

# The GOSPEL NEWS

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## TIME FLIES SWIFTLY AWAY

By the time this Issue of The Gospel News reaches you, the year of 1956 will have gone and never to return again. HOW TIME DOES FLY! And, can you tell where it goes?

Some strange expressions have been made by the servants of God when under the inspiration of His Holy Spirit. For instance Peter in his First Epistle, 4:7-8 "But the END OF ALL THINGS is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover a multitude of sins." Then in his Second Epistle 3:8,9 "But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that ONE DAY is with the Lord as a thousand years and a THOUSAND YEARS as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;" etc. Many years have passed on since the days of Peter.

It seems to me that the great object of the Apostle Peter was to carry out the injunction of his Master, "Go ye, preach the gospel to all the world."

Peter undoubtedly knew of the words of His Master: "The Son of Man shall send forth His angels and they shall gather out of His Kingdom (the Lord's Kingdom) all things that do offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire" etc. Might it not be well for all to consider that the END OF ALL THINGS is at hand, and that the duty of God's servants is, to preach the gospel that none might perish? Bro. Cadman.

## NEW YEARS

I wonder as the hour draws near What are the thoughts of those who fear, what the future holds for them.

When time was theirs, did they use it well? Or in a slipshod manner, did they rest a spell; with work undone, and souls unsaved, Did they say; Oh there is another day.

When today is all He promised us. To use it well, we surely must; For once it's gone, it is no more ours; So let us fill it full of flowers; Of kind words, kind deeds, and cheery smiles.

God will, and low, now let us shower On those we meet along the way. The lame, the sick, the halt, the blind. That they may have some peace of mind.

Their faith strengthened, hope revived in Him, who cared enough to die, That fear, no longer have a place In the hearts of them who seek His grace, But with joyful hearts their voices ring The old year out and the new year in.....Unsigned.

## NATURE

Bounteous nature by God created, how have you the power to move the hearts and souls of men to divine charity and tender compassion? Why do you bring tears to the eyes of the strong and humble the mighty's surging pride? How is it that you are able to strengthen the weak, to quicken the unabated spirit of the afflicted, and to comfort the mourner? What is there about you that causes the offender to repent of his offense, and at the same time makes the godly quake with fear?

The strong, the weak, the ungodly, and the righteous all hold you in mutual awe and reverence.

Why?

It is because in you they behold something greater than they. They see in you the very powers of life and death, of joy and sorrow, of justice and mercy. Yea, they see this and more, for through coming in tune with you they see and understand the very arm and face of the eternal God.

By Bro. Donald J. Curry

## THE IMPERIAL MISSION

(By Bro. Wm. Kunkel)

The world was my shepherd  
I shall never want again;  
It maketh me to lie down at  
sins door,  
It leadeth me into destruction,  
It destroyeth my soul for the  
glory of the world.  
But now the captive is set free,  
The Lord is my shepherd

Him, will I always want;  
He maketh me to lie down in  
Green Pastures  
He leadeth me by the still wa-  
ters,  
He restoreth my soul for His  
names sake.  
Praise God, ye children of Zion,  
Break forth with singing;  
For He has anointed our heads  
With oil of gladness,  
For surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow  
Us all our days.

## GIFT OF THE AMERICAN INDIANS TO OUR THANKSGIVING

The Iroquois Indians had six regular festivals or thanksgivings: Maple, Planting, Strawberry, Green Corn, Harvest, and White Dog — all of a religious character and celebrated by symbolic rites. Typical of these were the Feather, Fish and Trotting dances.

At the end of the Feather Dances, held in the autumn, the Indians thanked the Great Spirit for just being alive.

The first formal Thanksgiving by the settlers was held in 1621 on a date set by Governor Bradford. The pilgrims invited the Indians to share three days of feasting and thanksgiving. Without the food brought by the Indians there would have been little feasting.

Corn was the staple food crop upon which the Aztec, Mayan and Incan cultures were founded. Long before the advent of the white man the Indians were cultivating hills of beans and peas and vines of tomatoes, pumpkins and squash Nuts, berries, wild turkeys, deer, fish and oysters added to the diet.

The foods which are directly now comprise more than half the derived from American Indians agricultural wealth of the world today and also constitute the major portion of our traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

## A TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

On receiving a pressing invitation from the president of the California District of The Church of Jesus Christ to attend their Conference on November 2 and 3, I left my home on October 31st

and boarded a T.W.A. plane at the Pittsburgh Airport at 10:15 a.m., was on the ground in Chicago for one hour and at 8:00 p.m. Pittsburgh time I was on the ground in Los Angeles, one half hour later than scheduled time. The plane cruised at 19000 feet high, and I was told we were traveling at 400 miles per hr. Brother Robert Watson Jr. was on hands when I landed and took me to his home about 30 miles away. It was a wonderful trip.

My return ticket called for me to leave Los Angeles on the morning of Nov. 19th for home, which gave me three Sundays to spend with our people in California, and of which I was kept on the go.

Arriving there on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. our time back here, it was only 5:00 p.m. on the west coast, consequently I had time to eat supper at Bro. Watson's home and then attend meeting at the Van Nuys church in the San Fernando Valley, recently built and dedicated to the service of God by the saints of that community, and they have a wonderful edifice to worship God in. Our folks were glad to welcome me in their midst.

The next evening Bro Watson took me in his car to visit Bro. Heaps. Bro. Jimmie was very poorly, but felt that he was gradually gaining strength. He had a rather hard seige of it in the operating room, and another instance of that kind might be too much for him to bear. He was not able to attend the Conference. Returning back home with Bro. Watson I attended meeting again the next night at the Van Nuys church. And then the next two days Saturday and Sunday they had a conference in this same church—business sessions all day on Saturday, and our worshipping meetings on Sunday all day. A very nice crowd was gathered together from the various Branches of the Church in California, which are growing in numbers. Our folks in that part of the vineyard must be given much credit for their missionary endeavors, and their accomplishments. I am sure we have a group of fine brothers and sisters on the Pacific Coast—including the Mexican Indian People who are obeying the Gospel.

Having only three Sundays to spend with them, I did not stay for the Sunday night session, I was obliged to do some planning in order to visit all our places of meetings. At the close of the af-

ternoon meeting there was two or three cars returning to Modesto, possible 300 miles away. I thought that would be my chance to visit at Modesto, so I went in one of their cars to the home of Bro. Joseph Lovalvo, rode part of way in Mr. Peter Ruffino's car Mr. Ruffino's wife and daughter have been baptized into the church and he shows a very friendly attitude toward the church.

On my way to Modesto I evidently ate something that did not agree with me, and Monday especially I had an unpleasant time, but brother and sister Lovalvo and bro. Michael Randazzo ( a brother Physician) took good care of me, and by Tuesday evening I was very well again. I had much appreciation for their thoughtfulness of me.

The next day (Wednesday) Mr. Ruffino took me in his Cadillac and showed me around the city and surrounding country, also took me out to see the new church our brethren are building, which will be a very nice church when finished, which may be completed before Christmas.

Mr. Ruffino also took me along with others to see the city of San Francisco possibly 100 miles away — a wonderful drive, a wonderful city to see, and too, the wonderful Cadillac which does not need wings to fly. On returning back to Modesto, I attended their meeting on Thursday evening where a nice audience had gathered together, and where we had a pleasant evening together in the service of God. Mr. Ruffino is a very friendly man, entertained me in his home. He came from Italy to this country when quite a young boy, and has certainly done well in the blessed land of America.

On Friday morning Bro. Lovalso went with me to the Airport and I boarded a plane for San Diego which was 5 to 6 hundred miles away. We landed at about five different cities before reaching our destination—a very pleasant trip indeed.

On arriving at San Diego, Bro. Ray Saczyko met me at the Airport, and took me to his home for a short visit with his wife and family, and then took me to the home of Bro. Ben Ciccati. Ben is a school teacher, but was off on Saturday and spent the day taking me to the different homes of our people, and where I was made welcome by all. We attended meeting in their church on Friday evening, and a nice crowd was present and welcomed me.

I attended meetings all day on Sunday, some of the folks from Los Angeles and from San Fernando Valley followed me there, and we had a nice day together. At the close of Sunday meeting a young man ask to be baptized on the following Sunday, they had hopes by that time others would join in with him. While in San Diego, we visited the home of brother and sister Breeca. They have a small lemon tree in their yard, only about four feet high, but they gave me two lemons off the tree that measured 14 1-2 inches in circumference and weighed 1 1-2 lbs. each. A very small tree, but I counted better than 20 big lemons on it. I enjoyed my visit with the saints in San Diego, and on Monday Morning Bro. and Sister Saczyko took me in their car to Los Angeles. It was a wonderful drive along the shore of the Pacific Ocean for miles. This happened to be Veterans Day. We finally arrived at the home of Bro. Kirkpatrick in South Gate, and they took me to Bro. Hendersons where Bro. Heaps is staying for the present. Bro. Heaps seemed to be getting stronger but still was far from being a strong man. He took me around some in his car.

Arrangements were already made for me to spend two nights at the Church in Van Nuys, and then three nights in Bell Church at Los Angeles. These meetings were all very well attended, and I believe enjoyed by all present. I will add that we have four very nice church buildings in Calif., of course the Modesto building was not yet finished, but along with the others will be a credit to The Church of Jesus Christ. While visiting in the Los Angeles district, I spent one night at the home of Bro. and Sister Purdue, and I must not forget Sister Norma who is very active — along with others. In the morning after we had our breakfast, (you all know of course that Sister Purdue is a Jewish lady) it was not long until one of her Jewess friends came in with a Bible in her hands, then in a little while three Mexican Indian ladies came in, and we had quite a nice talk together for some time. The Jewess much interested in the scripture pertaining to Jesus coming into the world, and comparing her Bible (old testament) with ours, and of course hearing much of the new testament concerning Jesus in fulfillment of their own prophets. I

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*Signs of the Times . . .*

George Funkhouser, Jr.  
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The recently released figures on the increase of juvenile misbehavior are not very encouraging to organizations engaged in combating this evil. J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation revealed in a recent report that juvenile arrests in 1955 were 11.4 percent more in number than the previous year. Dr. Martha Eliot of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced that about half a million children were arraigned in courts during 1955, a rise of nine per cent over 1954. In New York City, Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy in attempting to curtail juvenile crime in certain areas made one-third more arrests but **did not** reduce the crime ratio.

All this brings to mind the second epistle of Paul to the Apostle Timothy. In the third chapter, first verse: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." And in the second verse continues: "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."

The root of trouble with the young people is obvious. In a statement as to cause and effect Commissioner Kennedy said "— in most cases it has been found that the history of the delinquent is characterized by lack of religious training." This lack is certainly not because of insufficient facilities. The churches of today are garnished with gymnasiums, recreation halls and youth programs that all but pamper the young. It would seem that the children go into church but not much of the church goes into the children.

The greatest shortcomings of religious training is in the home. Survey after survey shows that in many churches outside our own the children are sent to church, not taken. This is sort of 'do as I say, not as I do' policy. Former President Trumas advocates the return of the woodshed treatment and may be right, but the entire juvenile picture reflects signs of the times of these last days.

Latest statistics show that only 29 percent of the world population

believes in some form of Christianity. This means that more than two thirds of over two billion people must first be told of Christ before they can be introduced to the restored gospel. The magnitude of this vast work that God will cause to be performed in such a short time makes us stand in awe.

The Roman Catholic Church has announced the opening of a new seat of learning in this country devoted primarily to the study and teaching of Mary, mother of Jesus. Main theme of the curriculum will be that only through Mary the 'intercessor', can one attain Christ, heaven, or even have prayers heard.

This new school is evidently part of the program by the Roman Church to minimize the role of Christ for redemption and increase that of the 'Holy Mother.' Climaxing centuries of interest in Mary, this new intensity is a specialized science and Maryology is fast becoming the centermost doctrine of the Papal system.

Arnold Toynbee, noted historian, says the human race may soon do away with two of its great scourge — war and pestilence. With atomic weapons making war unreasonable and technological advances about to end the threat of disease, Mr. Toynbee sees the danger of another menace. He states that famine will destroy us if we do not control the birth rate and prevent over-populating.

Either this scientist does not know the scripture or he discounts it entirely to bring forth such conclusions. Space does not permit for us to give the portions of the Bible refuting the above theory but mans' peace is temporary, at best, and scourge of disease will be on us until God's peace comes. When we hear of a concept such as the above we discern a sign of the times and find ourselves uttering the words of the prophet; "how long, Lord?"

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think she is on the verge of accepting the humble Nazarene as her long looked for Messiah— May the Lord bless her soul. And then the other three Ladies of Mexican Indian extraction, much interested in the Book of Mormon, who are beginning to learn that it is a history of the dealings of God with their fathers of long ago —yes the American Indians whom the man Columbus was moved upon by the Spirit of God and his movements brought to light the people we know as Indians, who are really a part of the House of Israel, yea a people who were once the Apple of God's eye, and the offspring of Joseph who was sold into Egypt by his cruel brothers, yet their act eventually saved them from famine. Praise God for His mysterious ways — it is written that His ways are past finding out. These Mexican womens faces seemed all aglow to learn that the loving God has something good in store for their oppressed race of people, yea, they are a part of the Chosen People of God, and He will not forget them when He gathers Israel together again. This subject seems to buoy me up and I feel to praise God.

At the close of the Friday night Meeting, I went to the home of Brother Harry Marshall and his friendly wife, who is also a sister in the Church. They have a very nice home and I was at home with them. After we had our breakfast on Saturday Morning in their car they took me out visiting. We ate dinner with Harry's mother our older sister Marshall, formerly from Perryopolis, Pa. We also picked up sister Purdue and we went to see the Mission House where her and brother Purdue are doing a good work among the Mexican people. They pay 100 dollars a month rent for a building, but they rent part of it out for 55.00 dollars, while that is a big help, yet it makes their rent high. Brother and Sister Purdue are buying a lot in the neighborhood, and have torn down an old building that was given to them, and it is their hopes that someday they can erect a building of their own, to do their missionary work in among the Mexican Indian people. The Mexican people generally talk Spanish, but many of them talk good English.

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**EDITORIAL**

I observe that the term "priesthood" is being loosely used in this Church, and I write this Editorial with a view of correcting it. I will add too, that I am not alone in my observations.

I first draw your attention to the fact as is recorded in Alma 13-1,2, that those priests were ordained after the "Holy Order" of His Son, meaning Jesus Christ, to whom we might look forward to for redemption. In verse 6 it says that this priesthood is the Holy Order of God, and in verse 7 it says: "This high priesthood being after the order of His Son, which was from the foundation of the world." And in verse 9, "Thus they (men) become high priests forever, after the order the Son, the Only Begotten of the Father, who is without beginning of days or end of years" etc. Now I wish to draw your attention as to how the name Melchizedek came into use. He was king of Salem and was ordained to the office of high priest, read the 18th verse. Then if you will read verse 19, you will learn that there was many (priests) before him, and also there was many ordained after him, meaning before and after Melchizedek, but none of them were greater than him. Because of the prominence of Melchizedek the priesthood was called after his name. But bear in mind that in verse 16 it is made plain that this is but a 'type' of the order of Jesus Christ that we might look forward to Him. (Christ) for a remission of sins. Hence, this order was to be in force until the Messiah would come into the world, and of course be offered up on the cross, as He was.

It is evident from the scriptures that Jesus Christ is the last and great high priest after the order of Melchizedek, read Hebrews 5-6 "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." The type is now no more, Christ the pre-eminent of ALL has come. That which was a type became a reality, perfected in the sacrifice of the Lamb of God.

Therefore, be it understood that the Saviour was after the order of Melchizedek, but we as Elders are ordained after the order of Christ.

'Priesthood' then, is the authority to officiate in the ordinances of the Gospel and in baptizing converts in the water, we raise our hand declaring we have "authority" to do so. I received a letter some time ago, which exhibited ignorance in using the term 'priesthood'. We as Elders may grow old, but the Priesthood of Jesus Christ is eternal, and as Elders we are ordained into the priesthood of Christ, and not into Melchizedek. Yea, let us all be careful how we use the term 'priesthood' and let us give the PRE-EMINENCE to whom it belongs — Him who led CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE and gave gifts unto men, — the Lord Jesus Christ. Editor.

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After this, Bro. and Sister Marshall took me to see a Neice of mine, a Mrs. Elizabeth Cadman Dempsey and her husband. We had a visit with them. I had not seen my niece for ten years or more. We then started on our way to brother James Lovalvo's home where I was to spend the night. On our way we drove around the Mormon Temple, a wonderful building it is, costing, I am told six million dollars. In these Temples the Utah Mormon Church baptizes for the dead, and also perform marriages that are to endure throughout eternity, a strange doctrine indeed, which is not supported either by Bible or Book of Mormon, but is based on what they call the revelation of God. It is certainly not in harmony with the revealed word of God in the two books already mentioned.

We arrived at the home of Brother Lovalvo, where we spent the evening, and I spent the night. The next morning I along with the Lovalvo family drove in to the Bell Church and spent the day in service there. A very nice day was spent. Three services besides their Sabbath School. At the close of these meetings I bid them goodbye and went home with brother and sister Mercurio, who lived near the Airport, had a nights rest and bro Mercurio took me to the Airport in the morning, where I boarded a T.W.A. plane for Pittsburgh at about 11:40 a.m. Pittsburgh time. I spent an hour in

Chicago, changed planes, and was on ground again in the Airport at Pittsburgh at 8:00 p.m. My wings did not fail me. I was no worse for the trip, and I hope my visit will not prove in vain, and I will add that there is quite a Missionary spirit prevalent among our brothers and sisters in California. May the Lord still bless their efforts. Brother Cadman.

**BRO. DICK  
(Continued)**

On 4th day of July bro. Bitterer and I left his home at 4:15 A.M. for the train station where we board a train to Calif. On our way to Calif. I discovered that my one time meal while with the Saints cost them \$7.95.

Bro. Bitterer at Chicago bought one orange at 25 cents for me, there I noticed that it will cost the saints 75 cents if I will take three oranges as I use to take.

While I was there with the saints I did not take ice cream and some other things but I did eat all on our way to Calif. I met with one man working in the train who spoke to me some words of which I am not going to say here but Bro. Bitterer knew. I over slept in the train at Calif. We arrived Los Angeles on 6th July at 11 p.m. and we tried to contact some folks before bro Heaps with others, could come for us, it was 11:30 p.m. When we arrived at bro. James Heaps home, I had good meal. We attended the Church dedication on 8th July, 1956 where they requested me to tell them how my people lived and what their works were. Bro. Bitterer added that while he was in Nigeria he pick Nigerian News paper reporting the death of one Chief with seventy wives and I confirmed same. On 9th July, we visited Modesto where we spent few days there. We enjoyed ourselves with the Saints there. On 12th July we return from Modesto to Los Angeles but we were disappointed by the Bus and our Suit Case were left behind; When we came back to join the Bus our Suit Case was already forwarded before us. I asked bro. Bitterer about the Suit Case for I was not pleased to miss my suit case, but I was surprised to see it arrived in Los Angeles before us without any-thing missing. We spent few days with the folks at Los Angeles before we could pass to San Diego on the 19th July, but for the few days there we enjoyed the visit there. On Monday 23rd July, before we left S a n

Diego to Detroit where bro Bittinger picked one News paper which reported the accident of the Chief, the train we took to Chicago; We arrived at Detroit 26th July at 1:49 a.m. Bro. and sister Miller met us at Detroit's train Station for a month I did not see bro and sister Cadman. On 28th July I saw bro Cadman and others the same day I was Ordained. I stayed with the saints at Detroit and enjoyed them also. On 6th August, I left Detroit for Lorain. I also spent few days with the folks at Lorain, I stayed at the home of bro and sister Patsy Fyre from there I visited other Saints on the 9th August; I left Lorain for Warren where I stayed at the Home of Bro and sister D. Giovannone holding meeting there with the saints. On 11th August I left Warren for Youngstown where I spent a day with the folks there and also held meeting with them on Sunday 12th August. Infact where ever I visited while in America I met with good brothers and sisters. Frankly speaking I enjoyed myself with them, they always make me feel at Home. In all, while I was in America I received a wonderful blessing from God. I took several pictures of the sisters and brothers for my remembrance of my visit to the blessed land of America. On Monday 13th August I left Youngstown for Monongahela Pa., and on 14th August, we held meetings with the Roscoe Branch, there I spoke after bro. Cadman.

I have a talk with Bro. Cadman, there I noticed that the cost to live in America was \$197.00 with a family of four in a month. Cost of burial is \$1,400.00 while burial in Nigeria will cost \$85.00 and cost to live with family of four in Nigeria will be \$45.00 depending upon the type of food one may like to eat.

On 15th August we held meeting at Monongahela also had meeting at West Elizabeth on 16th August, before I followed bro and sister Bittinger to their home.

On 17th Aug. we visited different brothers and sisters and also attended meeting at Vanderbilt. On 18th being Saturday we visited Bro. Bittinger's Father and sisters. On Sunday 19th we attended meeting at Greensburg, also went to Monongahela. I sang few Hymns in afternoon service. A girl from Aliquippa told me that at Aliquippa they have four baptisms and John Ross Jr. was the fourth. On August 22nd the folks of Monongahela held a farewell service on my behalf.

Bro. Bittinger spoke and followed, then we left Monongahela for New Jersey. On August 24th we visited Edison Tower and on the 25th I attended the last service with the folks in New Jersey. On the 26th we visited the Empire State Bldg. and on the 27th I met with a man from Afikpo, Nigeria. I also attended a meeting at New Brunswick. We left Hopelawn for New York on the 28th. I attended meetings with the folks at Bronx Church. On 29th brothers and sisters from New Jersey, New York and Monongahela said good-bye to me. They stayed with me on the ship for awhile. Three Africans were with me on the ship. I had a nice room in the boat.

At 6 p.m. August 29th we left New York for Portland, Maine where we spent three days. On Sept. 2, 1956 we left Portland for Freetown Africa, and we arrived there on Monday, Sept. 17th at 8 a.m.

We spent a day there. Four of us go on shore where I met with a man by name M. Wary, 10 Dukes St. Freetown who like me to come to their town and establish the Restored Gospel of Christ for his people. We left Freetown the next day, arriving at Accra on Friday 21st at 2 p.m. The wharf was too dangerous so none of us went on shore. We left Accra on the 23rd Sept. and arrived at Lagos, Nigeria on the 24th Sept. 1956.

At 6 p.m. the folks at Lagos who are interested in the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ received me very highly. Their welcome letter to me reads as follows: Welcome Address Presented to Rev. A. A. Dick on the Occasion of his returning from U. S. A.

"We Brothers in Christ Jesus have the pleasure and honour in presenting this our sincere and most hearty address of Welcome to you. We thank God through Christ Jesus for having protected you throughout the whole of the period of your stay in U.S.A. and mostly throughout your journey in the deep Blue Oceans.

Now that you have gone far to such a Country which none of us here has ever been to, and you have seen many things. We hereby pray that you will show us the light so that we may find the way.

It is a pity indeed Brother Dick, the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak, therefore in view of this

fact, we trust that you will not look to the nature of our gift, but to the spirit in which the gift is offered to you. In other words, it is not here that we should have welcomed you into these Bright Sun Shine of our Country Nigeria-Africa, but owing to the condition, we are forced to do so. However as much as your mission is not for worldly pleasures we are convinced that you will take everything to the Glory of God. May the Lord Bless you and keep you. May the Lord maketh His Countenance to shine upon you and give you peace. Amen"

Your Brothers

1. N.J. Umoh

2. J.E. Ebong

3. J.U. Obott & three others.

I spent a day with them; on the next day I left Homeward arriving home Wednesday 26th Sept. at 4:30 p.m. On my way home after Ikot Ekpene 3-4 of a mile to my home I saw more than 100 sisters of the Restored Gospel holding a meeting at Ikot Obong Church of Jesus Christ and I waved my hand to them. Arriving at my home I saw my wife sitting idle, she was very very surprised to see me. On 30th Sept. I attended the first service with my people at Ikot Ebak and more than 500 people attended service that day.

All were happy to see me the Secretary of the County Council-Abak with all the staffs also with the policeman came to see me and to hear from me.

To be continued by Bro. Dick.

#### ATTENTION PLEASE

Brother George Funkhouser, a member of the Edison Branch of the Church in New Jersey has contacted me recently, and has proposed inaugurating a column or two under the heading of "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" in The Gospel News. I have accepted his proposition, feeling that it will be interesting and edifying to our readers. The contents thereof will be the work of Bro. Funkhouser at his own free volition, in whom I have confidence, is thoroughly competent to edit the same, being employed in the printing and publishing profession.

I have now been editing and seeing the Gospel News deposited in the post office for 12 years, now to start on the 13th. I have no regrets as to the time and labour spent, but I do realize to keep the paper going, some one will

eventually have to take over — and I have prayed to that end. Now, Brother George of his own free will is now writing encouraging letters to me. I appreciate it very much I am sure. I do not know if it is wrong to wish for BIG THINGS or not, but I do wish that I had \$25,000 dollars, and the consent of the Church to build a room of sufficient size on the lower corner of our Church property here in Monongahela, and install it with printing equipment, and have Brother Funkhouser to take over. I feel sure of his ability to do so. He is open to be chosen. Our Publishing business is growing, and will continue to grow as we exert our selves in the preaching of the Restored Gospel. Our paper should be increased from its eight pages to 12 pages, it would then be a very nice periodical, I believe a credit to any Church, and there is no doubt in my mind but what it has, and will continue for a good purpose in the work of the Church. The Monongahela Publishing Co. has served us well in printing the paper for us. They started to print the paper in June 1945. Brethren and Sisters: I have visions for the future — Shall I see them realized?

Brother Funkhouser's work will be open for your comments. Editor WHC.

#### JOHN G. CHERRY PASSES ON

Brother John Cherry died on November 23rd 1956. He was born on March 14, 1875, making him a little short of being 82 years old at death. His wife preceded him in death a few years ago. He was the eldest son of our late Bro. Alexander Cherry.

He leaves three daughters to mourn his passing — Mrs. Amy Martin of near Steubenville, Ohio. Mrs. Sarah Crouch of Gibsonia, Pa. and Laverne of California State. Also two step daughters and three step sons all in or near Monongahela. Two brothers, Alexander of Uniontown, Pa. and Teman of R. D. Monongahela, and many other relatives and friends, including several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Brother John lived in this community for about 43 years and was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ. Owing to his feeble condition he was not able to attend church for sometime past. He had a lingering illness, due mostly to his age. He has now passed

on to his reward. May the Lord comfort his children, and all that are near and dear to him.

#### ABRAHAM GEORGE PASSES ON

Word has been received that Brother George of the Muncey Indian Reservation at Muncey, Ont. Canada has passed on to his reward. He was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ some years ago, and was buried from our Church at Muncey. He leaves his wife Sister Alice Seth George to mourn his passing. She herself is getting feeble and well up in years, but has been a very faithful sister in the church. May the Lord comfort her. Bro. Cadman.

#### PHILIP J. MILECO PASSES ON

Philip Mileco was born July 24, 1890 in Italy. An illness of some three months finally proved fatal to our beloved brother. He died November 23, 1956 in the Youngstown Hospital, Youngstown, Ohio. Surviving him are his widow, Josephine Mileco; two brothers, Peter and Rocco, in Argentina, South America; a sister, Catherine, in Italy, and nine step-children, all of Youngstown, Ohio, excepting for the youngest, Marlene, at home with her mother.

Brother Mileco emigrated from his native Italy to America in his early teens and eventually settled in West Aliquippa, Pa. where he spent some forty years of his life and was well and favorably known. Along with his former wife, Rose — deceased in 1944, he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ in early 1920 at Youngstown, Ohio. Shortly after this he was ordained into the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ and was instrumental in winning converts to the church which resulted in the organization of a branch of the church in West Aliquippa, Pa.

He bore a good testimony to the Restored Gospel and was faithful to the end. He sealed his testimony with these final words to his wife, "I am prepared to meet my God." Services were conducted by Brother John Ross and our beloved brother was laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery. May God comfort his widow and other relatives.

#### DiDonato-Loughren Nuptials

On November 17, 1956, Miss

Madeine DiDonato, daughter of Sister Mary DiDonato, became the bride of Mr. Irving (Gene) Loughren of Carsonville, Mich. They were married in a double ring ceremony at The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 3, in Detroit, Mich. The bride was attended by Sister Josephine D'Amico and Miss Elizabeth DiDonato, while the groom's attendants were Mr. Max Luke and Attilio Trovarelli. Bro. Nicholas Pietrangeli officiated, and Sister Cipponeri, provided the nuptial music.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Frank DiDonato. After a short honeymoon in Washington, D. C., the couple will reside at Centerline, Michigan. Best wishes are extended to the Happy Pair.

By Matthew T. Miller

#### G.M.B.A. HOLDS CONFERENCE IN NEW JERSEY

The General Missionary Benevolent Association held its semi-annual conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey on Saturday November 10. The morning meeting convened at 10:30, and it was taken up entirely with business.

In the afternoon meeting the conference concluded its business, which included the election of officers. During this meeting the assembly discussed the organizing of the M.B.A. into regional districts to promote social and spiritual activities of the respective regional areas. Districts were not organized, but a step was made in that direction by authorizing the locals of regional areas to form joint committees to sponsor joint local activities and by forming a G.M.B.A. committee to investigate and discuss the matter and to report on its findings to the next G.M.B.A. conference. At the close of the afternoon meeting Bro. Domenic Thomas, the G.M.B.A. president, struck the note that was to prevail throughout the remainder of the conference with an inspiring talk about bringing ourselves into a state of religious stability through realizing the futility of a life apart from God and by availing ourselves of the truth of the Restored Gospel.

During the intermission before the evening service, two young men from Youngstown, Ohio were baptized.

At 7:00 P.M. the assembly again met and Bro. Domenic Thomas turned the meeting over to the

New Jersey locals who gave an inspiring program entitled "The Harvest is Ripe — Reapers Are Needed." It consisted of various choral selections and readings all appropriate to the theme, and it was well presented. Following the program, the president asked all of the young converts present who had been baptized in the last six months to step forward and give their testimonies. The Spirit of God was certainly with them, for by the end of the evening six more young people asked for baptism.

Sunday was also an eventful day. The New Jersey branches held a general gathering, and many from the G.M.B.A. conference attended the services. There was a wonderful morning meeting with the Prodigal Son as the subject. After the meeting, five more declared themselves ready for baptism.

This was a G.M.B.A. conference that will long live in the hearts and memories of those who attended.

Sec: Sister Ruth E. Akerman

#### NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA NOV. 28th, 1956

Dear brother and sister Cadman:

This is to inform you that your letter of Nov. 15th has been received, thanks. We have a wonderful time with the saints on Sunday Nov. 25th. We have sixty young folks baptized, in fact we felt the blessing of God. Bros. Dick, S. U. Basse and N. Akpan are on Missionary work out at Abode Division. We hope their visit to our folks some way in Nigeria will be a great blessing to all of us.

He (Bro. Dick) will leave for Lagos on the 12th December after our M.B.A. Conference at Abak. Bro. Dick always talk of you. He says he liked American foods. He may visit you folks some time in future. Write to us. He has planted those fruits, (seeds) on our Thanksgiving Day is this month. Sister Ford has not written to me yet.

From my home to Arit S. U. Basse home is a half mile, it will take her five years to complete her schooling in a college before she can teach. We will close (school) on the 7th of December for two months.

Brother Dick always tell me how he was eating with the brothers and sisters while he was there, he like Bros. Cadman and Bitting-

er to eat his share. We are praying for you all, May God bless all of you, Amen.

Sister E. A. Dick.

P. S. Our folks in Nigeria, W. Africa are much disappointed that no Missionary workers are being sent to them. I myself feel sorry for them in their disappointment. I read in Rev. 14, 6 "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation and kindred, and tongue, and people." Brethren, you claim the angel has flown, do you not? Bro. Cadman.

#### TO THE GOSPEL NEWS

Dear Brother Cadman:

I received your card and was glad you arrived okay. I am feeling a lot better now. I can say everybody enjoyed your stay in California. I want to take this means of thanking all my brothers and sisters who prayed for me and the many cards I received from all over the country. May God bless you all and now I write a little on my subject, of, Sirs I would see Jesus. The passover was approaching and was drawing the Jews from all parts of Palestine to the Temple. On entering the Temple, He found in the court of the Gentiles, persons selling sheep and doves for sacrifices, and near them sat the brokers, making exchange of money. These brokers changed foreign money into the sacred half shekel which was levied on every Jew of twenty years old. Jesus had witnessed this desecration of Gods House every year from His early boyhood. To Him, it had become intolerable. Now He had entered upon His mission. Eighteen years before that, He had stood upon that very spot and said, "I must be about My Fathers business". This was the House of God. He would not allow this anymore. The cattle may have stood by in pairs and the rope may have been used to lead these animals up to sacrifice. Jesus made a whip of cords and whipped them out of the Temple. The Spirit of the old prophets was upon Him. Whether He actually applied the lash to their backs, we do not know. His presence, his act so like that of the old prophets, may have exerted such a moral force upon their guilty consciences, that they fled before the blow. He overturned the tables of the money changers and cleared the Temple and said,

"Ye have made My House a den of thieves."

We have seen Him loving and kind to the leper. The blind and the lame came into the Temple to be healed, but in the presence of evildoers, He is the stern rebuker. Perhaps they could recall the words of John, whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge His floor. And the words of David, The zeal of thy House has eaten me up. The Jews demanded His authority for this amazing act. The demand might have come from two classes. Some, no doubt, looking for him to show His Messiahship, and others to rebuke Him. The worldly and secular hated Him for this act. The Sanhedrin or a prophet was the only one that could correct abuses in the Temple. Hence by what authority. His answer was Destroy this Temple and in three Days I will raise it up again. It seems no one, even His disciples understood Him. Toward Jesus there was no kind feelings. He had been associated with John who had called them a generation of vipers. Their love of the Temple was great and then to listen to Jesus say destroy this Temple. They could not stand that, and then build it up in three days was out of all reason. Then said the Jews, 46 years was this Temple in building, and will thou rear it up in three days. But He spake of the Temple of His body. John 2: 18 to 21.

Any careless speech in regard to the temple was unpardonable. Herod the Great had taste for this building and had spent great sums of money in its expansion. Josephus says He began in the eighteenth year of His reign, but in His war of the Jews, He says in the fifteenth year if the latter be taken, it will give twenty years to the birth of Jesus and thirty years to this passover. If we take four years to correct our era we have just 46 years. 50—4—46 years. Jesus knew He had signed His own Death warrant. He awaited the result.

Your Brother in Christ  
James Heaps

#### SISTER DARLENE LARGE DEPARTS FOR SOUTH AMERICA

Sister Darlene Large of Glassport, Pa., the former Miss Darlene Dintino, has recently left to join her husband in Caracas, Venezuela, where Mr. Large has accepted a position. She is the

granddaughter of Sister Concetta Dintino of the Glassport Branch. She was recently married by Brother James Curry on June 16 in the Glassport Church, after completing three years as a Commercial Art student at Pennsylvania State College. Sister Large was baptized into the Church just prior to her departure.

#### LETTER FROM SISTER BETTY GRIFITH

Dear Editor:

I have much to tell you of concerning my God and, but before writing more, I want oh, so much to tell you that my God has truly been a Blessed Saviour to me. It has been before my going home this year, that I had any seizures and I have ever since been feeling more healthier and truly I have also been enjoying God's word more and more each day. I have plenty indeed to thank and forever praise Him, for I again will have the chance of going to school and learn what I haven't at home. I am constantly praying for each and every one of the Church Members, praying that those who are ill will overcome it like I have mine, but only through the Lord. May the Lord bless you one and all.

#### DETROIT, MICH.

Dear Editor & All:

May God bless you everyone. We here in Detroit No. 3 have had a wonderful season in the service of God. Several of our Elders attended Conference, each returning with shining faces and renewed courage.

At our feet - washing - service we felt the nearness of God, His Spirit swelling in our souls. Bro. Leet was ordained an Evangelist. Bro. Frank Conti a Deacon and Sister Josephine D'Amico a Deaconess. While Branch No. 1 is in process of building, it's members have been visiting the various Branches. We have enjoyed their presence in our midst very much. It makes us some-what sad to know they will leave us.

Several car loads of young people from our Branch managed to attend the G. M. B. A., I being one of them can say that God blessed us all. The Conference was wonderful with about 300 attending. Truly the Spirit of God conducted our services. We are happy

to know of the several baptisms, we will have two of them attending our Branch. We welcome them with open arms, praying they will find much joy in their new-life. The saints in New Brunswick were wonderful to all and we did feel at home. Truly we found a brother and a friend. May the Lord bless and keep you all.

Sister Ilene Coppa.

#### NOVEMBER 24, 1956

A paragraph from a letter written to me of recent date by a Sister, relative to their temporal affairs.

"But we are glad for the part we have chosen and have no regrets. We know the Lord will provide as long as we do His will and spread this wonderful Gospel to the Lamanites. (Indians)

Although we may not have fancy things, all we want is to have food on the table and clothes on our backs. What more do we need? I want my mansion in Heaven, not here. We just pray the Lord will continue to be with us as He has been." (May the Lord answer your prayers, Editor)

#### LETTER OF APPRECIATION NORTHRIDGE, CALIF.

Editor:

Dear brothers and sisters—Recently we had the pleasure of a visit by Brother Wm. H. Cadman which we enjoyed very much.

I was very happy to have him at our District Conference as it has been some time since many of our brothers and sisters have seen him. Both in our business sessions and in our Spiritual transactions brother Cadman was a great help to us.

I remember that at our Saturday afternoon session, I made a remark that perhaps we should close a little earlier than usual to give our brother Cadman time to rest, whereby he answered quite humorously "There is nothing wrong with me. I feel fine." This brought on quite a chuckle from the audience. I was amazed, as were all of the brethren, at the vitality of our beloved brother, who although eighty years old, has the physical prowess of a very young man. God has certainly blessed him many times beyond our conception.

Brother Cadman gave us an inspiring sermon Sunday morning, which was preceded by a few congregational hymns, a few choral numbers and one or two solos. In all, our Sunday Services were blessed exceedingly.

Brother Cadman visited Modesto, San Diego and the Bell, Calif. branches in which he was blessed with good liberty in preaching the gospel. My family and I were able to be with him at all these meetings with the exception of Modesto, and I certainly was pleasantly surprised to see our brother still seemingly untiring and blessed with God's Holy Spirit. Bro. Cadman was invited to hold a weeks meetings while he was here. He was at the San Fernando Valley branch two evenings and at Bell for three evenings. We enjoyed listening to our brother at all these meetings.

I asked brother Cadman several times to send for his wife and spend the winter with us. However he knows best.

The only blight in the joy of seeing our brother was at his departure from us. We were very sorry to see him go. Nevertheless he has many obligations to fulfill, both to his family and to the Church. May God bless him with many more years of health and life.

I have just heard about brother Cadman's daughter's accident and I am praying along with the Saints here and everywhere for her complete and quick recovery. May the Lord bless all of you continually is my prayer. Your humble servant. V. James Loyalvo.

#### THE STEADY SUSCIBER

Contributed by  
Sister Hanna

How dear to our hearts is the steady suscriber,

Who pays in advance when subscription is due,

Who sends in his payment, and does it quite gladly;

For the Gospel News we all love, tis true.

He never says "stop it, I cannot afford it"

For I'm getting more papers now than I read,

But always says send it, the family all like it;

In fact we all find it the paper we need.

How welcome the letter whene'r it comes to us,

The steady subscriber of our dear Gospel News.



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## INSPIRING WORDS.

How lost were our days 'til we met with the Gospel,

The creeds and the systems seemed powerless and vain;

We ne'er received precepts! so suited to save us,

As those by the priesthood restored again.

May the blessings now sent ever keep us from tossings,

Of anti-Christ winds — even doctrines of men,

And aid our perceptions to see the vain glossings

That gild errors systems; Amen and Amen!

## JESUS NEVER FAILS

Our Ruth was vry sick having a cold that caused her lungs to be congested. When anointed by Brother Cansasanta her fever left under his hands and she recovered.

We thank God and Jesus Christ for his love and mercy and Gospel.

Sister Martha Laird,  
Coraopolis, Pa.

## CHARGE MINISTERS ARE IGNORING THE 'WHOLE GOSPEL'

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa. (UP)

—Dr. Eugene L. Smith, of New York, Methodist foreign missions leader, Friday criticized American ministers for frequently preaching "theological half-truths" and ignoring the "whole Gospel."

Dr. Smith, speaking at the concluding session of the annual assembly of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches here, said failure to preach the whole Gospel had contributed to the formation of growth of certain religious sects which took one idea from the Bible and based their entire faith on it.

The missionary leader said the "widespread tendency" for ministers to preach what they considered attractive and by-pass such subjects as faith healing and the second coming of Christ, was resulting in "spiritual malnutrition" for vast numbers of people.

The 300 foreign mission leaders recommended in a resolution to division committees and cooperating denominations that concerted efforts be made to achieve closer

relationships between church and mission and denominational and ecumenical bodies.

They also recommended more comprehensive and specialized training for missionaries, more adequate "stewardship of time, talent and treasure" on the part of all Christians, and the "widest possible perspective upon the total situation of the church today in planning and carrying out the proclamation of its message to all mankind."

## LINCOLN'S ADDRESS ON THE BATTLE FIELD OF GETTYSBURG, PA. NOV. 1863

In memory of Abraham Lincoln; His address as follows:

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate — we cannot consecrate — we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we may say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

## IN MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

General Washington was born in 1732 and died in 1799. He was born in Virginia and became the first president of the United States of America. When 16 years old, he was commissioned by Lord Fairfax to survey a property in the Valley of Virginia.

In 1751 he accompanied his brother, who was dying of consumption, to the Barbadoes. His brother's death led to his inheritance of Mt. Vernon. Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia dispatched Washington on an expedition against intruders in 1752 in which he met with defeat and was forced to surrender.

At this time an order was issued from headquarters that any field officer holding a royal commission should be counted senior to any colonial officer. Washington at once resigned, but was induced, however, to serve on Braddock's personal staff, and was placed at the head of the Virginia forces.

In 1756 he visited Boston to see General Shirley, the English commander-in-chief, and settle the matter of rank. This journey to Boston made Washington's face and figure known in the Middle and New England colonies. In 1758 he fell in love with a rich young widow, Martha Custis, whom he married in 1759.

Washington represented Virginia in the Continental Congresses, and took a leading part. It is written of him, that he was no orator like Patrick Henry, nor writer like Thomas Jefferson, but in rude common-sense and in the management of affairs he excelled them all. He was the one American soldier of national reputation, and when Congress organized national resistance he was appointed commander-in-chief.

When the end of the war came, although the army wished to make him ruler of the country, he retired to Mt. Vernon and turned his attention to securing stronger government by constitutional means. He presided over the delegates from the twelve states that formulated the constitution of the United States, and was its first President.

While he was serving as the first President, a strong party,