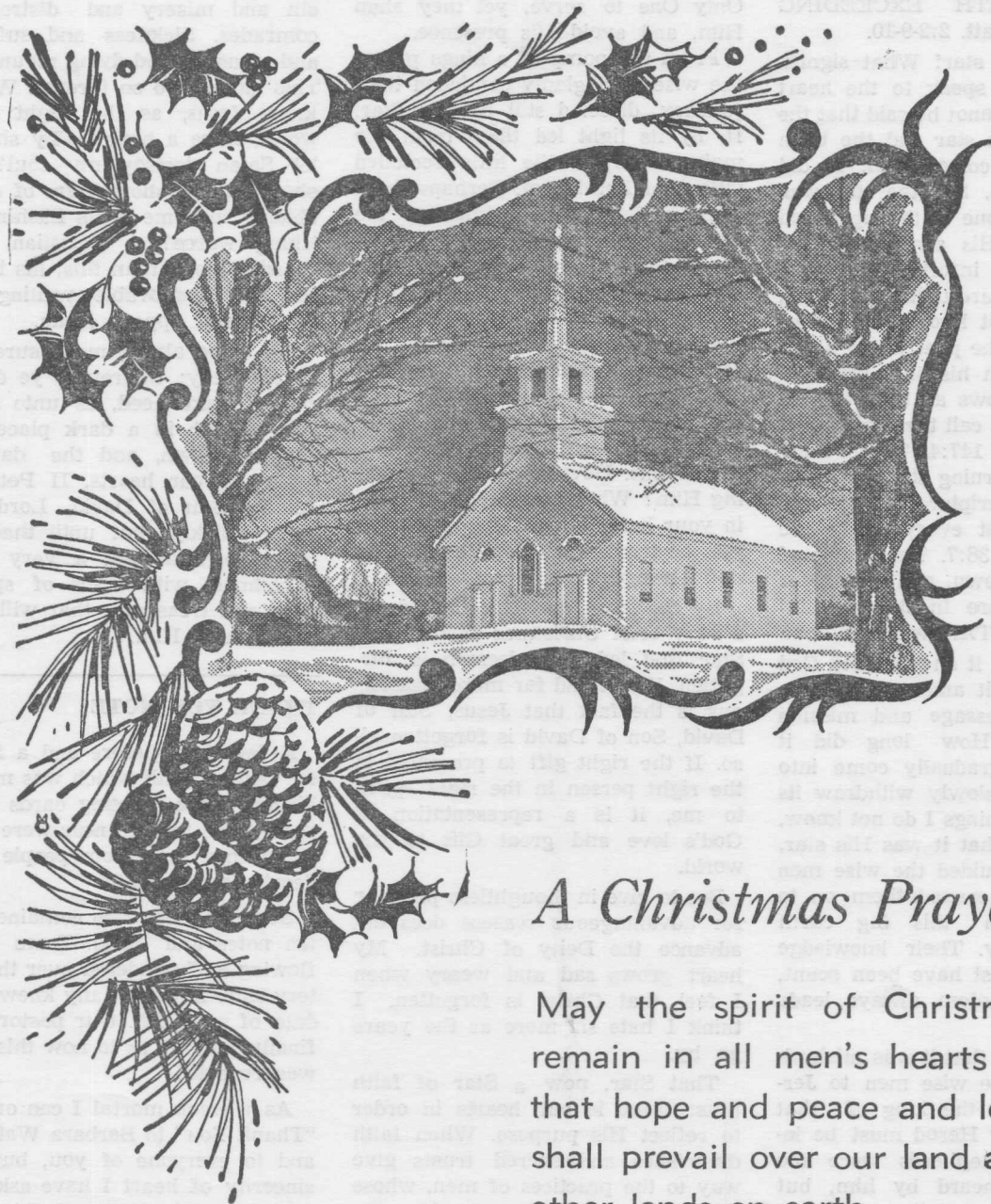


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A Christmas Prayer

May the spirit of Christmas remain in all men's hearts so that hope and peace and love shall prevail over our land and other lands on earth.

HIS STAR

Gail W. Schultz

WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST, AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM.

AND, LO, THE STAR, WHICH THEY SAW IN THE EAST, WENT BEFORE THEM, TIL IT CAME AND STOOD OVER WHERE THE YOUNG CHILD WAS. WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY REJOICED WITH EXCEEDING GREAT JOY. Matt. 2:2-9-10.

The star, His star! What significance does this speak to the heart and mind? It cannot be said that the appearing of the star and the birth of Christ was coincidental. It did not just happen, but the star was sent of God as one of the signs and messengers of His arrival.

Much valuable information of the heavenly bodies are unknown to me, because I do not know the science of astronomy. The poet wrote about a star, by which his ship could be guided. God knows all the stars so well that He can call them by name. Job. 9: 7-9. Psa. 147:4. The evening star and the morning star are spoken of in the Scripture, and are known to almost every body the world over. Job 38:7. The course of the stars are known, and the dipper gives us pleasure in its graceful place, but the STAR was different.

How long had it shown? Did God make it, place it and then remove it when its message and mission was fulfilled? How long did it shine? Did it gradually come into view and then slowly withdraw its light. All these things I do not know, but I do know that it was His star, the light that guided the wise men from afar and coaxed them on to the very spot on this big earth where Jesus lay. Their knowledge of prophecy must have been scant, but inspired wisdom always leads aright.

I do not think that it was misleading that took the wise men to Jerusalem, and to the king of that land. Some how Herod must be informed. The shepherds were too humble to be heard by him, but these wise men gained entrance to his courts and presence, and their message was taken seriously. Although Herod had no desire for

worship because his concern was for his own world position, yet for ever more he knew that Jesus had arrived. How much like our old world, so many know that Jesus was born, King of the Jews, Saviour of the world, coming judge and king, and there is no other alternative, save to admit that He is the One and Only One to serve, yet they shun Him, and avoid His presence.

From the pomp of a kings palace the wise men gladly continued their journey, directed still by His Star. It, by its light led them from the main roads to the little secluded village of Bethlehem. Perhaps there were a few better homes of the rich. The inn could have been "first class" for its day, but not in such was Jesus found, but in the most humble quarters of this inn the wise men found Jesus. Here they rejoiced with exceeding great joy and worshiped Him. They did not withhold their gifts of gold, and frankincense and myrrh. Jesus was worthy of this. How much are you giving Him? What place does He hold in your heart? With how much can you be trusted with spiritual truths and strength?

By the large majority (outside of a very brief Christmas season) the Star that led the wisemen is forgotten. Worst and far more disastrous is the fact that Jesus, Star of David, Son of David is forgotten also. If the right gift is presented to the right person in the right spirit, to me, it is a representation of God's love and great Gift to the world.

But to give in thoughtless pride or for advantageous reasons does not advance the Deity of Christ. My heart grows sad and weary when I feel that Christ is forgotten. I think I hate sin more as the years go by.

That Star, now a Star of faith must shine in our hearts in order to reflect His purpose. When faith diminishes and sacred trusts give way to the practices of men, whose idea is commerce alone, then the true worth of Christmas has vanished. I know that we do not know the exact day of the birth of Christ,

for that matter, perhaps the month or year has not been fully established, yet there is a season, a day, which permits me as a Christian to worship in recognition of His Divine birth. For we who do keep that day in faith and magnify our Christ, it does have a worth.

Star of Hope shine on! The earth is groaning under present day pressures. Many nations are in trouble, and war and want. The burden of sin and misery and distress are comrades. Sickness and suffering, and wounded and dying mount high. This cannot go on forever. We who know Jesus, as the Light of the world, have a hope. Why should I let Satan destroy my soul? Why should a few short years of earthly abiding lure me to its flashing vanishing wares? A Christian has a broader scope than this, his hope is steadfast unmovable waiting until Jesus shall appear again.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts. II Pet. 1:19. As the Star of David, Lord Jesus come quickly, but until that day may we wish you a very Merry Christmas with loads of spiritual gifts and treasurers that will make you rich in Him.

THANK YOU NOTE

A few days before and a few after October 24th which was my 80th birthday, the greeting cards by the score from far and near were placed in our mail box from people I love dearly in the Faith.

Some of these also contained written notes and gifts. Tears were flowing as I pondered over the mystery as to how so many knew of the date of my birth. Our pastor's wife finally told me as to how this secret was revealed.

As a weak mortal I can only say "Thank You" to Barbara Waterbury and to everyone of you, but with sincerity of heart I have asked our dear Heavenly Father to bless you, I can't but HE can. Praise His Wonderful name.

Mrs. E. A. Greever

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DEAR READERS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH

Since I have been daily rehearsing Prophecy to my classes of Prophecy (Both I and II) for several weeks, this no doubt has a bearing upon my thoughts, and draws to my attention the fact of the soon second coming of the Lord. "Jesus is coming Soon" may to some be only a foolish remark. To others it is not worth noting, others may be riled by the thought. Still others may use it as a slogan for church revivals and special occasions. To me it repeats a living fact, indeed, Jesus is Coming Soon! Just as He went away He is to return. Acts 1: 9-11. John 14:1-3.

Earth alarming and worldwide crashing events are taking place now that foreshadow the end of time. Dan. 12: 1-4. These are the last days II Tim. 3:1. II Pet. 3:3 and James 5:3. Israel alone is a mighty witnessing fortress. The gathering of God's chosen people (the Jews) is not a coincident but the step by step fulfilling of God's prophetic Word. All nations are lining up for the glorious Coming of the Son of God, although they know it not.

Another pronounced sign, is the

Pens

of the Editors



EDITORIAL

This is the month that we all turn our minds to the thought of Christmas. What does Christmas really mean to us? We get so involved with buying, giving, and the thrills of getting our families all together, we miss the real meaning. Our hearts are bursting with joy when we see the gleam in the eyes of our children on Christmas morning.

When we are giving to one another, do we forget the real meaning? We are supposed to be celebrating the birthday of Jesus. He is the one who is to be the honored guest. I'm afraid we forget. He gave His all for us, what have we given Him?

I wish during this time we would rededicate our lives wholly to Him for His service. Do we really appreciate His great gift? The gift of Jesus unto the world means our whole life as Christians. It was this gift that lived a perfect life. This gift was the one that died and rose again. He is the one who will give us eternal life. It is He who is com-

war sign. The proclamation to prepare for war is heard everywhere. Joel 3: 9-10. It upsets the budgets of the nations. War is often the headlines of reading material and information. It is the topic of discussion on radio, television and mealtime. Wars will mount until there comes a war that will end all wars. Rev. 16: 12-16. The drink and the dance, the base and the wild have taken the place of the good and pure and clean and holy. As it was in the days of Noah, so it is in ours. Luke 21: 9-10. Matt. 24: 37-38.

The two great church systems of
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ing again some day to put an end to suffering, sorrow, and disappointment.

Jesus was the gift to you and me. If we really appreciate Him, let us do something for Him. We serve Jesus by serving others. . . doing for others knowing they can't return the gift or time and effort we put forth.

I'm sure He is very disappointed in many of our lives at times. Our time is so taken up with worldly and material activities that we have no time to give to Him in service . . . visiting the sick, studying the Bible, praying, preparing adequately for teaching Sunday School, etc. We rush to and fro and if church time isn't taken by another activity we will rush to attend if not too tired.

The signs are all around us of another appearing from the Heavens, the second return of Christ. Are we preparing our lives for this time as we're preparing for our guests during this season? Let us make and take time to really worship the Lord and meditate on His goodness during this season.

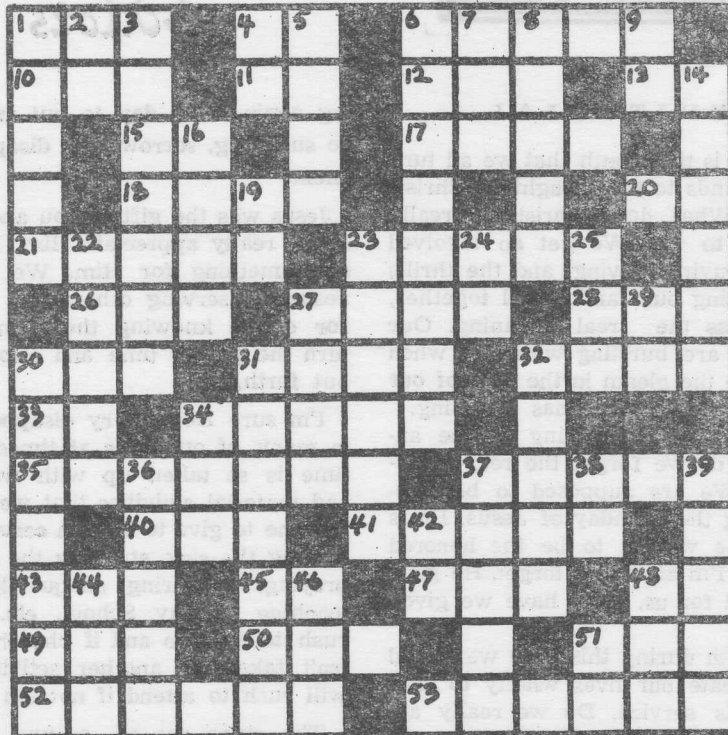
The Lord bless each of you at this time of the year. As we go into the New Year, let us go into it with a greater faith to see more done for Him. Let us pray for one another that our Faith in the Lord will grow stronger and that each of us will see many victories won during 1969.

Thank you for your prayer and support for the Report. We appreciate your cooperation through the past four years in this work. As we begin our fifth year as editors, we desire your continued support and prayer that wisdom may be given from God that all things will be done according to His Will.

Howard & Yvonna Whiteley

Crusaders for Christ

JUSTIFIED! EPHESIANS 2



Answer in next month's issue.

Clues Across

- 1 "God who is rich in mercy, — his great love"
- 4 "he might reconcile both unto God in one body — the cross"
- 6 "might shew the exceeding riches of his — in his kindness toward us"
- 10 "now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off — made nigh."
- 11 "Now therefore — are no more strangers"
- 12 contraction for even
- 13 "how that by revelation he made known unto — the mystery Eph. 3"
- 15 initials of the two high priests who condemned Christ (John 18: 14, 13)
- 17 "ye who sometimes were far off are made — by the blood of Christ"
- 18 "gave him to the head — all

- things to the church" Eph. 1
- 20 "Unto me, who — less than the least of all saints" Eph. 3
- 21, 37 "For by grace are ye — through —, and that not of yourselves"
- 23 "In whom all the building — framed together"
- 26 a Levite of the second degree (I Chron. 15:18)
- 27 "I know thy works, that thou art neither — nor hot" Rev. 3
- 28 "Let no corrupt communication proceed — of your mouth Eph. 4"
- 30 automobile
- 31 "as deceivers, and yet —" II Cor. 6
- 32 "Follow me; and let the dead — their dead" Matt. 8
- 33 "God, who — rich in mercy"
- 34 makes rough
- 35 "For — him we both have access"

- 37 see 21 across
- 40 "And labour, working with our — hands" I Cor. 4
- 41 "it shall not be lawful to impose — (s), tribute, or custom, upon them" Ezra 7
- 43 a man with six brothers (I Chron 5:13)
- 45 "unto him that is able to — exceeding abundantly above all that we ask" Eph. 3
- 47 a man who did not join the conspiracy against David (I Kings 1: 8)
- 48 "lest any root of bitterness springing — trouble you" Heb. 12
- 49 belonging to the father of Elmodam. Luke 3:28.
- 50 "Ye . . . have seen the — of the Lord" James 5
- 51 "to make all men — what is the fellowship of the mystery" Eph. 3
- 52 "were by — the children of wrath"
- 53 "which God hath before ordained that we — walk in them"

Clues Down

- 1 "They looked unto him, and were lightened; and their — ites would possess (Num. 34:7)
- 2 "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask — think" Eph. 3
- 3 "lay hands on the sick, and they shall —" Mark 16:18
- 4 "who are called Uncircumcision — that which is called the Circumcision"
- 5 "into the second went the high priest alone once every —" Heb. 9
- 6 "Wherefore remember that ye being in time past —"
- 7 same as 47 across
- 8 "though, we, or an — from heaven, preach any other gospel" Gal. 1
- 9 a printer's measure
- 14 "Having abolished in his flesh the —, even the law of commandments"
- 16 a city that will be taken captive (Ezek. 30:17)

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- 19 an altar (Josh. 22:34)
- 22 to confuse or confound
- 23 "I have ——— a good fight, I have finished my course" II Tim. 4
- 24 initials of the two names of a woman raised from the dead by Peter (Acts 9:36)
- 25 "And ——— hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins"
- 27 "She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the ——— of the rock" Job 39
- 29 a city of the Chaldees (Gen. 11:31)
- 30 "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow ———(s)"
- 31 "The voice of thy ——— was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world" Psa. 77
- 32 "thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more ———" Hosea 2
- 34 "Blessed are ye that ——— beside all waters" Isa. 32
- 36 See 37 down
- 37, 36 "And they shall eat the ——— in that night, ——— with fire"
- 38 "For he ——— our peace"
- 39 "not as we ———, but first gave their own selves to the Lord" II Cor. 8
- 42 "and all uncleanness, ——— covetousness, let it not be once named among you" Eph. 5
- 44 a chief ruler about David (II Sam. 20:26)
- 46 "to make in himself of twain ——— new man"
- 48 a son of Bani (Ezra 10:34)
- 51 first two letters of a woman who ministered to Jesus (Luke 8:3)

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Answer To Last Month's Puzzle



SISTER GREEVER HONORED

The Apostolic Faith Church of Spearman, Texas, honored Mrs. E. A. Greever with a dinner on her eightieth birthday, October 24.

Sis. Greever is known and loved by many throughout the Movement for her faithful ministry in the service of the Lord. For many years she preached and sang the Gospel wherever she went. She felt called of God to minister in her home community and her ministry was not just in the pulpit, but to the poor and needy and especially the sick, wherever and in any way her services were needed. She often quoted the scripture "Freely ye have received freely give", and we believe she was faithful to do with her might what her hands found to do.

Sis. Greever wrote many songs given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Out of these she has published two books and recently a book of poems. Mr. and Mrs. Greever still live on the farm where they have lived all their married life. Their home has always been open to Ministers and Gospel Workers or any friends or neighbors that came by. They have a son and daughter and seven grandchildren.

Bro. and Sis. Greever helped build the church here along with others and Sis. Greever was the pastor until a few years ago. She still conducts services each week in the Rest Home for the elderly and for years

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our day point the day to that sign, Jesus is Coming Soon. One is large and rich and worldly and false. Yet she is honored by common men and kings. That is why many of God's people and ministers are not welcome within her confines. The other are of one fold, they are washed in church, has no membership, they the Blood of the Lamb, and follow H'im forever. The worldly church is explained, from beginning to end in Rev. The true church is the theme of the New Testament. I Peter 2:9. II Corinthians 6:14-18.

I often think of the common automobile as an outstanding prophetic symbol of that saying, Jesus is Coming Soon. For they were to have wrecks and accidents. They were to run upon the broadways or highways. They were to flash through the nights. Nahum 2: 3-4.

Jesus is Coming Soon. Let us seek to be ready — and watch — and desire that soon return.

May God bless you and yours. Pray for us.

Waiting for His Coming.

Gail Schultz

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere "Thanks" to each of you during our recent illness for your interest which was expressed in cards, flowers, letters, phone calls, and visits. Our gratitude is deep for your many prayers offered in our behalf. May God bless you is our prayer. We desire your continued prayer for our complete recovery and return to health.

Rev. Ben Barker and family

has had a fast and prayer service each Thursday which she still continues.

Although years have been added to her life she is still as active or more so than many of us who are younger. Certainly we have been blessed to have such a consecrated worker among us, and we can say she has been faithful in many things and has used her talents to God's glory.

Susan Delk, reporter



YOU — THE TEACHER

God can bestow no greater compliment upon you than to place His book in your hands and to call you — Teacher. **WHAT YOU ARE** is God's Gift to you. **WHAT YOU CAN BECOME** is Your Gift to Him.

Your rewards in teaching God's word are Great. First there are many exceptional opportunities for individual growth and personal satisfaction. In your dealing with people you have a superior opportunity to develop the art of getting along with others — to acquire skill in dealing with people.

Then your growth in the knowledge of the Most Important Book in the World is stimulated and unbounded as you study to transmit its meaning to others. To teach God's Word **EFFECTIVELY** you Must study and pray. — You must Know your subject better than your students, therefore, this knowledge of the Bible should gain significantly weekly, monthly, and yearly causing your spiritual life to be a paragon of Christian living to all. This will come about as you look up background material, look up meaning of words, and ways of expressing it so the students can understand what God is saying.

Self-confidence is gained as you increase in your ability of **leading** your class in discovering God's Greatness through His Word. Yet "butterflies" may never leave as you face your class which is just an indication of your recognizing the seriousness of your task at hand.

Many pay checks you will receive in the form of a word of apprecia-

tion from a parent, student, superintendent, or pastor, a look of approval from a student, and most of all, the salvation of a class member.

As teacher, you perform a vital function in the church. Others may perform before the whole congregation but it is in the classroom where the grass roots of Christian Living and developing strong Christian character takes place. Your job is indispensable as God's Word must be given by someone. Many depend on their teacher for their knowledge of the Bible and God is Depending on you to implant it in the hearts of men.

Finally in our discussion is the thought that you are laying up treasurers in heaven. The Sunday School teachers stand at the gateway of the future. Interpreting and implanting the Word of God in the hearts of men and women is of more value to our world and country than all other resources.

Unsalaries and unsung, they, the Sunday School Teachers, serve because they know it is an honor and a privilege to be a Sunday School Teacher.

Listed below is the description of the Average Sunday School Teacher taken from surveys of a cross section without regard to size or kind of church or town. In reading this, take inventory and if some of the undesirable traits are found in your teaching, let's ask God to help us change and to teach us to be **GOOD, EFFECTIVE TEACHERS** of His Word.

"The average teacher is a woman, because four out of every five of the 2,741,929 Sunday-school teach-

ers in the United States are women.

She is about forty-five years old, the mother of two children, has a high-school education plus one year of college; but has no teaching experience except that gained in her own church's Sunday School.

She began teaching in her teens, and has had no formal instruction in how to teach.

She spends less than an hour a week in preparing her lesson for Sunday, and that usually on Saturday night.

In this preparation she relies entirely upon her Bible and quarterly.

She usually arrives late at Sunday School and is absent ten Sundays a year. (If a teacher isn't at the church 15 minutes before opening time, she's late)

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How Others Do it

Review Ideas: Show several objects (or pictures of objects) that played an important part in the story and have children identify each and explain its place in the story.

When studying the Ten Commandments (or other Bible commands) bring several newspapers to class. Have students study the front page, marking out all articles that would not be there if people obeyed the commands you have studied. Then have each student explain why he marked out his articles.

A news sheet for parents will help you establish and maintain close contact with the homes of your students.

Teacher's Notebook

NEWS from the CHURCHES

PAMPA, TEXAS—

We are very happy to be able to report that we plan to move into our new church building this week. We will, God willing, have our first service Sunday, November 24th. If possible we plan to have a week of special services a short time after we officially move.

Work has progressed well during the past weeks, and there have been some in the congregation who have worked faithfully night after night in order that we might have the opportunity of moving in as rapidly as possible. I'm sure that Brother Amos has appreciated all who have been so faithful, and I know that God will richly reward them for their efforts.

We are certainly proud and happy to be able to have our own church here in Pampa, and we want to invite everyone who will to come by and visit with us.

We give God the praise for His help, for we know that He has led us all the way.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

HINTON, ALABAMA—

Greetings in the name of the Lord. The Lord has been very good to us in this area, and our services have been blessed by His great power and Spirit.

We have enjoyed the ministry of Bro. McLeod since he has been in this area. We are thankful for him filling in for me last week in my absence.

Our church is looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving services with Rev. Earl Morgan as our guest speaker this year. Also our Christmas program is already being organized, with the young people pre-

senting a one hour play entitled, "The Touch of His Hand."

Bible School will soon be over and we're all looking forward to Sis. Dorothy Kinser joining us to help in the church. We are praying for a revival after the first of the year, and we ask an interest in your prayers in this behalf.

All ministers and workers of the Faith welcome.

Myrtle Carney, pastor

GALENA, KANSAS—

Thanksgiving season has just ended and our thoughts are now turning to the time of Christ's birth. We were recently thrilled when a young mother found the Lord in salvation in a Sunday night service experiencing the joy which the Angels heralded to the Shepherds so many years ago. We can have that "Peace on Earth" in our hearts when Jesus abides there despite all the trouble in the world.

Our attendance continues to be good and we're most thankful the wonderful services with the Lord's blessings being poured out upon His people. This makes us to realize that we still have more work to do before His return again.

We regret the moving of Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Weaver to Kansas City. We shall miss them and the special songs from Sis. Weaver. Yet, our loss is the gain of the new work there and we ask God to make them a blessing there. Also, Sis. Linda Williams was home for the Thanksgiving Holidays and we enjoyed having her in our midst on Sunday morning. She, too, is in Kansas City and we know she is a great blessing and help in the work there.

Howard Whiteley, pastor

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA—

A wonderful revival has just been concluded with Rev. Bill Allen as the evangelist. This was a wonderful revival for the church with many gaining victories in their personal lives. Each sermon was wonderful and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We enjoyed the ministry of song by Bro. and Sis. Roy Matthews who helped in this revival.

We have enjoyed the past few months of ministry here in the Laverne church. The people are wonderful and cooperating in every respect for the interest and growth of the church. We're thankful for the wonderful spirit in the church and for the way God has blessed in each service. We desire your prayers for the work here.

Jack Cornell, pastor

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO—

We in Roswell would like to thank the Lord for the way he has heard and answered prayer in our midst. On a recent Sunday night, we saw Kenneth Esslinger make his way to an altar of prayer and find Christ as his personal Saviour. God certainly blessed him and as a congregation we felt a refreshing from the throne of God. Continue to pray for others that need to find Christ real to them.

We are glad to announce a new little one to our congregation. Little Stephanie Diane Crowhurst was born October 16. We pray God's richest blessings may be given Bro. and Sis. Crowhurst and their two girls, Melanie and Stephanie.

We praise the Lord for his healing power. Several weeks ago Bro.

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CHURCH NEWS—

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Jerome was very ill. As Christians agreed together in prayer, he was healed and he has a wonderful testimony of what God can do when we completely trust him.

We were glad to have Sis. Bard with us for several services. Also Sis. C. O. Bard and Linda were with us one Wednesday night. We appreciate their lives and the testimony they have for the Lord. Sis. Bard admonished the young people to serve the Lord while they are young.

Again we would like to thank the Lord for all his goodness to us. As the Christmas season draws near we should be more thankful for the precious gift that God sent to us. It should mean a lot to Christians everywhere to know that this same Jesus that came as a lowly babe in the Manger is coming soon as King of Kings with power and great glory.

Joann Hall, reporter
Jerome Crowhurst, pastor

BEAVER OKLAHOMA—

We are happy to report God's blessings during our recent revival with Bro. and Sis. Jack Barker. Every service was a real encouragement to the church and many personal victories were won. Our pastor has been gone the past two weeks holding a revival in Oklahoma City. During his absence Bro. and Sis. James Hosler, Bro. and Sis. Roy Matthews and Bro. Michael Nine filled in. One person was saved during a Sunday night service for which we are very thankful. God hears and answers prayer and will save those who turn their hearts to Him.

Lowell Long, pastor
Leora Woodson, reporter

WARDA, TEX.—

We're enjoying our work in South Texas for the Lord. We have filled in for services in different places and then enjoyed attending the revival of Vester Clanton in Rockdale. Continue to pray for us.

George & Mabel Hintergardt

OBITUARY

SOPHIA F. HOWARD

Sophia Frances Ondracek, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ondracek, was born November 20, 1921 in Beaver County, Oklahoma, and died Monday, September 16, 1968, in University Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla., at the age of 46 years, 9 months, and 26 days.

Sophia attended grade school at Liberty, in Beaver County, and graduated from Booker, Texas high school in 1939. She attended Panhandle A. & M. College, Goodwell, Okla., and received her B. S. degree in Elementary Education from Southwestern State College, Weatherford, Okla., in 1942.

She started her teaching career in 1956 at Victory School and was to begin teaching in the Laverne, Okla. School system in September of this year.

On August 14, 1942, at Hinton, Okla., Sophia was married to Robert Howard and to this union one daughter, Sondra, was born. They made their home at Logan.

Sophia, her husband and daughter, were converted at Midway Country Church in 1956. She was actively engaged in the work of her church and with heartfelt devotion and loyalty was willing to serve with utmost sincerity every task assigned to her. Her life was a living testimony of what she believed to be an example of Christian service.

Her Christian service was not confined to the four walls of her church, but was extended throughout the community and into the classrooms of the schools where she taught. Her students will not cease to sing praises for the high morals and standards that were a part of her teaching. She was a teacher of a youth group in the church each Sunday evening.

Survivors include her husband, Robert, of the home; her daughter and son-in-law, Sondra and Merl Custer, and one grandson, Mervin of Logan; one brother, Albert Ondracek, Logan; four sisters, Mrs. Joe B. Duke, Lovington, N. M., Mrs. Floyd Cates, Spearman, Texas; Mrs. Leon Little, Hinton, Okla., Mrs. Charles Pruitt, Lufkin, Texas; also nieces, nephews, other relatives

and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 19, at 2:30 p.m. at the Midway County Church, Logan, with The Reverends Harrol Waterbury, Marcus Adair, Kay Kerr, and Edwin Modrick officiating. Burial was in the Kiowa Cemetery, Logan, under the direction of Seager Funeral Home, Laverne, Oklahoma.

LETTER

Note From Our Servicemen

Dear Rev. Whiteley,

This week we have arrived in Okinawa. Now we are away from home, CHURCH, and friends. Now more than ever before we need our church paper. Through neglect we did not get it while in California. We were well fed the gospel by Bro. and Sis. Paul Wilkerson at Fair Oaks Chapel. We miss home very much but most of all, Church and friends in Christ.

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Ed. Note. Let us continue to pray for our servicemen and when possible write and encourage them in the things of the Lord. We praise God for the well keeping of our boys in service as I don't believe any of our Movement boys has been hurt seriously. This is as you and I pray and hold them up before the throne of God.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

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Although there have been many improvements in materials and methods for teaching in the Sunday School, she makes little use of them. Usually she teaches in the same way Sunday after Sunday.

In spite of this evidence of incompetency, she feels that her work as a teacher is successful. The reason she gives for her amazing self-satisfaction will surprise you. She attributes her success as a teacher to her thorough and regular preparation!"

HE'S COMING SOON

Lois Barker

Matthew 24 shows many signs of the Lord's coming. Jesus speaks of "wars and rumors of wars," "famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places," but a sign that should awaken all Christians is: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14) People may say that all nations have heard the gospel. To some churches, the only gospel that is preached is creeds, or some narrow idea of the gospel that a man has decided upon. But the true Gospel, that was preached by Jesus and the Apostles, has been so neglected by many of these so-called missionaries. Jesus commanded in Mark 16:15 that we must go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

It is hard to understand how those who "love His appearing" should be indifferent as to the season of their Lord's return. We read how the prophets and disciples searched diligently in an effort to determine the time and manner of the Lord's coming again. With the hour so close at hand, we should be even more anxious for this great event to take place. James 1:4 tells us to let patience have her perfect work, but this should be the patience of hope, and not the patience of careless indifference. Hope will always suggest the question, "How long?" The hope we have of seeing our Saviour should be the driving force behind our Salvation, our Consecration, our Sanctification, our experience in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and our obedience to the obligation of promoting the Gospel of the Kingdom in our time. So, with that blessed hope, let us look for and study the signs about His soon return.

"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many." (Matt. 24:4, 5, 11) There have been false prophets in every land for centuries. They appear to have a form of Godliness,

but God seems so distant to them, because probably some have never known Him in Spirit and in Truth. Those that have "departed" from the faith, are easy prey for almost every conceivable religious doctrine created by these False Prophets. They have been quit successful in their endeavors, because Satan works untiringly at the job of deceiving humanity. "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. .. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." (II Peter 2:1-2)

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. (Matt. 24:6) We know that before the Lord comes, we must have wars. War seems to be the main issue right now, in our time. But we know that the final end has not come yet, because "all these things" have not come to pass.

Matt. 24:7, 8 tells us that the time of nation rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places is only the beginning of sorrow. We are living in the beginning of sorrow. We see nations starving because there is not enough to feed all the people. We hear of earthquakes in places where there was never an earthquake before.

Although Christians have been killed and persecuted in times past, there will be a time when, again, Christians will be persecuted for the Gospel they believe. Even some of the Christians will betray each other. It will take a Consecrated, and Sanctified, person to be able to stand. During this time, there will be so much sin in the world that "the love of many shall wax cold." The love that people have for one another, and even the love that they have for the Gospel will suddenly be gone. But we have the promise of being saved, if only we will endure until the very end.

By searching the Scriptures, we read that the abomination of desolation will come in the middle of the week of the last seven years. The Bride, or the Sanctified class of people, will flee from Jerusalem to the Wilderness. They will be cared for until Jesus comes. At the time of this flight, the people will not have time to make preparation. These people should pray that the flight will not be in the winter, because the weather would almost be too bad for them to bear. And because of the law of the Jews, they could not travel on the Sabbath Day. On this day, a person is only allowed to go about 1000 yards from the wall of the city. The Bride will be in Jerusalem because Jerusalem or Palestine will be the last country that will permit religious worship.

Jesus prophesied that a time of great tribulation will come. For the sake of God's elected group of people, He will shorten the time until the coming of Jesus. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved." (Matt. 24:22)

Man need not watch for the Lord's coming with the thought of maybe missing the chance of seeing Him. There will be those who will say that Christ has come. But we are commanded not to believe it, because Jesus tells us that there will be false Christs that will be able to perform miracles and show "great signs and wonders." We pray that we are not among the ones who will be deceived, because the Scriptures tell us that He will come even "as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth unto the west." When Jesus comes to the mount of Olives, the Christians will meet Him there. Not only the Christians, but every eye shall behold His coming.

Immediately after the tribulation, the elements of heaven will be darkened, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven. The Isrealitish tribes will mourn in the latter part of the 70th Week of Daniel. Jesus will come to put an end to the sorrow.

Then Christ will send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet,

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and all that are still living for God will be gathered together. This includes the ones who will be in the first resurrection, and all of the qualified Christians of all nations.

Jesus gave a parable about the fig tree. "When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." (Matt. 24:32) The fig tree represents the Jewish nation. As God had said, the Jews are rapidly going back to Palestine. When we see these tribulations come to pass, we are to know that the end of the age is near, "even at the doors", in other words, very close at hand. The generation that will see all these things fulfilled, will not pass away. We know that heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God will endure through eternity.

Only our heavenly Father knows the time of Jesus' return. But we are given signs to watch for his coming. As it was in the days of Noah, when the people would not believe what Noah preached concerning their preparation for the flood, so will it be just before Jesus comes. Although the people are not concerned about the Gospel that is being preached, it is still our duty to warn the people to make preparation for His coming.

We must always be ready for Christ's coming, because before that time, Redemption will take place. The Holy Spirit will be lifted and the hundred-fold Christian will be taken into heaven. This will happen suddenly, without warning. We can watch for His coming by staying prayed up in our experience. We can have knowledge of His coming by searching the Scriptures and allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth to us. We are commanded to watch for His coming, because **HE'S COMING SOON!**

**REMEMBER THE
GIRL'S DORM FUND**

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PARHAM BOOK FUND**

Faith Born In Topeka

(Taken from the Topeka, Kansas, newspaper)

In 1901, a young Methodist minister and 40 of his students who were trying to rediscover the pentecostal power of the disciples of Jesus Christ started a little understood and much attacked faith that developed into today's Pentecostal denominations.

The movement began in an ornate old mansion at 18th and Stone, where St. Vincent's Home is today. The mansion was built in the pattern of an English castle.

The Rev. Charles F. Parham was 27 and his wife was 23, when they and their students began praying in the old house for a pentecostal encounter with the Holy Spirit, like the encounter in Jerusalem when the disciples were marked by tongues of flame and spoke with unknown tongues.

For months they prayed. Nothing happened. Then one day, the Rev. Mr. Parham was downtown in Topeka. When he returned home, he found the students sitting on the floor, talking in languages neither the speaker nor the hearer could understand.

In the history of the Pentecostal faith, or the "Oneness Movement," by Fred J. Foster, it is said the significance of the Topeka happening was not just that it was the first time in the modern age people had spoken in tongues, but that it was the first known experience of people's seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the exception of speaking in tongues.

The Pentecostal revival spread to Kansas City, Lawrence, Galena, Melrose Keelville and Baxter Springs.

The movement, except for a few pastors who joined the Rev. Mr. Parham's group, was dismissed by other churches as a fad, something that didn't quite fit the accepted form. To some degree this attitude still holds, though changes are being made in a few churches.

Actually, there were two main areas of conflict between the established churches and the new movement.

One was glossolalia, or speaking in tongues. The other was a differ-

ence over the sacrament of baptism.

As late as July this year, the United Presbyterian Church, in its General Assembly, authorized a year's study of glossolalia, and other "Gifts of the Holy Spirit."

In 1902, the Rev. Mr. Parham wrote a book in which much of his religious Philosophy was stated. His second chapter was about water baptism.

In Foster's history, the Rev. Mr. Parham is quoted, "Indeed for months nothing, pro or con, came upon the subject (of baptism) until one day at the Bible School we were waiting upon God that we might know the Scriptural teaching of water baptism unto his death. We had known that for years. Again the Spirit spoke, 'God the Father, and God the Holy Spirit never died.'

"Then how quickly we recognized the fact we could not be buried by baptism in the name of the Father and in the name of the Holy Ghost, because it stood for nothing, as they never died, and were never resurrected. So if you desire to witness a public confession of a clean conscience toward God and man, faith in the divinity of Jesus Christ, you will be baptized by single immersion signifying the death, burial and resurrection; being baptized in the name of Jesus, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; they are one when in Christ you become one with all."

In 1963 in San Francisco, Bishop James A. Pike, then Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California, admonished clergymen in a pastoral letter against the practice of glossolalia.

Bishop Pike's letter was based on a study by a commission he appointed to study and make recommendations on the phenomenon, which had mushroomed in the Episcopal church since 1958. He banned the practice in Episcopal churches as counter to the Anglican tradition of use of the vernacular or native language in worship.

"Speaking in tongues" is regarded as a sign the speaker has received the baptism of the Holy

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Children's Hour . . .

—By Lois Riley



STRANGERS FROM THE EAST

The Wise Men were very tired. They had seen the Star of Jacob in the East and they were searching for their new Messiah. Day after day they journeyed till they came at last to Jerusalem.

To their surprise they found all the people there going about their business as usual. Nobody was talking about the coming of a new king.

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" they asked someone.

"King of the Jews?" replied the man with a puzzled look on his face. "You mean Herod?"

"No, A new King. Your King. We saw His star in the east and are come to worship Him."

"There's no new king around here," said the man.

"But there must be," said the Wise Men, as they told the people why they had come so far. A few people in Jerusalem began to believe that they must be right. Soon the entire city was talking about these strangers who had traveled hundreds of miles to find the new King of the Jews.

Presently news of the Wise Men's story reached King Herod. He began to worry. Was a new king going to take his place? So he called "the chief priests and scribes", and demanded that they tell him where the Christ-child should be born.

"In Bethlehem of Judaea," they told him, "for thus it is written by the prophet.

Somehow, from the way the

priests and scribes talked, Herod felt sure that they did not believe any new king had been born. But he was troubled by the rumor that the Wise Men from the East had started. Was there anything to it? He would find out.

Herod sent for the Wise Men. He asked them to tell him exactly what they had told so many others. Then he asked, "When did you first see this star?"

They told him.

"Do you believe He is already born?"

"Certainly."

"H'm, I'll tell you what," said Herod. "My priests say the child is to be born in Bethlehem. Go there, and if you find Him, send me word. I will come and worship Him also."

The Wise Men thanked the king, and with light hearts they set out for Bethlehem. Then they saw something that filled them with "exceeding great joy." There, in the sky above the little town, they saw the star again!

They urged their camels forward with new eagerness.

At last the Wise Men came to the house where Mary and Joseph were staying. As they entered "they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him."

As the Wise Men bowed before the Baby Jesus, they gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They knew that this truly was their new King, the Son of God.

NEW WORDS FOR OLD TUNE

(Jesus Loves Me)

Long ago and far away
Jesus came on Christmas Day
Now we thank our God above
For His precious gift of love.
Cho.

Thank You dear Father
Thank You dear Father
Thank You dear Father
For Jesus Christ our Lord.

A CHILD AT A CRECHE

by Alice Hazeline

Little Jesus, little Jesus
Lying on the hay
Smile upon me as I kneel,
Listen while I pray.

As you look up, little Jesus,
From the manger bed,
See the gifts the shepherds brought
By the starlight led.

Do you remember little Jesus
Wise men numbered three . . .
Myrrh and frankincense and gold,
These they brought to Thee.

Please accept, little Jesus,
My gift is my heart
Full of wonder, love and praise
For Thee, as Thou art.

Here am I, little Jesus,
Little child like you;
Wilt Thou bless me then, I pray,
As I praise Thee, too.

NOTICE

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FAITH BORN IN TOPEKA (Continued from page 10)

Spirit among the pentecostals.
In 1913, the Rev. R E. McAlister was preaching at a camp meeting in Los Angeles, and said from the pulpit, with emphasis, that the Holy Trinity was never invoked in 1st Century baptism.

The audience contained hundreds of preachers from across the nation and Canada.

The Rev. Mr. McAlister's message caused an emotional upheaval on

the platform and in the audience. One man bounded onto the platform, asking the speaker not to preach that doctrine. But the message had gotten across, and although the Rev. Mr. McAlister made an attempt to quite the consternation of some, this was the high point of the camp meeting.

Pentecostal (Oneness) organization today include the General Assemblies of the Apostolic Assemblies, the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, the Pentecostal Minis-

terial Alliance, the Emmanuel's Church in Jesus Christ, Apostolic Churches of Jesus Christ, the Assemblies of God, and many other organizations all over the world.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We've Adopted! !
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