                   | 6.00     |
| Maurertown Sunday School                                | 103.18   |
| Friends   | 235.71   |
| Mr. and Mrs. William Wachtel                            | 25.00    |
| Hector Church   | 75.00    |
| Ripley Church   | 30.00    |
| Mrs. J. Dennis in memory of<br>my father, Lucian Murphy | 10.00    |
| Evangelism and Missions                                 | 462.18   |
| Mrs. Myrtle Mitchener                                   | 47.00    |
| Mrs. Julia Atkins                                       | 10.00    |
| Blanehard Church  | 23.85    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wiggins                               | 2.50     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harman                             | 100.00   |
| Indiana State Missionary Society                        | 206.42   |
| Blessed Hope Church, Rockford                           | 69.40    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Anderson                            | 60.00    |
| Illinois State Conference                               | 100.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Railton                               | 10.00    |
| Esta Starbuck   | 20.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mogle                                 | 10.00    |
| Gift for Jesus  | 13.00    |
| Kokomo Doreas   | 3.90     |
| Mrs. Fern Ostler  | 3.00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carpenter                              | 20.00    |
| Ruth Blankenbaker                                       | 20.00    |
| Fonthill Sunday School                                  | 20.60    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Patrick                              | 100.00   |
| Laura M. Keenan   | 13.00    |
| Anita Zirkelbach  | 3.00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Loren Burnett                              | 5.00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne                                | 5.00     |
| Oregon Church   | 88.43    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Preston Landry                             | 20.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. George Jones                               | 10.00    |
| Lottie Piekerl  | 25.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. N. H. LaMunton                             | 100.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Karnett                              | 25.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lapp                                 | 25.00    |
| Hillside Chapel   | 12.30    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lapp                               | 101.50   |
| Ripley Sunday School                                    | 27.00    |
| Macomb Church   | 20.36    |
| Lawrenceville Church                                    | 21.42    |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ballentine                           | 10.00    |
| Burr Oak Church   | 85.00    |
| Brush Creek Church                                      | 98.90    |
| Felida Church   | 6.45     |
| Louisiana State Conference                              | 23.06    |
| W. D. Acord   | 10.00    |
| Amy L. Young  | 30.00    |
| Golden Rule, Ladies Adult Class                         | 10.00    |
| Oak Grove Berean Fellowship                             | 1.00     |
| Oregon Sunday School, Little Beavers                    | 5.92     |
| Eldorado I.A.I.I.                                       | 5.20     |
| Ripley Jr. and Sr. Bereans                              | 5.00     |
| Mrs. Olive Deck   | 25.00    |
| A Sister  | 40.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sheets                               | 5.00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Jones                              | 5.00     |
| Omaha Church  | 140.20   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lewis                               | 5.00     |
| Merle A. Patrick  | 280.00   |
| Mrs. J. A. Patrick                                      | 20.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Stanley O. Ross                            | 10.00    |
| Ida Lapp  | 15.00    |
| Truth Seeker's Church                                   | 25.00    |
| Litchfield Sunday School                                | 5.40     |
| Virda Sittler   | 10.00    |
| Hillisburg Church                                       | 41.33    |
| North Salem Church                                      | 5.95     |
| Hope Chapel   | 36.18    |
| Eden Valley Church                                      | 39.00    |
| E. F. Marsh   | 5.00     |

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| Rachel Krogh                   | 5.00   |
| Mary and Martha Society        | 20.00  |
| Mrs. Phil Jefferies            | 2.00   |
| Alice Koontz                   | 50.00  |
| Macomb Missionary Society      | 10.00  |
| Emma Coleman                   | 10.00  |
| Marion R. Richards             | 150.00 |
| Southlawn Church               | 140.78 |
| A. Ross McLeod                 | 33.78  |
| Denver Church                  | 31.91  |
| Pennellwood Church             | 106.24 |
| Nora Waldo                     | 20.00  |
| L. H. Anderson                 | 5.00   |
| Ruby Johnson                   | 2.00   |
| Jack Hearp                     | 40.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Poe         | 10.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwier     | 10.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Delos Andrew      | 10.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Oral Miller       | 20.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Willis Turner     | 15.00  |
| Dallar A Month Club            | 18.00  |
| Tempe Church                   | 98.55  |
| Jean Doan                      | 12.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pryor       | 2.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Dick, Sr. | 30.00  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stadden   | 10.00  |
| Glenda Wolfe                   | 5.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kirkpatrick | 25.00  |
| Z. B. Duncan                   | 1.00   |
| Chappell Church                | 25.00  |
| Leila E. Whitehead             | 4.00   |
| Mrs. F. L. Austin (Stone Soup) | 5.00   |
| Fremont Church                 | 24.75  |
| Opal Perry                     | 5.00   |

**BAPTISM IN TEXAS**

Thursday noon, January 12, 1961, we had a call from Bro. Maurice Roberts, 903 Lakeside Dr., Channelview, Texas, asking if we could come over and baptize his son, Winston, 18.

We started the next morning. Upon arriving, we found Winston ready and anxious to make his stand for Christ. After a short talk, we baptized him in the Pentecostal Church baptistry in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins. May our Lord bless Winston through life and give him strength to overcome all things and stand in his lot in God's Kingdom.

At present this fine young man is going to school and working five or six hours a day as laboratory technician at a hospital. He is wondering whether he should enter the ministry or consider some other work. May the Lord make the way plain for him.

We ask your prayers for Sr. Roberts, who will have major surgery soon.

Pastor James Mattison.

**BAPTISM REPORT**

During the 1960 General Conference meeting at Camp Mack, Miss Carol Dunbar, daughter of Dale and Beulah Dunbar, Swanton, Ohio, made a public confession of her faith in Christ and was baptized in His name. May God use her life as a daily witness for others. We regret the delay of this announcement.

C. E. Lapp.

**HAPPY WOODS BAPTISM**

At the close of the morning worship service on New Year's Day, Miss Carroll Guillory came forward to accept Christ as her personal Saviour. She was baptized the following Sunday.

Richard Dick, Pastor.

**HEDVIE JACKSON**

Hedvie Jackson, daughter of Matts and Karna Johnson, was born in Salvesburg, Sweden, September 28, 1875, and fell asleep on November 21, 1960. She came to the United States with her mother, a sister, and a brother in 1893, and has since resided in Furnas County, Nebr.

On October 29, 1906, she was married to Charles A. Jackson. To them were born one daughter who died at birth, and one son, Donnie.

She was preceded into death by her parents, her three sisters, three brothers, her daughter, her husband, and one grandson. Surviving are her son, Charles Donald; her daughter-in-law, Ella Mae; two granddaughters; one grandson; one grandson-in-law; and one great-grandson.

She was baptized and became a member of the Church of God in Holbrook when a young woman and has since been devoutly sincere in her faith.

After services conducted in the Church of God of Holbrook, she was laid to rest in the Hendley Cemetery.

V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

**LULU VIOLA JOHNSON**

Lulu Viola Johnson, daughter of Curtis A. and Mary Ethel Piekerling, was born at Table Grove, Ill., August 10, 1888. She fell asleep at Cambridge, Nebr., November 24, 1960. Her childhood was spent at Table Grove and Kellerton, Iowa. In 1907 she moved to Freedom, Nebr., with her mother and step-father.

On August 9, 1921, she was united in marriage to Allen Johnson. To this union two daughters were born: Ardys (Mrs. Wendell McKeown), and Donna (Mrs. Valerian Miller). After making their home at Freedom until 1944, they moved to Cambridge, where she made her home until death.

For fifty years she was a member of the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, having been immersed by Almus Adams in 1910. She gave unsparingly of herself to teach the truths she held dear. As a part of this service, she served as church pianist for years, and for sixteen years was teacher of the adult Sunday school class. In the pastor's absence she could always be relied on to fill the pulpit with a spiritual lesson. She served in varying capacities on both the church board and the board of the Western Nebraska Conference.

Preceding her into death were: her mother, father, and step-father, Nels Johnson. Survivors include: her husband, Allen Johnson; her two daughters; one sister, Golda Wight, Bartley, Nebraska; four grandchildren; and nephews and nieces.

She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and will be surely missed by all who loved her. She now awaits the call of her Master when all who love Him will be reunited.

After services in the Holbrook Church of God conducted by the pastor, she was laid to rest in the Cambridge Cemetery.

V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

**READ THE RESTITUTION HERALD**

If you are not now a subscriber to The Restitution Herald we urge you to join The Herald family. This is the official magazine of the Church of God, mailed twice monthly with articles and features of interest to every Church of God family.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By Dwaine Demmitt

At the request of the National Sunday School Department, we are presenting this report of the Church of God at Troy, Ohio.

It was during a business meeting of the Ohio State Conference in December, 1957, that it was suggested that the Ohio Conference, in accordance with the Decade of Development, investigate the possibilities of starting a new church in Ohio. After discussing several places where a new church could be started, it was agreed that Troy might be the best place, due to the fact that there were several families living in the Troy area who attended services regularly at Brush Creek, nine miles away.

A committee was appointed by the Ohio Conference to contact those people living in Troy and the immediate area to see what they thought of beginning a new church work. The people of Troy met together several times, for they realized the responsibilities and hard work that go into starting a new church. On October 14, 1958, it was agreed that we have midweek Bible classes so the people could begin working together and planning for the future. Most of these people had, at one time or another, served in offices and as teachers at Brush Creek. Four of the men had been Sunday school superintendents and three of the people had experience as public school teachers. We felt that we had the leaders, teachers, and experience to start planning for a Sunday school.

October 4, 1959, was the day we had our first Sunday school. There were eight adults and six children present for a grand total of fourteen. You would have thought this a day for rejoicing in starting a new Sunday school, but there were several heavy hearts longing to be at Brush Creek with our friends and where the attendance often climbed to one hundred eighty or more. Our fourteen present seemed very small, but it was a big day in the fact that we realized we could not start a new church alone. We needed more than we could provide—we needed God and prayer to help us.

Sunday school was the only service we had on Sunday until January 3, 1960. At this time, the pastors of the Lawrenceville, Glad Tidings Chapel, and Brush Creek churches began to come and hold a morning worship service with us. Each pastor came for a month at a time. We had our worship service at 9:15, then the pastor returned to his own church in time for services there. By December, 1960, our attendance averaged about thirty-five.

In existence at this time was a committee of five, set up by the Ohio Conference, which was active in helping the Troy Church. These men from Lawrenceville, Brush Creek, and Glad Tidings Chapel, formulated a method of procedure to be followed in starting this new church work. Many of the things mentioned here were recommendations of the committee.

One such recommendation was that we hire a pastor. The Ohio Conference, General Conference, and Brush Creek Church pledged to help us support a pastor. Curtis Simpson was hired and began his duties on the second Sunday in July, 1960.

In starting a new church, we found many things to do. One of the main things was or-

ganization. This consisted of electing officers, formulating a constitution, and having our services well planned. In December, 1960, our pastor published our first church bulletin, which is sent once each month. We have a long-range calling campaign, which was announced in the local newspaper, so that when we call upon people they are familiar with our project.

There are many things we have yet to do. We will explore different ways of getting people interested in church work and try to find the most effective methods of teaching the gospel.

During the past year we have been looking for a place to build. We have contacted local developers of housing units, trying to get in close to where they are going to build new homes. We have been looking at plans used in the construction of churches, hoping that we, with the help of the Mission Builders' League, will be able to build in the near future. This has been a constant search, and we pray that the Lord will lead us in our selection of a building and a location.

It is the hope of the Ohio Conference, that the procedure used at Troy in starting a new church, may be a pattern for others to follow.

### MRS. PEARL HAMMEL

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Sr. Pearl Hammel, at Wray, Colo., on September 5, 1960. Sr. Hammel had been a member of the Church of God since 1903, when both she and her husband were baptized into Christ by Bro. Almus Adams. For many years, Sr. Hammel has been a leading member of the Church at Wray. She now lies at rest in Grandview Cemetery at Wray, where she awaits the call of the Master at His coming.—Rocky Mountain Evangelist.

### HISTORY OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 7)

weekly advertisements appeared in newspapers with a reader coverage of over 1½ millions each week—goal 1,000,000.)

1954

"For the last several years we have been saying each General Conference was the best yet. This is not mere repetition. We sincerely believe that the delegates and participants in the General Conference are to be commended for a constant spirit of progress. Each year truly transcends the year before in the spirit of co-operative effort. This General Conference has attained new heights in unity, fellowship, and collective purpose.

"This has been a conference with vision. We all know that no progress is made until it is envisioned by those who will participate in it. Never before has our General Conference engaged in such far-reaching, and detailed, plans for the future. Many have said that our churches are now ready for a great revival in spirit and accomplishment. This Conference has, through the Decade of Development, established the machinery by which this progress will be made. The foresight of General Conference of 1954 will make history."

Now more than half-way through this Decade of Development, the following goals and report of what has been accomplished show that the program has been successful in many respects, with much progress yet to be made in others. (Concluded next month)

**NEXT MONTH:** A picture and report of the annual Ministers' Conference; the new Church of God Directory; conclusion of the History of the General Conference. Look for it!

### CORA G. PACE

Cora G. Gordon, daughter of James P. and Emma A. Gordon, was born February 10, 1880, at St. Paul, Nebr., and fell asleep in the Hastings Hospital on January 1, 1961.

She was graduated from the St. Paul High School. In August of 1893 she was baptized by Elder Almus Adams and became a member of the Church of God of the Faith of Abraham, remaining faithful throughout her life.

In 1902 she was united in marriage to George McBride, but after twelve years death separated her from her husband. After graduating from the state college in Logan, Utah, she taught for some time in the Cedar City, Utah, College. She was again married, this time to J. G. Pace. This marriage also lasted twelve years, death again separating her from her husband.

She moved to Hollbrook, Nebr., in 1943, where she took an active part in church work, serving as church treasurer for several years.

She was the sixth of fourteen children—five of whom survive her.

After services at the Hollbrook Church of God she was laid to rest beside her first husband and her parents in the cemetery at St. Paul, Nebr.

V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

### EDWARD WERNER

Edward Werner, whose wife (Florence) was baptized into the Church of God in Cleveland, Ohio, many years ago, died December 29, 1960. He was born November 6, 1893. Death followed many months of illness at hospitals and his home, 8225 Southington Dr., Parma, Ohio.

Mr. Werner is survived by two sons, nine grandchildren, a brother, and a sister, in addition to his wife.

Services were conducted by the writer, pastor of the Bedford Church of the Open Bible, on January 3, 1961, from the Schuster Funeral Home, Parma. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, near Bedford.

J. Arlen Marsh, Pastor.

### JAMES WALTER WOOLF

James Walter Woolf died on Friday, December 23, 1960, at the age of 81. He was born in Sheldon, Iowa, on July 26, 1879, and had lived in the Felida District of Clark County his entire life. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and a member of the John Barlow Camp No. 6, and the Felida Church of God.

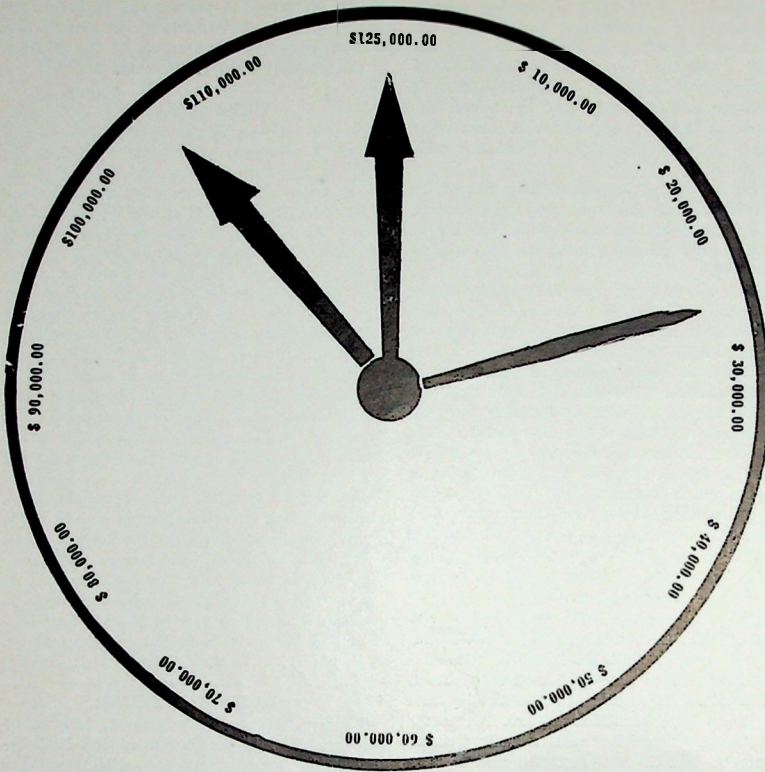
On December 14, 1925, in Kelso, Wash., he was married to Lena M. Woolf who now survives him.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters; Mrs. Pearl Jelsma, Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Margaret Andre, Portland, Ore.; three sisters; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.

Bro. Woolf loved his Lord very much, and was rich in the faith once delivered to the saints. He now sleeps the sleep of death, awaiting the day of awaking, when Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven. (Rev. 1:7.)

Words of Comfort were brought by the writer, pastor of the Advent Christian Church of Portland, Ore.

I. M. Chapman.



**DO  
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PART  
NOW!**

**Time Does Not Wait — Participate Now**

Already, almost a year has gone by since the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the expansion of Oregon Bible College was begun. In that year, six hundred fifteen individuals and groups have made commitments or a lump sum contribution to the Campaign. Total commitments and gifts are now more than \$107,000.00.

The hands on the clock above represent the total goal of \$125,000.00; the total commitments and contributions of \$107,000.00; and the \$25,272.61 cash that has been received. When the goal of \$125,000.00 or more has been reached, and when \$75,000.00 of that amount has been received in cash, we can proceed with the proposed dormitory, cafeteria, library building.

The reason that a goal is set for total commitments and for cash received is that we must know the interest and intentions of the brotherhood before we can undertake this expense of building. Therefore, we urge that each member step out in faith, as the six hundred have done, and state your intentions or make a lump sum contribution to this cause *now*. The building can be begun only on the basis of the faith of those who make their intentions known *now*.

This is a Campaign from which each member of the Church of God will eventually benefit, through the ministry of pastors, teachers, and other church leaders who will be trained at Oregon Bible College. Each of us should participate in this expansion program. Use the coupon here to make your commitment or your gift *NOW* when the need is greatest!

● WILL YOU GIVE?

|            |                     |                 |
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| \$5,000 at | \$1,000 per year or | \$85.00 monthly |
| 1,000 at   | 250 per year or     | 17.00 monthly   |
| 500 at     | 100 per year or     | 8.50 monthly    |
| 300 at     | 60 per year or      | 5.00 monthly    |
| 250 at     | 50 per year or      | 4.25 monthly    |
| 200 at     | 40 per year or      | 3.50 monthly    |
| 150 at     | 30 per year or      | 2.50 monthly    |
| 100 at     | 20 per year or      | 1.75 monthly    |
| 75 at      | 15 per year or      | 1.50 monthly    |
| 50 at      | 10 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.

I do not wish to make a commitment but enclosed you will find my gift of \$..... for the expansion of Oregon Bible College.

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... State .....

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

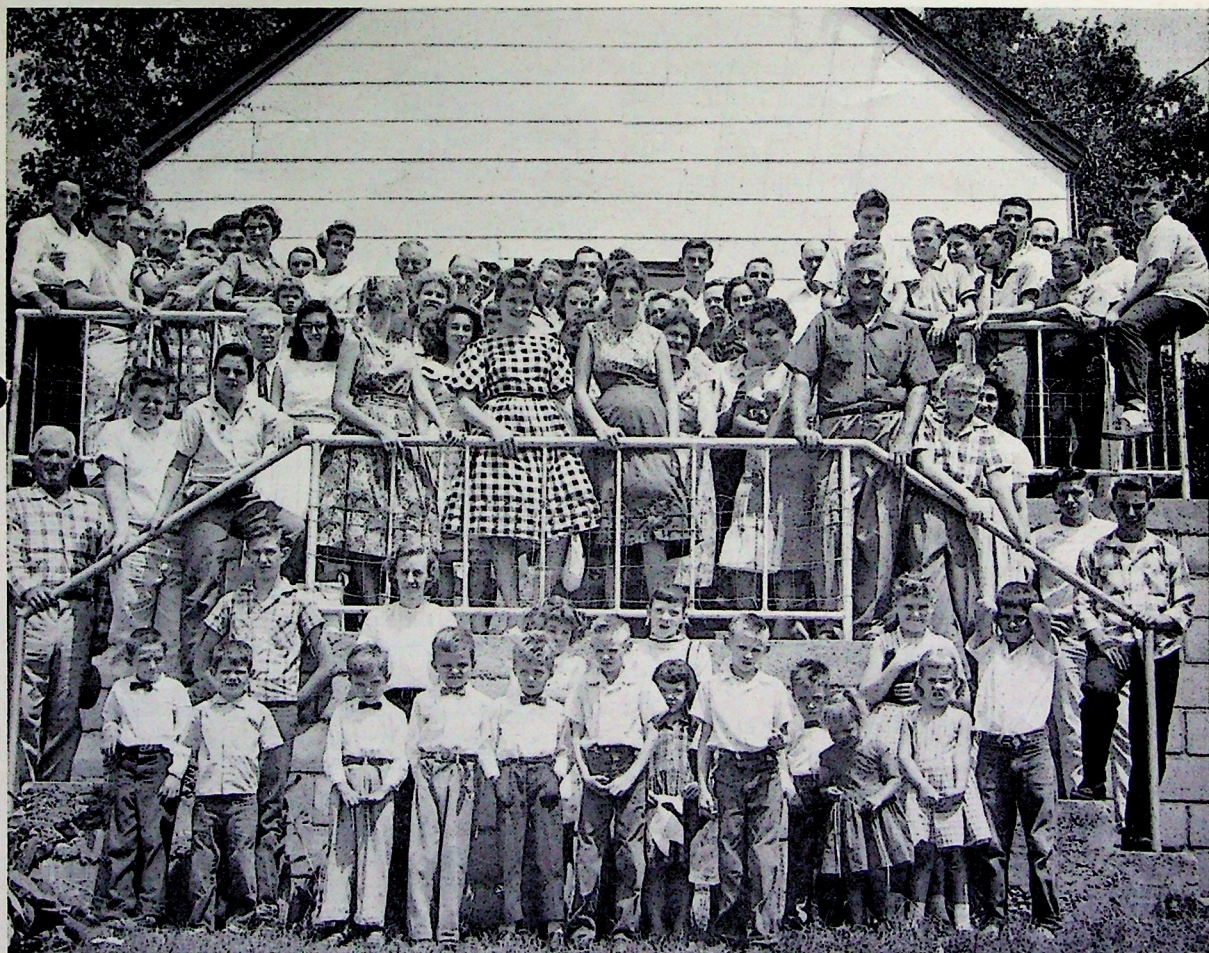


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# PROGRESS JOURNAL

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## ***1960 Missouri State Conference, Jordan, Missouri***

The 1961 Church Conference season is just beginning. Plan to attend state and General Conferences this summer for the spiritual blessings you can receive.



## EDITORIALS

Harold Doan  
Editor

### SEASONAL EMPHASIS

The Board of Directors has approved a plan for seasonal promotional emphasis of the various departments of the General Conference work. The purpose is to avoid overlapping appeals and to establish a time during the year to give full information on each of the various departments of General Conference service. It is planned to emphasize Oregon Bible College in the spring; General Conference meetings and the Berean Youth Fellowship in the summer; missions and evangelism in the fall; and publishing and printing in the winter. Mission Builders' Appeals will be made in the late spring and late fall each year.

During April, May, and June we will give special attention to the matter of Christian education and the opportunities afforded the Church of God in Oregon Bible College. The JOURNALS for April and May will contain much information about Oregon Bible College, as will the *Challenge* magazine for April. Special mailings will also be made to all the young people of the Church of God, and to the ministers.

We trust that you will join us in this period of time in prayer, and in becoming informed about the advantages of your center for Christian education, Oregon Bible College.

### MAY 14, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Special materials will be mailed in April to all Church of God ministers, with the request that May 14 be designated Christian Education Sunday in the Church of God. We pray that Christian education will be accented that day, that each may come to a better realization of the importance of a Bible foundation for all learning.

### JOSEPH D. LAWRENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Several years ago a memorial fund was established for the late Joseph D. Lawrence, former president of the Church of God General Conference. The scholarship was

created to give graduate school training to teachers and prospective teachers at Oregon Bible College. The fund was also to be used for advanced training for students at Oregon Bible College.

In the fall of 1960 Bro. William Wachtel, a graduate of Elmhurst College and Oregon Bible College, began taking graduate work at Wheaton College. He is taking a two-year graduate course, planning to graduate with advance degrees in 1962. Thus far, he has maintained a straight A grade in all subjects. Plans are for Bro. Wachtel to join the Oregon Bible College staff in the fall of 1962.

The cost of this program of education is being paid by the Joseph D. Lawrence Scholarship, and will use all of the funds now available. The long-range benefits to Oregon Bible College and to the future Church of God ministry are beyond estimation. A well-educated ministry begins with a well-educated teaching staff and this is the purpose of the Joseph D. Lawrence Scholarship program.

### MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES

In recent months, many letters have been received at the General Conference office from England, Scotland, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, India, the Canal Zone, and the Bahama Islands from people who have found Church of God literature, read *The Restitution Herald*, or read of the church in such books as Mead's *Handbook of Denominations*.

There have also been many letters of inquiry from places within the United States. One of these inquiries has resulted in the baptism of a former minister of another faith. (Reported on page 7.)

These many opportunities are being followed up with all diligence. Literature is sent and correspondence is continued, with offers for assistance in securing further literature or information. Where possible, a minister or member near by is contacted to call on the person for attendance in a local church service.

Because of the fact that most of these contacts are still in the initial stages, we cannot write at length about them, but suffice it to say that these are exciting days. There is an awakening to truth in many parts of the world and the doctrinal position of the Church of God is attracting

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great interest. It is the *doctrinal* position of the Church of God which has attracted these many inquiries. People are being interested because of the unique teachings of the Church of God. The Lord is working with the Church of God and through the Church of God. Praise Him!

There is no reason to hide our peculiar doctrines or to apologize for them—they are our greatest asset in the work of evangelism and missions.

#### FINANCING THE INDEFINITE

Much of the work of the Church of God General Conference is intangible, as is much of the work of the church as a whole. We can count the number of graduates from Oregon Bible College, but who can estimate the full impact of the influence of students and former students in the work of the Lord? We can count the number of *Truth Seeker's Quarterlies*, *Restitution Herald*s, *Challenge* magazines, *Youth Leader's Handbooks*, tracts, booklets, and hymnals printed and distributed, but who can know their full spiritual value to those who read and are taught? We can tell you to the penny the monthly payroll, the cost of food, the cost of heat and lights, the cost of cuts and pictures, the price of paper, the taxes assessed, but who can know what good is done by the final products—the teaching, the preaching, the correspondence—that result from these expenditures?

Our tithes and offerings finance the indefinite—work which is authorized by General Conference delegates and administered by General Conference workers—but full impact and influence is known only to the Lord.

We are sowing the gospel liberally and we are convinced that the Lord is now bringing forth fruit. Your contributions have made this sowing possible, and the Lord knows the fullness of the work which you have made possible.

## Silver Anniversary Building Campaign

The Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the expansion of Oregon Bible College seems to have slowed to a walk. With a goal of \$125,000 to build a dormitory, dining room, library building for Oregon Bible College, commitments now total almost \$110,000. Of this amount, \$29,603.32 has been received thus far.

When the total \$125,000 has been committed, and at least \$75,000 of that amount has been received in cash, building can begin. The need is immediate. Single boys now live in a rented residence six blocks from their dining room and classrooms. All students eat in the Golden Rule Dormitory (which was one hundred years old in 1958), in facilities inadequate for the purpose. The College library cannot grow because all available book-space is used.

The \$110,000 in commitments has been received from fewer than seven hundred of the thirty-three hundred wage-earners in the Church of God. Commitments and lump sum gifts from this small group have averaged \$160.00 each. Think what could be done if every wage-earner took part in this important expansion program at a rate of even one-fourth the average! The size of one's gift is not as important as the interest which is being manifested in the education of workers for the Church of God—workers who will serve us all.

Use the coupon below to make your faith and interest in this Church of God project known. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6: 21). Oregon Bible College is interested not only in your gift, but in your heart. It wants your interest and your prayers, your suggestions and your support. It serves you through the men and women educated in its program. It deserves your treasure and your heart!

### GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1960 - 1961

October 1, 1960 - September 30, 1961

**\$42,860.00**

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| <i>Given through March 31</i>              | \$15,950.31 |
| <i>Balance to be given by September 30</i> | \$26,909.69 |
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| <i>Goal for giving for March</i>           | \$ 4,147.04 |
| <i>Given through March</i>                 | \$ 2,119.57 |

**Goal for April**

**\$4,727.24**

I am interested in the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign for the expansion of Oregon Bible College. I wish to make a commitment of \$....., payable at \$..... per year, or \$..... per month.

I do not wish to make a commitment at this time, but enclosed is my gift of \$..... for the Silver Anniversary Building Campaign.

Name .....

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City ..... Zone ..... State .....

# Oregon Bible College Progress

## COLLEGE CHOIR GOES TO MICHIGAN

At the time of this writing, March 20, the College choir under the direction of Mrs. Louise Lapp is planning to go to Blanchard, Mich., Church of God for services Easter Sunday morning and afternoon. The special music is mainly an Easter cantata with Scriptural narration to bring the message of the Easter season.

On our way we plan to stop overnight at the Hope Chapel Church of God, South Bend, Ind., on the evening of Friday, March 31, to give this message in song to the churches of northern Indiana. After the Easter services in Blanchard on Sunday afternoon, the choir will return to Grand Rapids to bring the Easter music to the Pennellwood and Southlawn Churches in a combined service.

This will be our first attempt to go out with the College choir and we pray our Lord may direct and use this effort to exalt Himself and bring inspiration and joy to those who will attend.

## PRAYER DAY AT THE COLLEGE

March 17 was Prayer Day at the College, when all the regular classes were dismissed and the entire student body and staff spent the entire time in song, prayer, meditation, testimony, and praise. Bro. Dick gave the keynote meditation for the day. He reminded us of our busy schedule and emphasized the importance of taking time for prayer, meditation, praise, and thanksgiving.

Special prayer requests were presented to the student body, and many prayers were raised for our needs and for the uplift of many others. Special prayer was made for the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth workers into the harvest. New fields of opportunity are constantly being opened and only He can bring the workers in.

Our Prayer Day was closed with the Communion service and we were all greatly uplifted and spiritually strengthened. These are days when we can well afford to take time to pray and turn the searchlight of God's Word inward. With God's help, Oregon Bible College is gaining spiritual uplift as well as the intellectual training in the knowledge of God's Word. Will you please add your prayers to ours?

## A NEW COLLEGE CATALOG

We are preparing a new College catalog with a number of revisions regarding our curriculum, our Christian Service Program, and the Silver Anniversary Building Program. Are you interested in enlarging the number of

trained workers in the Church of God? As the Lord provides money and workers, the Church of God can and will go forward. Watch for the announcement, and get your new College catalog as soon as it is off the press.

## COLLEGE BOOSTER MONTH

At our last meeting of the Board of Education, the members decided to set the month of May as the time for College Boosters. Usually we have had this day in the fall of the year, but this time the board felt it would be better in the spring when our young people are making decisions for future schooling. It was also thought there would be less conflict with the holiday season. It is hoped that each church will set aside May 14 to especially promote the work of Oregon Bible College.

We will be happy to send any information available. Your prayers for the staff, the students, and future workers who desire education for Christian service will make sure the work will go forward. The gifts you make to present expenses and the future building program of Oregon Bible College will assure adequate Christian education for our Christian workers.

## CONFERENCES FOR BIBLE COLLEGE LEADERS

Plans are now under way for Bros. Dick and Milne, instructors, to attend the annual conference for Bible college leaders at Fort Wayne, Ind. The past two years we have found considerable inspiration and information for the development of our Bible College program. This year, curriculum development will be the theme for study.

Plans for Bro. C. E. Lapp to attend a conference for deans of Bible colleges in northern Kentucky are also developing. Subjects which pertain to orientation, marriage, discipline, and trends will be presented for study and consideration.

## SUPERVISED TRAINING FOR MINISTERS

For several years we have planned to put into effect a program for the training of ministers in some of the practical problems of the church work. At present, Bro. Milne and his church at Rockford, Ill., are co-operating very nicely by taking one of our students each Sunday for a period of three months in which he can engage in supervised church work. We thank God for this privilege to give them first-hand supervised training.

Practical Christian service experience is a vital part of the education of Christian workers at Oregon Bible College. The students learn by doing.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 14-16—Southwest Conference, Tempe, Ariz.
- April 17-23—Special Services, Minneapolis, Minn. C. Jesse Pestle, guest speaker
- April 17-28—Revival Service, Macomb, Illinois, Alva Huffer, guest speaker
- April 22—Indiana State Missionary Conference, Hillisburg
- April 22, 23—Northeast Youth Rally, Fonthill, Ont
- May 20, 21—Illinois quarterly conference
- May 26-28—Annual May Meeting, Fonthill, Ont., Church of God. Bud Goodwin, speaker
- June 7-11—Minnesota State Conference at Long Lake Bible Camp, Gerald Cooper, guest speaker
- June 11-17—Michigan State Conference, at Camp Chief Noonday, Yankee Springs
- June 12-18—Nebraska Family Retreat, Camp Merrill
- June 12-18—Annual June Meeting and Bible School, Brush Creek Church of God, Hollis Partlow, guest speaker
- June 18-24—Indiana State Conference, Camp Mack, Milford, Ind.
- June 18-25—Southwest Youth Camp, Wrightwood, Calif.
- June 18-25—Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference at Brooklyn Church, Ratcliff
- July 2-8—Southeast Conference at the Guthrie Grove Church, C. F. Pryor, Raymond Brown, guest speakers, Mrs. C. F. Pryor, Bible School director
- July 3-8—Missouri Youth Camp, Camp Orchard Crest, Fredericktown
- July 10-16—Washington Bible Camp, Cashmere, Wash.
- July 23-29—Illinois Conference and Bible School at Oregon
- July 29-August 6—Missouri Conference, Fredericktown, Lyle Rankin, guest speaker
- August 6-11—Annual General Conference, Camp Mack
- August 14-20—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Mack

## CHURCH OF GOD RADIO BROADCASTS

- "Voice of Truth," Station KOOL, 960 kc., Mesa, Ariz., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. W. Wiggins, speaker
- "Words of Life," Station WFPB, 1400 kc., Hammond, La., Sunday, 8:00 a.m. James Mattison, Gordon Landry, R. Smith, speakers
- "Words of Life," Station WRRR, 1330 kc., Rockford, Ill., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. K. Milne, speaker
- "Words of Life," Station WKAI, 1510 kc., Macomb, Ill., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. K. Milne
- "Voice of Truth," Station WOOD, 1300 kc., Grand Rapids, Mich., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. H. U. Krogh, Jr., speaker
- "Voice of Tomorrow," Station WSIG, 790 kc., Mt. Jackson, Va., Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Dale Ward, speaker
- "Words of Life," Station WCEN, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Sunday, Kenneth Milne, speaker
- "Words of Life," Station KBHS, Sunday, Hot Springs, Ark., Kenneth Milne speaker



## NOVA SCOTIA NEWS

Pictured are some of the young people of the Lighthouse Mission Church of God, Digby, Nova Scotia. Bro. John Denchfield reports good attendance (Sunday school, 55; worship, 56; devotional, 22; Berean, 43).

The bus which was purchased for use in this mission work developed major motor trouble in January. Repair costs for this and previous troubles have totaled more than \$300. These expenses are met by the general contributions to the General Conference mission work. The bus is now in use again and running well.

Repairs made in the roof of the basement church, damaged in a December storm, are holding well, and permanent repairs will be completed when the weather permits. This is another unexpected expense in our mission work which must be met with contributions.

Bro. Denchfield has been supplying literature, pictures, information, etc., to interested groups for use in missionary meetings in addition to his busy local schedule. Pray for Bro. Denchfield and his family who are serving the Lord well in this mission field.

A Berean Quiz team is working hard preparing for participation in the National Quiz Contest at the Berean Youth Conference in August. Plans are being made for the group to come with Bro. Denchfield to General Conference and then stay over for the Youth Conference.

## HARLINGEN, TEXAS

Attendance and interest at the Harlingen Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith remains steady. Our Sunday school attendance average for February was 41, with morning and night church average 48 and 27, respectively. Our Bible class had a monthly average of 26, and the young people an average of 9.

The church floor was recently given a new coat of varnish and wax, two of the classrooms were given a new coat of paint, and some of the class tables a new covering. All this adds to the appearance of the church.

There has been considerable sickness among the members of the church and Sunday school during the past two months, but all seem to be back to normal health now.

Visitors to the Harlingen area, and also some of our church services during the past

two months, include the pastor's father, Mr. C. W. Gockler, from Marshall, Ill.; Mrs. Lynn Parker, Dixon, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Logsdon, Oregon, Ill.; and Mrs. Rosecoe Finney, Michigantown, Ind.

We pray the blessing and guidance of our heavenly Father upon the work here, and upon each member and friend of the church.

Harry Gockler, Pastor.

## SISTER THAYER IN HOSPITAL

At this writing, Sr. Verna Thayer has been returned to the hospital after spending about three weeks at home.

## BLOOD RIVER, LOUISIANA

Bro. Richard Dick preached six good sermons here at Blood River, February 28-March 4. The attendance averaged over one hundred. One of the sermons, Conditional Immortality Versus Natural Immortality, was the best I've heard of the nature of man. Everyone enjoyed the services. Special music was prepared by Barbara and Lucille Richardson.

There were no conversions during the meetings, but the church was revived. A good many came all six nights. Bro. Dick's church people supported him well, with thirty-two coming out one night.

We in Louisiana are glad Bro. Dick is here working with us, for he is working very hard in the Lord's work.

The Louisiana Conference now is becoming a force for good. There was a wonderful Sunday school convention on February 12 here at Blood River, with all three churches participating. About fifty adults were present. A fine program arranged by Bro. Billie Kennedy was presented.

The Conference is sponsoring a weekly radio program Sunday mornings at 8:00 over WFPB. We think it is the best religious program over the station, and believe a good listening audience will be built up in time.

The Conference also has an evangelistic department. It pays ten cents a mile to the evangelistic department chairman to call on all the isolated of our people here in Louisiana, east Texas, and Moss Point, Miss.

The Conference treasury is around a thousand dollars at present. Melvin Richardson is the treasurer. We also have a state youth department and building committee. Plans are being tentatively considered as to the possibility of either building our own conference buildings, or possibly building our own youth camp. Nothing definite has been done in this line.

We feel the work as a whole in Louisiana is expanding. Happy Woods is thinking of building a new church building. Here at Blood River we have just finished new classrooms. The New Orleans work has around \$500.00 in its treasury. The state conference work is sponsoring the weekly radio program.

We pray that through our efforts the Word of God might become precious to many and that we might be the means of their finding the way to life. James Mattison, Pastor.

## National Sunday School Dept.

### TROY CHURCH OF GOD, TROY, OHIO

#### A Direct Answer to Prayer

There was an article by Dwaine Demmitt in the February Progress Journal about the organization and progress of the newly organized Troy Church of God. Since the publishing of that article we have some wonderful news to report.

As stated in the article, the group has been diligently searching for a church site for about a year with very special efforts being put forth during the last four or five months. Several sites were finally located, with quite a wide spread in prices and desirability. On several occasions, the congregation met as a group and in a caravan of seven or eight cars, went to inspect all of the sites, after which a business meeting was held to vote on first, second, and third choices. The committee then attempted to negotiate with the owners for the purchase of one of the sites.

The result was discouraging, as one site after another had to be eliminated for various reasons. It looked like they would have to start all over again, because there was only one site remaining and apparently it was going to be too expensive.

Then, through the grace of God, their prayers were answered! Of course, the group had been prayerfully seeking God's guidance for many months, both privately and collectively, but it was decided to hold a "special prayer meeting for God's guidance in securing a church site," instead of the weekly Bible study on the night of February 8, 1961. Also, the Brush Creek Church of God was praying during its weekly "Prayer Band" that God would provide a church site for the Troy brethren.

On February 9, the day after the special prayer meeting, the owners of some land on State Route 55, about one mile east of Troy, sent word to Bro. Dwaine Demmitt to get in touch with them. This being one of the sites under consideration, the owners were immediately contacted and terms of sale discussed. The owners would not set a definite price, but Bro. Demmitt was told to come back the first of the following week when the details would be worked out. He returned on both Monday and Tuesday and was told the details were not all worked out yet. On Tuesday, February 14, the owners delivered an envelope to the Demmitt home, saying it contained a contract, and then hurried away to attend a meeting. When Bro. and Sr. Demmitt opened the envelope, you can imagine their surprise when they discovered that two lots were being given to the church, free of any cost! The larger of the two lots, the site to be used for the church, contains approximately 2.5 acres and is valued at \$6,000. The other lot contains approximately one acre, and is suggested it be used for a parsonage site and is valued at \$2,500.

The next day Bro. Demmitt and Bro. Curtis Simpson, the pastor, went to thank the donors, a man and his wife! The church group also sent a letter of acknowledgment and thanks to the donors.

There is much rejoicing in the group because, with clear title to the land, the prospect of Mission Builders' aid, and church plans decided upon, financing can be arranged through the local bank so construction can start in the near future.

This is a wonderful testimonial to the power of sincere prayer and should be an example for all of us to follow. Too often we do not place our problems in God's hands and, through prayer, ask for His guidance.

We all greatly rejoice with the Troy brethren and pray for God's richest blessing upon them and their work.

Paul Overholser, President  
National Sunday School Dept.

### BURR OAK CHURCH NEWS

Funeral services were conducted for Jacob VanDerWeele by the pastor on Saturday, December 24, 1961. Mr. VanDerWeele had been under the doctor's care for some time, but seemed to be improving. He suddenly took very ill and died in a few days. Mr. VanDerWeele's wife, Bertie, his son, Wayne, and daughter-in-law, Mary, have made great contributions to the work of the Burr Oak Church. The faith that they have undoubtedly helps to sustain in times of sorrow. Services were conducted in Argos, Ind., with interment in the Argos cemetery.

The Burr Oak Church of God suffered a great loss at the death of Sr. Pearl Zeechiel. She was not only an interested leader in the church, but interested in all phases of Christian endeavor. Sr. Zeechiel was one of the charter members of the Burr Oak Church. The entire community, as well as the church and her family, deeply feels the loss of this great worker. Sr. Zeechiel had been in ill health for several months, having submitted to surgery last fall. She fell asleep in death on February 10, 1961. Funeral services were conducted on February 13, 1961, by the pastor, from the church at Burr Oak. She was laid to rest in the Culver cemetery to await the coming of Christ and the resurrection, a truth that she had taught to many students throughout her years of service. A Memorial Flower Fund has been established in her name, to place flowers in her beloved church.

A special service was conducted in honor of Sr. Pearl Zeechiel at the Burr Oak Church of God on January 29, 1961. Because of her continued interest and relentless efforts in behalf of the church, this means was taken to show the appreciation of her friends and fellow members of the Burr Oak congregation. The day was entitled Honored Member Day with "Aunt Pearl," as she was affectionately known, as the member of honor. It is the intention of the church to continue this practice from time to time, honoring other faithful members of the church.

For this special day, invitations were sent to as many of the pupils taught by Sr. Zeechiel as were known. She taught for many years in the Sunday school, and we are convinced of the fruit that will be brought forth from the seeds of truth that she has planted in the lives of her pupils. The attendance for the service was 150, approximately forty more than our usual attendance. A picture was taken of all past and present pupils of Sr. Zeechiel. There were 54 present for the picture. A basket of roses was given in her honor. Two palms were presented in her name to be placed in the front of the church. Knowing her love for the church, this means was taken rather than a direct gift to her. Although Sr. Zeechiel was unable to be present because of her serious illness, her son Ferris, and daughters Marguerite Zeechiel and Elisabeth Davis accepted the palms in her behalf.

Pictures were taken and a recording made of portions of the morning service. That afternoon, the pastor and members of the congregation took the recording and the pictures to her home, that she might share in the service of honor to her.

We are engaged in a state co-operative effort, a "preaching with a process" series. This consists of sermons supplemented with activities to put into works what we attempt to teach with our words. We have tried to prepare a planned program that will cover all the important phases of church and individual development. The program will cover the better part of a year.

We began in September with a program on Leadership, with a leadership seminar conducted at the Hillisburg Church. In October, we stressed Evangelism, at which time the Burr Oak Church conducted a Bible school for the North Salem Church. During the month of November, we tried to emphasize the importance of Devotion. For the Christmas season, Benevolence was the theme. In January, we used Spirituality. In March, we have a program to teach us to pray. The activity we have planned for the Burr Oak Church is an "Itinerary of Prayer."

Future portions of our program will include: Study, at which time we intend to outline the basic doctrines of the church; Stewardship, and Personality Development. We are trying to incorporate these into the teaching ministry of the church that we might fulfill the total mission of the church. Ministers in the state are working together to plan the program for various months according to the outlined plan.

Warren Sorenson, Pastor.

### HERE AND THERE

Construction was begun February 17, 1961, on the new building for the Wenatchee, Wash., Church of God. . . The Hope Chapel Church, South Bend, Ind., is having a contest to encourage the making of posters for Oregon Bible College promotion. . . Pastor Darrell Maddock preached at pre-Easter services at the Lawrenceville, Ohio, Church of God. . . Bro. R. H. Judd has been taken to the home of his son, Pastor C. R. Judd, United Church, Frankfort, Ont. He has been very ill this winter. . . A new Church of God, Faith of Abraham, has been organized in the southwest with Bro. William Dick as pastor. Meetings are being held in the homes of members till a permanent meeting place can be found. . . Bro. Frank Perkins, Cleveland, Ohio, preached at pre-Easter services at Brush Creek Church.

Pastor C. E. Randall is to be guest speaker at the International Convention of Gospel Missions, which will have representatives present from eleven countries. . . Bro. Harry Payne and Bro. George Lichty have been preaching at the Pomona Church in the absence of a resident pastor. . . Bro. and Sr. Belus Holt, from Morristown, Tenn., are now serving the Cool Spring Church of God, Browntown, Va.

### BAPTISMS AT PENNELLWOOD CHURCH

The Pennellwood Church is happy to welcome two new members: Mrs. Dwight Cooper and her son Philip, 3272 Buchanan Ave., S.W., Grand Rapids, Mich. They were baptized into Christ Sunday, February 19, 1961.—Pennellwood bulletin.

## CHURCH OF GOD DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

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Superintendent: Joe Foretich, Rt. 2, Box 362, Baker

## MINNESOTA CONFERENCE NEWS

The spring annual conference of the Minnesota Churches of God will convene from June 7-11, 1961, at Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley. Pastor Gerald Cooper will be our guest speaker.

The state missionary society met at Saint Cloud Sunday evening, February 19. Pictures of the Lighthouse Mission were shown to the group.

Plans are being made for the summer youth camp to be held in July at Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley.

Sunday afternoon and evening, March 5, were State Sunday School Day at Litchfield. Our Sunday school director, Madge Savage, worked hard, planning for this meeting.

Orpha Ruhm, Secretary.

## BAPTISM IN PENNSYLVANIA

On Saturday, March 11, Bro. and Sr. C. F. Pryor, Cleveland, Ohio, drove to New Brighton, Pa., to baptize Mr. William M. Spratley, 512 12th Ave., in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins. After the baptism, Communion was served in the home of Bro. Spratley. He has previously been affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Churches, having graduated from an Alliance Bible College in New York. He has pastored churches of this denomination in New York and in Pennsylvania. He learned the truth of God's Word while studying the Bible for himself during and after his preparation for the ministry. He soon realized that his belief did not correspond with the Alliance teaching. He began to seek for a church holding the same views of the Bible and the Word of God as he had learned. This, he found, was the Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith.

It is our personal belief that Bro. Spratley will soon become an outstanding minister for the Church of God. Pray for him; we need his services.

We are also concerned for Bro. Spratley's mother. She has been blind for about thir-

teen years. She also suffers from a diabetic condition and a serious nervous condition. She has learned the truth from her son and desires baptism. At the present time, she is not able to be baptized. Pray that God will strengthen her that full obedience to God and to the truth may be possible for her.

C. F. Pryor, Pastor.

## BAPTISM AT OMAHA

Kathleen VerMehren, 6808 Minne Lusa Blvd., Omaha, Nebr., was baptized into the saving name of the Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday afternoon, February 26, 1961, and was given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed into the church family the following Sunday. Kathleen is the daughter of Bro. and Sr. VerMehren and has been raised up in the Sunday school and has attended the Nebraska Family Retreats the past four years. May the Lord find in her a faithful daughter and a zealous worker for His church.

Clyde E. Randall, Pastor.

## BAPTISMS AT SOUTHLAWN

At the morning service on March 19, 1961, five people came forward and confessed Christ as Saviour and were baptized at the evening service. They are Mr. and Mrs. Monroe L. Anes, 150 Wilbur St., S.E.; Miss Patricia Stauffer and her two brothers Clyde and Randy, 207 Walter St., S.E.; all of Grand Rapids 8, Mich. The right hands of fellowship were extended to them at the close of the evening service. We pray God's richest blessings on these new Christians and may their lives be fruitful in the service of their Master. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Pastor.

## BAPTISMS AT EAST OREGON

We are certainly thankful for the way the Lord has blessed our church during the last few months. We have the Illinois State Sunday School calling contest to thank partially for this. This helped to wake us up to the value and possibilities of personal evangelism. Since the first of the year, our church attendance has increased ten to twenty.

We also rejoice in thirteen people who have been won for Christ during this time. Since the first of the year, the following have been baptized: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hitchcock; Mrs. Juanita Hitchcock; Mrs. Viola Burke; Mrs. Shirley Burke; Charles Hitchcock; Dan Hitchcock; Jerry Hitchcock; Delores Hitchcock; Karen Hitchcock; Billy Hitchcock; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hitchcock.

A Sunday school class in doctrine and Christian fundamentals has been started for the benefit of these newly baptized converts. May God's blessing be with each one as he begins his walk with Him. Paul Shaw, Pastor.

## BENJAMIN F. CLEM

Benjamin F. Clem was born August 29, 1879. He died February 10, 1961.

He had been a member of the Church of God at Maurertown, Va., for a number of years. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends in West Virginia and Virginia.

The funeral service was held in the Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock, Va. The writer conducted the funeral, assisted by John F. Locke, Brethren minister from Maurertown.

Bro. Clem was laid to rest in the Massanutten Cemetery to await the resurrection at the coming of Jesus. Dale Ward, Pastor.

## PAPERBOUND TESTAMENTS

We have a limited supply of paper-bound New Testaments from the American Bible Society which we will sell for 15c each or \$10.00 per hundred, plus postage. Order from Church of God General Conference, Oregon, Ill.

## GEORGE E. KIEFFER

Bro. George E. Kieffer, long-time member of the Church of God, was born September 25, 1877, and died at a nursing home near Pittsburgh, Pa., February 2, 1961.

Funeral services were conducted at the Edwards Funeral Home, Cleveland, Ohio, by the writer, on February 6. Interment was in Lake View Cemetery, also in Cleveland.

Bro. Kieffer and his wife, who survives him despite her long illness, taught many who now are active leaders of the Blessed Hope and Golden Rule Churches of God, Cleveland, and of the Bedford (Ohio) congregation. J. Arlen Marsh, Pastor.

## JAMES MARCELLUS BOYER

James Marcellus Boyer was born in Fort Valley, Va., November 4, 1877. He died March 13, 1961.

Bro. Boyer was a member of the Church of God for 70 years. He was one of the original members of the Maurertown Church of God when it was organized in 1899. He has always been an active and faithful member. He was also a leader in his community. He will be greatly missed by the community and church.

The funeral was held in the Dellinger Chapel in Woodstock. The writer was in charge of the funeral, and spoke on the theme of "Great Men in the Faith."

Bro. Boyer was laid to rest in the Maurertown Cemetery to await the coming of Christ and the resurrection of those who trust in Him. Dale Ward, Pastor.

## CHARLES OMER HORNADAY

Charles Omer Hornaday, son of Nathan and Mary Hornaday, was born at Holbrook, Nebr., April 20, 1888. He fell asleep at the Mary Lanning Hospital, Hastings, Nebr., February 16, 1961, after a long illness, brought on as a result of a fall June 28.

In 1910 he was baptized by Bro. S. J. Lindsay and became a member of the Church of God in which he worked faithfully for fifty-one years as a Sunday school superintendent, elder, deacon, and in many other offices. At the time of his death he was serving as Sunday school superintendent, first elder, and trustee. At times during the absence of the pastor he filled the pulpit well and faithfully. What he loved most was singing and taking part in solos, duets, quartets, and group singing. In this he will be greatly missed.

Surviving his death are: his wife Ola; two children, Kenneth and Mary Lou; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; a niece; a nephew; and a host of relatives and friends.

He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and will be missed by his family and friends, and by his church. He now awaits the call of his Master on the resurrection morning.

After services conducted in the Holbrook Church of God by the pastor, he was laid to rest in the Arapahoe Cemetery.

V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

**SPONSORS FOR MARCH**

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| Hope Chapel   | \$ 31.18 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dean  | 20.00    |
| Mrs. James Dennis   | 4.20     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schroth   | 12.00    |
| Teenza Flint  | 2.00     |
| Lawrenceville Church  | 23.65    |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ballentine                                       | 10.00    |
| Maeomb Church   | 19.63    |
| Evangelism and Missions   | 285.80   |
| Truth Seekers Church  | 25.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Johnson  | 20.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stadden  | 10.00    |
| Burr Oak Church   | 85.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lapp   | 80.00    |
| Mrs. Laura M. Keenan  | 13.00    |
| Ladies Council, New Hope Church                                     | 10.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Earle Mogle  | 10.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Raitton   | 10.00    |
| Maeomb Missionary Society   | 10.00    |
| Virda Sittler   | 10.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwier  | 10.00    |
| Jessie M. B. Kauffman   | 2.00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Jones                                       | 20.00    |
| Mrs. Earl Stott (Nebr.)   | 5.00     |
| Leila E. Whitehead  | 4.00     |
| Mrs. F. L. Austin   | 5.00     |
| Mrs. Esta Starbuck  | 20.00    |
| W. E. Kirksey   | 2.00     |
| North Salem Church  | 4.69     |
| Golden Rule Church Sunday School                                    | 100.00   |
| Blanchard Church  | 33.19    |
| Brush Creek Church  | 71.65    |
| Pennellwood Church  | 99.20    |
| Fonthill Church (Exchange)  | .46      |
| Litchfield Sunday School  | 19.84    |
| Mr. Emma Coleman  | 10.00    |
| Fredericktown Young Adult Class                                     | 8.15     |
| Mrs. Lucille Ayres  | 50.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith   | .50      |
| Ida Lapp  | 10.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gallagher                                       | 2.00     |
| Maurertown Sunday School  | 39.01    |
| Mr. and Mrs. O. Berry   | 10.00    |
| Hector Church   | 25.00    |
| Morse Mill Church   | 20.72    |
| Leila Mae Doeden  | 16.00    |
| Cool Spring Church  | 35.20    |
| Mr. and Mrs. David Shellhaus  | 14.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carpenter  | 10.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. William Wachtel  | 10.00    |
| Broadmoor Church  | 18.58    |
| Mrs. Myrtle Houser  | 2.00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. George McMurtrie                                       | 100.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Paul Opel  | 10.00    |
| Mrs. Ed Eades   | 5.00     |
| Mrs. Art Gill   | 1.00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Anderson  | 15.00    |
| Dorothy Magaw   | 21.00    |
| Mrs. Violet Updike  | 5.00     |
| Gospel Gleaners Class   | 3.00     |
| Lila Guiles   | 10.00    |
| Mrs. Julia Atkins   | 10.00    |
| Indiana State Missionary Society                                    | 40.00    |
| Southwest Conference  | 107.00   |
| Mr. and Mrs. Edward Montila   | 5.00     |
| Mary C. Raitton   | 5.10     |
| Leola B. Hanson   | 10.00    |
| Illinois State Conference   | 50.00    |
| Tessa Laning  | 10.00    |
| Felida Church   | 6.00     |
| Mr. and Mrs. Howard Huey (In Memory<br>of Mr. and Mrs. George Nell) | 300.00   |
| Oregon Church   | 23.70    |

**FORREST - REID**

February 18, 1961, it was our privilege to unite in marriage Aline Forrest and George Reid. Aline is one of our church girls and we worked with George about two months a year ago. They are fine young people. This was about the happiest wedding we ever saw. Everyone was in such good spirits. We pray God's blessings on this couple as they seek to serve Him. James Mattison, Pastor.

**MINNIE MORGAN KERR**

The daughter of Eugene A. and Mary Ellen Morgan, Minnie Morgan was born January 12, 1883, at Bentonville, Ark. As a small girl she moved with her family to Nebraska. She came to Oregon in 1901, and the family settled at Corvallis. She was married to Mr. Kerr, October 3, 1903. The couple made their home in Corvallis since their marriage. Mr. Kerr died in 1951. She was a member of the Church of God a good many years.

Sr. Kerr is survived by one son, Maurice, San Francisco; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Gross, Oregon City, and Jane Carlson, Portland, Ore.; two brothers, three sisters, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Burial was in Oaklawn Memorial Cemetery. Flora E. Anthon.

**WATSON JOHN WEINBERG**

Bro. Watson John Weinberg of Vicksburg, Mich., who has been a winter visitor of the Tempe Church of God for the past thirteen years, died after a short illness in the Mesa Southside District Hospital, Friday, March 10, 1961. Bro. Weinberg and wife have been regular in their attendance of our church services and have come to be well known to their many friends.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, March 12. The chapel was filled with relatives and friends. The writer spoke of the Christian's hope, which the Apostle Paul used to comfort those who had loved ones asleep in death. After the funeral, the immediate family left for Vicksburg, where he will rest awaiting the call of resurrection.

Walter Wiggins, Pastor.

**PASTORAL CHANGES**

Pastor Gerald L. Cooper has resigned his pastorate at San Jose, Calif., and will be available for another pastorate under certain conditions, September 1, 1961.

Pastor Delbert Jones has resigned his pastorate at Hector, Minn., and accepted the pastorate of the Pomona, Calif., Church of God.

Bro. Alva Huffer has resigned his pastorate at Pennellwood Church of God, Grand Rapids, Mich., effective September 1, 1961. He has accepted the pastorate of the Tempe, Ariz., Church of God.

Pastor T. M. Ferrell has resigned from his pastorate at Los Angeles, Calif., effective September 1, 1961. Bro. Ferrell is available for a Church of God pastorate after that date. He may be contacted at 230 W. 103rd St., Los Angeles, Calif.; telephone PLymouth 5-7291.

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# PROGRESS JOURNAL





Standing: C. E. Lapp, Dean; Paul Hatch, Magaw Dormitory; Nora Anderson, Golden Rule Dormitory; Kenneth Milne, Instructor; Louise Lapp, Instructor  
Seated: Otto E. Dick, President

# THE BIBLE COLLEGE IS DISTINCTIVE

By Otto E. Dick  
President

The Bible college movement began as an attempt to meet a growing need for a "back to the Bible" kind of higher education. Many of our colleges and universities were founded upon a strong Biblical faith but are now completely secular and divorced from church support and control. More and more church or religious colleges are drifting toward a liberal arts centered curriculum and toward liberalism or modernism. The Bible college is a reaction against this trend and is distinctive in several particulars.

The Bible college is distinctive in that its curriculum is Bible centered. The Bible's doctrinal testimony, its verbal inspiration, and its authority to govern our lives are considered of major importance. Most Bible colleges have a clear doctrinal statement, which serves as a guide and unifying influence in all instruction and practice. They emphasize study of the Bible rather than study about the Bible. Although the Bible college curriculum is Bible centered, it includes also courses which are profitable to any Christian student.

The Bible college is distinctive also in its spiritual emphasis. By encouraging personal prayer, daily devotions, and separation from worldly practices, the Bible college intends to influence the whole life of the student for Christ. Scholasticism, professionalism, and intellectual-

ism are avoided if they interfere with developing a deep spiritual life. "Formal instruction takes place in an atmosphere of faith; the whole life of the student—social, recreational, devotional, intellectual—is shaped in an environment positively Christian."—*Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein.*

A third way in which the Bible college is distinctive is in its practical approach to the Bible and to the spiritual life of its students. Bible colleges teach that knowledge learned in the classroom should be used. Some kind of practical training program is used in nearly all Bible colleges. In fact, Bible colleges are gradually requiring and supervising Christian service activities. Thus the student not only learns how to serve, but he also serves while he learns. What he learns in class he puts into practice in church worship services, Sunday school, chapel service, youth meetings, or on gospel teams.

Therefore the Bible college serves a purpose not duplicated by any other kind of school. It has its very important function among institutions of higher learning and needs to make no apologies for being different. The trend away from Christian education can be counteracted by encouraging and supporting Bible colleges.

The foregoing article incorporates ideas from, "Why Bible Institutes?" by Joseph W. Schmidt, President of Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska.

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# SENIOR CLASS



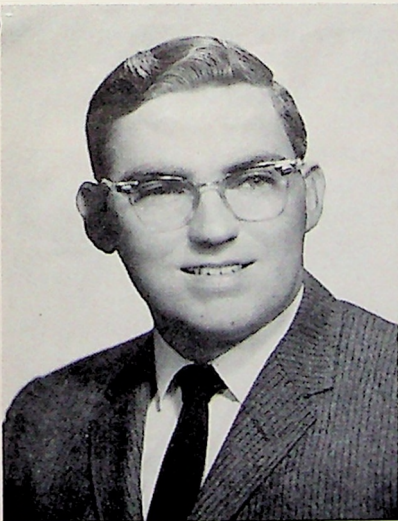
**Paul Shaw**



**Rebecca Barnhill**



**Russell Magaw**



**Rex Cain**



**Robert See**



**Ted Armes**

# SENIORS TESTIFY

## PAUL SHAW

Five years ago I rededicated my life to the Lord and made the decision to invest it in full-time service to Him. Since that day, I have finished the year that I was taking at a secular college and now have completed four years at Oregon Bible College. During this time I have come to see more and more clearly the challenge that is before the individual Christian and before the Church of God. God has "committed unto us the ministry of reconciliation." The thrust of the gospel is to the unconverted.

Both the courses of study and the experience in Christian service that I have had here have provided invaluable training for my present and future ministry. I have had the privilege while attending Oregon Bible College to serve as part-time pastor of the East Oregon Church of God. This, as well, has given me experience that is beyond estimation in its value to me. I plan to continue to serve there for at least one more year.

The friends that I have gained while attending college and working in the church will be remembered always. They have done much to help me in many ways.

All in all, the last four years have been the most enjoyable and meaningful years of my life. I am looking forward to greater service to the Lord.

## RUSSELL MAGAW

I have had four very satisfying years at Oregon Bible College. College has been a benefit to me in many ways. I have formed lasting friendships with many other students of like precious faith. These friendships will, no doubt, prove invaluable during the course of my life.

Probably the most important benefits that I have received from Oregon Bible College are of a spiritual nature. I have learned not only how to study the Bible, but I have also learned much from the study of the Bible. Through my college experience, I have become a better Christian and I have had a closer walk with God in these years.

Finally, my work at Oregon Bible College has helped me to have a genuine desire to serve the Lord in the way He would have me to serve Him.

## REBECCA BARNHILL

It has truly been a privilege for me to attend Oregon Bible College. Here I have been able to spend much more time in Bible study than I could have at any other school. I have learned to live far away from my family and have made many new and lasting friendships. The thorns in

my path, that is, the problems, have taught me to study and to pray with faith that there is an answer. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

I would like to thank all of the churches and boosters who have let the Lord work through you in lessening my financial burdens. The Lord has also provided special work for me at which I have gained much experience with housecleaning, ironing, child care, and working with people. I have learned to really appreciate the effort that goes into church work. I am most thankful, though, that I have learned to appreciate Christ and what He has done for you and for me much more than I ever had before coming to Oregon Bible College.

Thank you, everyone, who has sent me to Oregon Bible College. I hope that I can do something for you in the Lord's service.

## REX F. CAIN

Much has been done for my spiritual welfare by attending Oregon Bible College. Living among those who "search the scriptures daily" has awakened my latent spiritual being, created an inner desire for more spiritual meat, and has armored me for that "good race wherein is laid up for me a crown of life."

I know that the brothers and sisters in Christ with whom I have become acquainted here at school and in various churches will always be a well of spiritual companionship.

Inasmuch as our College has visions of future expansion, and is in contact with many in foreign lands who are hungry for spiritual food, I feel assured our prayers are being heard, "for if we ask in faith, believing, it shall be done."

I will take this opportunity to thank our Father for this College, its teachers, and for those who support this much-needed work. I pray that many eligible persons in the future will see that the harvest is white—and the laborers few.

## TED ARMES

While I am writing this I can think of many things which I have received at Oregon Bible College. For instance: I have enjoyed every gospel team trip on which I have gone; I have enjoyed working in the different churches near by; but most of all, I have enjoyed the association with the students and instructors of the College.

It was a new experience for me to fellowship with Christians every day. I think it would be different for most people. I know that I shall miss this part of college life when I leave more than all the rest. I am truly thankful I have had the opportunity to obtain a Christian education at Oregon Bible College.



## Students

Top left

**JUNIORS:** James Fyfe; Marlyn Holquist

Top right

**SOPHOMORES:** Standing, top to bottom: David Louzecky, Russell Dickerson, Terry Dwyer, Ruby Peterson; seated: Donna Claussen, Janet Turner

Bottom left

**Part-time Students:** Blanche Dick, Elois Dickerson

Bottom right

**FRESHMEN:** Back row: Robert Pike, Robin Hayse; center row: Martha Burnett, Gloria Shaw, Arlen Rankin; front row: Beatrice Garner, Rachel Krogh, Etta Marie Routson, Earline Calahan





### **Service Committee**

Back row: Arlen Rankin, Robert Pike, Rachel Krogh, Russell Dickerson, James Fyfe, Chairman

Front row: Ruby Peterson, Becky Barnhill

### **Student Council**

Standing: James Fyfe, Etta Marie Routson, Otto E. Dick, Advisor, Becky Barnhill, Robert Pike

Seated: Marlyn Holquist, Secretary, Rex Cain, Russell Magaw, President, Janet Turner



### **Social Committee**

Robin Hayse, David Louzecky, Russell Magaw, Ted Armes, Paul Shaw, Martha Burnett, Terry Dwyer, Chairman, Gloria Shaw, Janet Turner, Beatrice Garner, Earline Calahan, Marlyn Holquist, Etta Marie Routson, Louise Lapp, Advisor

## Choir

Back Row: Grace Cain, Arlen Rankin, Russell Magaw, Ted Armes, Paul Shaw, Robert Pike, Rex Cain, Janet Turner

Front Row: Louise Lapp, Director, Rachel Krogh, Accompanist, Earline Calahan, Marilyn Holquist, Martha Burnett, Donna Clausen, Etta Marie Routson, Beatrice Garner, Gloria Shaw



## Girls' Trio

Janet Turner, Rachel Krogh, Martha Burnett

## Mission Club

Standing: Robert Pike, Ted Armes, C. E. Lapp, Advisor, Martha Burnett, Marilyn Holquist, Rachel Krogh, Gloria Shaw, Robin Hayse, Ruby Peterson, Etta Marie Routson

Seated: Beatrice Garner, Arlen Rankin, Earline Calahan, Donna Claussen, President





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DEVOTIONS

FAKE?

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TIRED!

"BRO. HATCH" BANQUET TIME

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YOU SAY SOMETHIN'?

SUNSHINE!

SWIMMING

AW NUTZI!

SAY CHEESE

THE LINE-UP

DON'T SPILL IT!

BASKETBALL

HOME SWEET HOME

IN LOVE?

CHEERING SECTION

CONCENTRATION!

"JUDY"

GIVE OR TAKE?

CHAPEL

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

THINKING?

"BRO. DICK"

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"PAUL"

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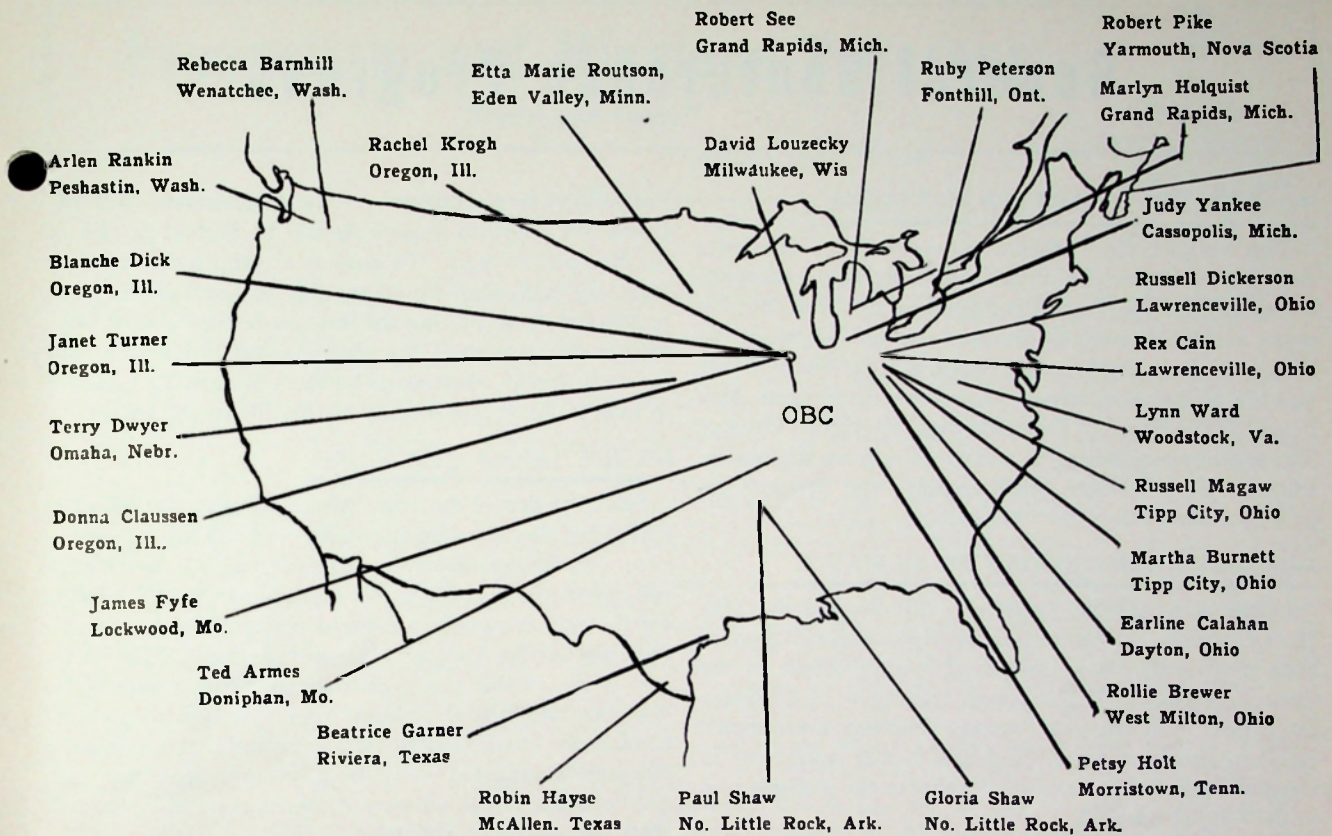
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TASTE GOOD?

VISITING?

ANDERSONS





## Bible College Students Are Reaching Out!

When our young people attend college, some may think that all they do is to study books and work at their jobs. Perhaps you may have thought of them in that way. If, however, we add up all the extra-curricular activities of the College, much is being done.

Some of our students fill regular positions in Sunday schools and church as song leaders, as well as in being assistants to the superintendent.

A small group of students has been visiting the Illinois and State Boys' Youth Camp each Sunday afternoon with messages in song and story.

During the year our college students have been blessed by invitations to go to churches on gospel team trips. Many young people have been contacted, and we hope influenced to serve the Lord in a better way.

One of our greatest ventures of the year was to take the College choir to churches in Northern Indiana and Michigan over the Easter week end. The response to this effort was even greater than we had anticipated. During the trip, students distributed over one thousand tracts and *Restitution Heralds*, besides bringing the Easter cantata to packed churches at every stop.

Not only have we sent out groups, but individual speakers have gone out to fill pulpits in the absence of the pastors.

Our Mission Club endeavors to keep the fires of missionary work burning and enlarging. One of our students, Sr. Donna Claussen, Oregon, Ill., has spent two summers in Nova Scotia, where she has been a valuable worker with the young people and in the daily vacation Bible school. This year, another of our students, Sr. Rebecca Barnhill, will supervise a daily vacation Bible school at her home church in Wenatchee, Washington.

For the past couple of years, Bro. Paul Shaw has been pastor of East Oregon Chapel. Bro. Robert See has moved to St. Cloud, Minn., where he is assistant pastor of the church while he furthers his education at the State Teacher's College.

Bros. Rex Cain, Russell Magaw, and Ted Armes are all graduating this spring and will be out pastoring churches wherever the Lord leads.

Thank God for Oregon Bible College, for your prayers and support, and for the dedicated young men and women who come to train for a life of service for the Lord.

# General Conference Progress

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The work of the Church of God General Conference depends upon much volunteer service by men and women serving on boards and committees. In April, the License and Ordination Committee met in Wheaton, the Sunday School Department Board met in South Bend, and the Mission Department Board met in Oregon. May 12 and 13 the Board of Directors plans to meet in Oregon. These groups include men and women from various localities who contribute much in time and personal expense for the work of the Conference.

## COLLEGE EMPHASIS DAY TO BE MAY 21

It has been requested that all churches observe May 21 as *Christian Education Sunday*. Special materials have been sent to all pastors and to all young people of the Church of God in keeping with the theme of Christian Education. This issue of *PROGRESS JOURNAL* also emphasizes the importance of Christian higher education in Oregon Bible College and its benefits to the students and to the Church of God.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

On page 16 you will find a tentative General Conference program for August. Most of the program has been confirmed but some changes may be made, of course, between now and August. In the June issue of *PROGRESS JOURNAL* will appear reports from departments and the report and recommendations of the Board of Directors for the General Conference. This will give delegations time to study and discuss proposals being made before the Conference convenes.

There are some innovations in the Conference program in the scheduling of business. More time is given for discussion of vital issues, and all voting is being reserved for the last full day so that all matters can have thorough discussion before they are voted upon. A "brainstorming" or "buzz" session is also scheduled to give every person an opportunity to help make vital decisions in regard to the course to be followed in the Home and Foreign Missions work of the General Conference.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Because of the change in the corporate name, and because the term, "Executive Secretary," is more in keeping with church organization and the work which is involved in the office, the Board of Directors recommends

the following amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws. We move to amend Article II, Section 6, (F) of the By-Laws to read, "To employ a competent Executive Secretary who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of the General Conference, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned to him." The only change is in the title of the employee.

## VAGUE TERMS EXPLAINED

Since the first of the year, there has been a contribution deficit for the operational budget of the General Conference. *Operational budget* is a vague term that means payroll, payments to churches for pastoral aid, subsidy checks for the mission work in Nova Scotia, light bills, grocery bills, paper bills, postage costs, oil bills, repair bills, taxes, and all the other expenses of continuing the many services you have authorized through your delegates at General Conference. *Contribution deficit* means that money the delegates anticipated would be given in contributions has not been given. The answer, of course, is faithful stewardship and sacrificial giving.

The services of the General Conference: Oregon Bible College, printing and publishing, home and foreign missions, Berean Youth Fellowship, and the many general services to pastors and churches, are geared to the income received from sales, tuition, and contributions. Sales and tuition income has increased, but not nearly enough to offset the decrease in contributions. This is a matter of seriousness, importance, and urgency.

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## GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1960 - 1961

October 1, 1960 - September 30, 1961

**\$42,860.00**

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| <i>Given through April 30</i>              | \$19,207.89 |
| <i>Balance to be given by September 30</i> | \$23,652.11 |
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| <i>Goal for giving for April</i>           | \$ 4,727.42 |
| <i>Given through April 30</i>              | \$ 3,263.58 |

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**Goal for May**

**\$4,630.42**

# Evangelism and Missions Progress

"Send the Light"

Delbert Jones, Editor



## MISSIONS IN THE CHURCH OF GOD

The Church of God has a mission program which will challenge the thinking of the Christian who is zealous of carrying the gospel message of salvation to those who are in a lost condition. We rejoice that there is a constantly expanding opportunity for us to reach into the world to aid those individuals.

We pray that you will plan now to attend the General Conference, August 6-11, so that you may help the Church of God chart the course which we should follow to carry God's message to those who desire to know more of the truth.

"Then I should like you to know, my brothers, that I have long intended to come to you (but something has always prevented me), for I should like to see some results among you, as I have among other Gentiles. I feel myself under a universal obligation, I owe something to all men, from cultured Greek to ignorant savage. That is why I want, as far as my ability will carry me, to preach the Gospel to you who live in Rome as well. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel. I see it as the very power of God working for the salvation of everyone who believes it, both Jew and Greek. I see in it God's plan for imparting righteousness to men, a process begun and continued by their faith. For, as the scripture says: The righteous shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:8-17, Phillips Translation).

The Scriptural principle which we in the Church of God must follow is that of Paul, "a universal obligation" of "working for the salvation of everyone" who believes the gospel.

Some churches and individuals have failed to enter wholeheartedly into the mission program, saying, "We have so many needs in our own church," or, "We have all that we can do to pay our own preacher." By the same token, there have been ministers who were too selfish to push the mission program in their churches—they were fearful that they would not make as much as they might.

However, any church which has thrown itself wholeheartedly into the mission work has never been harmed, but it has been strengthened and spiritually inspired to do even more for the Lord of Harvest. Even as God caused Malachi to write to those who were not doing that which was right in the eyes of the heavenly Father, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. 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. . . . And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be

a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:8-10, 12).

God does not expect us to tithe only for the work of the local church, but also for our obligations to those in foreign lands. When God said through His Son, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," He was speaking to us today, too. It is our duty to carry the message abroad. We must be about our Father's business.

When we consider mission work, the very core of it is the gospel. We must carry the gospel to others, not increase the size of our denomination, but to give others an opportunity to gain immortality. We are not to compel them to accept the gospel, but they must make the decision for themselves. Our feeling should be comparable to that of Joshua when he said, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

The Church of God, through the Missionary Department, must provide the peoples of the world an opportunity to accept the gospel if we are to be a witness to all.

We wish that we could emphasize the fact in such a manner that there would never be any question about it at all: we do receive in return for our giving to God. We will recognize the fact that some will say, "Then your giving is for selfish reasons only." No, that is not of necessity true, but it is true that God rewards each for his faithfulness—or unfaithfulness!

God has abundantly blessed us with good gifts. May we use those God-given talents, whether they are talents of wealth, teaching, preaching, or singing. We give material gifts, but God rewards us with rich spiritual rewards. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him.

## A MISSION CLUB DIALOGUE

**Rachel:** Our Berean lesson for last week was Personal Evangelism, and, you know, Marty, the more I think about it, the more I feel that I'm not doing as much as I could be doing.

**Martha:** Yes, I feel that way often myself, because we know that Christ is going to come so soon, and the majority of people in the world don't even know about it, let alone being prepared for it.

**Rachel:** Many times, I think we do not fully realize how real the coming of Christ is. We get so wrapped up in our daily routine that we don't often take time to really stop and think about it.

**Martha:** Well, I think we just have to work every day to make Christ's coming so real to ourselves that we can't keep from telling others.

**Rachel:** But after it has become real to us, how can we make others see how important it is? Take, for example: the other day I was talking to a friend of mine who had seemed to be fairly interested; but I found that she actually couldn't see the importance of living for Christ. What can you do in a situation like that?

**Martha:** Well . . . I think the first thing we have to do is pray that God will guide and use us to show others, and have faith that He will hear and answer our prayers as He has promised. Really, Rachel, in answer to your question: after you have done all you can do in talking to the person, there's nothing you can do but turn the person over to God and trust Him to work a miracle in the person's life.

**Rachel:** That is so true. What you just said reminds me of a motto I once heard: "We'll do our best, and trust God to do the rest." You know, I'm really not doing anything compared to what I could be doing.

**Martha:** Neither am I; we've got to get busy.

While you have been reading this, 132 people somewhere in the world have died without Christ. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37).

## BAPTISM AT PENNELLWOOD

Mr. Eugene Downey accepted Christ as his Saviour and was baptized Sunday evening, March 19, 1961.

Miss Karen Wissman came forward at the close of the Easter cantata presented by the Oregon Bible College Choir, and was baptized in the name of Christ the following Sunday, April 9, 1961.

On Sunday, April 16, 1961, Richard Shennan was baptized into Christ. We pray that God will guide these young people as they live for Him and for His Son.—Pennellwood Bulletin.

## BAPTISM AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

We were happy indeed to have immersed Mical Tull into the all-saving name of Jesus Christ, on Easter morning, April 2, 1961. We pray that Mical will always be a shining light and a Christian example to his neighbors and friends will see Jesus in his life.

R. D. Stanton, Pastor.

## BAPTISM AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

George Scott was baptized and given the right hand of fellowship into the church. We are happy to have him in our fellowship. We pray that the Lord will use his life.—Rockford Bulletin.

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

May 15-21—Spring Evangelistic Meetings, Golden Rule Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Alva Huffer, speaker

May 20, 21—Illinois quarterly conference at Dixon

May 26-28—Annual May Meeting, Fonthill, Ont., Church of God, Bud Goodwin, speaker

June 7-11—Minnesota State Conference at Long Lake Bible Camp, Gerald Cooper, guest speaker

June 11-17—Michigan State Conference, at Camp Chief Noonday, Yankee Springs

June 12-18—Nebraska Family Retreat, Camp Merrill

June 12-18—Annual June Meeting and Bible School, Brush Creek Church of God, Hollis Parlowe, guest speaker

June 18-24—Indiana State Conference, Camp Mack, Milford, Ind.

June 18-25—Southwest Youth Camp, Wrightwood, Calif.

June 18-25—Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference at Brooklyn Church, Ratcliff

July 2-8—Southeast Conference at the Guthrie Grove Church, C. F. Pryor, Raymond Brown, guest speakers, Mrs. C. F. Pryor, Bible School director

July 3-8—Missouri Youth Camp, Camp Orchard Crest, Fredericktown

July 10-16—Ohio State Youth Camp, Camp Chaffee

July 10-16—Washington Bible Camp, Cashmere, Wash.

July 23-29—Illinois Conference and Bible School at Oregon

July 29-August 6—Missouri Conference, Fredericktown, Lyle Rankin, guest speaker

August 6-11—Annual General Conference, Camp Mack

August 12-20—Western Nebraska Conference, Bros. Richard LeCrone and John Lewis, guest speakers

August 14-20—National Berean Youth Conference, Camp Mack

## CHURCH OF GOD RADIO BROADCASTS

"Voice of Truth," Station KOOL, 960 kc., Mesa, Ariz., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. W. Wiggins, speaker

"Words of Life," Station WFPR, 1400 kc., Hammond, La., Sunday, 8:00 a.m. James Mattison, Gordon Landry, Richard Dick, speakers

"Words of Life," Station WRRR, 1330 kc., Rockford, Ill., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. K. Milne, speaker

"Words of Life," Station WKAI, 1510 kc., Macomb, Ill., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. K. Milne

"Voice of Truth," Station WOOD, 1300 kc., Grand Rapids, Mich., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. H. U. Krogh, Jr., speaker

"Voice of Tomorrow," Station WSIG, 790 kc., Mt. Jackson, Va., Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Dale Ward, speaker

"Words of Life," Station WCEN, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Sunday, Kenneth Milne, speaker

"Words of Life," Station KBHS, Sunday, Hot Springs, Ark., Kenneth Milne speaker

## CHURCH OF GOD DIRECTORY

**Add to Southwest Conference Churches**  
**Ontario Church of God, 728 Euclid Ave., Ontario, Calif.** William Dick, pastor, 201 Willow, Pomona, Calif. Mrs. Harold Tjossem, Secretary, 322 E. 16th St., San Bernardino, Calif.

## Corrections

**Sunday School Department**  
 President: Paul Overholser, Rt. 3, Springfield, Ohio

**Lawrenceville Church**  
 Dorman Cheatwood, Superintendent, 1201 Springfield, North Hampton Rd., Springfield

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Pastor Richard Worley has resigned as Texas State Evangelist and will be available for a pastorate September 1. His address is: P.O. Box 57, Gatesville, Texas.

Pastor Ellsworth Rautson, Eden Valley, Minn., is leaving his pastorate there and will be available for another pastorate September 1.

Pastor E. Milton Hall has resigned his pastorate at the Fonthill, Ont., Church of God and has accepted the pastorate of the Pennington, Grand Rapids, Church of God.

Pastor Dean Moore will be leaving his pastorate at Blanchard, Mich., September 1.

Pastor Arnold Johns has resigned his pastorate of the Casey and Marshall, Illinois, Churches of God and will be available for another pastorate September 1. His address is: 407 W. Main, Casey, Ill.

## CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

The Church of God, Eden Valley, Minn., is seeking a pastor for September, 1961. Applicants should write Mrs. Lillian Mills, Eden Valley, Minn.

The Fonthill, Ont., Church of God has a vacant pastorate available September 1, 1961. Please send applications to D. D. Elliott, Box 13, Fonthill, Ont., Canada.

Blanchard, Mich., Church of God desires the services of a pastor after September 1. Applicants should write Mrs. Lyle Walkington, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Mich.

## CORRECTION IN MINISTERS' LIST

Bro. John R. Humphreys of Rt. 1, Royal, Ark., should have been on the last two lists of ministers published in the November and March Progress Journals, as an active minister of the Church of God. A letter lost in the mail may be the reason for his name having been omitted.

License and Ordination Committee.

## BIBLE CLASSES IN TEXAS

Mrs. M. B. Stephenson conducts a Bible class in her home each Tuesday evening. She is a member of the Texas Conference of the Church of God and lives about seven miles north of Vidor, Texas, on highway 105, opposite Stephenson Road. She welcomes visitors at her class.

## CHURCH OF THE OPEN BIBLE Pomona, California

The work of the Lord continues to go forward at Pomona, and the zeal of the Lord is more and more manifest.

The entire church has been redecorated and the wonderful uplift is very noticeable. The chapel has been painted, new draperies back of the pulpit, and wall-to-wall carpeting have been added. The classrooms have also been redecorated and improved.

The increase in Sunday school attendance is most gratifying, as is the increase in our midweek Bible class, especially having the young people give their time to the Lord's work. Bro. Edgar Adamson, as teacher for the midweek class, is presenting lessons that are food for all. The worship services continue to be most inspiring and are presented by Bro. George Lichty and Bro. Harry Payne.

The choir renders a number each Sunday and, when possible, Sr. Dorothy Prickett and Bro. Duncan McLeod bring spiritual uplift with their solos.

The Roland Stilsons from Michigan visited in Pomona for two weeks. Our Sunday school enjoyed Bro. Stilson's lessons very much.

Bro. Delbert Jones has accepted the call of the Pomona congregation, to begin his pastoral duties in September. We were most deeply impressed by Bro. Jones on his visit here March 26, 1961, and the following week. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless us as we seek to do His will till He comes.

Bertha Perkins, Secretary.

## SOUTHLAWN CHURCH OF GOD NEWS

On Saturday evening, March 25, 1961, Miss May Morris of 5550 8th, Grandville, Mich., became the bride of Mr. Albert Jay Christie of 7757 Harold, Jenison, Mich., at an informal service performed by the writer at the Southlawn Church of God. A reception for a few friends and relatives was held at the Albert Christie home later in the evening. This fine young couple will make their home at 9291 - 88th Ave., Zeeland, Mich. We wish them much happiness and pray God's blessing on them and this new home.

We are glad to announce that at the close of the morning service, April 2, 1961, Gordon B. Bush, Jr., confessed Christ as Saviour and was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins that afternoon. We pray that God will direct in his life and may his service bring glory to God. It is interesting to know that his father was baptized just twenty years ago on Easter Sunday.

Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Pastor.

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH OF GOD FAMILY

A store is for sale by a Church of God member near an Indiana Church of God. This might be an opportunity for an isolated family to operate a small business near a Church of God. Contact Pastor James Watkins, Rt. 3, Williamsport, Ind., for details.

### GIFT OF HISTORIC QUARTERLY

Bro. Orland F. Marsh, Mt. Morris, Ill., has given the Church of God historical library a copy of the "Bible Lesson Quarterly," edited by A. J. Eyebauer, and published by the General Conference of the Churches of God in Christ Jesus in 1890. The copy given is Volume 1, Number 4, for April, May, and June, 1890. This was a Sunday school lesson quarterly authorized by the 1889 General Conference. Publishing was discontinued in the early 1890's.

We thank Bro. Marsh for this addition to the historical library.

### BLANCHARD, MICHIGAN

This Easter season our church was privileged to hold pre-Easter meetings. Our minister, Bro. Dean Moore, gave the messages each evening. Special numbers were presented by our local people. At the close of the meetings, three of our young people confessed their faith in Christ, and desired to be baptized in His name. We are thankful for the faith of these young ladies: Becky Bush, Linda Wood, and Nancy Slusher. We are glad that they have taken this most important step in their lives. May they inspire others to consecrate their lives. Sunday afternoon, April 16, 1961, the baptismal service was conducted.

Saturday evening, April 1, Bro. and Sr. C. E. Lapp, and the Oregon Bible College Choir arrived. An informal fellowship was held at the church that evening. We were privileged to have our guests take part in the sunrise service, Sunday school, church, and afternoon hymn-sing. The worship service was conducted by the group, with an Easter cantata being enjoyed by an audience which filled the church. A basket lunch was enjoyed by the choir and members of the church at noon, and an afternoon service of singing and testimonies by the students concluded our Easter season. We are grateful to Bro. and Sr. Lapp and the College students for making this Easter a wonderful experience for all of us. May the thoughts of this time linger in our minds and encourage us in more consecrated living.

Saturday, April 8, Bro. Moore and a number of young people attended a Michigan Youth Conference in Grand Rapids. We feel our young people gain much through fellowship with other Christian young folks of our church. Monday night, April 10, the Senior Berean young people joined other Christian young people for a time of roller skating at Mt. Pleasant. Verna Walkington, Secretary.

### TEMPE, ARIZONA. NEWS

The Tempe Church is happy to present the following as additions to the church fellowship: Mrs. Florence Lamb, Greig Todd, Conway Bunch, Mrs. Lola Winfrey, Denah Winfrey, Gerald Graham, Fredna Graham, and Fred Howell.

The response to the radio program has been very inspiring. Special offerings have been over and above the cost. We broadcast each Sunday morning over Station KOOL, CBS, Phoenix, 8:15-8:30.

The Southwest Conference was one of the best. There was good attendance, and a very favorable move was made to start a new church in Phoenix. Bro. Hollis Partlowe was an excellent conference speaker. His sermons were timely and well presented.

The pastor conducted funeral services for

Bro. Watson Weinberg and Robert E. Griner. Bro. Weinberg was a visitor from Vicksburg, Mich., and Bro. Griner lived at Douglas, Ariz.

Sr. Wanamaker, a visitor from Marengo, Iowa, returned to her home for the funeral of Mr. Lew Wanamaker, who died at home on East Turney, Phoenix, after returning from a month in a veteran's hospital in Phoenix. The Wanamakers spend their winters here. Walter Wiggins, Pastor.

### FONTHILL, ONTARIO

On March 17 a fellowship dinner was held in the basement of the church. More than one hundred enjoyed a delicious dinner and a program of music which followed.

A wedding shower was given in honor of Marilyn Haines and Robert Grabell on March 28. They were united in marriage by Pastor Hall on April 8, 1961.

An inspiring sunrise service was held on Easter Sunday. Those in attendance enjoyed breakfast served by the Bereans after the service.

The week of April 3-8 was dedicated as "Berean Talent for the Lord Week." Our young people used their talents in various ways and over \$25.00 was presented to the Lord.

The women are enjoying a Bible Break every Tuesday afternoon. Together, they feast on God's Word as they enjoy a cup of coffee.

The Northeast Youth Fellowship was held at the Fonthill Church on April 15 and 16. An uplifting time was experienced. The program, under the direction of our youth director, Reuben McArthur, and the Bereans, started at 10 a.m., Saturday with the registration and quiz on the Book of Mark. This was followed by several discussions presented by Pastor Milan Hall. Dinner was served at noon, followed by the Northeast Berean Youth Fellowship business meeting. After adjournment, everyone journeyed to view the Falls and the Glen, and then returned to the church for supper. The evening service included: a solo by Carol Sigler, accompanied by Linda Zizert, a trio composed of Carol and Sharon Kauffman and Mary Burnett, and a chalk drawing and talk presented by Sharon Mittenholzer and Northeast Berean Youth Fellowship Director, Charles Graham.

Sunday morning the adults and youth met in one large class taught by Elder Edward Goit. The morning worship was conducted by the youth. Three sermonets were presented by: Mary Burnett, Mike Hale, and Roger Cupp. Special music was presented by: Bonnie Smith, Lauren Macy, Carol McMurtrie, Mary Burnett, and Carol and Sharon Kauffman. At noon, a fellowship dinner was enjoyed in the church basement.

The number who came from distant places are: Cleveland, 25; Brush Creek, 19; Delta, 17; Lawrenceville, 23; Dayton, 10; and North Tonawanda, N. Y., 2.

On April 15 a wedding shower was held at the church for Janet Rose and Laverne Tritton.

Mothers and daughters enjoyed a banquet on April 24, with the men serving and doing dishes.

Bro. Irvin Barnhart is still very ill at his home. Uplift him daily with your prayers.

We were all saddened by Bro. Hall's resignation and seek your prayers for the furthering of the Lord's work in Fonthill.

Mrs. Edward Goit, Reporter.

### NEW CHURCH Ontario, California

We are pleased to announce the formation of a new church of God in the Southern California area to be known as the Ontario Church of God, Faith of Abraham, located at Ontario, with Bro. William Dick serving as our pastor.

Our first meeting was held on February 18, 1961, with meetings on five subsequent Sundays held at the homes of various members. A committee was diligently working to find a suitable meeting place until a church home can be erected. The Womens Club House at 738 N. Euclid Ave., has now been secured. Since April 23, services have been held at this address, consisting of Sunday school at ten o'clock and church worship at eleven. Also, two weekly Bible classes are being conducted, one in San Bernardino for members in that area on Wednesday night, and the other on Friday evening in Pico Rivera for those living in that location.

We feel that there is much work to be done in the Southern California area. Ontario was chosen because it is centrally located for our members who are within a radius of about sixty miles, bounded by San Bernardino on the east and Buena Park on the Southwest. Others come from Fontana, Glendora, and some members live in the Ontario region.

It is our fervent prayer that the Lord will abundantly bless our new organization and that we will be able to develop spiritual growth in every way and help others to hear the good tidings of the Kingdom. A building fund is soon to be set up and we have high hopes of erecting a church sanctuary in the not too distant future. Plans and ideas are already being co-ordinated with this in mind. We have established membership in the Southwest Conference and the General Conference, and entreat the prayers of all our friends to help us fulfill this undertaking.

Nadine R. Tjossem, Secretary.

### HERE AND THERE

Pastor Dale Ward conducted pre-Easter meetings at the Kokomo, Ind., Church of God. . . . Pastor Austin Baulton held special services in Virginia. . . . Pastor Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., conducted special services at Hope Chapel, South Bend. . . . Pastor Jesse Pestle had special meetings in Minneapolis. . . . Pastor Alva Huffer had evangelistic services in Macomb, Ill. . . . Bro. E. Richard Smith conducted special meetings at Hillisburg, Ind., and at Pennellwood, Grand Rapids. . . . Bro. Darrell Maddock held evangelistic services at Lawrenceville, Ohio. . . . A successful quarterly conference was reported for the Morse Mill, Mo., Church of God in March. . . . Bro. Francis Perkins, Cleveland, Ohio, has been preaching almost every week at one of the Northeast Conference Churches of God in anticipation of a full-time ministry. . . . Bro. Howard Bradford preached recently at the New Hope Church of God, Little Rock, Ark., where Bro. C. J. Shaw is pastor.

Many young people from Ohio and the Fonthill, Ont., Churches of God enjoyed a youth rally at Fonthill, April 15, 16. . . . An outstanding missionary conference was conducted at Hillisburg, Ind., April 22. . . . A youth conference at the Southlawn Church, Grand Rapids, April 8, was enjoyed by Michigan youth. . . . A new Mission Builder's appeal will soon be made for the Hecctor, Minn., Church of God. (See page 15.)

## APRIL SPONSORS

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Mr. & Mrs. George Jones          | \$ 10.00 |
| Burr Oak Church                  | 85.00    |
| Mrs. Julia Atkins                | 10.00    |
| Maconb Church                    | 17.00    |
| Maybelle Hanson                  | 6.00     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dean           | 30.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Jones           | 20.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Edward A. Schroth     | 6.00     |
| North Salem Church               | 7.78     |
| Virda Stitler                    | 10.00    |
| Omaha Church                     | 100.00   |
| Don Dovenbarger                  | 10.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Clark Ballentine      | 10.00    |
| Lawrenceville Church             | 20.64    |
| Brush Creek Church               | 79.43    |
| Mr. & Mrs. James Wiggins         | 5.00     |
| Azalia Winfrey                   | 50.00    |
| Tempe Church                     | 158.11   |
| L. J. Elton                      | 5.00     |
| Friends                          | 255.00   |
| Dixon Church                     | 72.77    |
| Blanchard Church                 | 28.92    |
| Maurertown S. S.                 | 38.54    |
| Emma B. Coleman                  | 10.00    |
| Mrs. Olio Williams               | 5.00     |
| Ripley Church                    | 95.00    |
| Willis Turner Family             | 20.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hetrick        | 20.00    |
| Pennellwood Church               | 91.87    |
| Mrs. Dora Warren                 | 5.00     |
| Southwest Conference             | 41.54    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Holt           | 7.00     |
| Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Lapp            | 25.00    |
| Leila E. Whitehead               | 3.00     |
| Mrs. F. L. Austin                | 3.00     |
| Leila Mae Douden                 | 17.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis            | 15.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Wachtel           | 20.00    |
| Morse Mill Church                | 8.13     |
| Gerald Cooper                    | 5.00     |
| L'Anse Church                    | 11.50    |
| Litchfield S. S.                 | 7.37     |
| Blessed Hope Church              | 25.00    |
| Hope Chapel                      | 26.66    |
| Mary & Martha Society            | 10.00    |
| Burr Oak Missionary Society      | 30.00    |
| Maconb Missionary Society        | 10.00    |
| Fonthill S. S.                   | 16.81    |
| Evangelism & Missions            | 256.20   |
| Oregon S. S.                     | 4.40     |
| Illinois State Conference        | 50.00    |
| Golden Rule Adult Class          | 10.00    |
| Indiana State Missionary Society | 10.00    |
| Ripley S. S.                     | 30.00    |
| Ladies Council (Little Rock)     | 5.00     |
| Grace Hornaday                   | 5.00     |
| Mrs. Ethel Ealy                  | 5.00     |
| Mrs. C. L. McCorkle              | 100.00   |
| Litchfield Ladies Aid            | 10.00    |
| Los Angeles Church               | 10.00    |
| Truth Seeker's Church            | 25.00    |
| St. Cloud Church                 | 21.18    |
| Conger St. Church                | 50.78    |
| Glenda Wolfe                     | 5.00     |
| L. M. Howell                     | 10.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Delos Andrew          | 5.00     |
| Leota B. Hanson                  | 10.00    |
| Gospel Gleaners Class            | 3.00     |
| Alan Boyer                       | 5.00     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Andrew            | 10.00    |
| Almeda Wertz                     | 5.00     |
| Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schwier         | 10.00    |
| Mrs. Doris M. Reye               | 10.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Burnett         | 90.00    |
| Denver Church                    | 72.48    |
| Rachel Krogh                     | 5.00     |
| Louisiana State Conference       | 33.51    |
| F. H. Burke                      | 25.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Loren Burnett         | 10.00    |
| B. F. Peck                       | 5.00     |
| Felida Church                    | 4.30     |
| Litchfield Church                | 8.37     |
| Southlawn Church                 | 200.00   |
| Ohio State Conference            | 500.00   |
| Lulu Stilson                     | 10.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Anderson       | 50.29    |
| O. H. Berry                      | 10.00    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carpenter         | 10.00    |

## NEW RADIO PROGRAM

Pastor John Lewis, Eldorado, Ill., has begun a new Church of God radio broadcast from station WEBQ, Harrisburg, each Saturday evening, 6:30.

## SISTER THAYER AGAIN IN HOSPITAL

Latest word from Sr Verna Thayer (April 20) was that she was again in the hospital with serious kidney infection. Her condition changes rapidly, but she is quite ill most of the time. She needs our prayers. She can be addressed in care of Mrs. J. D. Moreland, Greenbrier, Ark.

## BAPTISM AT CHAPPELL, NEBRASKA

On Easter morning, Scott Smith, youngest son of Bro. and Sr. Burton Smith, was baptized in the saving name of Christ. May God bless Scott in his life of Christian service.

Dallas Demmitt, Pastor.

## BAPTISM AT HILLSBURG, INDIANA

Robert Petty of Hillsburg was baptized in the all-saving name of Jesus Christ on March 19, 1961. We welcome Bob into the household of faith and into the Hillsburg Church of God. Raymond L. Brown, Pastor.

## ETHEL M. VERITY

Ethel M. Verity was born to Willis O. and Alma B. Stoffa, August 28, 1933, in Irving, Iowa, and died March 28, 1961, in Ventura, Calif. She moved to California with her parents in 1894. She accepted Christ as her Saviour and was baptized during her early teens. She was married to Clarence Verity in 1920. One daughter was born to them.

Three weeks prior to her death, Sr. Verity and her husband moved to Ventura to live with their daughter, Betty June Verity. Beside her husband and daughter, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Grace Adamson of Pomona, Calif.

Funeral services were held in Todd Memorial Chapel, Pomona. Bro. George Lichty of the Church of the Open Bible officiated. She was laid to rest in the Pomona Cemetery to await the return of her Lord. Grace Adamson.

## WILLIAM M. HUFFER

William M. Huffer, one of the early members and long-time worker in the Hillsburg, Ind., Church of God, died on March 9, 1961, following a three-year illness. He was born on February 19, 1869. He was baptized about 1898, and was active in the church until his health failed.

Bro. Huffer is survived by his wife, Sr. Bessie Finney Huffer, one son, Don C. Huffer, both of Michigantown, Ind.; two daughters, Mrs. Audrie Maish, Michigantown, and Mrs. Chloe Dunn, Kokomo; eight grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; also, four step-children, Alva Huffer, Grand Rapids, Hazel Mae Davis, and Opal New of Frankfort, Ind., and Bonnie Davis of Wenatchee, Wash.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, and Bro. Huffer was laid to rest at the St. Paul Cemetery near Forest, Ind., to await the return of his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Raymond L. Brown, Pastor.

See pages 15 and 16 for news of the Berean Youth Conference and the General Conference for this summer. See page 11 for additional news of church progress.

## Sunday School Department

### ATTENDANCE AND ACTIVITIES

Dayton, Ohio

Our Sunday school has been averaging around 60. Some of the things we have been doing to keep up interest are: choruses, flannelgraph stories and sometimes an object lesson. One Sunday we had a special Building Fund March. We thought this would interest the younger ones especially. A new student attending three Sundays in a row is given a Bible. Attendance pins are given for so many months and years of attendance, special class awards are given by teachers for memory work or, in smaller classes, perfect attendance for so many Sundays in a row.

At the present time we plan to meet with the superintendent to work out a program to cover at least a 3-6 months period. Some of the things we will discuss are: Sunday school contest, class specials for the opening or closing exercise, something a little different for each Sunday of the month, and special emphasis on special days of the year. An attendance chart like the one recently mentioned in the January Progress Journal is now in use.

We actually are behind a little in getting things going because of the building campaign which has taken up so much time and hindered some of the other work that should have been done.

I almost forgot one of our highlights. About three weeks before Christmas we made a large star from a sheet of fiberboard, drilled holes in it and placed strings of tree lights through the holes. We then handed out pledges for attendance on Christmas Day in the form of little stars. For everyone who pledged his attendance we put his name under a bulb and turned it on. All the bulbs were blue except the one in the center which was gold to represent Christ being in attendance. Despite the fact that there was sickness in two or three families, our attendance was between 70 and 75. We certainly enjoyed watching the lights being lit as the names were read. This same type of thing could also be used during other special days of the year, with variations of the basic set-up.

Darrell Maddock, Pastor.

## SAATZER - WAVEREK

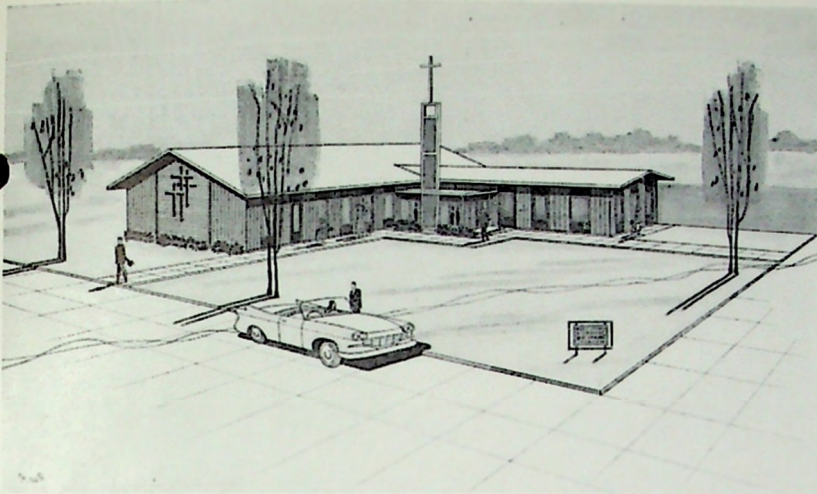
Sharon Leane Saatzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Saatzer, Rt. 4, St. Cloud, Minn., became the bride of David Waverek, Saturday at 3 p.m., in the Church of God. Pastor Thomas Savage performed the ceremony.

The reception which followed the service was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Waverek will be at home at 1368 LaSalle Ave., Minneapolis, where Mr. Waverek is employed. Mrs. T. M. Savage.

## HAINES - GRABELL

The Haines-Grabell wedding took place April 8, 1961, at the Point Colborne Baptist Church. The bride was given away by her father, Melvin Haines. Her assistants were: Nancy Grabell and Earlene Haines, bridesmaids, and Rena Slatner, maid of honor. Bob's best man was James Lee, and ushers were Clark Fryday and Evan Grabell. Bob and Marilyn will make their home at 69 Maple Ave., Welland, Ont., after a honeymoon trip to Kentucky.—Fonthill Bulletin.



## SIXTH MISSION BUILDER'S Appeal to Begin for Hector, Minnesota, Church of God

The sixth Mission Builder's Appeal for assistance for a new Church of God building, is being prepared for mailing for the Church of God at Hector, Minnesota.

The architect's drawing shows the proposed church as it will be placed on the Hector property. Full information about the church and the building plans will be included in the appeal that will soon be in the mail.

There are now 940 Mission Builders, committed to contributing at least \$5.00 to each new Church of God building approved for a Mission Builder's Appeal. About two such appeals have been made each year.

If you are not now a Mission Builder and would like to assist in this important Home Mission program, mail the coupon below to-day so you will be included in this appeal for Hector.

Please enroll me as a Church of God Mission Builder.

Name .....

Address .....

City ..... Zone ..... State .....

(Mail this coupon to Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.)

## BEREAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

Camp Mack, August 14 - 20, 1961

Church of God young people going into the eighth grade through age twenty-one will not want to miss the National Berean Youth Fellowship Conference this summer. The Conference will meet at Camp Mack, Monday noon, August 14, through Sunday noon, August 20. This will be one of the finest Youth Conferences you have ever attended with a rich spiritual experience and good fun and Christian fellowship as extra bonuses. Come and meet young people from all over the United States at the National Youth Conference this summer!

The tuition is \$25.00 for the full six days. There will be interesting classes, youth conference meetings, worship, Bible quizzes, devotions, personal counseling, plenty of recreation on Lake Wawbee, talent nights, good music, fine food, and opportunity to build enduring friendships. Use the coupon below to secure an enrollment blank, or get one from your youth leader or the April issue of *Challenge*.

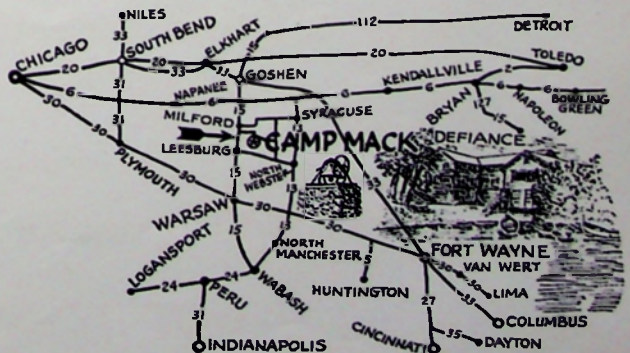
Please send me an enrollment blank for the 1961 Berean Youth Fellowship Conference.

Name .....

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City ..... Zone ..... State .....

(Mail this coupon to Church of God General Conference, Box 231, Oregon, Illinois.)



# PROGRAM FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

August 6-11, 1961

Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana

*Growing through Home and Foreign Missions*

Youth Class, Dale Ward  
 Children's Classes, Doris Brown  
 Nursery, Ruth Lewis  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Pricillas' Meeting  
 9:45 Reading of the Minutes  
 10:00 Final Approval of the 1961-62 Budget  
 Concluding Business  
 Closing Remarks by the President  
 11:00 Adjournment

## Sunday, August 6

1:00 Guests may check in after noon on Sunday  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Service, Willis Turner, leader, Curtis Simpson, speaker  
 8:45 President's Tea  
 10:30 Lights Out

Question period to clarify the problems, Appointment of "Buzz Session" leaders  
 3:15 Recess  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Service, Mission Board in charge, Emory Macy, speaker, "Closed Eyes or Opened Eyes?"  
 9:00 Special program  
 10:30 Lights out

## Monday, August 7, Sunday School Day.

Theme for the Day, "A Gem in the Rough."  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Adult Class, "Home Missions Through the Sunday School," Milon Hall  
 Children's Classes, Doris Brown  
 Nursery, Ruth Lewis  
 Youth Class, Darrell Maddock  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Pricillas' Meeting  
 9:45 Youth Class, Louis Kump  
 9:45 Sunday School Demonstration, "Music and Its Purpose in the Sunday School," Paul and Dolena Shaw  
 10:15 Panel Discussion Concerning General Conference Sunday School Publications  
 10:45 Youth Class, Daniel Fyfe  
 11:00 Sunday School Department Business Meeting  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Prayer Session, James M. Watkins  
 1:30 Panel Discussion, "Maintaining Enthusiasm Among Youth in Sunday School and Church Activities"  
 2:30 Workshop, "Sunday School Teachers and Officers Qualifications and Responsibilities," buzz session technique, led by Willis Turner  
 3:15 Recess  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Service, Paul Overholser, leader, E. Richard Smith, speaker  
 9:00 Special program  
 10:30 Lights out

## Wednesday, August 9

7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Adult Class, Mission Board  
 Children's Classes, Doris Brown  
 Nursery, Ruth Lewis  
 Youth Class, Hollis Partlowe, "Youth Alive for Christ Today"  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Pricillas' Meeting  
 9:45 Youth Class, Vernis Wolfe, "Youth Planning for the Future"  
 9:45 Call to order and reading of the minutes  
 10:00 "Buzz Session" on missionary problems introduced Tuesday  
 10:45 Recess  
 10:45 Youth Class, Austin Railton  
 11:00 Reports of leaders, motions, recommendations from Buzz Session group leaders  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Prayer Session, Raymond Brown  
 1:30 Nominations of three Directors  
 2:00 Panel Discussion of Layman-Minister Relations, C. F. Pryor, moderator, Paul C. Johnson, C. E. Randall, panel members  
 3:15 Recess  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Service, Robert Huddleston, leader, Kenneth Milne, speaker  
 9:00 Special program  
 10:30 Lights out

## Tuesday, August 8

7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Adult Classes, T. Pearson, "The Dead Sea Scrolls"  
 Children's Classes, Doris Brown  
 Nursery, Ruth Lewis  
 Youth Class, Dean Moore  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Pricillas' Meeting  
 9:45 Youth Class  
 9:45 Call to order and seating of the delegates  
 Communications  
 10:00 President's message to the delegates  
 10:20 Recess  
 10:30 Treasurer's Report  
 Distribution of 1961-62 Budget  
 Questions on Committee Reports  
 Song Book Committee  
 Arbitration Board Committee  
 10:45 Youth Class, Iris Burnett  
 Board of Education  
 Ministers' Fund Committee  
 License and Ordination Committee  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Prayer Session led by John Denchfield and Nova Scotia young people  
 1:30 Report and Recommendations of Mission Board  
 Report by John Denchfield  
 Nomination of Mission Board Member  
 Report on correspondence and contacts in Home and Foreign Missions  
 Explanation of all the opportunities and problems here

## Thursday, August 10

7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Adult Class, Walter Wiggins, "Radio Evangelism"  
 Youth Class, Leon Driskill  
 Children's Classes, Doris Brown  
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# PROGRESS JOURNAL

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## *Christian Education*

*By Otto E. Dick, President  
Oregon Bible College*

Since the Church of God has always considered Christian education to be one of its chief activities, it is important that we review what true Christian education is and to examine our progress in providing a program of Christian education.

A Christian education is learning to know God and His Son, and His Son crucified. It is learning the way, the truth, and the life. It is the acquisition of whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report, and developing the habit of thinking on these things until one is motivated or activated by his thoughts. It is acquiring a knowledge of God's Word and surrendering to His will. Christian education is seeking and finding truth wherever it can be found, with emphasis upon those truths which promise answers to life's problems and questions. It is a program of study and practice in applying content of study in which the student learns to live truth even in an unfavorable environment or culture. It is an education which aims to produce integrated Christian personalities in which eternal truths are learned, not merely as a segment of knowledge, but as a guide to one's response to every situation or condition. It is knowledge, understanding, and action.

Dr. John R. Mumaw, president of Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va., in speaking of the goals of Christian education, said, "Every aspect of education must be brought into compatible relation to God's truth. There is a sense in which truth is external, and another in which it is internal. That is, outside and beyond us there are realities that do not change with human reaction. Our knowing the truth or not knowing it, our believing it or not believing it, our understanding it or not understanding it, our teaching it or not teaching it, does not change it. It is always external."

Applied to us, this means that God's truth exists independently of our existence, or independently of whether we as a church teach the truth, or whether or not we act upon the truth. He continues, "There is another sense in which the internal meaning of truth achieves its essence by our own human reactions and by the way we use it. In education we are seeking constantly to join the inner experience with the outward reality. The goal of Christian education is to achieve . . . unity for our lives, for our community living, and for our church lives. Out of our complexities, difficulties, and dilemmas we hope to attain to a mature experience in which we feel satisfied that we are in the will of God. Truth is linked to the deed. The whole of Scripture must be related to life if it is to be known for what it is. We must not only know the facts, but we must know how to use them. By some means or other this truth that we are talking about must rise above the levels of discussion to experience; then it has meaning. It must rise above the levels of interest to the point of belief. It must rise above the levels of curiosity to where it actually expands itself in generosity. We are not satisfied with token gestures toward truth. We must learn how to employ the truth." This, then, is the great and vital goal of Christian education; it is learning truth, understanding truth, and acting upon truth.

Now that we have an understanding of what a Christian education is and what its goals are, it is easy to understand why it is Bible centered. Because it is Bible centered, the Bible college is filling a need in higher education that is not being met by liberal arts colleges even though they may have Christian backgrounds, nor by theological seminaries, nor by secular colleges. In the periodical, *School and Society* for May 9, 1959, is an

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## EDITORIALS

Harold Doan  
Editor

### A CHANGING MINISTRY

Editorial by Pastor C. E. Randall in  
*News and Prophecy Digest*

Last year there were a number of pastoral changes made, most of them having been relatively short pastorates. From reports, it appears that there will be another upheaval in pastor-church associations this year. Of course, there are bound to be necessary changes in pastorates each year, but these one, two, three, or four-year pastorates show unhealthy conditions that warrant careful study by some authorized or established department of our General Conference.

When we were leaving Ontario after having served there for eighteen years, I went to the office of the Weland County Children's Aid Society to offer my resignation as a director of the society. In our conversation, which somehow led to a discussion of short-term pastorates, the superintendent remarked that so often ministers, instead of facing up to the problems of the church, would take the easy way out and resign; thus, the problems would go unsolved, and left a situation which was neither good for the minister nor the church.

I believe the foregoing observation contains some good judgment. Short-term pastorates may sometimes be advisable, but as a rule they are unable to meet the needs, problems, and forward-looking, long-range planning of a congregation. Church building, community serving, deep-seated problems, a projected educational program, understanding the personal needs of people, awareness of the community needs, problems, and opportunities; these all require years to understand, cope with, solve, and carry to a fruitful and spiritual termination.

What kind of national headquarters, publishing plant, or college would we have, if its leadership was to change every two or three years? A nomadic ministry is not conducive to sinking deep roots in the local church field. It is the pastor who is able to "stay on" who becomes the spiritual leader in the community—a tower of strength. He is the one who knows, understands the sheep, and also the pasture.

Green pastures, wonderful people, fruitful opportunities, pleasant surroundings are not in faraway fields. They are right where one is located. The saying, "The boy is seventy per cent you," is largely true of the church field. By and large, the pastoral field is the reflected image of the pastor.

### CONFERENCES NEXT MONTH

Two outstanding events in the church year occur next month. They are the annual General Conference business meeting, August 6-11, and the annual Berean Youth Fellowship Conference, August 14-20. Both meetings will be held at Camp Alexander Mack, near Milford, Ind.

Each church and state conference is urged to have delegations present for the General Conference meetings, when decisions will be made that will affect every Church of God. This is the opportunity for every church and conference to take part in making the program and decisions that will determine the future course of the General Conference. Make full use of your opportunity by sending the best delegates possible.

Young people will find the same blessings awaiting them at their conference, where they will have fellowship, study, worship, and recreation experiences that will build Christian character and make them better members or potential members of the body of Christ.

Important state conference meetings are also being held this summer. More and more state conferences are assuming responsibility for evangelism within their range of influence and the General Conference is being freed for evangelism and missions outside the areas now served by state conferences. This is a good trend and every effort should be made by every member to strengthen the hands of the state conferences.

One of the responsibilities of being a good church member is to be informed. The best way to be informed is to attend the conference meetings and take part in them yourself. The second best way is to choose good delegates and then give them time and attention as they report the happenings of the meetings they have attended.

When you are aware of the opportunities and the possibilities that are before the Church of God in every field of its labor, you will be enthused and active in helping it to take advantage of these opportunities.

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# Philippine Church of God

We have just returned from a trip to the Philippine Islands where it was our privilege to meet, study with, and baptize Bros. Eleodoro S. Ortiguero and Bonifacio Gabanes, two of the leaders of the Philippine Church of God.

For reasons of health, difficulties of language, travel problems, floods, and other causes, it seemed that the Lord led us to hold our meeting in the city of Manila rather than in the northern province of Isabela. In several days and many hours of meetings with these two men, we were able to go into great detail in examination of our mutual faith, and to satisfy ourselves of their understanding of God's Word and zeal to proclaim the truth.

On Sunday morning, June 25, 1961, at Manila, we baptized both these brethren and presented them with ministerial licenses from the Church of God General Conference, in behalf of the License and Ordination Committee. We then continued our conference concerning the extent of the work in the Philippines, the future plans for the work, and ways in which we can serve together to proclaim the gospel throughout the world. A complete and detailed report of the meeting will be presented at General Conference in August, after we have had time to organize the information.

Pastor Ortiguero is the recognized leader of the work in the Philippines. As an evangelist for the Church of Christ, he was commissioned to form churches in northern Luzon. His policy was to start a church in a new field and, as soon as possible, train one of the members to serve as pastor. Bro. Ortiguero, who is a graduate of the Philippine Bible College, would then move on to another place to start a church and train a pastor. He was able to start six churches and train six pastors in five years using this system.

When he came to a knowledge of the truth as understood by the Church of God, he was able to persuade four of the six churches and their pastors to remain with him. These churches are at Quezon, Isabela; Abut, Isabela; San Nicolas, Pangasinan; and, Tobuk, Mountain Province. Three men pastor these four churches: Estafanio Sibayan, Quezon and Abut; Santiago Somera, San Nicolas; and Crhpin Calawagan, Tobuk. Bro. Gabanes will settle in Solano, Vizcaya, to begin a church there. Bro. Ortiguero will settle in Urdaneta, Pangasinan, and continue his evangelistic work from there. Insturo Magno will settle in Manila to begin a work there.

After our meetings in Manila, Bros. Ortiguero and Gabanes went immediately to Quezon to conduct a meeting of the other ministers mentioned, to baptize them and to send them back to their churches, where they will bap-

tize those who come forward for membership in the Church of God. The group includes six ministers, one deaconess, Mrs. Rizalina Aquinaldo (who teaches children, trains teachers, and is a musician), and that number of members who will demonstrate their faith with baptism into the newly formed Churches of God.

Steps were taken with the government of the Philippines in Manila to incorporate the churches under Philippine law, and to gain recognition by the government of the churches and their ministers.

Without going into detail at this time, our general impression was that this is a sound and Scriptural work. We were greatly impressed with the faith, understanding, zeal, and thirst for Bible knowledge of Bros. Ortiguero and Gabanes, and with the planning and organizational ability of Bro. Ortiguero. He is an experienced debater and evangelist, and we are confident that he is sincere in his newly found faith. He has suffered much already because of his new faith.

This is a new work in many ways. It is going through a transition because of the changes in leadership and affiliation. It is not yet certain how many individual members are ready to come into the Church of God, though the membership of the four established churches is now 128. Bro. Ortiguero believes that most of these will come into the Church of God, but he is very careful in baptizing, and expressed his conviction that he must be sure of a candidate's understanding and faith before accepting him into membership.

By General Conference time it is hoped that definite membership information will be available, and that statements of affiliation will be submitted for accepting the organized churches into membership in the Church of God General Conference.

There are many ways in which this new work can be assisted by the Churches of God. Granting recognition to the churches, accepting them into affiliation, pastoral aid, and assistance with equipment and with goods for the needy are some of the ways in which we can participate in this work. A complete report and discussion will be given this work at General Conference, and it will be entirely up to the delegates at the General Conference to decide the future of this work as it involves the General Conference.

We are thankful for the funds that were given to make this trip. The total cost of about \$1,450.00 was almost met by the many special gifts that were given. We are thankful for the prayers of the brethren, for, though many difficulties were encountered, the Lord was with us in every way.

# General Conference Progress



**SUPERINTENDENT  
OF MISSIONS  
EMPLOYED**

Since the resignation of Bro. Walter Wiggins as national evangelist, and the later resignation of Sr. Verna Thayer as children's evangelist, the need for a man to supervise the work of evangelism and missions for the General Conference has been recognized. Several succeeding Conference meetings have seen motions passed approving the employment of such a leader. The Board of Directors, because of lack of funds and reluctant to take an active pastor from the field, has not been able to take action on this request till now.

Faced with the problem on its agenda, the National Mission Board, after prayer and discussion, took a new look at the need and recommended that the Board of Directors consider Bro. S. O. Ross for this position. Bro. Ross, who is now president of the General Conference Board of Directors, and has previously served as secretary and treasurer, has enjoyed the confidence of the delegates to the General Conference and has an unparalleled background of experience in the General Conference work.

Bro. Ross, who is Clerk of the District Court, Meeker County, Litchfield, Minn., has been a lay preacher for several years. He is a leader in the Litchfield Church of God, and a leader in the Minnesota State Conference.

Accepting the recommendation of the mission board, Bro. Ross was asked by the Board of Directors to consider accepting this position. Though it will mean a great financial sacrifice for him, and the necessity to leave a home and work that have meant much to him for many years, he has formally accepted the position offered.

Those who know Bro. Ross are assured that he brings to this position experience, ability, dignity, spiritual discernment, and a desire to serve the Lord proven by his willingness to sacrifice to perform that service. We look forward to great developments in the field of missions under the direction of Bro. Ross, and the advisory work of the National Mission Board.

The executive secretary, who has been attempting to serve as general manager, youth director, editor, and evangelist will be relieved of some responsibilities which will be assumed by Bro. Ross. Some areas of work now being neglected can be more efficiently handled by Bros. Ross and Doan.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUTREACH

In addition to the opportunities in the Philippines reported elsewhere, there are many openings for outreach by the Church of God in this country. Work is being undertaken at Beaver Falls, Pa., with Bro. Sprately, under the auspices of the Ohio Conference. There are possibilities for expanded work in North Carolina. New work is being investigated in central Canada.

With these opportunities go great responsibilities, and this work cannot be done without sacrifice and generous giving. A tithing church will have the funds necessary to reach out and undergird new works until they are self-sufficient. With our prayers for open doors should go vows of dedication to provide the means to take opportunities as the Lord presents them to us.

## LOOKING UP

With the new opportunities has come an increase in giving, as indicated in the reports below. We are thankful for this manifestation of interest, and know that the Lord's people will rise to the challenge and provide. With three months remaining in the fiscal year, we hope that this interest will be maintained that we may go into the new year with its added responsibilities, confident that the church is upholding the work.

## **GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1960 - 1961**

**October 1, 1960 - September 30, 1961**

**\$42,860.00**

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| <i>Given through June 30</i>               | 26,362.33 |
| <i>Balance to be given by September 30</i> | 15,817.67 |
| <i>Goal for giving for June</i>            | 5,428.00  |
| <i>Received in June</i>                    | 4,643.22  |

**Goal for July**

**\$5,272.00**

# PROGRAM FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

August 6-11, 1961

Camp Alexander Mack, Milford, Indiana

*"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields"*

## Sunday, August 6

1:00 Guests may check in after noon on Sunday  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Service, Willis Turner, leader, Curtis Simpson, speaker  
 8:45 President's Tea  
 10:30 Lights Out

## Monday, August 7, Sunday School Day.

Theme for the Day, "A Gem in the Rough."  
 7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Adult Class, "Home Missions Through the Sunday School," Milton Hall  
 Children's Classes, Doris Brown  
 Nursery, Ruth Lewis  
 Youth Class, Darrell Maddock  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Pricillas' Meeting  
 9:45 Youth Class, Louis Kump  
 9:45 Sunday School Demonstration, "Music and Its Purpose in the Sunday School," Paul and Dolena Shaw  
 10:15 Panel Discussion Concerning General Conference Sunday School Publications  
 10:45 Youth Class, Daniel Fyfe  
 11:00 Sunday School Department Business Meeting  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Prayer Session, James M. Watkins  
 1:30 Panel Discussion, "Maintaining Enthusiasm Among Youth in Sunday School and Church Activities"  
 2:30 Workshop, "Sunday School Teachers and Officers Qualifications and Responsibilities," buzz session technique, led by Willis Turner  
 3:15 Recess  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Service, Paul Overholser, leader, E. Richard Smith, speaker  
 9:00 Special program  
 10:30 Lights out

## Tuesday, August 8

7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Adult Classes, T. Pearson, "The Dead Sea Scrolls"  
 Children's Classes, Doris Brown  
 Nursery, Ruth Lewis  
 Youth Class, Dean Moore  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Pricillas' Meeting  
 9:45 Youth Class  
 9:45 Call to order and seating of the delegates  
 Communications  
 10:00 President's message to the delegates  
 10:20 Recess  
 10:30 Treasurer's Report  
 Distribution of 1961-62 Budget  
 Questions on Committee Reports  
 Song Book Committee  
 Arbitration Board Committee  
 10:45 Youth Class, Iris Burnett  
 Board of Education  
 Ministers' Fund Committee  
 License and Ordination Committee  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Prayer Session led by John Denehfield and Nova Scotia young people  
 1:30 Report and Recommendations of Mission Board  
 Report by John Denehfield  
 Nomination of Mission Board Member  
 Report on correspondence and contacts in Home and Foreign Missions

Explanation of all the opportunities and problems here  
 Question period to clarify the problems. Appointment of "Buzz Session" leaders  
 3:15 Recess  
 5:30 Supper  
 7:30 Evening Service, Mission Board in charge, Emory Macy, speaker, "Closed Eyes or Opened Eyes?"  
 9:00 Special program  
 10:30 Lights out

## Wednesday, August 9

7:30 Breakfast  
 8:45 Adult Class, Mission Board  
 Children's Classes, Doris Brown  
 Nursery, Ruth Lewis  
 Youth Class, Hollis Partlowe, "Youth Alive for Christ Today"  
 Ministers' Meeting  
 Pricillas' Meeting  
 9:45 Youth Class, Vernis Wolfe, "Youth Planning for the Future"  
 9:45 Call to order and reading of the minutes  
 10:00 "Buzz Session" on missionary problems introduced Tuesday  
 10:45 Recess  
 10:45 Youth Class, Austin Railton  
 11:00 Reports of leaders, motions, recommendations from Buzz Session group leaders  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 Prayer Session, Raymond Brown  
 1:30 Nominations of three Directors  
 2:00 Panel Discussion of Layman-Minister Relations, C. F. Pryor, moderator, Paul C. Johnson, C. E. Randall, panel members  
 3:15 Recess  
 5:30 Supper  
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 Concluding Business  
 Closing Remarks by the President  
 11:00 Adjournment

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# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

The Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith located at 230 West 103rd St., Los Angeles, Calif., is looking for a new pastor, beginning in September. There is work to be done in the Los Angeles Church—and plenty of it. It is the Lord's work, so we need a good leader and a hard worker. This is truly a challenge for any and all of our wonderful ministers. If interested, please write to the church secretary as soon as possible, Eleanor Chain, 10250 Western Ave., Downey, Calif.

The Fonthill, Ont., Church of God has a vacant pastorate available September 1, 1961. Please send applications to D. D. Elliott, Box 13, Fonthill, Ont., Canada.

Blanchard, Mich., Church of God desires the services of a pastor after September 1. Applicants should write Mrs. Lyle Walkington, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Mich.

## PASTORS AVAILABLE

Bro. Roy Humphreys, Rt. 1, Royal, Ark., will be available for a pastorate after September 1, 1961.

Recent graduates from Oregon Bible College available for pastorates, as of September 1, or before are Rex Cain, Russell Magraw, and Ted Armes. They may be addressed at Oregon Bible College, Oregon, Ill.

Pastor Gerald L. Cooper, Box 423, Campbell, Calif., is also available for a pastorate after September 1, under special conditions.

Bro. Billie Kennedy, Rt. 1, Box S-19, Hammond, La., will be available to accept a Church of God pastorate September 1, 1961.

Pastor Richard Worley has resigned as Texas State Evangelist and will be available for a pastorate September 1. His address is: P.O. Box 57, Gatesville, Texas.

Pastor Arnold Johns has resigned his pastorate of the Casey and Marshall, Illinois, Churches of God and will be available for another pastorate September 1. His address is: 407 W. Main, Casey, Ill.

## PASTORAL CHANGES

Pastor Ellsworth Routson has accepted the pastorate of the Hector, Minn., Church of God, as of September 1.

## NEW CHURCH BEING PLANNED New Orleans, Louisiana

The congregation at New Orleans, La., needs a building to house the Church of God there. Tentative plans are for the Louisiana State Conference to assist the church in this endeavor.—From "Daybreak."

## OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE HONOR ROLL

The following students of Oregon Bible College earned a place on the College honor roll for semester two of this school year: Russell Dickerson, Lawrenceville, Ohio; Marilyn Holquist, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Rachel Krogh, Oregon, Ill.; Etta Marie Routson, Eden Valley, Minn.; Donna Clausen, Oregon, Ill.; and Ruby Peterson, Fonthill, Ont. Russell Dickerson and Marilyn Holquist tied for first place, and Rachel Krogh was awarded third place. In order to be eligible for the honor roll, a student must be taking at least fourteen semester hours of work and maintain a B average.



NEW PEORIA CHURCH BUILDING

Pictured is the Church of God at Peoria, Ill., which was completed with the assistance of the Mission Builder's League. The picture was taken the day of the dedication of the building.

## AMENDMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

1) That the By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference be amended as follows: We move to amend Article II, Section 6, (F) of the By-Laws to read: "To employ a competent Executive Secretary who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of the General Conference for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned to him." This recommendation is being made by the General Conference Board of Directors and involves only a change in the name of the office.

2) Pastor J. Arlen Marsh recommends the following amendment to the By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference. The following addition would be made to Section 1, (K) Prayer. "We believe that sincere prayer, made in faith, brings specific answers from God. 'Sincere prayer,' however, involves the desire that 'God's will be done in [the] earth as it is [done] in heaven.' We believe that prayer, whether spoken or thought, is an expression of our attitude toward God, and that the prayerful attitude should be a constant part of every Christian's life."

## LOUISIANA CONFERENCE MOVING FORWARD

Several requests have been received for radio sermons from broadcasts sponsored by the Louisiana Conference. Bible class work is being done in New Orleans, La., and Houston, Tex., and contacts are being made in Mississippi. The Happy Woods Church of God is looking forward to a new church building, and there are future possibilities for a Church of God camp and conference grounds.

When churches work together, there is much they can do that no one of them could do alone. This is true in the state and General Conference work of the Church of God. The more we serve together, the greater becomes our vision and the broader our opportunities.

## NEBRASKA FAMILY CAMP

The Nebraska Church of God Family Camp was held at Camp Merrill, Fullerton. It was not as large as last year's camp, yet it was, without doubt, our finest camp. The spirit and co-operation among the campers were on the highest level. The election resulted in the following being chosen: president, Gordon Cross; vice president, C. E. Randall; secretary, Carol Smith; treasurer, Walec Kirkpatrick; members at large, Opal Nelson, Ruth Wilson.

Three young people presented themselves to Christ: Colleen and Vickie Cross, Moorefield, and Stephen Brand, Omaha. The Fall Youth Rally will be held in Omaha in October.

## OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS

Since Bro. and Sr. Lonnie Anderson have resigned from their positions at the College women's dormitory, Sr. Inez Gordon has been employed as the Dean of Women and House Mother. Sr. Gordon has had many years of experience in Christian work, and will be a valuable asset on the College staff.

Bros. Otto E. Dick, and Kenneth Milne attended the seminar for Bible colleges at Fort Wayne, Ind., June 19-23, 1961. The purpose of the yearly seminar is improvement of college teaching. The special theme this year was about curriculum building in Christian colleges.

At this date, our prospects for new students include the following: Dorothy Boyer, Waterlick, Va.; Judy Kirkpatrick, Holbrook, Neb.; Eugene Stilson and Wood Talcott, South Bend, Ind.; Dallas Denechfield, Digby, Nova Scotia; Wayne Ewald, Flagg Center, Ill. Four others have expressed interest. It now looks as if at least thirteen students will be returning next semester.

## MINNESOTA STATE CONFERENCE

Minnesota State Conference had a well-attended series of meetings at Long Lake Camp, Eden Valley, with Pastor Gerald Cooper of Campbell, Calif., as guest speaker.

Mrs. LeRoy Weidroth of Eden Valley was baptized on Sunday afternoon, June 11, 1961, by Pastor Ellsworth Routson.

At the annual business meeting, Carroll Bennett was re-elected to the office of vice president. Sr. Gordon Swanson was elected to fill the office of secretary.

The Minnesota folks were happy to welcome Oregon visitors, Srs. G. M. Siple and Leota Hanson. Orpha Ruhn.

## BAPTISMS AT DAYTON, OHIO

On Sunday morning, May 21, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Young came forward to surrender their lives to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. They were baptized into His saving name May 28, at Brush Creek. Our hearts are joyful because of the step Bro. and Sr. Young have taken, and we pray God's richest blessing upon them. We welcome them into the household of faith and Glad Tidings Chapel Church of God.

Darrell Maddock, Pastor.

### CLEVELAND, ARKANSAS

The Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith, Cleveland, Ark., has completed improvements made on its church building. We are proud of the new improvements, and know that only with the Lord's help could we have succeeded. Ann Roberson, Reporter.

### BAPTISMS AT BLOOD RIVER, LOUISIANA

We are happy to announce the baptisms of Barbara Jean Robinson, 19, and Charlotte Ann Robinson, 15, of 495 South First St., Ponchatoula, La. The girls have attended the Blood River Church all of their lives and are well acquainted with the Bible. All of us were happy when they professed their faith in Christ Sunday, May 28, 1961. We went immediately to Blood River, where their sins were washed away through the blood of Christ.

May God's richest blessing be upon these two as they strive to grow in faith and live the life set forth for all of us in God's Holy Word. James Mattison, Pastor.

### BAPTISM AT DIXON, ILLINOIS

Donald W. Biggers was immersed in the waters of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins Sunday, May 28. The service took place in Rock River before a group of twenty people. We welcomed Donald into the church fellowship the following Sunday. We pray that his life may be pleasing to the Lord. C. Jesse Pestle, Pastor.

### BAPTISMS AT CHICAGO

The Chicago Church of God rejoiced at the decision of Carolyn Werneke to confess Christ and to put Him on in baptism. The writer had the privilege of baptizing her on June 4, 1961. She joins her husband, Bro. Edwin Werneke, in the faith of the Church of God.

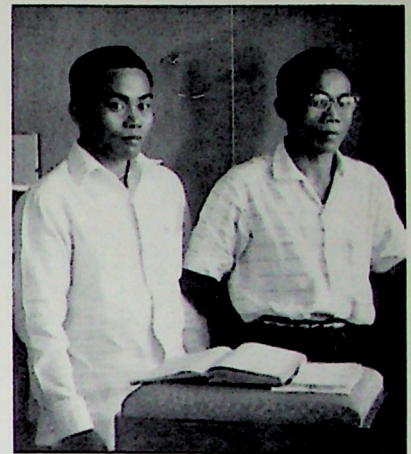
The Wernekes recently moved to the Chicago area from Kansas, where Bro. Werneke was a member of the Arkansas City church. We pray the Lord's richest blessings on this fine young couple as they serve the Lord together. William M. Wachtel, Pastor.

### BAPTISMS IN WASHINGTON

Following the daily vacation Bible school here, we had special preaching services. Speakers included Gary France, Lyle Rankin, Ronald Rankin, James Rankin, Kirby Davis, and William Wachtel, in that order. Following the meetings, five were baptized. They were Sharon Weidman, James Bigelow, Daryl, Russell, and Delbert Rankin. The first two are from Cashmere, and the last three live at Rt. 1, Peshastin, Wash. While this is a time of rejoicing, it is also a time for work; time to aid the children of God in the race for life eternal. Lyle Rankin, Pastor, Cashmere.

### BAPTISM AT HILLISBURG, INDIANA

On June 4, Mrs. Helen St. Charles, Rt. 1, Michigantown, Ind., was baptized into the household of faith. We welcome Helen into the fellowship of the Lord and the church. Raymond Brown, Pastor.



Pictured are Bros. Bonifacio Gabanes and Eleodoro S. Ortiguero, Quezon, Philippines, baptized by the editor, June 25, 1961.

### MORE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BOOKS PRINTED

More of the new Vacation Bible School books, "God Made All Things," have been printed and are ready for distribution. If you ran out of books, or have not yet ordered, or need books for midweek classes, this series might fill your needs.

### JUNE SPONSORS

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| D. C. Dovenbarger                | 10.00    | Mary & Martha Society              | 10.00  | Mrs. Betty Thibault            | 53.60  |
| Evangelism & Missions            | 336.60   | Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Anderson         | 30.00  | Rebecca Barnhill               | 5.00   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Albert Harper         | 10.00    | Gospel Gleaners Class              | 12.60  | Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Pestle        | 20.00  |
| Oregon Church                    | 66.93    | New Hope Church of God             | 44.50  | Macomb Missionary Society      | 10.00  |
| Truth Seeker's Church            | 25.00    | Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Sheeley            | 10.00  | Oregon S. S.                   | 1.52   |
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| Macomb Church                    | 18.41    | Muriel Harbert                     | 5.00   | Missouri State Conference      | 62.96  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wiggins        | 15.00    | Felida Church                      | 6.10   | Mr. & Mrs. James Wiggins       | 5.00   |
| Hector Church                    | 50.00    | Golden Rule Church, a memorial for |        | Junior Bereans (Brush Creek)   | 5.00   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Nichols        | 210.00   | Bros. Lyon, Gordon, and Marsh      | 100.00 | Brush Creek Church             | 136.98 |
| L'Anse Church                    | 8.64     | Robert Bormes Family               | 25.00  | Mr. & Mrs. Ben Carpenter       | 10.00  |
| Dale Ward Family                 | 50.00    | Martha Burnett                     | 10.00  | Minneapolis Church             | 18.00  |
| Brush Creek Church               | 73.75    | Mr. & Mrs. Walter Larsen           | 10.00  | Fonthill S. S.                 | 22.66  |
| Mr. & Mrs. Paul C. Johnson       | 20.00    | Ida Lapp                           | 10.00  | Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Dunbar      | 100.00 |
| Leila E. Whitehead               | 3.00     | Mr. & Mrs. Preston M. Landry       | 85.00  | M. A. Patrick                  | 175.00 |
| Mrs. F. L. Austin                | 3.00     | Mr. & Mrs. Otto Dick, Sr.          | 20.00  | Members                        | 10.00  |
| Ontario Church                   | 50.00    | Golden Rule Class (Oregon S. S.)   | 3.30   | Mr. & Mrs. Russel Thoms        | 5.00   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Wachtel           | 5.00     | Mrs. F. M. Worley                  | 2.00   | Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Button        | 25.00  |
| Indiana State Missionary Society | 10.00    | Mr. & Mrs. Elmo Gaspar             | 25.00  | Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dee Townsend  | 20.75  |
|                                  |          | Mr. & Mrs. Merle Davis             | 7.50   | Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Anthon       | 25.00  |
|                                  |          | Mrs. Glen Booth                    | 60.00  | Junior Bereans (Ripley)        | 3.36   |



# Churches IN THE News

You will enjoy meeting with brethren of the Church of God and listening to radio broadcasts of truth by Church of God speakers.

- July 10-16—Ohio State Youth Camp, Camp Chaffee
- July 10-16—Washington Bible Camp, Cashmere, Wash.
- July 23-29—Illinois Conference and Bible School at Oregon
- July 23-30—Virginia Conference, Maurertown Bro. and Sr. Raymond Brown, guest workers
- July 29-August 6—Missouri Conference, Fredericktown, Lyle Rankin, guest speaker
- August 6-11—Annual General Conference, Camp Mack
- August 12-20—Western Nebraska Conference, Bros. Richard LeCron and John Lewis, guest speakers
- August 13-20—Iowa State Conference, Waterloo
- August 14-20—National Borean Youth Conference, Camp Mack
- August 23-27—Ohio Fall Conference, Glad Tidings Chapel, Dayton. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., guest speaker
- September 29-October 1—Louisiana State Conference, Blood River, La.

### CONSTANCE L. SHEELEY

Constance L. Sheeley was born February 27, 1885, in Senath, Mo., and died April 20, 1961. She was united in marriage to Walter A. Sheeley in 1904. To this union were born five children: three sons, Joseph B., George H., and Walter A., all of Kansas City; and two daughters, Mrs. Nell Reynolds, Raymore, Mo., and Mrs. Hale Cosner of Kansas City. Besides her children she is survived by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She accepted Christ as her Saviour in 1932 and was a member of the Raymore Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith. We take comfort and assurance in the power and promise of the Saviour to awaken her from the sleep of death to abundant life with all who have died in faith. Donald Ward, Pastor.

### MAUDE E. KEPLEY

Sr. Maude E. Kepley was born May 12, 1880, and died June 14, 1961. She was born in Jasper County, Ill., and died at her home in Poplar Bluff, Mo. She was a long-time member of the Church of God at Fredericktown, Mo., and, when her health permitted, was active in the service of the Lord. She became the wife of Charles O. Kepley in 1901. He preceded her in death in 1939.

Survivors include one son, William A., of Naylor, Mo., and one daughter, Mrs. Keturah Perkins, of Poplar Bluff. She is also survived by three brothers and four sisters, eight grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren, along with many other relatives and friends.

Her funeral was held June 16, in Fairdeal, Mo. She was laid to rest to await the return of Jesus and the resurrection of the faithful. J. R. LeCron, Pastor.

### BAPTISMS AT NORTH SALEM

The gospel invitation was accepted by five boys of the North Salem Church of God. They were baptized into the name of Christ Sunday afternoon, June 25, 1961, by the writer. A Communion service is to be conducted Sunday morning, July 2, when they will be received into membership with the right hand of fellowship. They are: Alan Mevis, Stephen Mevis, Glen DeMien, Jimmy DeMien, Owen (Butch) Morgan. We are happy to have been privileged to baptize these boys into the saving name of Jesus. R. Warren Sorenson.

### SMITH - ROBERTSON

The Smith - Robertson wedding took place May 27, 1961, at the Golden Rule Church of God, Cleveland, Ohio. The simple wedding ceremony was conducted by Bro. C. F. Pryor, pastor. Special emphasis was placed upon the Bible teachings concerning marriage. May this lasting benediction be upon them always, "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." They will make their home in Mentor, Ohio.

### PAYNE - THORNTON

Mary Louise Payne, daughter of Alfred and Rena Payne, became the bride of Michael Thornton before a small gathering of family and friends. The wedding was performed by the writer in the Advent Christian Church in Aurora, Ill., on Saturday, May 6, 1961. Mary is a member of the Church of God at Fonthill, Ont. She had been attending Aurora College previous to her marriage. The couple plan to make their home in Aurora.

R. Warren Sorenson.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Continued from page 1)

article entitled, "The Bible College in American Education Today," by Frank E. Gaebelin, headmaster of the Stony Brook School, New York State. In this article, Dr. Gaebelin discusses the history of the Bible college movement and the reasons for it. He says that since the 1880's there have been founded in this country nearly two hundred Bible institutes and Bible colleges with at least 30,000 students and that, although ignored in the histories of education, they continue to exercise in their special field of education a vital and crucial influence. He points out that these colleges and institutes have consistently held to two things that still distinguish this form of education: 1) a course of study in which the Bible is central, and 2) an insistence upon the practical application of classroom work through a regular program of service assignments as part of the curriculum. He explains further that Bible colleges offer a highly specialized form of education with one major field, that of the Bible, together with a few closely related areas. It is an undergraduate school with a professional aim, similar on its own level and for its own purpose to the teachers' college.

A recent report from Harvard University indicates that educators are wondering what

will bring order out of a disintegrated, widely diversified, unifying educational program of higher education. Peter Marshall put it as follows in one of his sermons: "The latest inventions and discoveries have made war more terrible, and while they have given us many conveniences and comforts, they have made life more complicated, peace more difficult to achieve, and the human heart more troubled. Undoubtedly we have improved means, but unfortunately we have not improved ends. We have better ways of getting there, but have no better places to go. We can save more time, but we are not making any better use of our time."

This kind of analysis of our age is disturbing educators and has caused many to take an honest and critical look at the typical college program. They recognize a vacuum in the spiritual realm, in the realm of God's supernatural truths and in the satisfactory integration of these truths into a Christian personality which finds real satisfying purpose in life. They recognize that the typical program of higher education does not contribute enough to the stability of students in this time of great social and economic instability.

I feel that Oregon Bible College, a department of the Church of God General Conference, has been at least moderately successful in imparting truth to potential leaders for our various departments which are responsible for fulfilling the requirements of Christian education in the Church of God. The staff has tried to provide the kind of program that will best fill the needs of the church for Christian leadership. We shall continue to try to maintain our distinctive purpose as a Bible college, that of Christian education. Maintaining a college climate in which all personnel and students are able to live in the will of God is not easy, but it is necessary if we are to accomplish the aims of Christian education.

Each member of the church can be of invaluable service to God by recognizing the importance of Christian education on a higher level and by expressing his convictions at opportune times. Our youth should be informed of the eternal value of a Christian education and about the purpose of Oregon Bible College. Personal contacts are the best method of informing young people about these things. We invite you to seek young people who are mentally and morally capable of benefiting from our College program, and who are willing to make the necessary sacrifices for surrendering their will to that of God.

"The high calling of God is to those who are willing to place themselves within calling distance." It is a challenge that not many are willing to accept. As you talk to young people, you will find much competition from the glamorous, romantic, and prestige appeals of other institutions and job opportunities. Your job of "selling" a Christian education will not be easy, but it is a challenge that must be met if your College is to fulfill most effectively the mission for which it was established.

I urge you to think upon these truths, to be thoroughly convinced that they are true, and then to act upon your belief. Pray for your College. Talk to young people about your College. Help us, in whatever way you can, to grow in our effort to do God's will for us.



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Pictured at right  
President Ross conducting the dele-  
gate sessions of the 1961 General Con-  
ference

Pictured below  
The Board of Directors of the Church  
of God General Conference. Back row:  
Willard Naylor, treasurer; Howard  
Shute, Warren Landry, Charles Jones.  
Seated: Francis Burnett, secretary;  
E. Milon Hall, chairman; John  
Hayse, vice chairman.



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**1961 GENERAL CONFERENCE ISSUE!**

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## EDITORIALS

Harold Doan  
Editor

### A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The 1961 Church of God General Conference delegate meetings, conducted at Camp Alexander Mack last month, became a truly missionary Conference. From the first service to the last, the Lord led leaders to emphasize the great opportunities that lie before the Church of God to carry out the Great Commission. Inspired by the words of our Lord, which became the Conference theme, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields," the delegates took bold action to thrust forward with the Word of God into all the world.

The cold minutes, the black and white reports, cannot convey the spirit and the enthusiasm which prevailed in the Conference. While issues were faced with realism and with study of the facts involved, there was an overtone of faith and determination that we must be about the Father's business in these closing days of the age.

Great encouragement and stimulation came to all from the acceptance of six new churches into membership in the Church of God General Conference (Ontario, Calif.; Whitnel, N. C.; Quezon, Philippines; Abut, Philippines; San Nicolas, Philippines; and Tabuk, Philippines). Twelve new ministers have been granted licenses since last January, with three more now in the process of applying for ministerial recognition. These are tangible signs of progress in the Church of God.

Inspiration was gained from the large delegation from Nova Scotia, including eleven young people who gave testimonies and sang beautifully for the assembled delegates. Here, too, was tangible evidence of the benefits of Church of God mission work.

One was reminded by the presence of President Ross on the rostrum that he has been added to the General Conference staff to supervise the growing mission work of the Church of God General Conference.

Many people took part in the various programs, and in making the Conference meeting a success. A variety of leaders and workers made the program more interesting and lightened the load on the few. We take this opportunity to thank each one who served.

We trust that each Church of God will give ample time to its pastor and delegates to report fully on the Conference, and that the enthusiasm and the interest that were generated will be reflected throughout the year in a new zeal for the Lord's work.

### A LARGE BEREAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Following General Conference, more than 160 young people and fourteen counselors met for a week at Camp Mack for the annual Berean Youth Conference. This is one of the largest youth conferences (if not the largest) that has been conducted in the Church of God. An inspiring program was greatly enjoyed by both counselors and campers.

In the National Bible Quiz Contest, the team from Indiana won in an exciting play-off with the team from Ohio. Members of the Indiana team, Joyce Railton, captain, Peggy Herr, Rex Shaw, and Sandra Ford, led by the coach, Austin Railton, displayed an amazing knowledge of the last four chapters of the Book of Mark, in addition to a fine competitive spirit. They came from behind to win with the last question.

Seventeen young people went forward to accept Christ and will be baptized at their home churches. Here, too, is an eternal benefit of the Berean Youth Fellowship.

### CONFERENCE DATES SET FOR 1962

The following tentative dates have been set for the Berean Youth Conference and the General Conference for 1962, should the Lord not return. The Berean Youth Conference will be at Camp Mack, Sunday, July 29 through Saturday, August 4. General Conference will begin the next day, Sunday, August 5, and run through Friday morning, August 10.

### PLEASE READ THE MINUTES AND REPORTS

This issue contains the minutes and reports of things that occurred at General Conference. It may seem lengthy, and perhaps uninteresting, but we urge you to study it all. As a member of the Church of God you should be informed of the things that are being done in your Church of God General Conference. An informed member is an interested member, and we use the *PROGRESS JOURNAL* to keep you informed.

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# Minutes of the 1961 Annual Church of God General Conference

Francis E. Burnett, Secretary

Tuesday Morning, August 8, 1961

The first meeting of the forty-first annual Conference of the Churches of God was called to order by President Ross and prayer was offered by Bro. C. E. Randall.

The first order of business was the seating of the delegates. Credentials Committee chairman, Sr. Evelyn Austin, instructed the delegates and seated them. Other members of the committee assisting in the delegate seating were Mrs. Janet Turner and Ruth Halls.

The president's message followed, giving many challenging thoughts. Here are some of the thoughts of President Ross. "I have served on the Board of Directors of the General Conference nine out of the last eleven years. During that time there were, including the present time, nineteen men with whom I have served. It is interesting to note that they have been evenly divided between the laymen and the ministers. . . . I am pleased to see so many delegates in this Conference because there are many important matters for us to discuss. . . . I would like to read from John 4:34-36, part of the 35th verse being the theme of this Conference. This is our challenge!

"We are in the seventh year of the Decade of Development Program. We are moving forward and this past year has proven so. . . . One sad thing to call to your attention is the shortage of contributions which is causing this year's budget to fall short.

"On the credit side, we have much to be happy about. We have new churches in Ontario, California, and Phoenix, Arizona. We have a church in North Carolina asking for affiliation. There is an awakening! Many others are using our Church of God literature and songbook. One year ago we had only one outside field—Digby, Nova Scotia. In this forty-first Conference year, there have been inquiries from England, Africa, the Philippines, and numerous places in the United States. Literature is being sent into all parts of the world. Many important things will need to be and are to be decided in this Conference.

"We want to present to you the recommendations of the Board of Directors in this opening message. We would like to mention a little more about the Philippine effort. The Board authorized Bro. Doan to make a trip there. He will give a full report at a later time.

"Where do we go from here? We implore you to give this matter your earnest consideration. Please express your feelings in the 'buzz' sessions to be held on Wednesday.

"I would like to mention the statement of affiliation which each church and conference must file with General Conference headquarters before the Conference of 1962.

"What is the delegate's purpose of being here? I am told there are three kinds of people: 1) people who make things happen; 2) people who watch things happen; and 3) those who never know when a thing has hap-

pened. We should be the people that will make things happen. It is up to you and me to take the gospel to all the people. Everywhere is a mission field. We ask you to pray about these things that we may go forward."

Recess was called for ten minutes after prayer of dismissal by Bro. Delbert Jones.

The treasurer's report was then considered. Bro. Doan filled in for Bro. Naylor who was unable to be present. Bro. Doan informed the Conference on several items in the Schedule of Income and Expense. He pointed out that total contributions were more than \$55,000 though the budget is now approximately \$6,000 short of the goal. Bro. Delbert Jones moved the acceptance of the treasurer's report. Seconded by Bro. Warren Landry. Motion carried.

Sr. Louise Lapp gave the report of the Songbook Committee. (See this report on page 6.) The committee has four members, the others being Sr. Evelyn Austin, Leila Mae Doeden, and Bro. William Wachtel. The committee in the revision will endeavor to correct errors in musical notes, make substitutions, and add 32 or 64 songs in the back of the book, depending on the cost, and make other minor changes.

Next was a report by Bro. Alva Huffer, chairman of the Arbitration Committee. (See this report on page 6.) This committee was first suggested by the Ministerial Association. It was recommended the board be called Counseling and Arbitration Board, and consist of three members. This recommendation is to be considered at a later time. There was a motion by Bro. Cyrus Shaw to accept the reports of the Songbook and Arbitration committees. Seconded by Bro. John Railton. Motion carried.

The reports of the Board of Education, Minister's Fund, and the License and Ordination Committee had been printed in the Progress Journal. A motion was made by Bro. C. E. Randall and seconded by Bro. Milton Hall that the preceding reports be approved and placed on file. Motion carried.

The meeting was then opened to nominations for president of the Missionary Department. Bro. Jones, retiring president, was in charge. Nominees were Warren Sorenson, Delbert Jones, and Ellsworth Routson. A motion was made to close the nominations by Bro. Milton Hall and was seconded by Bro. Louis Kump. Motion carried.

The report of the Credentials Committee for the morning session showed officers 5, ministers 40, and delegates 76, making a total of 121 compared to 100 in 1960.

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Bro. Richard LeCrone dismissed in prayer.

## Afternoon Session

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Bro. Warren Landry. There were 340 who ate the noon meal. It was pointed out that we have been praying for open doors

for mission fields. Bro. Randall took charge of arranging for prayer sessions for Wednesday at 7:00 a.m. and the following days.

The meeting was turned over to Bro. Delbert Jones, missionary president. He pointed out that reports of the missionary secretary and treasurer and of Bro. John Denchfield had all been printed in the Progress Journal and should have been read by all.

Bro. Emory Macy was called to the floor to report on his trip to investigate a missionary field near Flaxcomb, Saskatchewan, Canada. Many Restitution Heralds and tracts were distributed in towns in Canada. He preached four sermons—one in Regina, one in Prelatt, and two in Flaxcomb. On the way home he stopped in a mission field which is a project of the Minnesota State Conference, at Little Fork, Minn.

Next, Bro. Doan gave a report of his trip to the Philippines and his findings there. (See this report on pages 7, 8, 9.) A motion was made by Bro. Warren Landry and seconded by Bro. Ellsworth Routson to receive Bro. Doan's report and place it on file. Motion carried.

President Ross then introduced Bro. Z. B. Duncan of Conover, North Carolina. Bro. Duncan spoke highly of the wonderful relationship in Christ in the Church of God.

The Credentials Committee reported attendance of 119 compared to 109 in 1960. There were 5 officers, 40 ministers, and 73 delegates. The meeting recessed at the call of the chair at 3:25 p.m. until 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, August 9. Prayer for closing was offered by President Ross.

Wednesday Morning, August 9, 1961

The meeting was called to order by President Ross at 9:50 a.m. with prayer by Bro. Arlie Townsend. The minutes of the sessions on Tuesday were read and approved as read.

The report of Bro. Emory Macy which had been given on Tuesday was received by a motion by Bro. Willis Turner and seconded by Bro. Warren Landry. Motion carried. Also the reports already printed in the Progress Journal of the missionary secretary and treasurer, and of Bro. John Denchfield were received and placed on file through a motion by Bro. Rolland Stilson and seconded by Bro. Cyrus Shaw. Motion carried.

Mr. William Hawley of Fishkill, New York, was introduced, being a visitor in our conference.

Missionary President Delbert Jones took charge and asked for reports from the different societies. First, a letter was read from Chaplain Orville Westlund, U. S. Navy. Sr. Ada Simpson, missionary secretary, read reports from Hope Chapel, South Bend, Ind.; New Hope Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Hillisburg Church, Michigantown, Ind.; Blood River Church, Hammond, La.; Golden Rule Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Tempe Church, Tempe, Ariz.; Open Bible Church, Macomb, Ill.; Truth Seeker's Church, Chicago, Ill.;

Brush Creek Church, Tipp City, Ohio; Ripley Church, Ripley, Ill.; Southlawn Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and the Minnesota State Society.

The Credential's Committee reported that 119 delegates were seated for the voting of missionary president, Bro. Warren Sorenson was elected.

Following the election, Bro. John Denchfield was asked to speak for a few minutes about the Digby work. There were three vacation Bible schools held in that area.

President Ross divided those present into eight groups for the "buzz" sessions. The Board of Directors and the Mission Board served as leaders. Each group then went to its place of meeting. They all came together again after lunch at 1:30 p.m.

#### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:40 p.m. and Bro. Ellsworth Routson gave the prayer.

The first business of the afternoon was to receive nominations for the three members to be elected to the Board of Directors. These nominations were listed as Numbers One, Two, and Three. For Number One, Bros. Howard Shute, Fonthill, Ont., Can.; and Willis Turner, Oregon, Ill. For Number Two, Bros. Arlie Townsend, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Warren Landry, Hammond, La.; and Dean Urish, Oregon, Ill. For Number Three, Bros. Rolla Hightower, Macomb, Ill.; Charles Jones, Cleveland, Ohio; and Austin Railton, Kokomo, Ind.

Following the nominations, the secretaries of the "buzz" sessions gave their reports. Here is a summary of the thinking that came out of the "buzz" sessions: All groups were unanimous in agreement that our Conference should: 1) accept the Philippine churches into our conference and fellowship upon request; 2) accept into affiliation the ministers who have been baptized in the Philippines; and 3) that we should continue to search out opportunities for expansion of the Church of God in all parts of the world. Fifty per cent of the groups were agreed that full support, as suggested in the report, should be given. It was generally agreed that we, the General Conference, should use all of our resources to sell the missionary program to our people. Also, it was agreed that God had led the Philippines to the Church of God and that the Board of Directors had proceeded in the right manner in sending Bro. Doan to investigate and establish the work there.

Bro. Cyrus Shaw made this motion, That we accept the Philippine Churches that have asked membership into our Conference. It was seconded by Bro. Arnold Johns. At present, these churches are located at Quezon, Isabela; Abut, Isabela; San Nicolas, Pangasinan; Bannawag, Tobuk. Motion carried.

Bro. Alva Huffer made the motion, that we accept into affiliation the ministers who have been baptized in the Philippines. It was seconded by Bro. Milton Hall. Bro. C. E. Randall moved to amend the motion in the following manner: We recommend to the License and Ordination Board the acceptance of the Philippine ministers into affiliation as they request it. It was seconded by Bro. Delbert Jones. The amendment carried. The motion as amended carried.

Bro. Cyrus Shaw made a motion that we approve at this time the amount of \$470.00 per month for the Philippine work. This was

seconded by Bro. Elzie Robbins. Bro. Vernis Wolfe moved to amend, that we adopt as a goal for our General Conference work in the Philippines the proposed amount of \$470.00 per month; that this amount be added to our proposed budget of 1961-62, and that our Board of Directors be authorized to set up the mechanics necessary for the discharge of this responsibility. And furthermore, that our Board of Directors proceed on the basis of extending the support to the Philippine workers as funds are available. This was seconded by Bro. Emory Macy. There was much discussion. Before voting there were a few moments of silent prayer followed with prayer by Bro. Willis Turner. The amendment carried. The motion as amended carried.

Bro. Harvey Krogh moved that we continue to search out opportunities for expansion of the Church of God. This was seconded by Bro. Delbert Jones. The motion carried.

President Ross then brought to the attention of the Conference that a group calling their church, Church of the Resurrection Hope, under the leadership of Bro. Z. B. Duncan, Whitmel, North Carolina, had asked for affiliation with the Church of God General Conference. Bro. C. F. Pryor moved to receive the Church of the Resurrection Hope, Whitmel, North Carolina, into fellowship. It was seconded by Bro. C. E. Randall. Motion carried.

Bro. Ross asked for an expression from the group about the recommendation of the Sunday School Board about having a conference over a week end. The majority favored to continue as we do now.

The Credential's Committee reported an attendance in the morning session of 5 officers, 39 ministers, and 75 delegates—a total of 119. This compares to 117 in 1960. For the afternoon session there were: 5 officers, 37 ministers, and 75 delegates—a total of 117 compared to 108 in 1960.

Bro. Z. B. Duncan expressed his thanks for the wonderful fellowship, and for receiving the church at Whitmel, North Carolina, into Conference affiliation. He said, "We give God the credit and glory." The delegates showed their expression of approval by clapping.

The afternoon session recessed at 3:40 p.m. until Thursday, August 10, at 9:45 a.m. Prayer was offered by Bro. Jesse Pestle.

#### Thursday Morning, August 10, 1961

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. with prayer by Bro. E. J. Demmitt. The secretary read the minutes of Wednesday's sessions and they were approved as read. The first order of business for the morning session was the election of officers. The Credential's Committee reported 106 delegates to start the voting. The following men were elected: Bro. Howard Shute, Fonthill, Ont.; Bro. Warren Landry, Hammond, La.; and Bro. Charles Jones, Cleveland, Ohio.

President Ross asked Bro. Doan to give an explanation of the handling of receipts, contributions, etc. He had the delegates examine the Schedule of Income and Expense. Bro. Doan pointed out that all funds coming in fall into the departments listed and are disbursed in the same manner.

The session recessed at 10:45 a.m. for a few minutes. Prayer of dismissal was given by Bro. John Hayse.

The delegates were again called to order

at 10:55 a.m. with prayer by Bro. Gerald Cooper.

President Ross instructed the new directors and all delegates that a joint meeting would be held after the afternoon session for the purpose of organizing the new Board of Directors and to acquaint the new directors with coming business.

Bro. C. E. Randall presented the following motion, I move a rising vote of thanks to the retiring officers for their faithful service. It was seconded by Bro. John Hayse. The motion carried. Again Bro. Randall presented this motion, I move this Conference body instruct its secretary to send greetings and welcome to the new churches received into our Conference fellowship. This was seconded by Bro. Warren Landry. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the voting on recommendations.

#### Home Missions

Bro. Willis Turner moved that we adopt the following recommendation, that a "Get Acquainted" Campaign be encouraged in every Church of God in November, 1961. A special issue of The Restitution Herald would be prepared and offered in bundle lots to each church. With each bundle of 100 of the special Heralds would be furnished attractive handbill inserts, with the schedule of local services, name of the church and pastor, and addresses and phone numbers. The packet will help the people of the community who are non-members to become acquainted with the local church and with the Church of God as a whole. This was seconded by Bro. Milton Hall. The motion carried.

Bro. Hollis Partlowe moved the adoption of the following recommendation, that the book, "Systematic Theology," be distributed to all seminary and Bible college libraries in the United States. This was seconded by Bro. Rolland Stilson. Bro. Willis Turner moved to amend the motion to read, that copies of "Systematic Theology" be placed in six selected Bible seminaries and colleges, these to be used as a testing ground for experience. This was seconded by Bro. Paul Johnson. The motion to amend lost. The original motion carried.

Bro. Milton Hall moved to adopt this recommendation, that we initiate negotiations with others of "like precious faith," who are now outside the fellowship of the Church of God, and who wish to join our fellowship as individuals or as congregations. This was seconded by Bro. Darrell Maddock. The motion carried.

#### Foreign Missions

Bro. Harry Sheets moved that we adopt the following recommendation, that choice tracts be translated into foreign languages and distributed free through foreign missionaries. This was seconded by Bro. Harry Gockler. Bro. Doan told of the possibilities: a Spanish translation for Panama and the Bahamas; Ilaeno for the Philippines; and Tamil to be used in India. An amendment by Bro. Richard Diek was, I move that choice tracts be translated into the languages spoken by the groups with which we are working, and that these tracts be distributed free through foreign missionaries and workers representing the Church of God General Conference. This was seconded by Bro. Warren Landry. The motion to amend lost. The original motion carried.

It was moved by Bro. Delbert Jones that contacts in foreign fields be cultivated through the distribution of literature, through personal correspondence, and, when possible and advisable, through personal visits by a Church of God member. This was seconded by Bro. Harvey Krogh. The motion carried.

#### Printing and Publishing

Bro. Darrell Maddock moved, that a Church of God Commentary be published as it is prepared from Truth Seeker's Quarterly and other sources by Bro. Robert See. This was seconded by Bro. Kenneth Milne. Bro. Vernis Wolfe moved that the adoption of the motion to publish a commentary be postponed indefinitely. This was seconded by Bro. Paul Johnson. The motion carried.

Bro. Harvey Krogh moved that the Conference commend Bro. Robert See for his work. This was seconded by Bro. Milton Hall. The motion carried.

Bro. John Railton moved, that "Songs of Truth" be reprinted as revised by the Hymnal Revision Committee. It was seconded by Bro. Harvey Krogh. The motion carried.

Bro. Vernis Wolfe moved that the General Conference Board of Directors appoint a committee to do research and survey work to determine the most urgent need in printing of booklets and books. This was seconded by Bro. Willis Turner. The motion carried.

There was a motion to recess by Bro. Harold Doan, and seconded by Bro. Gerald Cooper. President Ross called for a Credential's Committee report, which was 5 officers, 36 ministers, and 73 delegates—a total of 114 compared to 110 in 1960. The session closed with prayer by Bro. James Watkins at 11:40 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

#### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:35 p.m. with prayer by Bro. Charles Graham.

#### Oregon Bible College

Bro. Paul Overholser moved, that every effort be made to reach the goal of \$125,000 in commitments this year; that every effort be made to have \$75,000 of that amount in cash by the spring of 1963; and that we strive to have the proposed new college building in use by the fall of 1963. This was seconded by Bro. Roland Stilson. The motion carried.

Bro. Harry Sheets moved, that Oregon Bible College continue to serve the Church of God as a four-year Bible institution for the education of ministers, teachers, evangelists, and leaders for the Church of God, and that its objectives, curriculum, staff, student body, and governing bodies strive to make it the best in its specialized field of Bible institutions. It was seconded by Bro. Charles Graham. The motion carried.

#### General Conference

Bro. Alva Huffer moved, that there be four seasons of promotional emphasis of the various departments of the General Conference to avoid overlapping in special appeals. The following plan is recommended: a) emphasis of Home and Foreign Missions in the fall, with Mission Day in November, one Mission Builder's appeal would also be made in the fall; b) emphasis on publications in the winter; c) emphasis on Oregon Bible College in the spring, also, a second Mission Builder's appeal would be made in the spring; d) emphasis upon general services of the General

Conference, Berean Youth Fellowship, and stewardship in the summer months. This was seconded by Bro. Hollis Partlowe. The motion carried.

Bro. Harvey Krogh moved that, we recommend the adoption of the Stewardship Program. (Printed in the June 7, Progress Journal, page 5.) This was seconded by Bro. Warren Landry. The motion carried.

#### General Recommendations

Bro. Milton Hall moved that the By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference be amended as follows: We move to amend Article II, Section 6 (F), of the By-Laws to read, "To employ a competent Executive Secretary who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for administering the business of the General Conference, for personnel, for planning, for production, and for such specific matters of business as shall be assigned to him." This was seconded by Bro. Harry Gockler. The motion carried.

It was moved by Bro. John Hayse the following amendment to the By-Laws of the Church of God General Conference, Section 1, (K) Prayer. We believe that sincere prayer, discussion, made in faith, brings specific answers from God. "Sincere prayer," however, involves the desire that God's "will be done in (the) earth, as it is (done) in heaven." We believe that prayer, whether spoken or thought, is an expression of our attitude toward God, and that the prayerful attitude should be a constant part of every Christian's life. This was seconded by Bro. Kenneth Milne. Bro. Milton Hall moved to amend the motion by adding the words "through Christ" after the fifth word of the amendment "prayer." Seconded by Bro. Raymond Brown. The motion to amend carried. The motion as amended lost, since discussion concluded that prayer is already emphasized in the section on Christian life.

Bro. Delbert Jones moved the recommendation of the Ministers' Fund Committee be adopted. To provide funds for the ministers' fund in a systematic way, we recommend that each Church of God be urged to voluntarily contribute an amount equal to 1 per cent of its minister's salary into this fund, and that each minister be urged to participate with a similar amount. This will develop a fund which will meet emergencies under the present rules, and possibly become a basis for an expanding ministers' fund. This was seconded by Bro. Kenneth Milne. The motion carried.

Bro. Richard Dick moved the adoption of the following recommendation: We recommend that a Board of Church Counseling and Arbitration be created within the General Conference. This Board will consist of three persons appointed by the Board of Directors, and will be a standing committee similar to the Committee of License and Ordination. It was seconded by Bro. Harry Sheets. The motion carried. (See report of this committee.)

President Ross asked Bro. C. E. Lapp to speak concerning the Gospel Team trip that was made in the summer of 1961. Bro. Lapp said they traveled through sixteen states with total miles of 9,200. They enjoyed the wonderful association and fellowship with Church of God people and especially that so many were praying for the team. They did quite a lot of sight-seeing which was enjoyed by all. The trip was all paid for and a small amount put in the Gospel Team Fund. Bro. William Hanson moved that thanks be given the Lapps

and the Gaspelettes, and also for Bro. Lapp's report. This was seconded by Bro. Louis Kump. Expression was by a rising vote.

Bro. C. E. Randall spoke in behalf of the Board of Education. He urged for more consideration for Oregon Bible College. He said, "We need a burning passion for Christian workers and ministers. There will be no graduates in 1962. We had a similar situation in 1954. But in 1958 there was a graduating class of nine. This was done through prayer. There is no need to pray for open doors unless we have Christian workers and leaders to fill the need. We must prepare our men and women—your sons and your daughters, to go through these open doors." The Booster program will continue, with March designated "Booster Month."

The Credential's Committee reported in the afternoon session there were, 6 officers, 33 ministers, and 69 delegates—a total of 108 compared with 107 in 1960.

There was a motion to recess by Bro. Delbert Jones, seconded by Bro. Louis Kump. The session recessed at 3:00 p.m. until Friday, August 11, at 9:45 a.m. The closing prayer was by Bro. Charles Jones.

#### Friday Morning, August 11, 1961

The meeting opened at 9:55 a.m. with prayer by Bro. Howard Shute. The president called for the reading of the minutes of Thursday's sessions. They were approved as read.

Sr. Marjorie Overmyer reported that 430 or more persons had been registered and had attended the Conference. She also reported that the children of the Conference in the Vacation Bible School Department had taken offerings each day. A total of \$15.50 was received during the week to be used for missions. The Vacation Bible School was under the direction of Sr. Raymond Brown.

Bro. John Hayse moved to give Sr. Overmyer a rising vote of thanks for all the work she had done during Conference week. The motion was seconded and carried by standing.

President Ross instructed the delegates that of the new Board of Directors as follows: Chairman, Bro. Milton Hall; Vice Chairman, Bro. John Hayse; Secretary, Bro. Francis Burnett; Treasurer, Bro. Willard Naylor; and Directors, Bros. Howard Shute, Warren Landry, and Charles Jones.

President Ross instructed the delegates that a motion passed on the Conference floor on Wednesday, August 9, obligated the delegates and Conference to add \$5,640 to the Missions Department. The total budget would be \$50,550. Bro. Timothy Pearson moved the adoption of the budget of \$50,550. It was seconded by Bro. Charles Graham. The motion carried. (The budget as adopted is on page 6, center column.)

Bro. C. F. Pryor asked for a few minutes to speak concerning the Church of the Resurrection Hope, Whitmel, North Carolina, and Bro. Z. B. Duncan. Time was granted.

Sr. Cecil Railton spoke on behalf of the Prisellas, as their president, saying they had had one of the best fellowships ever. The Prisellas recommended to the Committee on Publication Research and Survey to consider a devotional booklet first of all. Sr. Eunice Pearson is working on material at the present time.

Bro. C. E. Lapp made a motion that the Conference program of 1962 include the early

time of prayer at 7:00 a.m. each day. This was seconded by Bro. Kenneth Milne.

Bro. Dallas Demmitt spoke concerning the youth conference. He urged that applications be gotten in by the deadline.

Sr. Evelyn Austin, Chairwoman of the Credential's Committee, reported the number present for the Friday session—5 officers, 25 ministers, and 45 delegates. A total of 75 compared to 74 in 1960. Sr. Ruth Halls then gave a summary of the Credential's Committee for the week. Delegate attendance was as follows:

| Date      | a.m. | p.m. |
|-----------|------|------|
| August 8  | 121  | 120  |
| August 9  | 119  | 117  |
| August 10 | 114  | 108  |
| August 11 | 75   |      |

| Comparison of 1961 with 1960 | 1961 | 1960 |
|------------------------------|------|------|
| Largest attendance           | 121  | 117  |
| Smallest attendance          | 75   | 74   |
| Average attendance           | 111  | 104  |
| Officers present             | 6    | 6    |
| Ministers present            | 42   | 43   |
| Delegates present            | 79   | 70   |

| Membership reported by number of churches returning delegate forms | In-Active | Active |
|--|-----------|--------|
|  | 3,000     | 794    |

Approximate membership reported by conferences returning delegate forms 2790 407

Forms sent: Conferences 15, churches 92, total 107

Returned: Conferences 9, churches 62, total 71

9 conferences sent delegates  
44 churches sent delegates

Churches using delegate form for the first time: Ontario, California.

1961 was the peak year in average attendance of 111.

1953 was the former peak year with 106 average attendance.

Committee: Evelyn Austin, Ruth Halls, and Janet Turner

Bro. Gerald Cooper and Sr. John Hayse moved and seconded a motion to accept the Credential's Committee report on delegates, membership, etc. The motion carried by a rising vote of thanks.

President Ross asked the incoming chairman of the Board of Directors to address the Conference. Chairman Hall asked for the sincere backing and prayers of the Conference body for the Board of Directors. He said in part, "The future of the Church of God is in the hands of those who take it to their hearts. May God be with us throughout this coming year."

To close the Conference activities, the president asked for the final reading and approval of the minutes. A motion made by Bro. John Hayse and seconded by Bro. Darrell Maddock was, "We approve the minutes of the entire Conference and move that they be accepted as read. Motion carried."

Bro. Raymond Brown moved a rising vote of thanks be given the retiring president. This was seconded by Bro. Harvey Krogh. The motion carried by audience rising.

There was a motion to adjourn and it was done in the singing of the first verse of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The closing prayer was given by Secretary Burnett. Time of adjournment was 10:50 a.m.

### APPROVED BUDGET FOR 1961-1962

| Estimated Income                     |             |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Gross profit from sales and printing | \$21,000.00 |             |
| Tuition, room and board              | 12,500.00   | \$33,500.00 |
| Estimated Expenses                   |             |             |
| Salaries                             | \$46,000.00 |             |
| Utilities                            | 2,500.00    |             |
| Telephone                            | 450.00      |             |
| Insurance                            | 800.00      |             |
| Postage                              | 1,500.00    |             |
| Supplies & expense                   | 3,000.00    |             |
| Repairs & maintenance                | 1,000.00    |             |
| Advertising                          | 100.00      |             |
| Travel expenses                      | 3,500.00    |             |
| Pictures & cuts                      | 750.00      |             |
| Speaker                              | 60.00       |             |
| Janitor service                      | 650.00      |             |
| Assistance to churches               | 1,500.00    |             |
| Missions                             | 11,640.00   |             |
| Food                                 | 4,000.00    |             |
| Rent                                 | 1,000.00    |             |
| Taxes                                | 1,600.00    |             |
| Depreciation                         | 4,000.00    | 84,050.00   |
| Contributions needed                 | \$50,550.00 |             |

This Board would also provide counseling for pastors and elders seeking guidance in solving church problems. Through giving counsel to pastors and elders, local officers can become better equipped to handle many problems. The Board of Church Counseling and Arbitration should not attempt to solve minor problems which local officers should solve. The Board would screen problems before accepting an invitation to come to a local church. An arbitration visit would be justified when the church organization structure is threatened, or when a pastor is likely to be discharged unjustly. Many problems would not require a visit by the Board to the church itself. Problems should be solved by correspondence and telephone as much as possible.

Since our church congregations have matured tremendously in recent decades, we do not anticipate that this Board would be used very frequently. The fact that the General Conference had such a Board would be half its value.

Alva Huffer, Chairman, Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., and Edward Dykstra.

### SONGBOOK COMMITTEE REPORT

The Songbook Committee now consists of four members: Bro. William Wachtel, Sr. F. L. Austin, Sr. Leila Mae Doeden, and Sr. Louise Lapp, Chairman.

We are endeavoring to:

1. Correct note errors in present book.
2. Make substitutions for a few of the songs.
3. Use different musical settings for "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (present tune, "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes"), and a tune in which accent of words and music agree for "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire."
4. Use only the hymn arrangement for "A Prayer of Thanksgiving," omitting the coda, "Lord, Make Us Free," and substituting an extra song.
5. Select 32 or 64 additional hymns (depending on price) to be included at back of present book.

We have spent much time in individual research and will continue our work until the project is finished.

Mrs. Louise Lapp, Chairman.

### ARBITRATION AND COUNSELING BOARD REPORT

We recommend that a Board of Church Counseling and Arbitration be created within the General Conference. This Board will consist of three persons appointed by the Board of Directors, and will be a standing committee similar to the Committee of License and Ordination.

This Board will be available at the call of a church which may be having serious internal difficulties. As a neutral party the Board could come into a church, hear both sides of a question, and suggest a solution. It would serve only by invitation and would have no authority to enforce action. Detailed policy could be formulated as the Board progressed in its work. Expenses of the Board would be paid by the General Conference. The local church using the services of the Board could be given opportunity to contribute if it desired.

### FURTHER REPORT OF THE LICENSE AND ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Since the report in the June 7, 1961, Progress Journal, five brethren have been licensed as ministers of the Church of God. Bro. Eledoro S. Ortiguero and Bro. Bonifacio C. Gabanes both of Alunan, Quezon, Isabela, Philippines, were licensed by Bro. Doan as authorized by the License and Ordination Committee soon after their baptism on June 25, 1961. Bro. Stanley O. Ross was licensed by the committee on August 5, 1961. His address is 412 S. 4th St., Oregon, Ill. Bro. Zerden B. Duncan, Rt. 2, Box 33 C, Conover, North Carolina, was licensed on August 8, 1961, at the General Conference. Bro. Frank A. Perkins, 1536 Fruitland Ave., Cleveland 24, Ohio, was also licensed at the General Conference on August 8, 1961. There are other men of the Philippines under favorable consideration of the committee. We pray God's richest blessings upon these brethren in the particular fields in which He leads them to labor. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Chairman.

### MISSIONARY REPORT Ada Simpson, Secretary

The General Conference held at Camp Mack, August 6-11, 1961, was undoubtedly the most inspirational, harmonious, and forward-looking of any we have had in years. There was an urgent spirit to be up and doing: a spirit of faith in the Lord's ability to help us do what has been put into our hands to do. The action taken by the delegates will be reported by the Conference secretary. Special prayer sessions were held at seven o'clock for three mornings. At this time we prayed for the Lord's direction in what should be done about the open door in the Philippines. Another morning, Oregon Bible College was the subject of our study and prayer. During the third session, prayers were offered for the congregations at home—that they would back up the action taken by the delegates.

A group of young people from Digby, N. S., provided inspiration for the worship period on Tuesday afternoon. Six of the girls had accepted Christ in the past year. They sang, "Things Are Different Now," the song

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# Church of God in the Philippine Islands



Congregation of baptized members and their children at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, Philippines. Pastor Insturo Magno is standing at the extreme left.

Following are excerpts of a report given at the recent General Conference business meeting concerning the work being undertaken in the Philippine Island of Luzon. After the report was given, a "buzz session" was conducted to thoroughly discuss this work and the decisions reported in the minutes were then made.

Since the General Conference business meetings of 1960, there has been a sudden opening of doors to missionary opportunity for the Church of God. In the late fall of 1960, letters began to arrive at the General Conference office from many parts of the world and of the United States. These were letters of inquiry; letters asking for information about the Church of God; letters in response to articles read or tracts that had been found; letters from people who were in some way searching for further truth, or who had become disillusioned with orthodoxy.

In December, 1960, we received an inquiry from Bro. Eleodoro S. Ortiguero, Alunan, Quezon, Isabela, Philippines. Bro. Ortiguero had read of the Church of God in the "Mead's Handbook of Denominations," and wanted more information about the church. A letter was sent in reply, pointing out some of the similarities and some of the differences between the Church of God and the Church of Christ, of which Bro. Ortiguero was a member, and asking him to study the literature being sent in another package.

We did not hear again from Bro. Ortiguero until February 24, 1961. By that time we had decided this was just another of the many letters we get from people who are curious but not really interested in the teachings of the Church of God. The second letter, however, informed me that he had studied the literature sent, as had five other ministers serving under him, and they with their congregations wished to withdraw from the Church of Christ and wished to affiliate with the Church of God. We explained that there were many things we would have to know before such a thing would be possible, and there followed a long series of letters in which in-

formation was exchanged about the work and workers there, and the Church of God General Conference and Churches of God here.

Finally, in April, in response to a letter in which I questioned Bro. Ortiguero concerning the places where the work was located, his own beliefs about a list of subjects, and his feelings about baptism, it seemed wise to plan a trip to the Philippines as soon as possible, preferably before Conference, to visit Bro. Ortiguero personally and baptize him if possible. The National Mission Board and the Board of Directors also felt this way.

Plans were begun immediately after the meeting of the Board of Directors in May, to visit the Philippines late in June. Correspondence was exchanged, passports secured, visas secured, travel arrangements made, inoculations endured, and preparations made for meeting the workers. We left from Chicago June 18, 1961.

Our plans at that time were to travel to Cauayan, Isabela, to meet the workers. Due to various circumstances plans were changed to have the conference in Manila. Consequently, we met with Bros. Eleodoro S. Ortiguero and Gabanes Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday at the Manila Hotel. As it worked out, we felt that we were able to work more closely with these men and learn more about them and their faith than we would have in Quezon. We were also able to conduct some business in Manila with the government which is necessary to the establishment of the work there. The way that the work is organized in the Philippines, it is most essential that we work with Bro. Ortiguero, who is the acknowledged leader of this movement.

In our meetings, we followed an organized agenda which I had prepared before leaving Oregon. The agenda included two pages of questions for which I knew the Boards and the delegates would want answers. We first prayed together, and then I reviewed the agenda so that we agreed what we would talk about in our meetings.

The first step was to introduce myself, my position with the Conference, and the reason for my visit. We reviewed the organization of the Conference and I emphasized that I had no authority to make any commitments or promises to them and that my whole purpose was to get to know them, to learn of their faith, to baptize them, to license them

if this proved wise, to discover ways in which we can work together, and to help them to better know the Church of God as it is working in North America. They had studied the Journals for the last year, the Worker's Manual, and the new Constitution, and they had no questions about the work of the Conference or about the purpose of our meetings. They did want to know on what basis I could license them and I told them I had been granted this right by the License and Ordination Committee to act as their agent.

The next step was to get information concerning the workers who are involved in the Church of God in the Philippines. We wanted to get as much information as possible about each one.

Eleodoro S. Ortiguero. 35 years of age, wife Emilia, five children. He was baptized in the Church of Christ in 1950, enrolled the next year in Philippine Bible College (independent, but heavily staffed by Church of Christ), where he graduated in 1955. He was then sent by the Church of Christ to the northern provinces, his home country, to begin new churches. He is an evangelist. He would go to a new place and organize a church. He would then choose a layman who showed particular ability, and teach him preaching, Bible survey, music, etc., three hours each evening, six days each week. After a few months he would leave this church in the worker's hands and move to a new place. In five years he started churches in: Bannawag, Mountain Province; Tabuk, Mountain Province; Quezon, Isabela; Abut, Isabela; Minagbog, Isabela; Solano, Vizcaya; San Nicolas, Pangasinan. In each place there was a lay preacher, trained by Bro. Ortiguero.

In 1960 he heard a debate between a Church of Christ minister and a Philippine Church of God minister on the name of the church. He thought the Church of God man won, and began to doubt the name. He looked in Mead's Handbook and saw our name and wrote for information. At that time the name was his only point of difference, though he did object to military service and some Church of Christ mission policies such as not teaching tithing. He was receiving \$250 per month (500 pesos at that time) and was in turn giving each of his assistants \$5 as a gift from this.

After receiving our letter and a package of material, he and Bonifacio Gabanes, the



Philippine workers: Pastor Bonifacio Gabanes, Pastor Santiago Somera, Deaconess Rizalina Aguinaldo, Pastor Eleodoro Ortiguero, Pastor Estefanio Sibayan

pastor at Quezon, began to study together. Bonifacio first said, "This is true. This is right." Bro. Ortiguero believed, but as leader and being financed by the Church of Christ, he was reluctant to disrupt the work. They finally did agree, however, and Eleodoro began to preach his newly found faith. Upon hearing of this, the mission directors at Baguio City called him in and questioned him. He admitted he had changed his belief and told them in what ways he had changed. It was decided he should resign, and his support was stopped and equipment owned by the church was given back. This included books, use of a Jeep every other month, sound equipment, and projector. He later sold his typewriter to pay hospital expenses.

Upon withdrawal from the Church of Christ another evangelist was sent into his former territory. The men with whom he had worked, however, followed him, though two of them, Pastors Agdeppa and Jimmy, returned to the Church of Christ. Two others were won, however—Pastors Somera and Magno, from the Church of Christ and Seventh Day Church of God. Of the congregations he started the ones at Taluk, Quezon, Abut, and San Nicolas have remained with Bro. Ortiguero.

**Bonifacio Gabanes.** 25 years of age, single, cares for parents, widowed sister, Mrs. Aguinaldo, and her two children. He was converted by Bro. Ortiguero into the Church of Christ, and was baptized in 1955. He studied under Bro. Ortiguero, and the last two years has been preacher at Quezon. He was taught preaching, Old and New Testament survey, and music by Bro. Ortiguero. While learning, he did practice preaching under supervision of Bro. Ortiguero at Quezon. He is a rice farmer, and lives in Quezon. He speaks little English, though he reads and writes English and can understand it spoken. He prayed and spoke in Ilacono and Bro. Ortiguero translated. He seems fluent in Ilacono. He longs for more education and would like a Bible college in the Philippines so he could attend. He speaks Ilacono, Tagalog, Pangasinan, little English. If he obtains support to do so, and if it can be worked out, he plans to move to Solano and start a church there. He and Bro. Ortiguero have relatives and former converts there. (He rents a water buffalo, "Carabo," from the Kalingas, a pagan tribe living in the mountains near Quezon. He says the land is poor at Quezon, and there is no ir-

rigation. Rent of the land is high, and rent for buffalo is high. People are therefore poor.)

**Estefanio Sibayan.** 36 years of age, married, and has four children. He is now living at Quezon where he has a job as a policeman. He was from San Nicolas, Pangasinan, where he was a member of the Church of Christ. He was converted by Bro. Ortiguero, and trained there to be a preacher. He has preached for four years. He intends to be the pastor of the churches at Quezon and Abut, Isabela. He was baptized in July by Bro. Ortiguero and has requested ministerial license.

**Santiago Somera.** He is not a convert of Bro. Ortiguero; that is, in the Church of Christ. He was pastor of the Church of Christ at Tayewg. He was trained by the Church of Christ minister at Tayewg. After Bro. Ortiguero withdrew from the Church of Christ, he was contacted by Bro. Somera who wanted to win him back. They met together for a week near Solano. Bro. Somera was very angry for two days and shouted and would not listen. Then he began to see the truth and at the end of the week he left his church at Tayewg and is now working with the Church of God congregation at San Nicolas, Pangasinan. He is 29 years of age, single, and lives at San Nicolas, Pangasinan, now. He was baptized in July and has requested ministerial recognition.

**Insturo Magno** is 45 years of age, married, has one child in college. He was a preacher for the Church of God (Seventh Day), Salem, W. V. He was a friend of Bro. Somera. Bro. Somera talked to him and brought him over to the Church of God. Bro. Ortiguero has met and talked briefly with him, but he is a convert of Bro. Somera's. I asked if he was really converted and Bro. Ortiguero said, "Well, he is eating pork." These people are identical with us except on the law, the Sabbath, and the health laws they keep. He was put out of the Church of God (Seventh Day) for his change in belief and now helps Bro. Somera at San Nicolas. He was trained by correspondence from Salem, W. V. He is a man who spent several years in the army and speaks good English, Tagalog, Ilacono, Bicol, Pangasinan, and several other dialects. He is a good preacher and worker.

**Crispin Callawagen** is a recent convert of Bro. Ortiguero, who will preach at Taluk, Mountain Province. We do not have statistics on him, nor his minister's application form. He does not speak or write English, so Bro. Ortiguero will have to fill out his form for him later.

**Mrs. Rizalina Aguinaldo,** 27, is a sister of Bro. Gabanes. She is a widow with two children. She is a musician, teaches music, leads music, and also teaches children, and trains teachers. Bro. Ortiguero believes she is necessary to the work to be a children's worker.

After they had told me about themselves and the workers, I went over the statements of faith with them point by point. I had found nothing in the written statements to question, except possibly Bro. Ortiguero's reference to Satan being tormented forever and ever. I thought it best to note each point, however, and ask them about specific matters to see how deep their understanding might be.

Some of the points made were that God is a real being, corporeal; all the Bible is true but it must be rightly divided and it must be remembered who the speaker is and the context; all must be baptized after believing

this gospel (there can be no "restoring" as in the Church of Christ); regeneration means that one becomes a new creature. Bro. Ortiguero stated that these things are the gospel and one must believe them to be saved. He would require study and oral confession before baptism. He thinks there should be elders, deacons, deaconesses in the church; is careful about qualifications for elders.

Bros. Ortiguero and Gabanes state that others believe the same and that before baptism or recognition for license, they will assure themselves that these doctrines are accepted. They do not want a weak organization in the Philippines.

After this examination, I agreed that they should be baptized and recognized as licensed ministers of the Church of God. After an early morning baptismal service, I gave the license certificates on behalf of the License and Ordination Committee. We then had a worship service. (Bro. Ortiguero had arranged a pulpit and brought song sheets. He opened the service and led two hymns. Bro. Gabanes gave the prayer. I gave the Scripture reading, preached on the Kingdom, and asked for questions. They asked about the time of tribulation; whether the wicked would live on into the Millennium; about branches and tree in Romans 11. Previously we had discussed the rich man and Lazarus, the thief on the cross—which troubled them. Their questions show they are students. They sang two duets. Music is important to their services and they quoted Ephesians 5:19 in support. They seemed careful to use only Biblical terms and services.)

Later we continued our discussions, now centering on the work and its organization, and its future and needs. "How many congregations are there? Where are they? Who will be the leaders? How many members in each? Do they have a building? Where will the other workers go?"

**Quezon, Isabela.** Has a building and parsonage. The town has about 2,000 people. It is very poor. The church is bamboo with thatched roof and dirt floor. The lot was given by the mayor. The building is a remodeled house purchased for P300 (\$100). The attendance is 40-50 in the morning; 40-60 in the evening. There is a weekday children's service with 15 in attendance. They are farm people, of which about two thirds are women. There is much drinking in the barrios (villages). They speak Ilacono, though some can speak English. The men and women sit separately in church. Bro. Sibayan will be the pastor here. Eighteen members have been baptized since July.

**Abut, Isabela,** is about four miles from Quezon. It is a small village. There is no pastor, but Bro. Sibayan will take care of the work until they can find a leader. They have a building. They are farm people, mostly women. Twenty-one members have been baptized here.

**San Nicolas, Pangasinan.** Bro. Santiago Somera will preach here. There are 18 baptized members. Many are relatives of Bro. Ortiguero. Each church has three services each Sunday. Attendance averages 38-40 for each service. They rent a building and own no property.

**Bannawag, Tobuk, Mountain Province.** Crispin Callawagen will be the preacher here. This church owns a lot. They have a membership of 12 baptized members. Attendance averages about 20.



**Solano, Vizcaya.** Bro. Gabanes will work here. There is no church here now, but there are many contacts.

**Manila.** There is no church here, but many contacts. There are seven families. Bro. Magno will try to start a work here.

**Urdaneta, Pangasinan,** is the crossroads of the Island. Bro. Ortiguero will live here, start work here, and work out from here. It is a large city.

"What support do you recommend for the workers?"

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| Bro. Sibayan P150   | \$50.00  |
| Bro. Somera P150    | 50.00    |
| Bro. Calawagon P150 | 50.00    |
| Bro. Gabanes P250   | 85.00    |
| Bro. Magno P250     | 85.00    |
| Bro. Ortiguero P300 | 100.00   |
| Sr. Aquinaldo P150  | 50.00    |
|                     | \$470.00 |

"What are your equipment needs?" A truck or jeep, sound system and generator for outdoor meetings, a typewriter (the most urgent need now).

"Could you use American workers in this mission? Would you welcome American visitors?" Yes, we could use workers and would welcome visitors. We would like to have nurses, teachers, preachers. It would show that it is not just a local work.

"Can you use literature?" Yes, we can use *Heralds*, *Journals*, tracts, English Bibles for preachers, *Systematic Theologies* for preachers, 15 children's quarterlies each quarter to Mrs. Aquinaldo, concordances for study.

"Would you be willing to visit the United States churches?" Yes, we would like to come to Conference, visit the churches and Oregon Bible College.

"What about the future training of workers?" We plan to continue as we have been. We will have ministers' conferences. We would like to see a Philippine Bible School in the future. Bro. Gabanes especially likes such an idea. There might be young Filipinos who could attend Oregon Bible College.

"Will these people do all possible to support their work?" They have not been taught to give, but we are now teaching tithing. They know that American churches will not always support them, and they need to prepare for aid to stop. They will do all possible to make self-supporting work as they go along.

There is a need for used clothing here. The people are small, and lightweight summer clothing is required. I have no doubt of their poverty and their need. Bro. Ortiguero does not believe in using clothing as an enticement to conversion, but only as a way to fill great need as a Christian act.

We wish to give God the praise for this work. He was there when we did not know there was such a place. He opened the door, and provided the means, and made possible this contact. Our part was simply to react to the opportunity that God provided and try to do as the Lord led.

In its meetings after the General Conference business sessions, the Board of Directors of the General Conference, with the Mission Board, decided to begin immediately to send assistance to Bro. Ortiguero, at the rate of \$100 per month, and to undertake assistance for the other workers as pledges of support for this work are received from Sunday

schools, mission societies, individuals, and other groups. A total of \$470 per month pastoral assistance was approved for this work and was included in the adopted budget of \$50,550.

## A BRIEF STATEMENT OF MY BELIEFS

By Pastor Eleodoro S. Ortiguero

1. **GOD.** There is only one God (Eph. 4:6; 1 Cor. 8:6); no other God beside Him (Deut. 4:35; Isa. 44:6-8); Omnipotent (Matt. 19:26); because He created the universe (Isa. 44:24); God is immortal (1 Tim. 1:17); eternal (Psa. 90:2); Omnipresent (Jer. 23:24); Omniscient (Prov. 15:3); and just (Psa. 119:137).

2. **JESUS.** Jesus is not God but man (John 8:40); the "only begotten Son" of God (John 3:16); born of Mary by the will of God (Luke 1:30-35). He is Christ, the Messiah (John 4:25, 26); the Saviour of mankind (1 John 4:14; Acts 4:12); a mediator between God and men (1 Tim. 2:5); and our Judge (Acts 10:39-42). He did not pre-exist before His birth, for He is a seed of Abraham (Gal 3:16); and of David (Rev. 22:16; Matt. 1:1).

3. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Holy Spirit is the power of God, manifest in creation (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13); in the birth of Jesus (Matt. 1:18-25); in the power of the apostles (Acts 1:8); and in the lives of those consecrated children of God (John 14:26). The Holy Spirit is not a person, but the influence of God.

4. **MAN.** Man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26, 27); but fell into sin (Gen. 3); a fallen creature (Rom. 3:10; 6:23); and in need of redemption. Man is mortal (Rom. 5:12). Only those in Christ will be made immortal by resurrection or by translation (1 Cor. 15:51-53). In death a man is unconscious (Psa. 146:4; 115:17); not a part is alive (Ecl. 9:5, 6). The soul is the man himself (Gen. 2:7); and he is mortal (Ezek. 18:4). The spirit of man is the man's own breath (Job 27:3).

5. **RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.** Taught by Christ (Luke 20:37, 38); preached by the apostles (Acts 4:1, 2; 17:13; 26:8). Christ's own resurrection is a guarantee of ours (1 Cor. 15:12-16). There are two separate resurrections. The first resurrection is for those in Christ (1 Thess. 4:13-17). The second resurrection is for the wicked, after the Millennium (Rev. 20:4-6).

6. **THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** The Kingdom of God is still future (Dan. 2:44); but it is now near (Luke 21:31, 32). Only it is not for us to know (Acts 1:6, 7); it will be in the second coming of Christ (Matt. 25:31). It will be set upon the earth (Psa. 72:8; Matt. 5:5; Rev. 5:10); Christ will be its King (Isa. 9:6, 7; Luke 1:32); and shall reign the thousand years (Rev. 20:4-6). In the Kingdom of God there is a perfect peace, peace among nations (Isa. 2:3, 4); peace between man and beast (Isa. 11:6-9). No more sickness (Isa. 35:3-6; 33:24); and no more death (Rev. 21:4).

7. **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.** Promised by Christ (John 14:1-5); and by two men (Acts 1:10, 11). He will come lit-

erally and personally (Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thess. 4:16). He will come visibly (Matt. 26:64; Rev. 1:7); and expectedly (1 Thess. 5:2). He will come to establish His Kingdom and reign (Ezek. 21:25-27; Matt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:2); to raise the dead (John 5:28, 29; 1 Cor. 15:22, 23; 1 Thess. 4:16); to reward His servants (Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 5:4); and to judge the world (2 Tim. 4:1; Jude 14, 15).

8. **THE CHURCH OF GOD.** The church is a group of people called out of darkness into the marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9, 10); people taken out for God's name (Acts 15:14); and he called by the name of God (Acts 15:17, 18). Christ kept the church in His Father's name (John 17:12). Christ built the church (Matt. 16:18); began at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47); where the promised of the Father (Luke 24:49) was given in the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). Christ is the Head of the church (Col. 1:18). He purchased it with His own blood (Acts 20:28); and sanctified it (1 Cor. 1:2). It is the church which is in Christ (1 Thess. 2:14); and that He will save it (Eph. 5:23). All the saved shall be added to the church (Acts 2:47).

## 9. GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION.

1. **Faith.** Faith is the substance of things hoped for (Heb. 11:1). Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17). Faith in the gospel (Mark 1:15); and in Christ (John 3:16). Faith pleases God (Heb. 11:6). Faith saves us (Acts 16:30, 31); but a faith with works (Jas. 2:14-26).

2. **Repentance.** Repentance is a command (Acts 17:30). No repentance, no salvation (Luke 13:3). Godly sorrow of our sins worketh repentance (2 Cor. 7:10).

3. **Baptism.** Baptism is a command (Acts 22:16); for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38); to put on Christ (Gal. 3:27); to enter us to the Kingdom of God (John 3:1-5); and for our salvation (Mark 16:16). Much water is needed (John 3:23); and by immersion (Rom. 6:1-9; Col. 2:11, 13). Infants are excluded, because baptism needs belief (Mark 16:16); and a repentance (Acts 2:38). Infants cannot believe and repent.

10. **TITHING.** God owns everything we have, our real estate (Psa. 24:1); our animals (Psa. 50:10); and our money (Hag. 2:8). We should remember God who gives them to us (Deut. 8:18); and use them to honor God (Prov. 3:9, 10); by giving the tenth of them (Mal. 3:10).

If part of this statement of my beliefs have gone beyond the truth, I will be very grateful if you can guide me to it through the Word of God.



A calesa, one of the means of transportation in the Philippines

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the Church of God General Conference

As Amended and Adopted, 1961

## 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 with-

out 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 directors 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; endeavouring 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 Executive Secretary 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.

## CHURCH OF GOD RADIO BROADCASTS

- "Bible Truth Program," Station WJRI, Le-noir, N. C., Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Z. B. Duncan, speaker
- "Bible Truth Program," Station WCGC, Belmont, N. C., 12:45 p.m., Sunday, Z. B. Duncan, speaker
- Church of God Broadcast, Station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill., 6:30 p.m., Saturday, John Lewis, speaker
- "Voice of Truth," Station KOOL, 960 kc., Phoenix, Ariz., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. Walter Wiggins, speaker
- "Words of Life," Station WFPR, 1400 kc., Hammond, La., Sunday, 8:00 a.m. James Mattison, Gordon Landry, Richard Dick, speakers
- "Words of Life," Station WRRR, 1330 kc., Rockford, Ill., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. K. Milne, speaker
- "Words of Life," Station WKAI, 1510 kc., Macomb, Ill., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. K. Milne
- "Voice of Truth," Station WOOD, 1300 kc., Grand Rapids, Mich., Sunday, 8:15 a.m. H. U. Krogh, Jr., speaker
- "Words of Life," Station KBHS, Sunday, Hot Springs, Ark., Kenneth Milne speaker
- "Voice of Tomorrow," Station WSIG, 790 kc., Mt. Jackson, Va., Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Dale Ward, speaker

# General Conference Progress

## SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS

Bro. Stanley Ross has assumed his new duties as Superintendent of Missions for the Church of God General Conference. Included in the area of his responsibility will be the many home and foreign mission projects of the Church of God General Conference. Bro. Ross will supervise the pastoral aid program, the Mission Builder's League, the establishment and support of mission stations, and plan the forward motion of the General Conference into new fields for the preaching of the truth. Bros. Ross and Doan will also share in field work, keeping contact with the churches and state conferences and assisting wherever possible in the expansion of the Lord's work.

## NEW MISSION BOARD

The Mission Board, which will continue to work with the General Conference in an advisory capacity, now in co-operation with Bro. Ross, consists of the following members: Warren Sorenson, president; Timothy Pearson, vice president; Ada Simpson, secretary-treasurer. Contributions for the work of the mission departments of the General Conference can be sent to Mrs. Ada Simpson, 1018 Cass Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich., or directly to the General Conference office. The Mission Board has performed invaluable, sacrificial service in studying the various problems and opportunities of the General Conference in mission work and making recommendations to the Board of Directors.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Officers of the Sunday School Department are: Paul Overholser, president; Edgar Harvey, vice president; Leota Foster, secretary; and Willis Turner, treasurer. Every Sunday school is urged to become a member of the National Sunday School Department with the payment of \$5.00 annual dues to the treasurer, Willis Turner, 604 Webster, Oregon, Ill.

The Sunday School Department was in charge of an interesting day on Monday of General Conference, and performs many services for the Sunday schools during the year. Its monthly publication, "Go Ye," is sent to all Church of God Sunday school superintendents. If you do not receive copies, notify secretary, Leota Foster, 103 Colrain, S.W., Grand Rapids, Mich.

## OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Education and the License and Ordination Committee continue to give sacrificial service to the General Conference in their fields, helping greatly in the progress of the Conference work. Two new boards will soon be appointed: an Arbitration and Counseling Board, and a Publication Board. As the General Conference moves forward, it depends upon volunteer services of its faithful leaders in many fields, and it thanks all those who give their time and talent in this service.

## CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE FINANCIAL PICTURE

September is the last month in the current fiscal year. October 1 will begin a new fiscal year, guided by the new goal for giving which was approved without dissent by the delegates to the 1961 General Conference.

The financial picture at this moment, as we draw to the close of the present fiscal year, is rather cloudy. Last year a goal of \$42,860 in contributions was approved by the Conference delegates. Work was undertaken in conformity with this approved estimate of income and expense. To date, \$33,100.39 of this amount has been received in contributions. This means, of course, that to meet our goal for this year, \$9,759.61 must be received this month.

In view of the fact that the delegates at the 1961 General Conference, faced with even greater opportunities to reach out with the gospel, set a goal for giving of \$50,550 for the year to begin in October. It is necessary that we reach our goal this year so that we will not start the new year with a deficit.

The term "budget" is a cold term—but it means something definite and concrete to those who work with it. It represents salaries to workers who teach, preach, print, maintain Conference facilities, answer mail, keep books, cook meals, write literature, and perform uncounted other services. It represents subsidies to smaller churches, facilities and materials for the training of ministers and teachers, supplies for the printing of literature. It represents funds to maintain missionaries, a bus, and literature for foreign fields. Because we cannot list every use of the funds, we simply speak of "the budget," or the goals for giving.

Your contributions become work, sermons, articles, tracts, books, Heralds, and students when they are used by your General Conference.

We commend you for your faithful giving, and lay before you opportunities to extend your influence to all the world with your gifts.

## NEW CONFERENCE NAME

The new Constitution and By-Laws are now in effect and this means that the corporate name of the General Conference has been changed. The name "National Bible Institution" is no longer valid.

All correspondence, checks, legal papers, wills, insurance papers, deeds, etc., should now be made out in the name of "Church of God General Conference." This is now the legal name of the organization, recognized by the Secretary of the State of Illinois, and by the Department of Internal Revenue, Washington, D.C.

The various departments of the Church of God General Conference also have distinguishing names for the purpose of promotion and identity in the bookkeeping system. None of these is a legal corporation, however, and all are simply divisions of the corporation, which is Church of God General Conference.

The names of the various departments will be used to identify them and separate them in their work. They are: Oregon Bible College; The Restitution Herald (printing and publishing); Berean Youth Fellowship; Department of Missions; and General Services. Checks can be made out specifically for one department, but in most cases we would prefer that checks be made out to Church of God General Conference, with a special designation of the department, if necessary, on the corner of the check.

Letters can be addressed to a specific department (all receive mail at Box 231, Oregon, Ill.), or simply to Church of God General Conference and they will be assigned the proper department after they are opened, or a line may be added on the address: "Attention: naming the specific department."

While this may seem confusing at the moment, it will simplify the organization in the end. The name Church of God General Conference will become a witness in itself, and let the light of the Church of God shine out, rather than being hidden in its neutral former title.

## GOAL FOR GIVING FOR 1960 - 1961

October 1, 1960 - September 30, 1961

**\$42,860.00**

*Given through August 24* \$33,100.39

*Balance to be given by September 30* 9,759.61

*Received in July and August* 6,738.06

**Goal for September \$9,759.61**

# CHURCH NEWS AND PROGRESS

## CHURCHES SEEKING PASTORS

Blanchard, Mich., Church of God desires the services of a pastor after September 1. Applicants should write Mrs. Lyle Walkington, Rt. 2, Blanchard, Mich.

The Fonthill, Ont., Church of God has a vacant pastorate available September 1, 1961. Please send applications to D. D. Elliott, Box 13, Fonthill, Ont., Canada.

## PASTORS AVAILABLE

Pastor Richard Worley has resigned as Texas State Evangelist and will be available for a pastorate September 1. His address is: P.O. Box 57, Gatesville, Texas.

Bro. Roy Humphreys, Rt. 1, Royal, Ark., will be available for a pastorate after September 1, 1961.

Pastor Arnold Johns has resigned his pastorate of the Casey and Marshall, Illinois, Churches of God and will be available for another pastorate September 1. His address is: 107 W. Main, Casey, Ill.

Pastor Harry Payne, 1743 Rose Ave., Compton, Calif., will be available for a Church of God pastorate after September 1, 1961.

Ted Armes, Oregon Bible College, Oregon, Ill., will be available for a pastorate September 1.

## PASTORAL CHANGE

Bro. Gerald Cooper has accepted the call of the Los Angeles Church, and will begin his pastorate there in September.

## ATTENTION, PASTORS!

Remember to send your church bulletins and items of interest to pastors to Pastor Delbert Jones, 628 William St., Pomona, Calif., for inclusion in the quarterly paper for ministers that is being planned.

## SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

It was with regret that the San Jose Church of God accepted the resignation of Bro. Gerald Cooper. Bro. Cooper has served as our pastor for six years, during which time both our membership and regular attendance have grown. Our prayers for God's blessing go with Bro. Cooper as he continues his service for the Lord.

Bro. Russell Magaw has accepted the call to become pastor of the San Jose Church. We are looking forward to working with Bro. and Sr. Magaw and pray we may be worthy of God's continued blessings.

Leona Strickland, Secretary.

## BURR OAK MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Since June 3, 1960, we have collected 39 dime banks, a total of \$195.00. A contribution of \$80.00 to the national Conference work, and \$25.00 to the State was given. We have answered two appeals to the Mission Builder's League, bought and placed two of Bro. Alva Huffer's "Systematic Theology," in local libraries. The missionary group conducted a Bible school at North Salem, and paid for part of the material used. We sent two barrels of used clothing to Nova Scotia, and gave baskets of cheer to a needy family last Christmas. A transportation program is under way to provide a way for folks not attending church elsewhere.

Mrs. Marguerite White, Sec.-Treas.



## MAPLE GROVE CHURCH EXPANSION

The Maple Grove Church of God at Lawrenceville, Ohio, is in the process of an expansion program. The church building is being greatly enlarged and remodeled to accommodate the growing Sunday school and church membership. The new wing being added now is pictured above. Richard Smith is pastor here.

## EDEN VALLEY NEWS

There will be several changes in Minnesota this year. Bro. Delbert Jones will move to Pomona, Calif., and Bro. Ellsworth Routson will go to the Heeter Church. Bro. Terry Ferrell of Los Angeles will come to the Eden Valley Church.

Venation Bible school, under the supervision of Sr. Ellsworth Routson, concluded Friday, June 23, 1961, with a program. There was an average attendance of 54, with 35 having perfect attendance. Eleven teachers and assistants were present each day to make this program a success.

Bible camp for the junior group convened at the Long Lake Island Camp, July 10, 1961, with 30 attending. The senior group entered July 16 with 40 enrolled. Camp dean was Bro. Emory Macy of Litchfield. Teachers and advisers were Bros. Delbert Jones of Hector, and Ellsworth Routson of Eden Valley. The Minnesota people are proud of this beautiful camp, and are steadily improving it.

Mrs. Earl Brossard, Secretary.

## INDIANA STATE CONFERENCE

Indiana State Conference, again held at Camp Mack, June 18-24, 1961, was larger this year than last, according to Sr. Austin Railton's meal count. Although the weather was unseasonably cool, nearly seventy campers were there throughout the week, with others driving to the camp daily for the classes and activities.

Following the theme of "Life in the Philippine Islands," the youth banquet included lavish decorations in the dining hall and tables, waitresses in "mu-mus" and wearing flowers in their hair, and special entertainment.

Friday night's service was "decision night," and four boys accepted the invitation. Saturday a business meeting was held, and concluded the successful conference.

Marjorie Overmyer, Secretary.

## NOW AT ATTICA, KANSAS

Mrs. Hazel Blanch Millard has now returned to her home at Attica, Kansas, from Larned, Kansas. She expresses her thanks for the cards and remembrances she received from others in Christ while she was at Larned.

## ADDITIONS TO HISTORICAL LIBRARY

Bro. Paul Hatch extends his thanks to those who generously contributed to help him travel to the eastern states in historical research, and to those in the many places where he stopped who extended him hospitality.

We wish to thank Sr. Ruth Halls, Cleveland, Ohio, for the contribution of many books, pamphlets, tracts, booklets, and other historical materials for the Historical Library.

We also thank Sr. Fairy Lyon, Cleveland, Ohio; Sr. James Patrick, Ashland, Ohio; Bro. Milton Hall, Fonthill, Ont.; Berkshire Christian College, Lennox, Mass.; Bro. William Hanson, Caledonia, Mich.; Sr. James Powell and her sisters, Rankin, Texas; and Mrs. Jeffries and Reeves, Texas, for their contributions of historical books and pictures for the library.

These works are being read and cataloged, and will be the basis of a Church of God written history.

## LOUISIANA STATE CONFERENCE PURCHASES PROPERTY

The Louisiana State Conference has purchased ten acres of property along Blood River as a site for a camp and conference grounds. Details of plans to clear the land, build a road and bridge, and construct buildings are now under consideration by the conference.

## FAITH CHAPEL, PEORIA, ILLINOIS

On June 11, 1961, Thomas and Ann Ellis came forward and confessed their need for Christ. That afternoon, they were immersed and acknowledged Christ as their Saviour. We are thankful and happy that this couple has found the Lord. We pray for God's blessing upon them.

The senior young people bought paint for the outside of the church. Bro. Robbins and some of the young people have painted the church. It looks like a new building now.

Hilda Kump, Secretary.

## MOOREFIELD, NEBRASKA NEWS

On Sunday afternoon, June 25, 1961, a Communion service was conducted. The new members, Colleen and Vickie Cross, partook in the services. They presented themselves to Christ June 18, at the Holbrook Church.

A business meeting was held and called to order by Bro. V. E. Kirkpatrick. An election of new officers was voted. The elders are Vern Todd and Gordon Cross; the deacons, Ed Herbert and Clay Warner; the deaconesses, May Todd and Gladys Cross; the treasurer, May Todd, and secretary, Dessu Warner; the pianist, Gladys Stedman. The meeting was closed with a prayer. Our Sunday school attendance has been good through the summer.

We enjoyed the service Bro. and Sr. C. E. Lapp, son Jon, and the Gospellette Team gave July 21. Members and pastor from Holbrook Church and families from other places enjoyed the services.

The young people of our church held a service last Sunday evening as our pastor was not able to be here. They had special music, solos, duets, and choruses. Then sermonettes were given, a Scripture reading, and a prayer. It was enjoyed by everyone. Congratulations to all that took part, and also to their leader, Gordon Cross. We want to encourage them in their work for the Lord. God bless them.

Dessu Warner, Secretary.

## ARKANSAS-OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

The Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference convened Friday morning, June 23, 1961, at Brookland, Ark. Friday afternoon most of the people attended a funeral; however, some remained for an enjoyable Bible lesson taught by Bro. Alan McLain.

Sunday, Bro. W. R. Simmons and wife received sad news. Sr. Simmons' youngest brother had been fatally injured.

The officers remain as they were last year: Ernest Cox, president; Eddie Mathews, vice president; Blanch Hayse, treasurer; Ethel Humphreys, secretary. Our new evangelist is Bro. John Humphreys.

We had a wonderful conference with good services each morning and afternoon and business meeting Saturday afternoon.

We had two young people come forward for baptism. Let us pray for our conference in the coming year. If it is God's will, the conference will be at Royal, Ark., about 12 miles west of Hot Springs, on Highway 270. Ethel Humphreys, Secretary.

## CLEVELAND, ARKANSAS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bradford and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Henley, all of the Cleveland Church of God, attended the Arkansas-Oklahoma Conference near Paris, Arkansas, June 24, 1961. They had a nice day hearing God's Word and seeing old friends. We only wish that more from the church could have been able to attend the conference.

## NEW CHURCH IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

A new work of the Church of God has been organized in the Phoenix, Ariz., area near Tempe. A group of approximately 20 members met July 27, 1961, to begin preparatory work for this evangelistic effort.

Temporary officers, all of Phoenix, are as follows: Mrs. Dennis Hudson, 4601 W. Verde Lane, chairman; Mrs. Clarence E. Bunch, 2471 E. Almeria Rd., secretary; Mrs. Don Hudson, 1026 N. 29th Dr., treasurer; Dennis Hudson, 4601 W. Verde Lane, Site Committee Chairman; Don Hudson, 1026 N. 29th Dr., Constitution Committee Chairman.

This group is starting from the ground up and will be a work of faith. Your prayers and support will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Clarence E. Bunch, Secretary.

## COLLEGE TRIO COMPLETES TRIP

On June 18, 1961, the Gospettes, girls' trio at Oregon Bible College, left Oregon, Ill., in company with Bro. and Sr. C. E. Lapp, and their son, Jon. It was the beginning of a trip that was to cross over 16 states and extend 9,258 miles. During the 36 days of travel we conducted 23 scheduled services, besides contacting a number of isolated members. Our brethren along the way provided food and lodging, and we received freewill offerings which paid our traveling expenses. Everywhere we went, we were graciously received by our brethren, and we will long remember the many times of rich fellowship enjoyed with them. In addition to fellowship with our brethren, we feasted upon the beauties of God's creation all along the way.

Our trip took us to the following churches: Peoria and Eldorado, Ill.; Fredericktown and Jordan, Mo.; Little Rock, Ark.; Happy Woods, Blood River, and Baton Rouge, La.; Harlingen, Tex.; Tempe, Ariz.; Pomona and San Jose, Calif.; Corvallis, Ore.; Washington State Bible Camp, Cashmere, Wash.; Denver, Colo.; Chappell, Moorefield, and Omaha, Neb.; then home. We conducted at least one service

in each of these places—in some places, more. The Gospettes sang from four to eight songs and Bro. Lapp presented the message.

Other members contacted were Sr. Verna Thayer and the McIntyrs, at Greenbrier, Ark.; Bro. and Sr. Milo Magaw in New Orleans, La.; Bro. and Sr. Jerry Reeves at Roswell, N. M.; Sr. Reeves, Jerry's mother, at Loving, N. M.; Sr. Elaine Cripe and family at Burbank, Calif.; Bro. and Sr. Howard Moore, Trinidad, Calif.; Sr. Ida Lapp, Samsville, Wash.; and Bro. and Sr. Larry Miller, and son Gary at Grand Lake, Colo.

Our primary objectives in making the trip were: 1) to be a good witness for our Lord by distributing tracts and Heralds, and by letting our lights shine along the way; 2) to endeavor to bring a message in word and song that would present the need of Christian education to our churches, and especially to our young people.

Our prayer is that we have been a blessing, and that God may use our testimony in some way to bring others into a closer fellowship of service with Him. We sincerely thank God for His care upon the highways, for the many prayers of our brethren, for the God-given privilege to make such a trip, and for the tie that binds our hearts together in Christ Jesus.

## Recordings Made

Many folks along the way asked if we had any records of the Gospettes. We had to say, "No," but since there seemed to be a desire for such, a record is now being made. The record, a 12 in. LP of 33 rpm, contains eleven beautiful songs sung by the Gospettes on the trip. The first cut will be the greatest in price, so the more records sold, the cheaper the over-all price will be. As soon as it is completed, an announcement will be made in the Progress Journal so that you can secure a copy for your own.

C. E. Lapp, Dean  
Oregon Bible College

## RIPLEY MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The following is a report of the Ripley Missionary Society for the fiscal year, May 1, 1960, to May 1, 1961.

We sent to the national work our pledge of \$10 per month, which totaled \$120. During the year, we sent a special offering of \$25 to the General Conference of the Churches of God. We paid \$5 membership dues. We paid \$14.75 freight on clothing sent to Nova Scotia. We also made a \$5 contribution to the Salvation Army for the purchase of Bibles.

We pray that each year we may be able to do more for the Lord.

Helen Lewis, Secretary.

## BAPTISM AT BLOOD RIVER, LA.

We were all made glad July 15, 1961, when Mrs. Helen Kemp came forward for baptism. We went immediately to Blood River and baptized Helen in the name of Christ for the remission of her sins. May the Lord's richest blessing be on her from now on to give her strength.

James Mattison, Pastor.

## BAPTISM IN CALIFORNIA

It was our privilege to assist Bro. Terry Menesez in putting on Christ by baptism on July 2, 1961. The service was conducted at Bro. John Taylor's pool near Fontana, Calif. Terry resides at 1541 West Orange Grove, Pomona, Calif., and has become a member of the new Ontario, Calif., Church of God. We welcome this fine young man into the household of faith and know that he will be a blessing to us.

William Dick, Pastor.

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they sang the day they were baptized. Each one also gave a testimony. There were fifteen in the group who either live in Nova Scotia or have worked in the church there. Bro. John Denchfield reported good attendance at three Bible schools held in Digby and vicinity. Someone asked what containers are best to ship clothing in. He stated that the barrels come through in the best shape. Although no clothing has been lost from paper cartons, they sometimes are broken open. He advised that paper cartons be well roped. One missionary group reported that they send clothing in duffle bags which can be sent back and re-used. Bro. Denchfield thought this was a good idea and promised to return the bags.

A short time was given for reports from local missionary and Doreas societies but, due to more pressing business, not all had a chance to give their reports. It is hoped they can be printed in future Progress Journals. A letter from Orville Westlund was read, in which he told of his work as a chaplain in the Navy.

Bro. Emory Maey made a report on a trip he had been commissioned to make into Canada to contact persons who have written to the General Conference for information. On this trip he distributed one hundred Restitution Heralds and several hundred tracts in four provinces. He found it works well to roll these in Saran Wrap which protects them from dirt and water.

The Missionary Board welcomes Bro. S. O. Ross as Superintendent of Missions and Bro. Warren Sorenson as President. We hope everyone will pray for us in the coming year. We feel the Lord has wonderfully blessed our church with many opportunities both at home and abroad. One thought expressed many times by delegates was that we must be diligent in our local field, diligent in the foreign field, but at the same time not forgetting to support all phases of our General Conference work.

## BAPTISMS AT LOS ANGELES

We are happy to announce the baptism of the following persons: Linda Howell, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Francis Howell, 2312 Neardiff St., Torrance, Calif., and Lorna Johns, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Robert Johns, 19839 Stagg St., Canoga Park, Calif. These young ladies made their decisions at the Southwest Youth Camp and were baptized at Los Angeles June 25, 1961.

Mrs. Mary C. Wright, a great-grandmother, of 2930 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach 6, Calif., and Mrs. Sherric Anne Hill of 9833-D San Luis, South Gate, Calif., were baptized at Los Angeles on August 6, 1961.

May God richly bless these newly baptized ones as they live each day for Him!

T. M. Ferrell, Pastor.

## BAPTISMS AT SOUTHLAWN CHURCH

We were happy to have Tim C. Palmer and Andy L. Palmer, sons of Bro. and Sr. Thomas Palmer, confess Christ at the close of the morning service on June 27, 1961. They were immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins on the following Sunday at the beginning of the morning service, and received the right hands of fellowship at the close of the service. We welcome these fine young men into the fellowship of the household of faith, and pray that their lives will be fruitful in Christian service. The family is moving in about a month and their new address will be 135-32nd St., S.E., Grand Rapids 8, Mich. Harvey U. Krogh, Jr., Pastor.

## BAPTISMS IN TEXAS

Bro. and Sr. Richard Worley had services in San Antonio, Texas, at the home of the John Holts in July. While there, they had three baptisms, immersing John Holt, Jim Smith, and Margie Graham in the saving name of Christ, on July 23, 1961. The Holts have been having services in their home for some time.

## BAPTISMS AT HOLBROOK, NEBRASKA

At the close of the services at Camp Merrill (Church of God Family Retreat) two young ladies came forward requesting baptism. Because there were no facilities for baptism at the camp, they and their parents and friends came to Holbrook Sunday evening, June 11, 1961, where they were immersed into Christ. We would like, then, at this time to introduce to the brotherhood at large, two new members of the Moorefield Church: Coleen (14) and Vickie (11) Cross, sisters who join their parents and an older sister in the faith. V. E. Kirkpatrick, Pastor.

## BAPTISMS AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

On July 9, 1961, Bill Mitchel and his wife, Neta, came forward and made known their decision to live for Christ and requested baptism. The Oak Grove Church group met at a lake near Little Rock, where this couple was immersed in the saving name of Christ by Bro. R. D. Stanton. Bro. John Humphreys assisted in the service.

The Oak Grove Church has new siding and the addition of rest rooms. The church building is being steadily improved as God blesses the work here. Mrs. R. D. Stanton, Reporter.

## BAPTISM AT NORTH SALEM

We are pleased to announce the baptism of Dale Reaker of the North Salem, Ind., Church of God. Dale expressed his desire to be baptized into the name of Christ, and was immersed Sunday afternoon, July 2, 1961. We welcome Dale into the membership of the North Salem Church and the Church of God. Warren Sorenson, Pastor.

## RICHARDSON - CAMBRE

Lucille Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Richardson, became the bride of Wilfred Cambre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cambre, of Metairie, in a beautiful ceremony at the Blood River Church of God at 7:30 p.m., on June 30, 1961. May the Lord bless you, Lucille and Wilfred, as you seek to establish a Christian home. James Mattison, Pastor.

## JAMES WILSON HUFFMAN

James Wilson Huffman, son of Samuel William and Martha (Vaughn) Huffman, was born April 16, 1874, and died August 1, 1961. He grew to manhood in the Bosworth community, and farmed there. He became a member of the Church of God at an early age.

Bro. Huffman was united in marriage to Eliza McGee. To this union four children were born. He was preceded in death by his wife and two daughters, Martha and Florence (Huffman) White. He is survived by two sons, Clifford of Chillicothe, Mo., and Samuel of St. Catherine, Mo.; one sister, Ruth Taggart of Independence, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. Donald Ward, Pastor.

## BAPTISMS AT TROY, OHIO

Linda Randall, daughter of Cebaine and Eunice Randall, made her decision to give her life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and was baptized by her father. She became the first member of the new Troy View Church of God by baptism.

Bill Schmidlapp was baptized on August 6, 1961, in Troy. He has been attending the services regularly since Troy View was organized and joins his wife, Carol Mae Schmidlapp, in the faith.

May God bless these newly baptized members of the body of Christ.

Curtis Simpson, Pastor

## SHAW - HAYSE

The Harlingen Church of God was the scene of an impressive wedding on Thursday night, July 27, 1961, at 8:00 p.m., when Miss Gloria Shaw became the bride of Mr. Robin Hayse. Gloria is the niece of Bro. and Sr. C. J. Shaw, her legal guardians, while Robin is the son of Bro. and Sr. John Hayse.

Candlelight and floral arrangements of white and blue composed the background for this lovely wedding. The bride was attended by Nina Jean Hayse, while the groom was attended by his brother, Allan Hayse. The ushers were Jimmy Lee Williams and Nathan Williams. Mrs. Wanda Eckerson sang, "Because," and "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Gockler.

Following the reception, the couple left on a short honeymoon trip. They will live in Oregon, Ill., where both are students at Oregon Bible College.

We pray the Lord's blessing on this fine couple as they begin a new life together, and continue their studies and labor in the Lord's service. Harry Gockler, Pastor.

## JOHN DIMMICK

John Dimmick, the youngest of four children, was born October 23, 1884, at Sacramento, Jewell County, Neb., and died June 26, 1961, at his home in Ogden, Utah. Surviving are his sister, Mrs. Ella Paxton, and many relatives and friends.

He was married to Sue Hughes, who preceded him in death on September 5, 1928, and was buried at Fort Morgan Cemetery. No children were born to this union. His brother, Charles, and sister, Emma, also preceded him in death.

Early in life, both John and his wife were baptized into Christ by Almus Adams, and remained members of the Church of God until their death.

On July 1, Bro. Dimmick was laid to rest in the beautiful Fort Morgan Cemetery, there to await the call of his Master at that glorious morning of the resurrection.

Words of comfort were read from God's Word at the graveside by the writer.

Roy G. Graham, Pastor.  
Denver, Colorado.

## JESSE ZECHIEL

Funeral services were conducted for Jesse Zechiel Wednesday afternoon, July 5, 1961, from the Burr Oak Church of God. Bro. Zechiel had been in ill health for several weeks, and had been in and out of the hospital a number of times. He fell asleep in death Sunday night, July 2, 1961, at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth, Ind. The writer delivered the message of hope and faith in the promises of the Word of God. Burial was in the Culver cemetery. Warren Sorenson, Pastor.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

September 29 - October 1—Louisiana State Conference, Blood River, La.

## KAUFFMAN - HASTINGS

Sharon Kauffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kauffman, West Milton, Ohio, became the bride of Ivan Hastings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hastings of the Lawrenceville, Ohio, community. The wedding took place at the Brush Creek Church of God near Tipp City, on Saturday, July 1, 1961, at 7:30 p.m. The wedding party included the two sisters of the bride, Carol and Marilyn.

A reception was held after the wedding in the basement social room of the church. Sharon is a member of the Brush Creek Church, and well known to the young people of the Church of God, having attended several youth conferences.

Ivan and Sharon will be at home at 1107 Skinner Lane, Springfield, Ohio. May God bless this union. Francis E. Burnett, Pastor.

## ELSIE ELEANOR REDFERN

Elsie Eleanor was born to John and Alice Story Johnson, April 3, 1901, at Arapahoe, Neb., and died July 9, 1961, at McCook, Neb. She attended school in Furnas County and taught one term of school at Bird City, Kan.

In August of 1948 she was immersed into Christ and placed her membership in the Church of God in Holbrook, remaining a faithful member to the time of her death. During a period of two years when branch services were held in McCook, she served as Sunday school treasurer.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, George; three sisters, Helen Holthous of McCook, Ruth Wilson of Danbury, Neb., and Irma Alsbury of St. Francis, Kan.; three brothers, Floyd Johnson of Oberlin, Kan., Chauncey Johnson of Encinitas, Calif., and R. P. Johnson of Arapahoe, Neb.; fifteen nieces and nephews, besides a host of other relatives and friends.

After services conducted July 12, 1961, from the First Christian Church of McCook by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the First Christian Church, she was laid to rest in Memorial Park Cemetery to await the awakening call of her Master.

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