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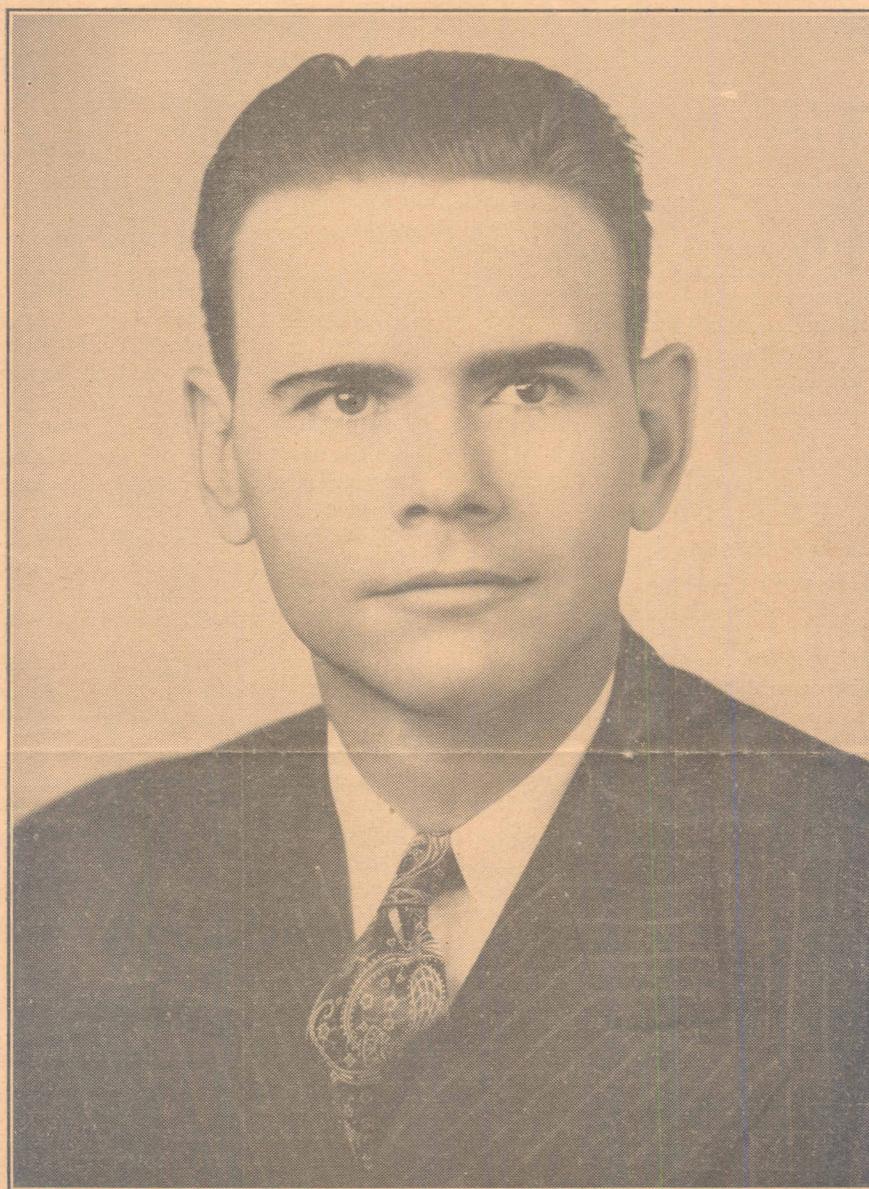
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## PROPHECY

By Robert L. Parham

We will note in I Cor. 14th chapter that God's ministers are commanded to prophesy because it edifies and comforts the church, and in these days when there is so much unrest in the world, it is surely a time when God's ministers should be a "flame of fire," Heb. 1:7, to enlighten the people as to the signs of the times in which we are living.

Somehow the message of the soon coming of the Lord has become a greater message than ever before. We can see the signs that point to the coming of the Lord from every standpoint today, the Newspapers, Automobiles, Airplanes, Radios, Inventions, Science, Wars, Floods, Earthquakes, Sand Storms, Hurricanes, Heartaches, sorrows, restlessness among the people, unsettledness, restlessness among the other things, and yet the message of the Hope of the coming of a Deliverer was the hope the Jew had, the hope of the New and Old Testament Saints was that of the Messiah. He fulfilled all the Old Testament scriptures in regard to His first coming, and yet many fail to realize the importance of declaring the second coming of the Christ. How much more when it is so near at hand, it should be declared unto the people. Many evangelists and ministers which in times past have been a "flame of fire" for the Master and that of heralding the nearness of His coming, have neglected it and given their time to various other things not so important. My prayer is, may the God of Heaven help us to keep the light of the Gospel burning to a darkened world, for Christ is the only ray of hope to those that know the true condition of the world today, so we must work today for the "Night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4

### Startling Signs

Within the past year we have seen things transpire before our very eyes, that if we were told of them several years ago we wouldn't have believed them, yet who knows what will come to pass in this year, we can look for three great events, **REVOLUTION**, **REVIVAL** and **REDEMPTION**.

### Noah's Day

Luke 17:26 'And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man. In the days of Noah, they did eat, they drank, they married, they were given in Marriage, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man. A startling fulfillment of this verse of the Bible will be noticed, that within the last few years, we have brought back beer and whiskey until we can see the suds and slop being served over counters and the brass rails in the cities and the night clubs in this country. The highways are not safe because of drunken drivers, these are signs that show us that we are heading backward to destruction, and to the power of the Devil that is sweeping down upon this land.

Another sign is Nudism that has gained such a strong hold in America in the last twelve months until there are Nudist colonies in many of our states. In a newspaper there appeared a photo of a group of people having a wedding in nudist fashion, also the minister performing the ceremony. Can we believe that such a thing could exist, this is worse than before the flood, and when suppose-to-be ministers stoop to that level it is truly a fulfillment of the Bible, "blind leaders of the blind," Matt. 15:14; Deceiving and being deceived," II Tim. 3:12. When the fear of God, decency and honesty leave the people, and there is no respect for righteousness we can expect anything to happen, it is only the praying people after all that hold this old world together.

### The Pale Horse, Rev. 6:8

This nation, from the forming of the constitution up until 1888 to 1892 had a great respect for honesty, truth and righteousness and from then on the tide began to change until today there is no respect for honesty and truth from an individual or a national standpoint, until people have lost faith in one another, and in their political leaders today. It seems that dishonesty rules supreme everywhere, and is it any wonder that we are in the condition that we are in, when the pale horse has the power over the fourth part of the earth to kill with sword and with hunger and with

death and with the beasts (Rulers) of the earth. Rev. 6:8. In the past thirty to forty years we have seen millions killed in world wars, die with the flu and today millions are hungry, homeless and out of employment and the greatest disasters in the history of the nation, earthquakes, floods, storms. Matt. 24:7 says, "there shall be famines, pestilences and earthquakes in divers places, so we can look for these things anywhere, because we are living in the age of the Pale Horse and the fulfillment of Matt. 24th.

### Perilous Times, II Tim. 3:1-5.

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God: having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away.

My! from reading this scripture, and looking out on the present condition we know that Paul was anointed of God to paint such a true picture of the present day that we are living in, but Paul called it the last days, surely it is the last days that we are living in when such a class of people as mentioned in this verse go through the form of godliness and deny the power of God unto Salvation. Let us look at some of our Universities and Colleges which will not give a degree to any student who believes in the blood atonement of Christ for the remission of sins.

Protestant and Full Gospel Churches and Missions alike are fast drifting into a form of worship and are forgetting the real purpose that God raised them up to do. Their mission in life is to be a light to the world to rescue lost souls and their ministers are to be a flame of fire preaching the whole word of God without fear or favor and warn the people as, "watchmen on the wall of Israel" to let the people know the dangers that are coming. Children of God, how can you be contented to sit on the stool of do-nothing when there is so much to be done for the Master. "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labor-

ers are few." Matt. 9:37. Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion.

**Falling Away From the Truth**  
**II Tim. 4:3-4**

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

The time has come of this great falling away which was spoken about in God's Word until people change the Holy Word of God many times to their own destruction to satisfy their own selfish desires, and to create and build their own way to Heaven. The spirit of the Devil that caused them to build the tower of "Babel" (man made way to Heaven) is working today to cause men and women to miss the straight and narrow way. Many Full Gospel people don't believe that water Baptism is essential and there will be no resurrection of the dead, while others believe in eternal security, and that you must be baptized in Jesus' name only, and that sanctification is a thing of the past and many other things which I could relate if space afforded, all trying to do away with the commandments of Jesus.

What shall we do? May God help us to get a Vision for this year and let our light shine, regardless of the cost.

In Red Russia there are hundreds of Protestant preachers that have given their lives for the Faith of Jesus Christ, and all kinds of Anti-God movements in Russia trying to put all Christians to death that believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. But the sadness of it all is that right in our own fair land, which our forefathers fought for a place to worship the true God, has crept in the spirit of Red Russia until today we have about 100 organized bodies of people that go by such names as "The Legion of the Damned," "The Circle of Godless," "God's Black Sheep," and "The Devil's Angels." These are college students that have formed these societies to destroy faith in God, and break family circle and to take from our coins, "in God we trust" and to bring the Red flag of Russia over our Capital. These things that I have mentioned have been in progress long

before the recognition of Russia as a nation and now that we have recognized Russia we can expect almost anything to happen from the Capital at Washington on down to the Communists of the street corners. We are facing a time of trouble. Let us arouse ourselves and get back to the Faith of our forefathers.

**Daniel's Image**

In Daniel's Image we will note a striking prophecy of the nations that are past and those yet to come. From the head of Gold (Babylonish Kingdom) down to the toes of the image which are about to come forth, which will be ten Dictators ruling over the Old Roman Empire boundary line, we can see these dictatorial powers arise almost over night, and the centralizing of power and wealth into the hand of the dictator in each country. These speak of the Stone that is cut without hand out of the Mountain that shall crush the other kingdoms and the Stone shall fill the whole earth. The Bible says, In the days of these Kings, shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom which shall stand forever and shall not be left to other people. This is our hope of His soon coming and He shall reign from pole to pole and sea to sea.

**Heaping Treasure Together**

Ye have heaped treasure together for the Last Days. James 5:3.

Another alarming fact of the signs of the last days is before us. The nations of the world are piling gold into their treasure vaults for safe keeping, billions and billions of dollars in gold has just arrived in England for safe keeping in the vaults there from the different countries that belong to her. France has the World bank vaults under ground, stored full of gold of the world. In America a year ago we had gold money and today it is a violation of the law to have any gold in your possession. We can see that the gold is heaped together for the last days.

The present things that I have mentioned will cause any nation to go into Revolution unless it is stopped, and in times past and it is true today that when pressure is brought on God's true anointed ones they make their stand and are as bold as Daniel of old and those that give their life in martyrdom. The latest report that we have from Germany is that 3,000

ministers have refused to obey the command of Hitler and at present there is much stir about it. Hitler fears the people if he should imprison or kill them and still they have made a bold stand for the truth and are holding up the old faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. It might be well to know that in Germany they have done away with the old Testament. Thank God for men that are willing to give their lives for the cause of Christ. What we need in America is more red blooded Americans that have been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ to let their light shine for Him. I am glad that many are coming forth with zeal and courage and taking the open path and declaring the times that we are living in.

Ministers and Evangelists that declare the "whole truth" today will be subject to persecution but God will confirm His word and will bring "Signs following" and why should anyone fear from people or rulers when they are an ambassador from the King of Glory. Praise His Name.

When these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:28.

No other verse in the Bible could be plainer understood and mean so much as this verse. This is no time for God's children to look down, we must put our trust in the Lord and go through and though everything else fails, Jesus never fails. Take faith in Him is our prayer for you.

"Ours not to make reply,  
Ours not to reason why,  
Ours but to do and die."

Make thy petition deep, O heart of mine,

Thy God can do much more  
Than thou canst ask;  
Launch out on the Divine,  
Draw from His love-filled store.  
Trust Him with everything;  
Begin today,  
And find the joy that comes  
When Jesus has His way!

"Every highway of human life dips in the dale now and then. Every man must go through the tunnel of tribulation before he can travel on the elevated road of triumph."

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## rites held for ROBERT PARHAM

Impressive Services for Head of  
The Apostolic Faith Held  
Wednesday

The Rev. Robert Lee Parham, widely known evangelist and churchman of this city, titular head of the Apostolic Faith Movement in the United States and editor of that denomination's monthly magazine, The Apostolic Faith, was brought to an untimely death by a sudden attack of appendicitis Friday night at 10:25 o'clock at Freeman hospital in Joplin.

The young religious leader, just home from a three-months evangelistic tour of California, was stricken while he was conducting a Mother's Day service at Spring Grove Mission in Galena a week ago last Sunday evening.

By the time he had returned to his home here he was seriously ill and Tuesday morning, he was taken to the Joplin hospital. His heart was not strong enough to resist the shock and he died Friday night at the age of 37 years, 11 months 19 days.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Pauline Parham, of the home, two children, Roberta, 12, and Charles, 6, two brothers, Phillip Parham of this city, and the Rev. Wilfred C. Parham of Rosemead, California, one sister, Mrs. Esther Rardin of Neutral, Kansas, two nephews and two nieces.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Bethel Community church, conducted by a group of leading ministers of the Apostolic Faith who had been close associates of their friend and leader. The funeral sermon was given by the Rev. Albert L. Durham of Wichita.

Attesting to the high regard in which Reverend Parham was held in his faith was the presence on the platform of more than fifty ministers from churches all over the Southwest. Music for the rites was provided by Mrs. Libbie Campbell of Wichita, who sang a solo; by a quartet from Granby, Missouri, and by the LaMunyon

### LET'S WORK AND PRAY TOGETHER

We are thankful for those who have the vision of putting the gospel in the printed page to our boys in service as well as those on the home front. They all need encouragement in these dark days with so many husbands, sons, fathers, brothers and sweethearts away from the home.

We sincerely thank every minister, layman and church group who have had a part in it. May God bless you. Your continued prayers and support will keep the gospel going to the front lines of home and battlefield. Let us hear from you!

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duet from Laverne, Oklahoma and a trio from Webb City, Mo. Visiting ministers and evangelists provided the guard of honor as the casket was moved into and from the church. Scores of congregations from throughout the West and Southwest were represented among those who journeyed here to pay their last respects.

Interment was in the family lot in Baxter Springs cemetery. The Joplin Quartet sang the closing song at the cemetery and Rev. Alford Whitely closed with a prayer.

The following ministers served as active pallbearers:

Rev. Glayron Rees, Stella, Mo., Rev. Audley Hervey, Joplin, Mo., Rev. Gene Cornel, Wichita, Kans., Rev. Roy Wooster, Rockdale, Texas, Rev. E. W. Dickson, Waldo, Arkansas, and Rev. J. M. Scott, Magnolia, Arkansas.

The honorary pallbearers included both laymen and ministers and were as follows:

Rev. Laverne Johnson, Webb City, Mo., Rev. Olen Bachelor, Webb City, Mo., Rev. Charles Dale, Fayetteville, Arkansas, Rev. Earl Neilson, Granby, Mo., Rev. B. F. Clark, Baxter Springs, Rev. Harry Moore, Lowell, Kansas, Rev. Wm. Yeakel, Roswell, N. M., W. B. Wooster, Goldiwaite, Tex., Fred

Saulters, Baxter Springs, Lorell Smith, Webb City, Mo., Oscar Smith, Joplin, Mo., Otis Wade, Galena, Kans.

Robert L. Parham was born June 1, 1906, at Keelville, Kansas, just west of Baxter Springs, the son of the Rev. Charles F. and Sarah Parham, founders of the Apostolic Faith Movement. At the age of 5 years he moved into the present Parham home in Baxter Springs and began attending the city schools. His formal education was all attained in the grade and high schools of this city.

When Parham had grown to young manhood he took employment with the Aach Mercantile Co., and served with that firm for several years. From 1926 to 1929 he was employed by the Brand Drygoods Co.

In the latter year occurred the death of his father, and, since his mother needed help to carry forward the work of his father, it developed upon young Robert Parham to enter actively into the ministerial and evangelical field.

Perhaps not the magnetic speaker nor the theological student that his father had been, nevertheless Robert Parham was developing into a great force for Christianity and was rapidly organizing the Apostolic Faith church into a vast power for good in America when death struck him down.

During the last few years, Reverend Parham's evangelistic work had taken him into every state in the union and he had seen the churches of his faith multiply tenfold. The religious magazine he published was making a surprisingly rapid growth.

Recognition for his outstanding evangelistic work had won recently for Reverend Parham an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the National Bible College of Wichita, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the American Bible College of Detroit, Michigan. He had many admiring friends among other sects and denominations other than his own.

Baxter Springs well remembers the great Parham camp meetings that used to be held here each summer, first under the direction of the elder Parham and later under the guidance of Robert Parham. They attracted thousands here each year.

Two Bible schools also were conducted here by the younger Parham and his associates. One was in 1937

and the other in 1938. Classes often contained more than fifty students.

Recently Reverend Parham had been taken great interest in the men in the armed services. While on his late trip to California, traveling and speaking from San Francisco to San Diego, Parham spent much time with service men and especially in the great Navy hospital at San Diego. At one time he mailed 800 air mail letters to boys overseas, and the Testaments and books he sent to soldiers ran into the thousands.

Robert Parham had carved for himself a large place in the hearts of thousands of his followers and a high place in the esteem of those who knew him only as a fellow townsman. That his death came so early will be a source of sincere regret here and throughout the communities elsewhere that he served so well.

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## MANY PEOPLE AT PARHAM RITES

**Hundreds Attend Funeral Services of  
Robert Parham, Head of  
Apostolic Faith**

The following persons came to Baxter Springs last Wednesday to pay their last tribute to Rev. Robert L. Parham. Funeral services were held at the Bethel Community Church last Wednesday afternoon. There wasn't sufficient room in the church to seat the people and the lawn was filled with those who held in reverence the memory of Robert L. Parham.

Mr. Wm. Johnson, florist of Oklahoma City, made an outstanding display of the many floral offerings which was lovely and beautiful in arrangement.

Outstanding ministers of the Apostolic Faith Movement took part in the service with Rev. Albert L. Durham of Wichita, Kansas in charge.

Friends attending the funeral from out of town were: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Girouard and children of Cheney, Kansas; Mrs. J. O. Ferry and Miss Miriam Schoenfeld of Chicago, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson of

### CAMP MEETINGS

#### Mississippi Camp Meeting July 6th to 16th

Snell Community, 20 miles south-east of Meridan, Miss. Rev. Otto Busch in charge.

#### Texas Camp Meeting July 20th to 30th

Rockdale, Texas, Rev. Roy Wooster and Rev. Alfred Whitely in charge.

### TRI-STATE CAMP MEETING

#### Aug. 19th to 20th

Webb City, Missouri, Rev. Earl Neilson, Rev. Glayson Reese.  
Rev. Olen Bachler in charge.

Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. David Thistlethwaits of Tonganoxie, Kansas; Mrs. Lawrence Clay and children of Eureka Springs, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott and daughter of Magnolia, Ark..

Rev. and Mrs. Gail W. Schultz of Laverne, Okla.; Rev. Jacob C. Regier of Center Point, Texas; Rev. Paul Harbin of Camp Wood, Texas; Rev. Ralph A. Durham of Perryton, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Dickson and Mr. C. T. Dickson of Waldo, Ark.; Misses Hallie and Leota Chitwood of Adrain, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wooster of Goldthwaite, Texas; Mrs. James Hall and Mrs. Fern Hunt of Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Hattie Boulware Jones of Center Point, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Cornell of Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Libbie Campbell, Miss Emmabelle Yeakel of Wichita, Kansas; Rev. Glayron Rees of Stella, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Moore and family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore of Paola, Kansas; Rev. Neola Moore and Mrs. Robert Lee of Greenland, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Lute Arnett of Cave Springs, Ark.; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bailey of Cave Springs, Ark.; Christina Wallis of Cave Springs, Ark.; Rev. and Mrs. Homer Coberly and Euteva and R. L. of Springdale, Ark; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Stephens of Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Lois Allbritton and Mrs. Raymond Reid of Houston, Texas. Mrs. Joe Smith of Brookshire, Texas; Rev. Alford Whitely of Alvin, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wooster of Rockdale, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Millard Brown

of Jacksonville, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Tucker and children of Katy, Texas; Mr. Marian Corl and Rev. A. B. Stanberry of Katy, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Chas Dale and Rev. and Mrs. George Bollinger of Fayetteville, Ark.; Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Yeakel of Roswell, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson of Nevada, Mo.

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker, Rev. Jack Barker, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon of Laverne, Okla.; Rev. James Hosler of Englewood, Kansas; Rev. Elmer Russell of Booker, Texas; Rev. and Mrs. Albert L. Durham of Wichita, Kansas; Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bollinger of Guymon, Okla.; Miss Wilma George of Perryton, Texas; Mrs. Pearl Menke of Cheney, Kansas; Mr. Hal Chitwood of Adrain, Mo.; Mr. and J. O. Pearson of Lamar, Mo.; Rev. and Mrs. Bill Handley of Hardesty, Okla.

Rev. Earl Neilson, wife and family; Mrs. Poca Johnson, Granby, Mo.; Mrs. Jack Lawrence of Carthage, Mo.; Rev. Alice Ann Wilson of Hollywood, Calif. Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Parham of Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Surgan of Altona, Kansas and Rev. and Mrs. Hap Watkins of Ralls, Texas.

Besides these every town in the Tri-State area, surrounding towns and communities were represented.

### Brief Mention

We are always glad to mail out blessed handkerchiefs to all those who desire them.

Many letters of appreciation have been received from the soldier boys all over the world. We regret that we didn't have room to print them this issue, but will at a later date.

Brother C. O. Bard has been preaching on Sunday at the church at Keelville, Kansas, and is proving to be a blessing to the people there.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Parham have returned to their home in Rosemead, Calif., after spending several weeks in the Parham home at Baxter Springs, Kansas, during the illness and death of Robert L. Parham. Mrs. Alice A. Wilson of Hollywood, Calif., was with them.

Evangelist and Mrs. Hap Watkins have been in special services in the Tri-State district and expect to be in the Wichita Area for several weeks.

Brother and Sister Lee Brock of Granby, Mo., have entered the evangelistic field, and are now in a revival at Thayer, Kansas, where Brother H. L. Watkins is Pastor.

Brother and Sister Johnny Modrick are temporary pastors of the work at Spearman, Texas. Evangelist Paul Bailey is now in a revival there.

A number of ministers and laymen of the Tri-State District are making plans to attend the Mississippi Camp Meeting at Meridian, July 6-16.

Evangelist Ralph Durham, Pastor of the Perryton Gospel Tabernacle, Perryton, Texas, will begin a Revival the middle of June at the Gospel Tabernacle in Granby, Mo. Rev. Earl Neilson, Pastor.

Brother and Sister Reuben Busch of Rockdale, Texas, are now in special services throughout the Tri-State district of Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas.

Rev. Sidney Rees and wife are pastoring the Apostolic Faith Church in Katy, Texas.

Evangelist Gene Cornell is now in special services in the Panhandle of Oklahoma.

Brother and Sister J. M. Scott, Pastors of Magnolia, Ark., are having special services throughout South Texas for several weeks. Their daughter, Anna Ruth, is attending Stamps-Baxter Music School at Dallas, Texas.

Brother Raymond and Sister Etta Mae Peters, Pastors of Palm City, Calif., write they are giving up the work there and expect to be back in the Tri-State district for the Camp Meeting at Webb City, Mo.

Brother and Sister Ed Stork are pastoring the work at Bayard, Nebr., and plans are made to build a new church there.

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Evangelist and Mrs. Gail W. Schultz plan to be in the Mississippi Camp Meeting. Brother Schultz will give Bible Lessons there.

Evangelist Bob Palmer and Joe Lilly have just closed a good revival at the Energy Community near Meridian, Miss.

Evangelists Otto Busch, Bob Palmer, Joe Lilly and Paul Harbin are in a tent meeting at the Snell Community near Meridian, Miss.

Brother and Sister Sherman Sutton have recently closed a good revival at the Stones Corner Church near Joplin, Mo., and they plan to be in the Mississippi Camp Meeting.

Brother and Sister Charles Dale and Brother and Sister George Bolinger have recently closed a tent meeting at Prairie View, Ark.

Evangelist and Mrs. LaVerne Johnson are now in a Revival meeting at the Greenland Community Church, Greenland, Ark. Sister Neola Moore, Pastor.

We appreciate the able assistance of Sister LaReta Laughlin who has so faithfully helped on the paper the last two years.

Sister Ava Durham is now pastoring the work at the Hoover Orchard Mission in Wichita, Kansas.

Sister Etta Mae Peters and Sister Laura Thompson of Palm City, Calif., have been in special services at the Mission in Sultana, Calif.

Brother and Sister W. C. Parham do graciously appreciate the ministers and all those who helped to keep the services going in both Calvary Chapel, 1100 Los Tunas, San Gabriel, Calif.; and Good News Tabernacle, 2310 W. Jefferson St., Los Angeles, Calif., during their absence from the churches.

Sister Lula A. Parham, who for several years has managed and looked after the mailing out of the paper, will be assisting in the publication of the paper from now on.

We will continue the work of sending religious literature and Testaments to our soldier boys, as the funds come in. Every boy's name that we receive who is in the armed service, we will send him a Testament and place his name on the mailing list. Pray that this work shall continue and that we may be able to get Testaments to them.

The Heights Faith Tabernacle of 20th and Gostjck Sts., in Houston, Texas, has secured Brother Calvin C. Cook as their Pastor. The work is going forward and progressing. Much activity is going on in the church. Street meetings are held all over the city of Houston.

Brother Glayron Reese, Pastor of Union Chapel, Stella, Mo., has had a number of visiting Ministers there in special services. Sister Hattie Jones of Center Point, Texas, and also Brother and Sister Reuben Busch of Rockdale, Texas.

**I MET ROBERT**

By Rev.

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..President, The Baptist Evangelistic  
.. Bureau

On the night of April 4, 1944, I started out to find the place where Robert Parham was announced to preach. I took the "J" Car and we were on our way. I arrived early and few were there, so we rambled down the street in search of a cool refreshing drink. When we returned they were singing. I entered and sat on the last seat.

Soon a straight forward, upstanding, smiling lad entered and sat down toward the front. The man leading the singing invited him to the platform and called him the evangelist. After a few minutes, this nervous lad, full of energy, walked down the aisle and started to shake the hands of some of the folks and then landed at the last row. I arose and said; "Are you Robert?" and we shook hands and I will never forget that smile and that moment. He was no stranger, even though I had never met him in person. I seemed to know him and there was no strangeness and no empty hollow "hello" of the modern world. He definitely KNEW me and I KNEW him.

We had traveled over the same Gospel Trails. We had met the same people. We heard the same people tell us about "Robert" and they told him about the revivals of Dr Hofmeister. We seemed to know each other. Well, "There is a place where spirit blends." There is a "witness" in the Spirit. There is a real family relation in Christ Jesus. We were truly brothers in Christ. Something (the still small voice) spoke from within. That spirit of fellowship that existed between Christ and the Apostles of the early century.

**Told the People .....**

....Then Robert told the people that the writer was present, and the brother, W. C. Parham, pastor of the Tabernacle, graciously asked me to "say a few words," I was so much at home in that blessed service. You Saints understand, I am sure. I spoke of visiting their old home and of meeting their blessed and sainted mother Parham. Of our remaining for dinner at the old homestead. Of visit-

ing the grave of Father Parham.

The late Charles F. Parham. We were escorted to the little grave yard by the late Claude Parham. I was traveling over a sacred "Trail" of our yesteryears. It was so Holy, you could feel Jesus, walking thru the aisles of the little meeting house. I then told of the sacred presence of Christ in my recent years of trial and blindness, following a wonderful and very glorious day of revivals, where thousands crowded to "see" and "hear" the wonderful workings of the Master Christ. I was deeply moved, and the saints were lifted higher and higher. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone." That DEATH, is spiritual but more painful and real than physical death. Death to every human contact, popularity, success and self interest.

Yes, in the falling away of the "old life" we are literally stripped of everything and left in rags and poverty and hunger, deserted, forsaken, hated, scoffed at, and there with the crushing crown of thorns pressed down upon our brow, the cross, the nails, and death. A spiritual re-enactment of the very Calvary of our Lord. Then, the most Glorious spiritual resurrection and a NEW LIFE, a NEW CREATION and a NEW REALIZATION and Understanding of our Glorious Master Christ! A New Christ living Within our very mortal being. What a Glorious Awakening! Everything GONE! Everything now NEW! Hallelujah! Amen! Praise the Name of the Lord.

**Robert Preached**

Robert preached. I was overwhelmed with his honest sincerity. What beautiful humility! Yes, we were all stirred, strengthened and encouraged. We forgot that we were in a small chapel. We were lost in Christ's Spirit. Yes, Robert talked, lost himself, exalted Christ, until his golden voice seemed to draw the powers of the very presence of the angels, and you could almost "see" into Heaven itself. He told of his beloved father, Charles F. Parham, and believe you me, at times, one could feel the very presence of "another personality" who had taken up an abode in the very "temple" or person of Robert, and we felt that Charles F. Parham, had returned, and was paying us a visit.

Yes, speaking to us and telling us, through the vocal voice of his younger son, Robert. It was a glorious service. I felt the Divine Visitation of Jesus Himself. There was no wild fuss. There was no human noise or racket. There was a sweet and "holy" "Amen" spoken in the anointing of the Spirit.

Robert, was eloquent, and then in his final word, he quoted his text and closed. The Sermon was ended, but, the memory of that meeting will never be forgotten, by those present.

Folks from all the West were there, but, the people of the great state of California, were unaware of the Divine meeting of the Master, for they were not there. I tried to leave and Robert met me and insisted on my waiting and he would introduce me to his brother and family, and also take me home in his car.

Well, I remained, and this lovely lad escorted me home. I had a Divine visit with an Angel from Heaven. It was Heavenly. The people of the Apostolic Faith Movement must be happy in this God anointed leadership and will never fail to keep the fires burning, and hold up the hands of this man of God. GOD appointed a "Man" a prophet to do His work. Let's not fail Dod. Keep Robert in this field, visiting the churches and blessing the Saints with his ministry.

Note—I mailed this article to Robert at Rosemead, Calif. and later met with him and his family and followers on Easter Sunday. I mentioned the article, he smiled, and referred to the letter I had written for him, to the Rationing Board. So humble, he refrained to publish it in his last issue. But, I told him, "Robert, I am going to publish that article, when I reprint my own magazine, "The Trumpeter" ." He went north, wrote me a note: "To my dearest brother "telling of the last meeting, but, it came too late. He went home to Kansas and to Heaven. We never met again. It was a divine visit.

Brother Lonie Dotson and family are working with the people at the Mission in Prosperity, Mo., and God is blessing their labors there.

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## Obituaries

### OBITUARY

Robert Lee Parham, the youngest son of Chas. F. and Sarah E. Parham was born at Keelville, Kansas, on June 1, 1906, and departed this life at the Freeman Hospital of Joplin, Mo., on May 19, 1944, at the age of 37 years, 11 months and 18 days.

His boyhood and school days were spent here in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Our God, who knows the future was molding his life at an early age to be a voice that would cry against sin.

In the holy bonds of Matrimony he was joined to Miss Pauline Holman of Picher, Okla., on June 17, 1928. To this union were born two children, a daughter, Roberta and a son, Charles. He was kind and understanding to his wife and children.

In this natural life man seeks for wealth and fame—but here is a man, who one day heard that great commission and answered, "O Lord thy will be done—Send me to the harvest field of souls." So that on April 2, 1929, Brother Robert Parham and family set their sails to winding roads and distant calls, that reached in his ministry to many thousands by voice and that number multiplied many times by the printed page.

His accomplishments are too numerous to name them all here, but in brief, God saw it best to entrust to his hands the position of acting leader of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by his Father, Chas. F. Parham. The Publishing of the Apostolic Faith Paper, the official Organ of the Movement. We know Robert was saved by grace, yet Faith is necessary and works,

too, must follow, and to his credit can be added many soul-saving revivals, camp meetings, convocations, and two terms of Bible school, so that indeed, when the sheaves are gathered in, he can return his talents, with full blessings and a sure reward.

While men were glad to give him two honorary degrees, D. D. and Ph. D., no doubt he loved best that Degree from God that knighted him with favor in sight of God and man and gave him a world-wide Ministry, an outstanding personality and a beautiful spirit of love and forgiveness. While he was a master among men, he never used his powers for destruction or abuse but to admonish and bless.

One of his last acts was an extensive evangelistic tour reaching many points on the Western Coast, so that he leaves at his going a trail of victory and glory to the Father that called him. Marching toward the coming of the Lord, he held high the Gospel light of salvation full and free—that grace of sanctification so that we may walk in the beautiful light of God, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, a truth cherished by thousands.

Surviving besides his wife and children are one sister, Mrs. Esther Rardin, two brothers, Phillip A. of Baxter Springs, and Rev. Wilfred Parham of Los Angeles, Calif., and other relatives, brothers and sisters in Christ, and a host of friends, all very dear to the heart of the departed.

And now that he is gone, I am sure if he could speak, he would say, "Sinner, prepare to meet thy God, Christian, arise and shine for thy light has come and the Lord is that reward. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, acknowledging Him in all our ways, till earth fades and heaven comes in view."

By GAIL W. SCHULTZ.

Death is naught but a bridge to me  
That reaches from earth to Eternity.

And it spans the rolling, restless tide

Where we each must cross to the other side.

Bob has gone first on his pilgrimage

To the Sylvan meadows beyond the bridge,  
And you need not fear when it's your's to go—

Though the waves dash high and the clouds hang low  
Tho the rushing breakers lash and call  
And night comes down like a velvet pall—

For the Beacon light of God's love will guide  
Your tired feet to the other side,  
With a welcome such as earth never knew,  
Bob waits at the end of the bridge for you.

By Irene Dilworth

Our Aim—To please God. Help the Church. Clear ourselves.