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Q. Have you had any demon possessed people to jump at you in the meetings while you were preaching or your father... to come up to the pulpit and just grab you or anything like that?
A. I haven't been grabbed. I had stones thrown at me when I was preaching.

Q. What did you do in that situation?
A. Nothing.

Q. Nothing... just let them throw it?
A. Huh?

Q. You just let them...
A. I just knew that the Lord would protect me, everybody else got off the platform.

Q. Everyone else got off the platform?
A. Ahuh.

Q. Have you had any riots or any people picket your meetings like with signs or get out and hand out little pamphlets against your teachings?
A. Yeh, and one time... in the first meetings that were held right after I received the Baptism my relatives they a... they would come and people and cut off the lights, cut the electric wires and had these things done and a... try to disturb us and holler and yell and make noise.. I mean that has happened many, many times.

Q. How did you cope with that... just keep on going or...
A. Just kept on going.

Q. Did you a.. have you ever been shot at?
A. No.

Q. Okay, have you had a knife pulled on you?
A. Well,, in 19... in the Spring of 1928, and I was a girl... I was turning 30, and we held meetings and a.. when the meeting broke through... old timers know what that means...

Q. Yeh, I know wht that means, my mother has told me.. I haven't really seen anything so but I know what you mean.
A. And things really began to happen, you know... you have to work and sow the seed sometimes for a week or two or three and pretty soon then we would get a break. So there was a man said I had a medicated handkerchief and he'd seen me use it.. (laughs) that I put the people under the power with it.

Q. Yeh, like Kathryn Kuhlman knew what nerve to hit to make them fall... I've heard that one too.
A. Yeh.. so this was a grove meeting, with the brush arbor over the platform. And then the crowd stood way out there.

Q. How many attended do you know? Or estimate?
A. I don't know. They kept... keep growing until we got people about as far as we could see them grow and a.. we couldn't keep track of the people that were saved or received the Baptism or anything.
Anyway, this man said, "If she comes near me I've got a knife," and he says, "I'll stab her... if she comes anywhere near me. I don't want that medicated handkerchief used on me... and so a... during the sermon, I... of course, I didn't know a thing about it, I heard about it afterwards from another man that was sitting by him and he knew he had the knife. He was not a Christian and so during the sermon the Spirit just lifted me off of the platform and set me down.

Q. In the air?
A. Huh?

Q. In the air or?
A. No, just lifted me off. I didn't know I was off you know... and a... set me down and I went all through the congregation, danced in the Spirit,... I don't know what I did and then He brought me back up and set me on it again. That's happened a couple of times. One was a huge high platform, the Spirit just lifted me off and when I got back He lifted me up in the air...

Q. Were you ever... did you ever touch the ground?
A. I suppose so.

Q. You suppose so... because I've heard some have never touched the ground and just go all the way back...
A. Ahuh... I didn't know I had been off of it... and I danced in the Spirit and I was led by the Spirit around there and when I got to this man that was going to stab me, the Spirit just led me along far enough to where he couldn't reach me... and this other man that told me about it knew he was going and had this knife and he was frightened for fear I would get too near him and when he saw what the Spirit did to me he got saved right then and there... (she laughs).

Q. Huh. Have you had any government people to ban your meetings... that you stopped?
A. Oh yeh. We had the sheriff come night after night (laughs)

Q. But you didn't stop?
A. (laughing) no.

Q. Just kept on going.
A. Oh we a... this was after the preaching of course, and they come to get the people who were in the Spirit... praying or praising the Lord and a... they led my little sister out. The sheriff and a bunch of deputies had come up because the neighbors would call at 10:00 o'clock and a... so a... sheriff came to my father and he said, "Mr. Green, is that your daughter? And he said yes, and he says, "Will you please stop her?" And my dad says oh, that's the Holy Spirit, she's praising the Lord, he says, I wouldn't dare to touch her but I won't resist the law and you can if you want too (laughs), and a... I'm telling you that sheriff came up there pale and he came up a number of times and finally they told them again, he says, " Those people were okay."
Q. Your meetings were loud then?
A. Huh?

Q. Your meetings got loud?
A. Well no, not particularly.

Q. Then after well...
A. Not as loud as they have now down at Victory Center.

Q. Oh yes, they do get loud. But back then you could get just a little bit loud and the neighbors would call?
A. Yeh, yeh.

Q. You know.. I've saw the films of Oral Roberts and his meetings, and those people were loud.
A. Ahuh.
Q. They were.
A. I've been to Oral Roberts meetings years and years ago... and the Lord can fill the years.

Q. When did you start your radio program?
A. January, 1930.

Q. 1930?
A. The first month of 1930.

Q. How much did it cost you then for the radio program?
A. Well... I was just their guest.

Q. Just a guest.
A. And a.. they.. I was holding meetings in Detroit and meetings really turned things upside down. They heard about it and then

Q. So you.. are you still on that station?
A. No. I've been on many stations since.

Q. How long was your broadcast? 30 minutes or...
A. Well, when they first invited me out they gave me all the time I wanted. And we had a program that was they called over the air the Old Time Religion program but this station owner was not a christian and a.. but he wanted to get some time to religion because that was the FCC Law that you had to give some time and so a.. he a.. he played records and a.. so he invited me out there in person and made an instant kill... I guess that was the first Christian ever to preach like that and a.. it went also all over the world then because there were no regulations on airwaves.

Q. After you started in January, how many other radio stations did you have?
A. Well, I didn't have any for several years.
Q. How many did you add after when you did start adding to your market?
A. Well, first of all I added one and right away I added another and a... and a.. then I began to get letters... this was before National Religious Broadcasters was formed... and a.. then I don't suppose I have been on more than ten at a time.

Q. How much did that cost your or you just get...?
A. Oh, no.. the only time that I had was the first one.

Q. First one...
A. That was before they had hardly any religious broadcasts in Detroit.

Q. So you did have to purchase time and?
A. Always.

Q. How.. what was your biggest bill... for your radio?
A. Well, I let it run up a couple of thousand... but you see I didn't ask for money. I've never asked for money on the air and I never have written a letter asking for money.

Q. And you ran at least... how come you started a.. when you took your program off the air, what did you do? Why did you take your program off the air or why did you quit?
A. You mean in Detroit when on the first station?
Q. Yeh.
A. I never quit it... anything.. but a .. this man offered me three hours free time on Sunday by remote control and that's just terrible I didn't take it, but my Presbyter told me to get out of Detroit if I wanted to stay in the Assemblies of God. (laughs).

Q. Alright, you mentioned on the phone that a.. you went to England and France.... could you tell me about how you got there, how you met David Du Plessis? And your experiences over there?
A. Yeh.. I was playing the piano for the North American Pentecostal Convention you know at those Conventions, I think your pastor was at one and so David was on the platform and he knew me an a.. a so he asked me to go abroad and hold healing meetings. I said, "Well, I just hadn't the money, and I said I wouldn't go just for a trip", cause I just don't take vacations and trips I need the money too bad for radio, but I said if the Lord provided it and so on, I'd go and he says, "Well, sister, if you believe that way, believe the Lord and you will go, and so I just kept this one on the back burner and after while the time begin to come and I said, "Lord, if you want me to go you will have to provide the way".. and He did.

Q. He did. Well, where was your first meeting in England?
A. Where?

Q. Auhh.
A. England. in London, in the suburbs of London.. I don't know whether they are suburbs or not... because I don't know London that well and a.. then I went up to a little town in Alsbury .. called Alsbury.
A... Cont'd.
I think that's north of London somewhere. I rode the train and I got an invitation up there and a... it was only the weekend.

Q. How long did you stay in England in your...?
A. Well, not very long.

Q. Not very long?
A. Ahuh, but our meetings... most of our meetings were service grants. In England, up in this little town of Alsbury we saw some miracles and you can't remember too much that takes place, but one was outstanding that I do remember.

Q. What happened?
A. Well, you know... a... in England and France a woman has to wear a hat and that you know was a novelty to me, but I a... after the morning service a man came up for prayer and his wife brought him and I don't think he could see much because he had a head about this big around... and he couldn't hear much if he could hear at all... it effected his eyes and brain and his hearing and a... I don't know if it was a tumor or I don't know what it was, but his head was like this and a... he couldn't wear a hat of course, and after the service he told us he could see to read his Bible and a... hear... and he could hear... and he went on home with this big head and everybody in England raises flowers... if they have an inch of space they raise flowers and a... that night when I came into the service as I walked up the aisle, why somebody reached out and grabbed me and here was this couple and they said they went out and sat in their flower garden and when the neighbors saw him they came running over and remarked what in the world was the matter with him and what had happened to him that his head had gone down. And he wore a hat to church that night, and they were so delighted! But I mean that was a quick, instant thing... I don't remember... I remember but other than that I don't remember... other than that I just can't remember.

Q. Do you know what year this is? Thereabouts?
A. 19... it's either '50 or '51.

Q. That's not too far back. A... did you do any a... while you were over there did you see Evan Roberts... he was in the Welch Revival... he died in 1951.
A. No, I didn't.

Q. You didn't know Evan Roberts?
A. Sure didn't.

Q. Do you know any information about him... do you?
A. Only from books.

Q. Only from books?
A. Ahuh.

Q. What do you think of that really?
A. Well, it must have been a move of the Holy Spirit you know... when things move and a... people and a... after all the secret of revival is conviction (laughs) it isn't coaxing people and making them big promises. If they turn their life over to the Lord they'll become financially successful either. It's conviction of the Holy Spirit that's the secret.
Q. What's your opinion of Evan Roberts? He a.. his revival was going strong and then he disappeared from the scene. He just quit preaching and went into confinement and prayed. Why do you think he did that?
A. Well, now, I read about him but I just don't remember every detail of that story so I don't know... as I could give you an opinion except that possibly he did what God wanted him to do. He wasn't really a preacher was he?

Q. Well, he was just a coal miner.
A. Yeh, and probably if he would have gone on preaching he would have made a failure. He did what God wanted him to do probably.

Q. That's one of the strangest things I've come across you know.. so you and live to be in 1951 and never heard nothing else about him except that incident in Wales.
A. Well, I don't think that's too unusual. You see, there are people who... go into the ministry and then fall away and fade out and some of them might be opportunists.

Q. Ahuh.
A. And a.. an opportunist person to gain fame, power or wealth... a.. that ... that kind of ministry is one that's on the sand.

Q. Ahuh. Azusa Street... What do you think of the Revival of Azusa Street?
A. Well, I wasn't born, but a.. I've read about it and I'm sure it was wonderful. I think that's the way it was in those early days because it was so new to people and in those days the more spiritual people were considered the Holiness people and they only went so far and drew the line and no farther... this tongues is of the devil and they based it on Corinthians 13.

Q. Ahuh, well... we've got some different people in the world. Did you ever see John Alexander Dowie from Zion, Illinois?
A. No, but we were at... were at a home... I think it was... maybe it was... at least a fragment of the homes he founded... let's see... what was that man's name... we stayed at a home for a little bit in Chicago when we were traveling... anyway it was... I think it might be up there in a continuation a.. maybe I'll think of that man's name because his name figures in real old time...

Q. Did you ever see a.. you mentioned to me on the phone that you saw Charles S. Price?
A. Yeh.

Q. What was he like.. what do you remember about him?
A. Well, I call him a prince of a preacher.

Q. Did he have many miracles?
A. No.

Q. How did he pray for the sick.. in a line?
A. Ahuh.
A. And a great many of them were slain.

Q. Great many slain?
A. Ahuh.

Q. Was there a lot of people slain in your meetings?
A. A... not like they are in the Hunters... and the Prices, but a... we've had many, many people slain.

Q. Did you ever see a... I mentioned... how about Gypsy Smith he was in American for several years... in the '40's.
A. Gypsy Smith wasn't Pentecostal.

Q. Oh, he wasn't.
A. And a... but I heard of him... and I think my parents talked about him too. I've forgotten whether I've seen him or not... but it seems like I've seen him, and if I didn't, I've seen the people that traveled around with him... it seems like I've seen him.

Q. Ahuh. How about Jack Coe? What do you remember of him?
A. Well, he was a big guy.

Q. Everybody says Jack Coe was a big guy.
A. (laughs... and a... he knew how to a... just conduct meetings I guess.

Q. You mentioned to me yesterday or when I talked to you on the phone... that he got off... at the end of his ministry.
A. Well, I better not say anything.

Q. Okay.
A. I don't want to say anything I shouldn't.

Q. Okay... A... how about A. A. Allen... did you see him?
A. Yeh.

Q. Did you like him? I've heard he got off at the end of his ministry?
A. He did.

Q. He did?
A. A... I... I hate to put anything on tape.

Q. Well, I'll just forget it...
A. But, I could tell you but don't want to.

Q. Okay, how about Gordon Lindsay? Did you see him?
A. Oh yeh, I knew them alright.

Q. What was Gordon Lindsay like?
A. Well, he was a good Bible student.
Q. Do you read all of his books?
A. We have a few, not a lot of them.

Q. Do you have a lot of his tapes?
A. No.

Q. Do you collect tapes or do you buy a lot of preaching tapes from ministries?
A. No.

Q. You don't. Do you buy their books?
A. We've bought some of their books and we have so many debts we don't collect them... I have a hard enough time collecting money enough to buy our own.

Q. ... how about Billy Sunday, did you ever see him? He goes back a ways.
A. When did he die?

Q. '20's, early '30's. Does that seem right?
A. Yeh. I don't believe I've ever seen him.

Q. Most of them set him to memory because of his acrobatic creature.
A. But I had been down along the lake and seen the Billy Sunday Tabernacle and they have a building now they call "Ma Sunday" something... his wife...

Q. You mentioned to me W. V. Grant? How did you.. what's your relation with him?
A. Well, I don't know him, but I did have an experience with him in a meeting and a... we a... you know read about him in the Voice of Healing and he came to Flint, Michigan and so I stopped to hear him on my way home from making a broadcast and a... I sat up near the front... at least I got up near the front to watch the altar service... and you know you like to see the people...

Q. Yes, and I am the same way. I want a front row seat or get as close as I can.
A. ... but I didn't know him and a... he walked by me and saw me and grabbed me by the arm and says, "Get in there.. in that room, cast the devils out of those people. A woman in there needs deliverance, get in there... cast the devils out of her.

Q. Just out of the audience he just came by and grabbed you?
A. Yeh... I didn't know him. No, I was standing up a... you know... like here's the altar and back by the first row or just in front of it... there ws crowds of people around there. He just... grabbed my arm commanded me to go into that room and cast out the devils of the people.

Q. Were you shocked that he did that?
A. Yeh. And a... so I went in there and a... prayed (laughs)... with somebody and I had to... he didn't tell me which one... I had to determine which one was the one he meant... and a...

Q. Was that all he ever said to you?
A. Yeh. Finally I came back out and he came back by and grabbed my arm again and said, "I told you to go in there"(laughing) and he says, and I said I did and he said, "My girl go in there and lay hands on the people and they will receive the Holy Spirit".
Q. Huh... sounds like Grant.
A. Have you ever seen him?

Q. I have heard him on tape that's the only thing... I think he's still living.
A. Oh, yeh... he's... he's still living.

Q. I know his son is on TV here in Tulsa.
A. Well, I don't know what made him do that unless he discerned that I was

Q. I've noticed in some of these ministers and ministries that they do strange things and we don't always understand but there has to be a purpose some place.
A. Oh yeh.. sure.

Q. I'm sure some of them just wouldn't go over and grab somebody. Because they may not even be a Christian... you know..
A. Well, he just took me by the arm and led me out there.

Q. Did you ever see O. L. Jaggers?
A. Ahuh.

Q. What did you think of him, what was he like?
A. He was in California .... when I was there in Los Angeles... and a...
    he went out even before that.

Q. Is he still living? Or in the ministry or?
A. I don't think he is.. I haven't heard him for years.

Q. Do you know...?
A. He gathered an awful lot of money from people and lost it.

Q. Okay. How about Tommy Hicks?
A. I don't... think I ever saw him. I do have an article at home that I've had for probably 30 years.. he told about a vision he had of America.. have you got that?

Q. No, I haven't... I was going to ask you if I could get a Xerox copy of that?
A. No, I should write a few things like that.

Q. I can make notes and give them to you and read it. How about William Freeman? You mentioned him the other day. What was he like in his good days?
A. Well, he was not a preacher like Price. But a.. I'm sure that he had to depend on the Lord you know... because he was an uneducated sixth grade teacher I think

Q. Sixth grade teacher?
A. Ahuh. And a... Lindsay's found him a little school house and he held his meetings in a little old country school house.. I think, and a.. but they saw healings take place so they did set him in a big place...they know how to do this I guess to get him going.... and healings did take place.
Q. How about Jack Moore?
A. Well, I didn't know him personally, I've seen him _____ and they were very good friends of Lindsays and they were more or less connected with their paper and I think Lindsays had a headquarters with him a little before they moved to Tulsa. I'm not sure.

Q. How about A. C. Valdez.
A. Valdez. Yeh, I've heard of him through the Voice of Healing but I didn't know him.

Q. Thomas Wyatt, did you know him?
A. I know of him, but I don't know him.

Q. How about Derrick Prince?
A. I've heard him, but I don't know him personally.

Q. Okay.
A. He's in Florida now conducting Shiloh.

Q. What about Kenneth Hagin. what do you think of him?
A. Well, evidently he must be doing a lot of good. (laughs)

Q. Do you agree to his teachings or have you listened to him or studied his...?
A. I think he's an extremely good Bible teacher and a... he might... I hate to tell you what I think.

Q. Okay, just forget it and you can tell me later if you like if not that's alright.
How about W. T. Jeffreys? Do you know him?
A. From England?

Q. Yes.
A. No. Yeh... I've known the Jeffrey Brothers... and I told you on the phone that I was prayed for by one of them in 1928... and I don't know whether it was W. T. or George. (laughs)

Q. I've just got a letter from him the other day from the headquarters. they are sending me some recordings of George Jeffrey preaching.
A. That could be the one that came to Springfield then.

Q. How about Mildred Wicks?
A. Mildred who?

Q. Wicks. W I C K S?
A. I don't know her.

Q. A... Gayla Jackson?
A. Was that... there was a Jackson with the Voice of Healing but a... Gil Jackson... that was a man. Gil.
Q. That might be it. Did you ever see him?
A. Yeh.

Q. What was he like?
A. I don't. I really didn't know him until I was ministered... see.. we used to go to Voice of Healing Conventions sometimes.

Q. How about P. C. Nelson. I don't know if I mentioned to you over the phone
A. Yeh, you did. I think I heard P. C. Nelson. He was a Bible teacher.

Q. He started in Southwestern Bible College... then it moved to Texas.
A. Texas. Yeh, we were engaged to go to Texas and teach many years ago and my daughter was struck by a car and it broke her beyond help.... earthly help and so we didn't go... as we planned... anyway she was just little girl but the Lord healed her.

Q. How about.. I think I mentioned Lang.. but how about E. W. Kenyon.
His books are being circulated did you ever see him?
A. No, but we have some of his books.

Q. How about Marie Woodworth Etter? Did you see her or was that before your time?
A. That was before my time but I have her book.. and a very close

Q. Tipton?
A. Down in Indianapolis?

Q. Yes, ahhuh.
A. Auhuh. Well, she just was an old lady then, quite an old lady.. course in those days when I was young it seemed to me that she was terribly old (laughs) but a... she must have been an old fashioned preacher and the people flocked. The Lord called her before the 1900's according to her book. You ought to read it.

Q. Yes, I've got the old 1960 copy and I've got the present day copy that Harrison House made.
A. Oh you have? Anyway, a... to make her obey the Lord finally took all six of her children away from her.

Q. That's the first one that I've heard say that the Lord took her children away from her. I thought it very unusual.
Have you known many preachers in foreign countries like England or France... any famous preachers you might have seen?
A. No.

Q. How did you get your radio program overseas?
A. Well, ______ the room that I am sleeping in and could see stacks, and stacks and stacks of letters... and I get letters from all over the world all the time from radio stations.

Q. What countries were you in or what countries are you in... your radio program.
A. Oh.. down in the.. right now I'm in the middle countries of South America. Central South America.
Q. How many languages can you speak?
A. One.

Q. One, English? How does it translate... who translates it for you?
A. Well, right now down in there it's being translated in Creo French and going out in English.

Q. Ahuh.
A. And that's all right now.

Q. How many radio stations are you on as of now?
A. I cancelled everything but these foreign programs until I get home. See I haven't had... Marshall asked us to come down because his wife had to a... to be moral and spiritual support for him he just couldn't stand it and so I came and cancelled and after I got here I cancelled... daily. So I maintained my _______ but when I get back I'm going to...

Q. Start back up. How much does it cost to run a... your radio programs... with all of them going today... with today's economy schedule?
A. Well, it depends on how many stations I'm on and what stations.... and but they cost a... I mean if you go on stations it costs you a $1,000 a program and a... but usually the ones I choose I... unless I just got a letter today advertising a... this man has put me on stations before... an advertising agency and they run about 55.00 a program, $25.00 and $45.00.

Q. How many radio stations do you plan on being put back on? Plan on growing anymore?
A. Oh yeh. I a... it's a shame now I have been on two stations that were sponsored ... like a man he said, "I'll pay for your California program and this went to a lunch of states and Mexico and like that... and then I had a car dealer and he paid for tow of them. I'm sure I could get sponsors if I could go out after them. Yeh, but I just go by faith.

Q. In your tent meetings... did you a... from your meetings did you build an organization or association or run your meeting out of your home?
A. Well, in our tent meetings and evangelistic meetings, I just answered calls and a lot of them were in the Assemblies of God or in my young days we started quite a few churches and in those days... now they have a big home missions program but in all or any churches we started we went in by faith. We never got a penny but the time came when we finally had to incorporate because of the government and so we incorporated The Church Beside The Road Broadcast, Inc.

Q. Have you ever been on in Tulsa?
A. No.

Q. You haven't. You plan on being on in Tulsa?
A. I hadn't planned on it. I thought they had so much here that they probably didn't need me.
Q. Yeh, I've heard a lot of people say, well, Tulsa has got all they ever need so they just take it out some place.
A. But it would be different since I don't ask for money.

Q. Yeh. I noticed a lot of them nowadays, you hear more give money for this and I don't know if that's right or it's wrong but...
A. Your not going to put these any... not any of these tapes on... are you?

Q. No, the tapes are going...
A. Alright, I don't want anybody to hear them.

Q. No, they will be mine personally and you will get a copy of it. I'll have a copy sent to you or bring it by your house.
A. I've got a copy of it right here (laughs).

Q. Did you ever see William Branham?
A. Yep.

Q. What did you think of him in his good day?
A. I think that he certainly was... God laid his hand on him. You know... it's like the Bible says about Jesus, "No man could do the things He does unless God sent Him."
I think it's nice to have people like Dr. Price and William Branham and of course, Grant was a man who was not educated either but it shows man can't do it, it's the Holy Spirit.

Q. Ahuh.
A. If man... it's wonderful to give that a... the benefit of good English--speaking and good English and give God the best we've got but man can't be counting on that so when we have some of the education up here and some down here it shows it's God after all.

Q. What is your favorite Bible story or Bible verse? What's your favorite sermon?
A. I don't know.

Q. When you preach a sermon do you preach off of notes or just stand up and let it go.
A. Both.

Q. Both. Do you write out your sermons or do you have someone do that for you?
A. No. No, I don't,... and I should tape them because I've had lots and lots of requests for tapes... but a... I think in the future I'm going to start taking a tape recorder along.

Q. Yes, that would be very wise to do at that.
A. I just don't know, I've got lots and lots of favorite Bible verses.
Q. Have you ever been asked to go in a debate like a... for an atheist against a Christian or anything like that?
A. When I was a kid I did.

Q. Who won?
A. I did (laughs). Only the teacher asked me to take the wrong side "Why I don't believe in the Bible" and I told the teacher, "I couldn't do it because you know I do". Of course, I was preaching and everybody knew it. and so she assigned another girl the other side and me that side, but she only gave me a "C" and she wrote a note, "Next time do what your told". (laughs).

Q. Do you believe in abortion?
A. Nope.

Q. You don't.
A. I hope people don't.. Pentecostal people don't...

Q. I've talked to some in schools today that say abortion is right and I don't agree with abortion .. to me it's murder in the first degree and so that's....
A. No, I a... both of my children are miracles and I was not supposed to live either were they... and I guess/God can take us through He can.

Q. How big was your largest meeting that you know of?
A. I don't know.

Q. What was your favorite meeting or revival that you had?
A. Well, I don't know. We had one up north which was in a country like place and people haven't ceased to talk about it yet, and that was over 50 years ago. And they are still talking.

Q. What happened?
A. The Holy Spirit was there and sent power of donviction and a... the thing they talk about is that the Holy Spirit sent conviction so strong that a young man came flying right over the seats.. folding chairs.

Q. Came flying.
A. He came right over the folding chairs and his feet touched the back of a folding chair every row or two and he came to the alter that way .. it was just supernatural.

Q. Huh.
A. And his wife came.

Q. Did political leaders ever attend your meetings?
A. Who?

Q. Political leaders.
A. A.. yeh, I guess.
Q. What do you think of President Reagan?
A. Well, I think that he's a good man. I would have like to have seen Ford be the President because Ford had so much experience and I trust him... I trust Reagan too. I sure wouldn't want to be President I tell you (chuckles).

Q. Do you believe in going to movies?
A. No. I've never been to one.

Q. Did you teach your children not to go to movies?
A. No.

A. Is it a sin?
A. Well, I don't know. I guess it depends on how you look at it but when I was young our parents wouldn't allow us to go to movies and in fact, we never asked to go. And because they figured it was the world and they felt the movies were very suggestive and everything... but they were tame according to now.

Q. Oh yes. I don't like much of the. Even on TV it's bad.
A. And I don't know what my parents would have thought of the TV that they have now... and a... but because I was brought up... my father always said, "Now since you preach the Gospel you've got to go farther than you expect the people in your congregation to go". You have to be more separated from the world than you expect them to be and so on and I think that's true, so I've never been to one.

Q. Do you believe in wearing shorts or pants?
A. Well, I... I don't see much in any harm in wearing pants but I just don't think I like to see women wearing shorts.

Q. I just asked that because you have some that believe it is okay and some that don't. I like to get people's opinions.
A. Well, slack. I just don't wear them much but I've heard the arguments when they started to make ladies slacks... you know like men's clothing and I said well, they aren't men's clothing there ladies slacks... there not made like men's so therefore there not men's clothing.

Q. What do you think of the swimming suits of today?
A. I think there obnoxious.

Q. Obnoxious. Do you own one or do you swim in a swimming suit or have you ever been swimming?
A. Oh yes, I've been swimming. When I went to the swimming up at the Ark I didn't bring my suit along and Marshall encouraged me to go in with what I had on and he wasn't ashamed of me for it so... (laughs)

Q. My grandmother... she a... when my parents put on a pair of shorts and a bathing suit for the first time she cried for weeks. She thought they had committed the unpardonable sin. That's the way she was taught.
A. Is that right?
Q. And I like to get opinions of people.
A. Well, I don't think the swimming suits that they have today are biased at all... and I think it's the ... the other day I was hurrying to get ready to go somewhere and I... I a.. walked through the house there slipping a blouse over my head and the blouse reached down here.. and I had a good slip on and everything and a.. this girl here.. she just married my grandson a few weeks ago and she says,"Why Nanna", I said, "It's a lot more than shorts and bathing suits". She's running around in short shorts. She says, oh, yes, that's right. I said, "I'm covered a lot more". (laughs) But she didn't think I should.

Q. When I see my girl in a pair of shorts it kinda looks awkward.
A. She laughs.

Q. The way she's taught us sh'e lived with me for 13 years and she was an Assembly of God preacher so we heard preaching the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night and we are... I'm pretty well founded in the ... well, that's about all we heard and it's not bad.. I like it. I wouldn't give you anything for it. We heard God 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it's great.
A. Well, I don't think it's nice to preach at people all day, in fact I partly went out like that on purpose. I was fully covered good, but a.. (laughs) what does it matter whether it's this kind of cloth or this.. you know but a she...however, I think we should be an example.

Q. What do you think is going to happen to the church world? Is there going to be a great revival before Jesus comes or how soon do you think it will be here?
A. I don't know if there is going to be a great revival before Jesus comes or not. I hope so. But a.. a revival shakes people and wakes them up to be better than they already are and we are on the verge;I think what we have to do we have to do very quickly .. right now.

Q. Could you a.. do you think Jesus will come in the next 5 to 10 years or you just don't .. whenever?
A. I hope so.

Q. You hope so.
A. I think practically everything is fulfilled now that was to be fulfilled a.. I think one thing that thrilled me a lot being on the radio is that that us helping to bring Jesus back because He said this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached as a witness to every nation and then shall the end come.

Q. Ahuh.
A. He didn't say every person would hear it but there's no way in the world missionaries could do it.

Q. I know. That's something. Have you ever seen Jesus in a vision?
A. A... I heard Him in a vision.
Q. Have you ever seen any kind of angelic being in a vision?
A. No, not a vision. When I was in Prris I saw the Angel of the Lord with us.

Q. What did it look like or can you describe it?
A. Well, he lit up the room. We were in Paris and were getting ready to go home and David DuPlessis stayed all night the last night with us at this same preacher's house and we were in an apartment built over the original wall in Paris and we had to go up a funny dark place to get in there. There was like a walk with a wall around it and you couldn't see. In Europe they had some funny places you know... cold and funny. There was a runway on this wall and there were apartments running up on either side of it and I was awake. We were sleeping with the kids in bunk beds at this preacher's house and I was awakened and I heard a rustling... go by me and instinctively and immediately I knew it was an angel and I looked out the window. The window came down near the floor like that and we had our window open and just stepping over the pavement and I saw this angel standing there... it was totally dark you couldn't make my way into the... because of the apartment that rose up there but he lighted it up and I just saw him standing there quietly... and I felt that he was protecting us, just as if he were.

Q. Did he have long hair?
A. I didn't notice, but he seemed to have a long robe.

Q. Was it white or yellow?
A. Red.

Q. That's the first time I've ever heard of a red robe.
A. I think it was red... it appeared to me as red.

Q. Have you ever seen the devil, demons or any kind of manifestation of that sort?
A. Oh, I've seen all kinds of manifestations from demon possessed people that we were dealing with.

Q. Did you ever see...?
A. But I a... have a... had them speak back to me many times.

Q. Did any of them ever name themselves?
A. Yeh.

Q. What were their...?
A. Sometimes we had to name them. Anyway this was in Paris. I had an experience once where I had the voice of the devil speak to me audibly.

Q. What did it say or what did he say?
A. And it was... it awakened me out of a sound sleep. I was sleeping and he whispered in this ear and it was a voice like I had never heard before... and it was a strange voice and it wasn't hearing it but it was the Holy Spirit in me that recognized it you see. Because it was just like this to me and the Holy Spirit you know, should recognize the devil and a... but he whispered audibly and a... in a kinda of a hushy voice and I don't know how to describe it, but sometimes like over a microphone you can speak loud you know and a you don't have to talk very loud and he said, "If you will do like a certain evangelist does and he named him to me and others like him, I will give you all the money you can use", and I heard that right out of a sound sleep and it awoke me up just like a stark just as if you woke up suddenly if you knew there was a serpent there and right out loud I began to rebuke the devil.
Q. Ahuh.
A. I just began to rebuke him and he was gone. An a. after that experience
I feel I must be very careful about money... how I get it.

Q. A. when people write you letters do you write them back .. do you type
it or write by hand?
A. I usually type than write. I don't encourage letters on the aur cause I have
no secretary.

Q. You have to do it yourself then?
A. Yeh. I had a secretary for a little while but she wasn't too well and I didn't
give her too much to do.

Q. How many letter do you get in?
A. Not very many.

Q. Not very many.
A. Because I don't try... I don't seek after letters. You know it would be a
crime to not - almost unforgivable for people to get a lot of letters and
not answer them.

Q. Yes.
A. I'm sure Oral Roberts gets millions of them who don't even know who wrote.

Q. Yeh, I'm sure he does. I've been up there at the Association. They come in
there like 50 mail bags of letters a day. What do you think of Oral Roberts?
A. Well, I think he's building a wonderful institution both the college and the
hospital. I think it's very wonderful.

Q. Well, I guess that's about all the questions I can think of now. I'm sure when
I leave I will think of more.
A. Well, you asked me if I had see the Lord... I a.. There's a lot of people in
my meetings seen the Lord... In the meetings .. behind me and saw Him beside
me while I was talking.

Q. Have they ever seen a kind of a glow or light around you?
A. Yeh, lot's of times.

Q. Have they ever photographed it?
A. No, not that I know of. A. not that I know of. But I was going through
a very hard experience once. My in-laws have always been very, very much
against me.

Q. Is your husband still living?
A. Yeh, that was my husband you saw walking by. He's 78 years old.

Q. Is he a minister?
A. Yeh, retired. Long retired, but my in-laws were against me they forbid me
my father-in-law forbid me to play the piano, sing in church, play my vibraharp
and use the car.. he said I couldn't use my husband's car - everything his you
know... he purchased them and a... they hindered me very, very much and that's
one reason we aren't farther than we are and a. when we've had... when we
pastored a big church his father came down and talked to the board against me.
Have you ever heard of anyone doing that?
Q. A... they did my grandparents like that.
A. And... he worked in Pentecost. And a... anyway I can't tell you the things we went through -- much, much, much more than that. And a they said I would detract from... if I did anything in the meetings and I said, "Well you must not have much confidence in him then". Anyway my husband called him up. We were going to have a healing meeting and have another evangelist come in and we were sticking out our necks financially to pay a higher rent than what we had and no congregation so a... we had... I said to my husband he wanted three, of his folks three families of them to come in and I was keeping the evangelist and he says a... and I said, "Why don't you wait until this is over and then invite them down because they disagree with us anyway and your father is a _________ Pentecostal and his folks and his father were always fighting about it. And he invited them anyway so I said well, it will be a crime if I don't have lots cooked for them to eat so I began cooking and baking for 3 families plus ours and the evangelist. So the evangelist came in and says, "Edna Jean, the Lord shows me you have what I have and that you're to take the healing line tomorrow, Friday afternoon. And I said I can't do it... my in-laws are coming and I don't want to do it anyway. They'd just say your showing off - trying to push the evangelist away and I saidm "I simply can't do it and he plead and he said the Lord showed me you must do this and a... he said, "Let's pray about it" and we had a praying fine time and finally he got up and left and I went about cooking and my heart was like lead and I finally went and knelt down and I said, "Lord, I can't believe you want me to do this". And I said, "I'll suffer persecutionm I'll suffer hunger, I'll suffer want, I'll suffer anything for you and a... but I don't believe you want me to do this but if you really do want me to do it, I'll do it if it kills me". And I went on about my work, I didn't have time to pray. And in the middle of the night I was awakened by the most beautiful voice in double stereo; It seemed like it came out of every corner of the room and that room became as light as day. And it was the Lord talking to me. And He said, "I don't need your talents, your education, your abilities or even your years of experience to accomplish my work. All I need you for is a vessel through whom the Holy Spirit can flow. If you will be that vessel the blind will see and the lame will walk and cancers will drop off and every manner of miracle will be wrought in my Name and thousands will be saved and healed. And I heard myself crying out, "Oh, He said thousands will be saved and healed. Lord, I will be your vessel. So the next day at the meeting I didn't... I didn't tell the evangelist the experience I had had that night. And I just left it with the Lord but I sure didn't want him to bring it up... I had left it with the Lord and he was too much of a gentleman to force me so he didn't find out so we went in to the meeting and so he didn't put me on the spot about it and my in-laws didn't come.

Q. In-laws didn't come.
A. It was just a trial for me (laughs). I very rarely tell this because my in-laws are involved.