THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." — Jude 3.

The Millennium

According to the words of Jesus, as recorded in Acts 1:7, 8, it is not given unto us to "know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power"—the thing for us to understand was that we are to receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon us: and that we are to be witnesses for Him (Jesus) unto the uttermost part of the earth”—God would take care for the rest! Aside from the fact it isn’t needful for us to know the time and place for some things, it is evidently best that we do not know, else God would have made it plain in His Word, that we might understand. The thing made plain in His Bible, is for you and I to be ready—and in substance, if WE are saved from a life of sin, sanctified wholly, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and with fire, and walking in all the light we have, we are then ready for ANY event, to be sure—be it the millennium, the coming of the Lord, or the beast power. In this we can see the wisdom of God in withholding the knowledge of “times and seasons” (both plural) from us, for in knowing SUCH IS TO happen, but not knowing the exact time, it would tend the more to moving out to a state of preparedness, those who really feared the Lord, and were sincere, than possibly they would, had they the understanding that there was yet a given period of time in which to make ready.

So somewhere down the line of events, as they transpire according to God’s plan, there is to be ushered in what is correctly called the Millennium reign—or a thousand years reign of peace upon earth, wherein Satan will be bound with a great chain, shut up in the bottomless pit, with a seal upon him, thus not being able to promote sin, nor deceive the nations any more until the thousand years are finished. Thank God. (Rev. 20.)

During this period of time, much blessedness is promised God’s people, as set forth in Isaiah 65:17-25 (also 11:1-9; Heb. 4:1-11.), “for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” The meek will come into their inheritance, as proclaimed by the Saviour in Matt. 5:5—“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” God’s people shall reign as kings and priests with the Lord; and sin shall no where be in evidence. Satan, the author and promoter of sin, will be powerless during this time; and unfortunate souls who are unsaved, entering into this period, will “just be here,” but not following any line of sinful pleasures so much in evidence today. There will be no worldly amusements, drinking, gambling, revellings, and such like. God’s law will be the ruling factor, therefore, many things indulged in to­day by the sinner, will not be in evidence at that time, for the righteous shall be in authority, thank God! And then, the sinner (the unconverted at heart) being an hundred years old shall be accursed—not enjoying the pleasures of sin; neither, of course, the spiritual blessings of God: but as though, in prison. But to the contrary, mother’s little babe will yet be a child at 100 years of age! God’s people will build homes, plant vineyards, etc., and live long to enjoy them. Not as is so often now the case—work hard to get a little start in life—a home, or farm, then death call, or a mort­gage take it, and their labour then be left to another. Why? Be­cause God’s Word declares that during this time, His people would LONG enjoy the work of their hands—their days like the days of a tree! And in that time, father and mother will not be grieving over a wayward boy or girl. Why? Because it is here declared that they shall NOT bring forth for trouble, thank God.

Many dangers will be eliminated in that day. Ferociousness in animals will be subdued. The lion will no longer kill and devour; but he will be eating straw like the bullock. The cow and the bear shall pasture together. The wolf and the lamb shall romp to­gether. The little child shall lead the wild animal about with as much safety as it now plays with the pet dog. And even babes can safely approach the den of the most poisonous reptiles without fear of harm—nothing shall hurt nor destroy in all God’s holy mountain. Why? Because “the earth is full of the knowledge of
the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

What causes ferociousness in animals today? What causes the run-away horse? the balky mule? the kicking cow? the snappmg dog, etc? It is more often nothing less than the spirit of Satan working with them. Think of the herd of swine running down the steep place into the sea, where they were drowned—all because the legion of devils, when cast out of the man by the Saviour (Luke 8: 26-37.), entered into them.

This period of time will truly be a day of rest for God’s people, as spoken of by Paul in Heb. 4:1-11. After the figurative six days of labour for this world, or 6,000 years (you remember how that Peter tells us, “that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.”), then comes the seventh day, or day of rest—1,000 years. During this time, there will be no more long seasons of prayer, preaching, pleading with the lost, exhorting saints to a closer walk with God, trials and persecutions, etc.; but God’s people who have fulfilled His will, and have come down to this day with victory in their souls, will truly enter into a “day of rest,” thank God. Then after all this, wherein precious souls who maybe were never privileged to enjoy some of the temporal things of this life, will be permitted to do so for this glorious period. Then, next, it will be for all—Heaven for ever more. Amen!

“Just when will this time be,” is yet the question with many. As aforesaid, Jesus has plainly given us to understand that IT IS NOT for us to know the “times or the seasons”—this being His reply to His disciples who had asked Him if He would at that time (time of asking) restore the kingdom to Israel—suffice for us, many signs are in daily evidence, pointing to the fact that we are near the close of the dispensation; and aside from this, the “day and the hour,” relative to notable events, IS NOT the vital question with me—“WILL I BE READY?” concerns me most! So let us not puzzle on the How, When, and Where, of some of the deeper things of God; but let us look to the vital part—that of preparedness, thank God. and we are sure He will take care for the rest in due season, and in proper order. Amen.

Therefore, if we know not the “day nor the hour,” we CAN know if we are ready. So how is it with you, my brother, my sister—suppose TODAY were the end!

And one more thought that fits in well right here—much is being said and done about war today. With some, the question of the “last war”—when will it be—is an all important one.

In Revelation 20, we find that after Satan is loosed from his prison—his 1,000 years in the bottomless pit—that he goes out once more to deceive the nations, to gather them together to battle; and finally makes his last stand, when he leads his army against God’s people—compasses the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and HERE God sends fire down from Heaven, and destroys them, thus fulfilling Malachi 4:1-3—the wicked becoming ashes under the soles of the feet of the righteous—Satan has made his last stand! thank God.

Next comes the great White Throne judgment (Rev. 20:11-15.), wherein those who made the last stand with Satan, together with ALL nations, shall appear in judgment before Him who knows the hearts of all men, to receive a just reward for the deeds done in the body—and from here, as the great curtain drops, so-to-speak; that separates time from eternity, the wicked are turned into hell, for everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal! Amen.

FROM THE BIBLE

A big message, indeed, is contained in the following few words: “And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

(Luke 9:62)

The next Camp was voted for White Oak, near Harrison, Ark., unless a permanent site elsewhere is secured in the meanwhile.

Hebrews 4:9.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

CAMP MEETING FLASHES

The largest group of “campers” we remember seeing. A large tabernacle (as large as service tent), smaller tents, trailer houses, “lean to’s,” out under the stars, in cars and trucks, and “pallets” under the service tent, provided sleeping quarters at night.

Sometimes from 150 to 175—and possibly more at times—were fed at a meal, in the free dining hall.” Others prepared their own meals at their camps.

Aside from Oklahomans, there were those present from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Colorado, and California.

The largest gathering yet of young people.

Some wonderful preaching from time to time; good testimonies; the power of God falling, saints shouting, dancing, and speaking in tongues!

Many sought the Lord, with altar services often reaching far into the night. Some prayed through.

“Pray The Clouds Away,” and “Prayer Bells Of Heaven”—two outstanding songs, are no doubt ringing in the memory of many as yet. How those dear young people could sing!—the sweet presence of God was real.

Many special songs, in groups, quartets, trios, duets, and solos, were rendered.

A time of refreshing, and encouragement, for God’s people; meeting new saints and friends—a feast of tabernacles, or joyous time in the Lord; spiritual food for hungry souls.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
WHAT THEN?

When the great plants of our cities have turned out their last finished work,
When our merchants have sold their last yard of silk, and dismissed the last tired clerk,
When the banks have raked in their last dollar
And paid the last dividend,
When the Judge of the earth says, "Close for the night"
And asks for a balance—What Then?

When the choir has sung: it's last anthem,
And the preacher has prayed his last prayer,
When the people have heard their last sermon,
And the sound has died out on the air,
When the Bible lies closed on the altar,
And the pews are all empty of men,
And each one stands facing his record
And the great Book is opened—What Then?

When the actors have played their last drama,
And the mimic has made his last fun,
When the film has flashed it's last picture,
And the billboard displayed it's last run,
When the crowds, seeking pleasure, have vanished,
And gone out in the darkness again,
When the trumpet of ages is sounded
And we stand up before Him—What Then?

When the bugle call sinks into silence,
And the long marching columns stand still,
When the captain repeats his last orders,
And they've captured the last fort and hill,
When the flag has been hauled from the mast-head
And the wounded of field checked in,
And a world that rejected it's Saviour
Is asked for a reason—What Then?


MOMENTOUS DAYS

That we are in a most critical time is too plainly evident to all people. It is no longer the man or woman in the pulpit warning of evil days to come, as has been the message since the Holy Ghost began to be given into the lives of clean, sanctified people some forty years ago—the man on the street; the statesman in the halls of congress; the farmer; the professional and the business man, all alike, now sense the seriousness of the situation—that world conditions are as never before.

Our own nation is facing a crisis as never before experienced. The terrible civil war of 1860-1864, was not underscored with the spirit of today's threatening. Just what the future holds for us is not known, save what we may be able to expect under dictatorship, which thing is assuredly coming, because of Bible prophecy concerning world-wide beast power, of which the world is already suffering much of a foretaste right now.

With due respect to all concerned, it is possible that we are seeing the last presidential election we shall ever have. Things are developing with us, thus far, in a different manner to what they are in Europe. And for that, no doubt but what dictatorship in Italy and Germany had it's very inception through alluring promises of great opportunities to the people, and having them to believe they are, within their borders, enjoying national liberty and freedom! It is characteristic of beast power to work in subtlety, and to flatter. Daniel speaks of the beast obtaining his seat through flatteries. (Dan. 11:21.) Again with all due respect to the powers that be, yet we can look about us and see how that personal liberty is gradually being curtailed all the while. Governmental restrictions are on so many things. Our present chief executive is now vested with more personal power and authority than any of his predecessors, and apparently seeking for yet more all the while. (Please understand that we are not speaking politically, but from a purely Biblical standpoint as we understand the prophecy of the scripture in such events.) Will the ballot box change the destiny of world affairs in the line of prophecy? NO! But God, in His mercy, might grant a respite in the line of events, giving His people a chance to gather strength to face the tests that lie before. In spite of ALL political promises being made, and regardless of the sincerity of such, our own nation is bound, sooner or later, to take it's place with the rest of the world in fulfillment of Rev. 13.

And if transpiring events are not speaking of imminent danger, then how are we to acknowledge prophecy?

Personally, it seems the future

“For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” —Rev. 6:17.
days hold more uncertainty for us than any time we have experienced—just how long we shall be able to carry on for God without molestation. A missionary in India writes (in one of our exchange papers), though there was no hindrance to their missionary work there as yet, but should the British government fail there in India, it might put them in most trying circumstances—speaking of the orphans' part of their labours; and went on to say that all they could do now, was to live a day at a time. So while we know that we must continue on faithfully in our line of endeavours for the Lord—be found at our post of duty up to the last minute, so-to-speak—yet it seems to us, as to this missionary—that we are just living a day at a time. And as for that feeling of uncertainty for the future, surely we are not alone in the matter, but that other of God's people feel the same. So we are glad for the privileges we yet enjoy, for without doubt, the days are coming wherein we will not be permitted to speak as plain as we have spoken in these few words.

Truly, beloved, momentous days are upon us; but let us remember that God's grace is sufficient. He has said in His precious Word, that He would never suffer the righteous to be moved (Psalms 55:22.), or that is, overcome by the enemy—provided, of course, the righteous remained righteous before Him! Praise Him for His good promises. Amen.

According to reports, 10 or more nations have fallen, more than 2,900,000 tons of merchant and war ships sunk (which would be a total of many vessels), and saddest of all, an estimate of between 3,300,000 to 5,300,000 persons left dead, wounded, or unaccounted for, since the first year that Hitler invaded Poland, and begun the series of attacks that have swept much of Europe! (And a few years ago "educated" preachers in the pulpit were telling the people that the world was getting better! a fair example of the "blind leading the blind." Matt. 15:14.)

Over 400 people were killed in the United States—mostly car accidents—over the week end, and Labour Day, Aug. 31—Sept. 2.
Death and destruction are abroad in the land, and lurking around every corner, so-to-speak.

The worst airplane catastrophe in history, recently occurred in the state of Virginia, when a big liner crashed, possibly from an explosion of some kind, or lightening stroke, killing all twenty-five of it's occupants.

So many things happening these days by way of accident, destruction, etc., as to make one realize that we are surely in the midst of perilous times—safety so uncertain.

It is almost beyond comprehension, the magnitude of war operations, and the downright barbarities practiced, as reported these days. Huge bombing planes, weighing up in the tons, taking the air to drop death and destruction dealing bombs, weighing, in instances, 1,000 lbs., or more, themselves, to wreck homes, take lives, or horribly mangle, without respect, the aged of all classes, women, and little children—to spread horror and fear, both day and night. Of recent date was an English refugee ship, out bound, loaded with grown ups, and child-

ren, torpedoed 600 miles out at sea, with a toll of human lives, including the greater percent of the children aboard. Truly are we in very midst of the last days—Bible prophecy is being fulfilled in all reality. These are not normal times, for if they were, there is enough man-power in the world who does not believe in the ruthless atrocities of the power-crazed dictators of Europe, and enough war machinery available—or could have quickly been made so—to have had these mad killers subdued. But God is assuredly in this thing, permitting such, in fulfilling His Word, wherein He has forwarned of His wrath being poured out on the account of sin. The seeds of wickedness have been sown; and now the world is beginning to reap—and bitter, indeed, is the fruit of that seed! Some might not think it would be Divine justice, to see, especially, children suffer some of the tortures of modern war; but let us keep in mind the fact that, "the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." (Hab. 2: 20.) So it is not for us to question the judgments of a just God, who doeth all things well, and makes no mistakes; but let us think this rather—that every man or woman, boy or girl, living in sin, are thereby contributing their part towards bringing the world to where it now is. Just sin, is to blame for it all! And again, as for children having to suffer in these terrible conflicts, think of how millions of parents are bringing up their own off-spring before the Lord. Take a look around your own community, right here in the United States of America, a land of Bibles, high-steepled churches, school houses, colleges.

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And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. —Genesis 6:13.
GOD'S WORD IS UNCHANGEABLE

I am so glad for old-time salvation that causes one to want to live a life of holiness right down here in this present evil world.

If I know my heart—and I believe I do—I believe my name is written in the Lamb's book of life. Bless His good name! And I had rather have the assurance of my name being there, than to own all of earth's millions, and NO hope of a home beyond the tomb.

Well, the year of 1989 has gone, and a new year is here. There seems to be dark days ahead; and also, seems they would be VERY dark to those who do not have their trust in God. We find in Jeremiah 32:27, He says, “Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?”

It is wonderful to be a Christian, and study the Word of God, and to see how He cares for His people. We know there are many things to overcome; many things come our way which we do not enjoy; but we must travel on. We notice as the children of Israel travelled toward the land of Canaan, they met with difficulties. At one time, the king of the Amorites would not let them pass through his land. Neither would the king of Bashan. But they travelled on. And the king of the Moabites became very uneasy. We find this in the twenty-second chapter of Numbers. This king's name was Balak; and he sent for Balaam to come curse this people. He said, “Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me;” v. 5. Then in v. 7, we find the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination; and they came to Balaam and spake unto him the words of Balak. Then in v. 8, Balaam replies unto them: “Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.” And in v. 9, “And God came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?” Then Balaam told God what Balak had said about this people, as recorded in vv. 10 and 11. In v. 12, God replies to Balaam: “Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.”

Well, it seemed in vv. 13 and 14, that Balaam was going to take that as an answer, and be willing to abide by it; but in vv. 15 and 16, the king sent “more honourable” ones than before, and said, “Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me;” with these enticing words in v. 17, “For I will promote thee unto very great honour,” etc. Notice in the 18th. verse, the answer Balaam gave the king's men. Then how quickly he changed his mind in v. 19. Just like some people of today, he would go out and pray over the matter and see if God had changed His mind! Then in v. 20, God came to Balaam at night, and told him, “If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them;” yet, he didn’t tell him to curse the people. But Balaam didn’t wait for the men to call him, but he rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with them. Now God never told him to go—the men never came and called him; but he went (v. 22.), and God's anger was kindled against him because he went: and the angel of the Lord went and stood in the way for an adversary. And the ass saw the angel, but Balaam did not. He was too “bent” on that promotion. By this time he had left God entirely out of the matter—had taken things into his own hands. Read vv. 23, 24, 25.

Then in v. 26, we note how the angel went and stood in a very narrow place, so making it impossible for Balaam to pass by on either side. Now the ass could see the the angel, but Balaam’s eyes were so blinded because of the promised honour that he could not see that: which was blocking his way. Then in v. 28, we see how that God opened the mouth of the ass, and she, speaking with man’s voice, rebuked Balaam for his cruelty in trying to force her past this spot, before He let him see the angel. So in v. 31, God opened Balaam's eyes, and he then seen the angel standing in the way with drawn sword. In the next verse, the angel talked with Balaam, and told him that he (the angel) went out to withstand him because his way was perverse. The angel told him to go with the men, but he still is not given permission to curse the people. Now God had told him at FIRST, “Thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.” So to our thought—God says that which He MEANS; and He MEANS just what He SAYS—His Word is unchangeable!

God has said, “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” Yet some people seem to think they can “get by” doing so. They will say, “Well, the Lord knows our hearts. He knows we want to live right.” Yes, but that doesn’t change the Word of God! He has

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“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. . . . .” —Psalms 1:1.
said, “For I am the Lord, I change not.” How glad we are for that! We see that when He told Jonah to go to Nineveh and cry against it for their wickedness, that Jonah went his own way and got strictly into trouble. He was cast into the sea, and swallowed by a fish. Then when he was vomited by the fish upon the land again, the first thing God told him to do, was to “Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee!” Well, Balaam didn't get by; Jonah didn't get by. God let Balaam go on; and we find in Numbers 31:8, that he was killed by the Israelites in battle with the Midianites.

It is just too bad for people when they turn aside from the Word of God and refuse His warnings. Sin is sin, regardless of what form it may be. Sometimes we hear people say that certain seem to have a good experience, and they do “this or that.” But still, the Word of God isn’t changed! Though in Proverbs 14:12, we are given a warning of the danger of travelling in a way that “seems” to be alright: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

Well, I for one, choose to follow on to know more about the Lord. I am still glad for the old-time way, doing the best I can in my weak way, to earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Yes, sometimes people go on professing even the highest blessings of God, and their heart far from being right. But God allows them to go on, even as He allowed Balaam to go on; but because he was allowed to go on, such did not show God’s approval of his way. NO! I heard a woman say one time that she prayed two years for God to show her the “Oneness” (Jesus Only, or One God, commonly called) way, as taught by some. (And I thought: Oh, pray two years for a thing contrary to God’s Word!) Well, did that change God’s Word? NO! But we find when people turn down the light of the Bible, and go on their own way, it only means defeat for them. In 2 Thess. 2:11, we read: “And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie;” and in v. 12, “That they all might be damned,” etc. For what? For not believing and accepting the Truth! And so it is today. When God turns the light on His Word, and people then refuse to walk in the light—for that soul, it’s just too bad. There are many things that could be said along this line. And I hope some soul may be benefitted by these few scattering remarks. I just felt like writing a few words in this respect. There are so few who are willing to abide by the truth, compared to the other side of the question; but it pays to serve God at all times, and at any cost.

I ask the prayers of the saints that I will always be faithful in the little things; and that whatsoever my hands find to do, that I will do such without murmuring.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. L. Sullivan,
709 So. Florida,
Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

(Written in January, 1940.)

It has been well said that, Sin never pays; but the sinner does!

Laying up treasures in Heaven is an investment that will pay in real dividends when this old world has at last become totally, a spiritual bankrupt.

George West, Texas
August, 1940.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond;
Greetings to you, and to all the readers of the little paper, in Jesus’ name:

This finds me yet saved, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost; and still going on, trying to lift up the Word of God, and live the life, that I may be found blameless when Jesus comes, or calls.

I am so glad that I started out to live for God; and I do want to live close to Him, and be a soul-winner, for I really know Jesus is coming soon, as is spoken in Matthew 24:44, etc. And I want my entire family, and circle of friends, to be ready, for eternity is surely a long, long time.

There are so many “winds of doctrine” now going about; but I know the ONLY doctrine is the good old Bible way; and if people will just follow it, I know they will be following the Saviour. We are taught in the Bible to be holy, for our God is holy. So if we are not holy, we shall never gain Heaven. Amen.

So please pray for us over here at the little Simmons, Tex., mission. We have been having some good preaching. And send good, straight, holiness preachers our way.

Pray for me, that I will be just what God wants me to be.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Ida Mae Cook,
Rt. 1. Box 64.
George West, Texas.

The Bible has plainly said in 2 John 2:21, that, “no lie is of the truth.” This takes in much territory—in fact, covers it all!

“And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”
—2 John 2:17.
FOOLISHNESS WITH GOD

In 1 Cor. 3:19, we find a thought which reads as follows, and which is as full of meaning as any other scripture in the Bible: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

Now beloved, we would not be misunderstood in a few remarks along the line—we are not against a normal education; but only wish everybody possessed a common school learning. But as conditions are today—the line of thought one has to "wade" through in order to make the credits required in higher learning, plus the reported line of social activities and general influence encountered in high schools and colleges in so many instances, it seems that such course would be repugnant to the saint of God, as well as repellant to one's spiritual wellbeing.

Of course we know the world is more and more demanding higher literary qualifications if one should acquire a position in the field of labour or profession; yet we are speaking from a purely spiritual position, trying to point out the danger, as well as the futility, in one's complying with the demands of the world, which is becoming more exacting all the time—dangerous, because of the subversive element in spiritual matters; futile, because it helps NO ONE on to God, nor to a correct geographical or historical understanding of creation. In fact, and with all due respect to the exponents of all practical and beneficial branches of study today, the general trend of study courses any more tend to point towards infidelity, or skepticism; to the accomplishments, and superiority of man; and IF anything about God, such to be a matter of concern only after death!

As for science, the story of the creation as set forth in Genesis, is wrong. For Shame! Such belief as this, is purely infidel; as for the study of biology, the science that treats of life, try to imagine the saint of God studying hard, listening to lectures, etc., in order to make a passing grade in a subject that is as directly contrary to the teachings of God's precious Word, as the infidel doctrines of Bob Ingersoll, Voltaire, or Tom Paine, ever dare be! Well know such pursuit of study would be no food to our soul—trying to establish it a fact, that life had it's inception away back yonder across ages and ages, from a little single cell of some kind! Shame on such rot! Conceding "science" this point for argument sake, here is a good place to expose their ignorance so far as their disbelief in creation is concerned—just ask them where that "little single cell" came from!

If we had a dozen children, we had rather see them grow up in stark ignorance, yet surrounded by moral influences, and godly training, than, for the sake of a "better" position in this world, have their heads—and hearts—packed and crammed with a lot of infidel theory, whereof the odds are against their ever unloading such (which thing they would have to do), if they got right, and remained right, with God! Yet for all this, there are parents, possibly, who will keep their "nose to the grind-stone," so-to-speak, in order to educate their children along the very lines the preacher of God is having to take the pulpit against!—and expecting to see those children as saints of God some day. (A few, only, make it.)

No, beloved, if we had a wish coming—and we have—it would not be for more education (ours is limited to the common school) as such is acquired these days, which tends to tear down, rather than to build up, much of the good fireside influence of the home, and the old-time preaching of the Cross—NO—but would be, and is, as should be all others who expect to stand in the great battle against sin and ungodliness in these swiftly closing days of time—for a closer walk with God! It's just a question of time—possibly a short time—until the beast power, according to the Bible, will take control any way; and as for God's people, and their children, they will have far more need of grace to stand, and power to overcome, than they will of a knowledge of the arts and sciences—or "better" positions in this world! Jesus is coming soon. Do we believe it? The price for a high school education would send the Gospel a long ways. Which would you think to be the better investment? Criticize us if you may, in this matter; yet we are only glad to stand with the apostle Paul, as he, through revelation of Jesus Christ, declares unto us that, "the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." Then why strive for a vain thing? Amen.

THE BIBLE WAY

When the Saviour spake in Luke 13:24, "Strive to enter in at the straight gate," the word, "strive," means more than a mere profession of faith—it denotes an effort—an effort in the very face of opposition; it means to be doing something—active in overcoming sin and temptation. "Rocking chair" religion will never land people in Glory—"it's going to take the Bible kind—faith and works!

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called."—1 Cor. 1:26.
and universities—how many parents, by their own actions, and attitude toward their children, are evidencing by such that they care whether or not that boy or girl ever gets saved! How many fathers and mothers are nightly going off to bed, not knowing where that ‘teen age boy or girl is, or with what class of company they are associating, and well knowing the pitfalls for youth that are existing in the land? If it was concerning some fine pedigreed stock on the place, or valuables of some kind, they would not rest at night until they knew such were secure! but as for the family, not many parents seem to care any more whether they, themselves, or their children, are ever saved. Mothers seem to delight in sending out their daughters dressed in about as indecent, and ungodly a manner as the law of the land will allow (many professed holiness mothers as guilty as can be!), to parade before the world. What reaction can they expect from the ungodly sinning class? They need not expect anything less than well patronized road-houses, dance halls, and beer joints, from the lower and middle classes; and the more “fashionable” night clubs, or secluded places, for the “upper” class; with the dark lanes and by-roads at night, for the parked cars of all classes! Just pass by the athletic field, or the public swimming pool, in season, and note the low, base degree of immodesty to which our country has stooped! Many, many, heathenishly half-clad (and more often, far less!) beings sporting themselves in the name of religion—by their profession, and church-membership, out there in such indecency and practices, as purported representatives of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God! Think of this, and of the many other avenues of sin so rampant in our nation today—greed and graft in business; the highways cluttered with signs and bill-boards, flagrantly displaying pictures of young women in the scantiest of attire; in immodest poses; advertising cigarettes and beer—think of all this for our young children to daily behold, and grow up under such influence; and try to visualize a nation continuing to stand under the protecting hand of a just, and sin-avenging God! A nation may rank high in social and literary attainments, but it's real foundation is based upon it's moral virtues, and proper concept of God. Thousands would have to join us in the truth of the statement—from both, pulpit and pew—that if the cover was pulled from off this world, and we could look upon sin today in every nation, and see the thing as God sees it in the human hearts of millions of all classes, then we might understand more of the great mercy and tender love of God, in that He has suffered this thing as He has. Many cherish the song, “God Bless America.” He has— for many years; but will He continue? In these things, Is America “Blessing God?”

If it's not forgotten, beloved, it's not forgiven.

God will answer every prayer that reaches the Throne.

If you would prove God's will in a matter, it means that you must first be absolutely willing in your heart, for the proposition in question to go either way!
Devoted to the interests of the Church of God, of the Apostolic faith. "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, both their's and ours." — 1 Cor. 1:2.

We stand for, and endorse, the three-fold plan of salvation—that is, Justification by faith; Sanctification through the Blood (a second, definite, work of grace); and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues, as the Spirit gives utterance. Teaching for doctrine, those principles taught by the people of the Apostolic faith since the outpouring of the Spirit in the beginning of the latter rain dispensation (Topeka, Kans., 1901; Los Angles, Calif., 1906).

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Better Preaching Than Majority

The rich man in hell, though suffering torment, and great thirst, could yet remember; he also, too late, had become a firm believer in prayer, repentance, and in testifying—and last, didn't want his unsaved brothers to come to that place he now knew existed. In these things, he done some far better preaching than thousands of college-bred theologans are doing today!

DISGUSTING

It is fine for people to show a willingness to help God's good cause in a financial way, doing so sincerely—with an eye single to God; but it is disgusting, indeed, to see some one give, and then prate about it publically—such is wholly contrary to the teachings of the Bible. In Matt. 6:3, Jesus tells us, “But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth,” the spirit of which will assuredly apply to all manner of giving. It isn't the amount given that counts most with God—it's the spirit, and circumstances, under which the gift is made. The poor widow, who cast in two mites unto the offering of God (Luke 21:1-4.), received commendable notice of the Saviour in preference to those rich men who gave of their abundance. We see nothing to move one to tears over paying tithes, no more than over the observance of any other of His good ordinances. Beloved, let's never be gullible; but let's ever firmly stand on the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and that without respect of person.

It might be better in the end, for the preacher to be a little in want, than for he, or she, to be receiving help from some sources. Dollars have, in many instances, proven very influential.

“FILTHY LUCRE”

“Filthy lucre” is money that is being put out for the wrong pur-

pose; or sought after unscrupulously—as, “bait” for the preacher; or wherein the preacher uses the medium of the Gospel work for financial gain. Money, within itself, is clean; but the manner in which it is sought for, or used, is the thing that contaminates. There is a scripture in Proverbs 23:6-7, which surely means something. It reads like this:

“Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.”

So it might be well for preachers, and others, as well, to be on their guard against those who would "swing you in," so-to-speak, with their financial aid—you better not be "desirous of their dainty meats," for they have selfish, or evil motives in trying to "win" you—"their heart is not with thee.” For various reasons will the unscrupulous try such tactics on the straight, clean, saint of God—some to hide a crooked, hypocritical life within the shadow of the upright saint's influence; others may try such, hoping for preeminence among you; and even some so low as to have immoral designs; and various reasons. It means much to stay in the clear of all of Satan's traps these days; but it can be done, thank God. Not boasting (the enemy might trick us before the day is done), but to the glory of God, we have, in the past, lost financial aid in the Gospel work that we could have received otherwise, had we gone on in endorsement with certain; but fearing God, we could not do so. Upon one occasion, we returned an offering and stop-

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" . . . he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; . . . ” —Romans 12:8.
ped sending a bundle of papers for distribution to the individual—not for personal reasons; but because of other circumstances connected with God's cause. Remember how that Balaam got into it through the appeals and promises of Balak, king of the Moabites!

REGRETTABLE

It is regrettable to think that we, as a body of people, have let the years go by without having a broadcasting period over the radio, especially when God has so wonderfully blest with the musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, that we have right in our midst. This may be due to two causes—lack of proper ones leading out; and apparent indifference heretofore evidenced in financial matters. Others of different faiths have taken advantage of this means of sending out the Gospel in preaching and song; and possibly to do this, it is taking a sacrifice on the part of some to carry on the programs. And that God is in some of these undertakings, is evidenced by some of the good singing, and the sound preaching against sin, that is sometimes heard over the air, despite the great volume of the purely cold, formal kind, which, thanks to the dial on the radio, one does not have to listen to, unless they, for some reason, desire.

In Proverbs 30:28, we find a thought—"The spider taketh hold with her hands, and is in king's palaces." A wonderful lesson in this. The reason God's people do not accomplish more for Him, is often because they fail to launch out—"take hold with their hands!" We need to sometimes do as recorded in Acts 27:40, concerning the ship—we need to "loose the rudder bands, and hoist the main-sail," thus moving out for God! It is Biblical that we be careful, alright, in proposed steps taken in our efforts towards God's good cause, yet let's not go to extremes. Some because of the fear of formality and organization, have refrained from applying themselves towards the application of church government, which thing is so plainly taught in the Bible. One great trouble today, things have become well nigh disrupted among us, because of a lack of close application along this line in times past. Of course we realize the day is far spent—the shadows of the evening are stretched out in reality over the land; yet we must continue on for God in every avenue opened unto us, as long as we can see how to labour, for truly, as the scripture teaches, "the night cometh when no man can work." We are sure that the early apostles availed themselves in their day of legitimate means of spreading the Gospel; therefore, we should do likewise. God can reach the heart of man through the medium of the radio, the same as through the printed page. People can get their warning in this manner that makes them ready for Judgment, though they neglect, and go on there unprepared. As proof of the efficiency of the radio as the means of carrying the warning message, we were sitting at the dining table of the individual some few months ago, and just before we began eating, if ever we heard a person get the message they needed, it was at that time—his very countenance showed the effects of those few words coming in over the air through a broadcast by an old line holiness preacher. The preacher could not have portrayed his case any better, had he known who was having to listen, and had he been acquainted with the facts. God had surely sent it. Of course we dared not say anything, saving possibly, Amen!

Whether these few remarks will have any telling effect at all, toward stirring up an interest among this line or not, we do not know; but we do know that Satan is busy through all possible means, in sending out his corrupt and false teachings; therefore, saints of God should avail themselves of every legitimate opportunity of sending out the Gospel in it's purity, for a warning to the lost, and as an encouragement, and strengthening of the faith of the believer, for truly, Jesus is coming soon—may we all be prepared to meet Him. And radio offers a wonderful field of opportunity in these rapidly closing days of time, to reach both saint and sinner with the warning message of the last Gospel call that is sounding—sadly, not throughout the world any longer; but only in those countries where true Gospel preaching is yet permitted!

You may be hearing from us later, the Lord willing, on this subject. At any rate, we know it is worth consideration. Amen.

Heard Over The Radio

We recently heard a Nazarene holiness preacher on his regular Sunday after noon program (1:30; Coffeyville, Kans.), remark to this effect: that if you felt you needed more love in your heart, possibly the Lord would send some one along whom you didn't like very well, for you to practice on!

Well said; and remindful of Rom. 5:3—"tribulation worketh patience," etc.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. —Mk. 16:15.
HAS THE "COLLECTOR" BEEN CALLING?

People who fail to pay their tithes, DO pay them in the end—and possibly more—by the time the "collector," in the form of the thief, death among the stock, fire, doctor bills (faith fails in sickness), loss of job, etc., makes a few calls!

Tithing is a part of the Gospel, the same as any other part of the scripture; and beyond doubt, one of the chief reasons many professed Christians are not obeying God in this respect is, they just can't turn loose of that much money, farm products, or stock—they think! Very well—let them hold fast—they won't have to "turn loose"—God will let a car wreck happen to "jar" it loose; or maybe the thief, or destruction come along to "lift" it out of their hands; or shut up work against them, thus "keeping" it out of their hands! Remember, beloved, God has more ways than one to "head us off," when we think we are "getting by." So wouldn't it be much better—often less expense, and a minimum of suffering—to just come clean before God, and quit robbing Him in BOTH tithes and offerings, but get in and do your mite, thus having a clear conscience in the matter, and a feeling that you now had a part in sending out the Gospel to the lost and needy? Maybe you DO give offerings in the support of God's good cause. If so, that is fine—but such does not complete His plan—He has ordained that we—and all others--give the specified tenth, or "tithe," of that with which He blesses us, for it BELONGS to Him according to

the teaching of His Word. (Lev. 27:30, etc.). Then, after having done this, we may give all the offerings we desire—even unto the point of sacrifice, if we wish, and love God well enough! but let us do FIRST things FIRST; and TITHING comes first in the line of mentioning, according to Malachi 3:7, wherein this, the last prophet, exhorts along the line of robbing God.

There are people today within the ranks of professed holiness, who no doubt are having a real pull to get by—they are suffering many adverse conditions—all because they are failing to properly honor God with the firstfruits of their increase (Prov. 3:9. etc.).

And not only are they having a hard time in a financial way, but they are also possibly causing some honest, sincere, minister of the Gospel, whom God has ordained shall live of the Gospel (1 Cor. 9:14.), together with his family, to also suffer, by reason of their withholding from God, that which is His. Then there are cases, possibly, where the individuals have gotten in deep debt, and seems they can't get in the clear again—they may be honest, and hard-working when they have a chance; but when they do get a check, or whatever income it may be, they think they can't afford to honour God first with the tenth—they are too deeply in debt! etc. As for that, beloved, no one was ever too poor, drawing too small a salary, or too deeply in debt, to give God the tithe, no more than is any one ever unable to keep any other commandment of God, when they have a heart to do so, and make provisions to that end. But the trouble with some, possibly, is that they are not only in debt, and robbing God in the mean-while, but they will keep on going in debt—not for necessary things, as food and clothing, but for some of the luxuries, or more modern conveniences, of life. Wonder what some of their older creditors would think in such cases? would it increase their confidence in such an one's testimony? We are afraid not. In fact, such tactics are not in line with old-time holiness.

Didn't think we was going to say nearly so much when we first felt like just a brief remark along the line of tithing; but here we rather prolonged the thought; but nothing to "take back," as we have only expressed ourselves as God has lead. We only feel there has been too much slackness in days gone by—that of impressing upon saints their duty towards God's good cause along this very line. Too many have been spoiled in this respect—and some take "spoiling" so easily! We remember an incident some time ago, wherein we was visiting a band of saints, and some one taken an offering for the pastor, and we couldn't help but notice how that one of the rest situated among them, and having a large family, counting them all, to hear the Gospel—how that such an one contributed two dimes—TWENTY CENTS--towards the support of his pastor and family! This would not have looked nearly so bad, had circumstances been different. We hope an improvement, if not now, will be noted some day—in ALL cases where people are failing God by "muzzling the ox that treads out the corn." Some farmers wouldn't keep a hired hand who "short fed" their good work team! but some people seem to think the old "Gospel ox" can make the

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Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. --1 Cor. 9:14.
AN APPEAL FOR PRAYER

While we are enjoying our peace and liberty in serving the Lord in this nation, for which we should be truly thankful (though we realize that some of our dear young men will shortly face a test), yet let us not forget how that no doubt there are dear saints of God in war torn countries right now, suffering persecution for righteousness' sake—possibly in prison, in concentration camps, or banished to frozen regions of Siberia—because they could not participate in the slaughter of their fellow-men in this terrible calamity of war. These precious souls have not the privilege of sending abroad a request for prayer—doubtless not to our loved ones, in most cases. So let us not forget to take them upon our hearts, DAILY, going before God in earnest petition, that He will sustain them—give each of them grace to stand, and power to overcome, in their trying hour of need. Though they be thousands of miles away, speaking a strange language, of different habits and customs, and wholly unknown to us, yet they are our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and therefore are as dear unto us, spiritually, as those of our own nation, and need our prayers.

Also, remember to pray for dear missionaries on various foreign fields, who are hazards their lives, and facing also perilous times, in order to get the Gospel to the lost, and to the heathen in darkened lands. Keep them in mind daily, in prayer.

And young men of our own nation who are striving to live for God, and who are subject to the draft call—pray earnestly that God will give each of them wisdom, grace to stand, and power to overcome; and that He will grant them deliverance according to His will.

Now some feel they would like to do something for the Lord, but think they have no chance, or that no field of labour has as yet been opened to them. Well, here's your chance—a job at which we can ALL labour, and at the same time; and a chance to prove your desire to work for the Lord—PRAY for all classes mentioned above. So if you feel you have been in the “reserve corps” all these years, your “call” to the front has now come—excuses will be of no further avail. There will be no “drafting” in this conflict—it will mean to come out and show your “colors” for God—get to work for Him—or be swept under by the great vortex of sin and unbelief that is engulfing the whole world.


We are always glad for new names—those who really desire the little paper. Estimating two or three readers to each paper sent out, our “congregation” for each issue will run up past the 1,000 mark, as our mailing list now stands. (Have been doing some “thinning out” lately.) Send us YOUR name, please?

NEW READERS

The following new names have been added to our mailing list since last issue:

Fred Ryan, Ault, Colo.
Mrs. Otis McDonald, Seneca, Mo.
Beatrice McLaughlin, Nowata, Okla.
C. T. Wilhelm, Prairie Grove, Ark.
Henry Poplin, Tulsa, Okla.
E. F. Dodson, Klamath Falls, Ore.
Veatrice Johnson, Verdigris, Okla.
T. J. Wooten, Dalhart, Texas.
And Bro. Wheeler requests a bundle be sent him. At present, his is pastor near Marysville, Calif.

The above picture was taken at the dinner hour, on Sunday, July 14, here at Center Misslor—day of our surprise Fellowship Meeting. Incidentally, on account of sloping ground, many in the rear are not seen.

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;” —1 Thess. 1:2.
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Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7.
THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MESSENGER

OFFICE NOTES

OCTOBER 3, 1940.

Bro. Loren Berryman and family, are with the saints at Mulberry, Kans., for the winter, where their little girl is in school.

Following Camp Meeting, Bro. Ussery and family, were in services at Newkirk and Ramona churches, before returning to Arkansas.

Bro. Atchley is to move to Morrow, Ark., for the winter; and Bro. Ussery, of Lead Hill, is to take his place with the White Oak band, near Harrison.

Bro. Henegar, at last account, was in a revival near Maryville, Calif., where Bro. Wheeler is pastor. His three elder sons, and Bro. Andrew Minick, also of near Ramona, accompanied him.

Bro. and Sr. T. J. Wooten and son, of Dalhart, Tex., together with another son and wife, Bro. and Sr. M. G. Wooten, who are travelling in evangelistic work, were surprise callers at this office one afternoon recently, on a business mission, while enroute to Pope county, Ark., to visit the elder Bro. Wooten's aged mother. It was our first time to meet; and we parted, feeling glad for our brief acquaintance.

Wife and myself were in a few services with the saints at Van Buren, Ark., shortly after C. M.; going from there to Bro. Atchley's revival near Morrow, Ark., where we surely enjoyed some wonderful services in the Lord. The break-through getting under good headway was we left. Saints from distant places, also, driving many miles to be there. God bless the saints there, some we have known for years. May they, and the new ones there now, ever hold on to God, until Jesus comes, or calls.

Those who remember Bro. Ros Oneal, of near Stilwell, Okla., so wonderfuly used of God in song, and a God-called leader in local church work, will be glad to learn that he is much improved now in health, having been so poorly for some years past. May God continue to bless Bro. Ros, and that his life be a continued blessing in our Saviour's good cause. Wife and I had the good pleasure of an overnight's visit in the home of Bro. and Sr. Oneal and family, on our way home from Arkansas this past August. Was in services at their church that night.

CONFERENCE MINUTES

Minutes of the Conference meeting (Aug. 1-2, 1940) have been printed in pamphlet form, and a copy will be mailed you upon request to this office. Send stamp. You should get one—write us now.

OUR POSITION ON WAR

The business period of the first day of conference this summer (Aug. 1, 1940.) was given to a discussion of the stand that we, as a body of people, was going to take, relative to the proposed conscription, or draft plan, which has since gone into effect. Decision was, that we hold the same attitude as in the World War, and which has been the general teaching of the Apostolic faith, since 1906—that we go as far as we can, in complying with the laws of our land, or until such demands violate our conscience toward God; and in the meanwhile, having the greatest respect for our flag and teaching absolute respect for the laws and officials of our country; but as for taking up arms against our fellow men—that we cannot do so, "however great the provocation, or however just the cause might seem: it being the spirit of the Gospel presented by Christ in his sermon on the Mount." (Matt. 5:38-48.) We teach obedience in complying with the laws of registration concerning the forthcoming draft enrollment; but as to a united stand on any certain line of noncombatant service, such was not agreed upon among us, realizing that such could hardly be arrived at; and that some of those things being a matter that might have to be settled individually, each one looking to God for wisdom and protection in such. (See Conference Minutes; also "Doctrinal Page," as it appears from time to time in this paper, which sets forth the fundamental teachings of the Church of God, of the Apostolic Faith.) —Editor.

BIG REVIVAL MEETING

Bro. J. F. Atchley, and helpers, were in a wonderful revival meeting with the saints at Gray's Point church, near Morrow, Ark., from Aug. 7, until Sept. 8, during which time 60 claimed salvation, several sanctified, and 4 receiving the baptism of the Holy Ghost; and with 51 being baptized in water. A real pull in the beginning; but by holding on, God gave the victory. In some respects, most like another Camp Meeting. Services were held under the old C. M. tabernacle.

From there, they next pitched at Dutch Mills, just a few miles distant, where the Lord again blessed, with about 20 saved, 4 or 5 sanctified, and I having received the Holy Ghost baptism, up until Sept. 27; but expecting to close the following Sunday night.

Dinner Time on the Camp Ground—but the View is not Plain Enough to Show the Crowd Marching into the "Dining Hall" (right), From the Tabernacle (left).

Sorry we are not out in time to announce Fellowship Meeting to be held at VAN BUREN, ARK., on Sunday, Oct. 6. May God bless with good service.
Greetings in the Lord to our dear Young People everywhere:

Just a word about your local services—

First of all, try to have the Spirit of the Lord in your midst. Do not permit worldly influences to rule your services. Select spiritual persons for your leaders; and an elderly person as your local sponsor.

Most of your services may be conducted similar to Bible study. This, of course, may depend upon circumstances. Consult your Department of his wife, as sponsors together, to assist him in directing meetings, or in his unavoidable absence, he has appointed Bro. Wilson Henegar, of near Ramona, Okla., and Sr. Goldine Claunch, of Mulberry, Kans.

YOUR SERVICES

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For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth. —Psalms 71:5.
Get, and keep, the Spirit of the Lord in your services! May the dear Lord bless you. Yours in Christ, Earnest Buckles.

**OUR CONVENTION**

Each group of our Young People—or those where no group has been formed—are invited to attend a Convention at the Street Mission, about 4 1-2, or 5 miles, northeast of Ramona, Okla., on the first Sunday in November (Nov. 3.), 1940.

We will expect special songs, talks, and reports from each group. It will be necessary for those who expect to speak, to have well suited subjects, and with thoughts condensed as much as practical in order that as many as possible have an equal chance in the services.

Young people, live near enough to God that you will have a testimony in our Convention that will be inspirational. LIVE your testimony! Keep your life clean; think soberly; read your Bibles; and be active in your local church.

You who can, bring your lunch, that we may not be a burden to the church where we assemble.

For any further particulars, write Sr. Goldine Claunch, Mulcerry, Kans., who will be the leader in services this day; or, Bro. and Sr. E. C. Buckles, Rt. 2, Anderson, Mo., Sponsors.

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Young People everywhere—pray much! Evil days are surely upon us.

It would be well for each group to select some one capable, to act as reporter—to send us reports of your work.

Remember, beloved. If you like to read the testimonies and reports from others, somebody would likely enjoy hearing from you. May we soon be having to devote three or four pages—or more, the Lord willing, to our Young People's work! Let us hear from YOU.

**TESTIMONY**

*Kirbyville, Mo.*

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

Thought I would write a few words of testimony for my dear Saviour in Heaven, whom I am serving today.

I am still praising the Lord for saving me when I was so badly lost in sin; and for sanctifying me. I knew nothing of the Lord only what I would hear people say; and now, praise His holy name, I can pick up the dear Word of God, the Bible, and read it day after day, and find so many good things each time I read it. And I hope, and pray, that I will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that I may walk closer to God each day, and do more for Him.

I am trusting the Lord for the healing of my afflicted body. I know He can heal me, if I can only have more faith, for I know He can do all things. I have seen, and heard of people being healed. So I know the Lord can heal our bodies if we only have the faith.

Brothers and sisters, salvation is real to my soul. It makes us live and walk right with God each day. Although we have many persecutions to bear; people will talk about our long-sleeved dresses; our hair; and different things. But we just have to suffer the persecutions, and pray for them, that they might be saved. I am praying for my people, that they might get saved. Praise His holy name.

Dear ones, it is going to mean a home in Heaven when we are called from this world, if we have been true to God, and have done the deeds He would have us do.

Pray for me, that I may be healed; and that I will always be faithful, and never fail the Lord in any way. Don't forget to pray for me.

A sister in Christ,

Anna Lee Adams,

Kirbyville, Missouri.

**REPORTS**

*Drumright, Okla.*

September 17, 1940.

Dear Bro. and Sr. Bond:

Just a few words about the progress of the Young People's work here.

Services have been better, and every one has seemed more interested, especially since the Camp Meeting.

Sr. Jesse Anne Deweese is our leader; and she brings forth some very interesting lessons, which are beneficial to all.

The number gathering out (our services are on Sunday evenings, at 6 o'clock) are not so many as we would like, but we are praying that more will come.

We are also endeavoring to help the Young People at Shamrock (near by); and they, too, have been attending our services.

The Young People's Class.

Forrest Miller, Reporter.

May the Lord bless the Young People at Drumright; also, at Shamrock. Some wonderful talent in music and song was in evidence at the Camp Meeting this summer, from over that way.

Now that a special effort is being put forth in behalf of the Young People throughout the movement, we hope there will be a response on their part—that a revival of interest will spring forth in the Lord's work among them. And, in that we are willing to devote more time and space in the little paper towards this work, we shall expect co-operation on the part of all who are really interested among them. We would like a report from time to time, from each group having their regular meetings, telling how the Lord is blessing, something of the nature of your work, etc. Also, let us have your testimonies, wherever you may be; or any good thought the Lord may give you.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. —Proverbs 4:26.