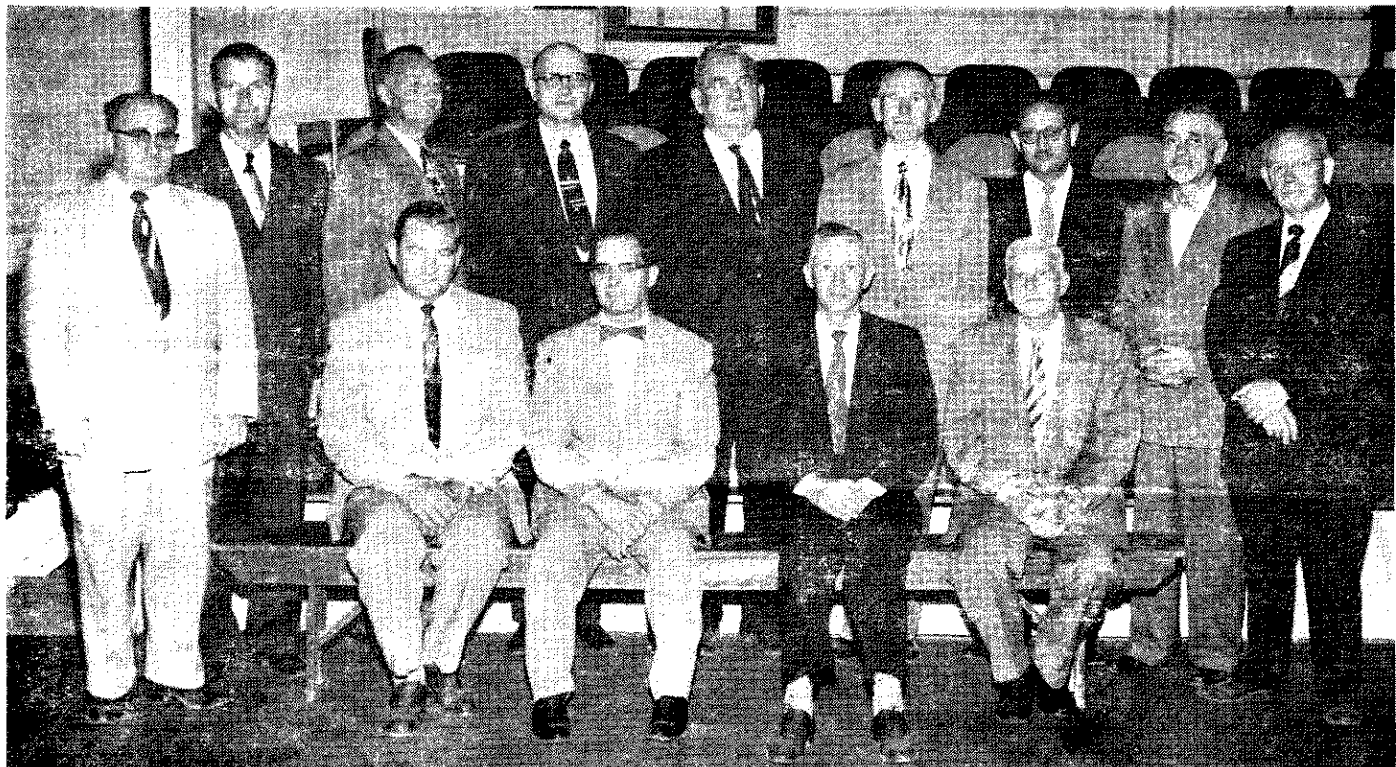


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The Executive Board of the General Conference

This picture of the Executive Board was taken at General Conference last August, shortly after the election of officers was completed. From left to right in the back row we see Elder Israel Haeger, California; Elder O. T. Whitten, Oklahoma; Elder K. C. Walker, Alabama; Elder W. H. Olson, Washington, D. C.; Elder R. E. Burge, Missouri; Elder Otto Haeber, California; Elder Reuben Moldenhauer, Idaho; Elder Christ Kiesz, South Dakota; Elder L. I. Rodgers, Nebraska. Seated, left to right, Elder K. H. Freeman, West Virginia, Vice-Chairman; Elder E. A. Straub, Chairman; Elder Archie B. Craig, Secretary, Elder A. F. Dugger, Treasurer, Colorado.

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EDITORIAL

HELLO

We are happy to greet you in a new capacity in this issue of *The Messenger*. Following the resignation of our former editor, Elder Paul Heavilin, the Executive Board asked us to take over this responsibility. Elder Heavilin felt that his work with *Midwest Bible College*, and other obligations, made it too difficult for him to devote the needed time to this paper. He asked the Board to be relieved, and they called upon yours truly to fill the post.

Brother Heavilin accepted the position a little over a year ago, beginning with the issue of November, 1954. Thus his term as editor went through thirteen issues. Before that there was a period of time when the Publishing House manager had the responsibility, with Elders H. W. Munro, the present manager, and Elder Floyd A. Turner, who served prior to Brother Munro, having a go at it. From all of this changing about it would appear that this paper is something of a red-headed stepchild, but let us assure you that it is not. It is important to the work of the Church.

There is a reason for the change of editors—everyone who is available is also very busy. Since this is a monthly paper, and consists primarily of field reports, it is not a job that requires a full-time employee. It must fall upon some person who can work it in with other duties. Since we had recently resigned as chairman of

the Sabbath School Department, because the duties of that department were far too great to give the needed attention along with our other work, we were available for this post. We hope we can handle it satisfactorily.

Since this paper is a field organ, we realize that the success of it depends entirely upon the people in the field. We cannot write reports from districts or departmental offices. Those have to come from the various overseers and chairmen. If we get enough reports, and they are interesting, we will say we have a good paper. Otherwise, there will be but one other conclusion. Every bit of this responsibility lies upon the shoulders of others, and the editor merely gets the copy ready for the composing room, and assembles the paper. We expect to do a little writing for this paper, such as editorials or reports from our office here, but that is all that would be appropriate from us for *The Messenger*.

We are glad to note evidences of forward movement in the Church of God. At the recent Ministerial Council there were many reports of varying numbers of new members being added to our group in different places. We were thrilled to know that there are still people interested in truth, and seeking the Lord. We hope that we will be able to find more and more of them, and that the forward movement of the

Church of God will accelerate, and that as we grow we will grow more rapidly.

In order for a church to grow there are two very important needs that must be met. First of all it must have a program that is progressive, practical, and far-reaching. Then it must have the finance to set that program in motion. Let us briefly take a look at the situation from these two points of view.

Far too many years the Church of God has drifted along with little or no co-ordinated program. Much of that time was spent healing a breach that never should have occurred. During that time a good many of the members developed attitudes of indifference or outright independence. This indifference, or in some cases disrespect for authority, hindered what program our leaders tried to advance. Now we can see the folly of such an attitude, and more and more of our people are beginning to realize that they as individuals must shoulder the burden of the message, get behind every program, and see that it becomes a success.

One of the programs that is receiving enthusiastic support is the missionary program set up by the Home Missions Department. More and more people are enrolling in the Home Missions study courses in preparation for personal witnessing. When more of our members are actually telling others about the Savior, we will see more and more people coming to Him. We are a good many years late in this program, but that is no reason for delaying now. If you would like more information about this program, see your minister, or write to the Home Missions Department, Box 2370, Denver Colorado.

Now as to the matter of finance, we must be careful what we say. If we become too urgent, people will think we are "money-mad." If we are too soft-spoken, others will wonder what we have to apologize for. But let us throw discretion to the winds and

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Christian Education

SPRING VALE ACADEMY

The Students at Spring Vale remember November chiefly as the month of the Thanksgiving program and holiday. Eight of the students visited away from the school during the vacation, but visitors made up that number and more. Interest was added to the preparation of the Thanksgiving dinner in the buying of a live turkey. There is a turkey farm about two miles down the highway from the school. Elder Adams picked out the biggest bird from those in a pen and the boys dressed it under the direction of Mrs. Jones the cook. Mrs. Kauer and Mrs. Coulson helped in the preparation of the dinner. Elder Kauer arranged for the decorations and the tables were lined up in banquet style. The dinner was held in the evening with forty-one at the table. After the dinner the group went to the school building for the program. Under the capable direction of Miss Reynolds, a group presented a very interesting Thanksgiving play, entitled, "Turkey Turns the Tables." The program also included readings and musical numbers.

The visitors at Spring Vale for Thanksgiving included graduates, Reta Ling, Richard Norris, Robert Nicholas and David Kauer. Frank Adams and Beatrice Larson were also part of the visiting group. Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rodgers come late in the day, and Elder and Mrs. Vernon Patchen stopped by in time to see the program.

The Ministerial Council at Denver, Colorado, was held the week before Thanksgiving. Elders Turner, Adams and Kauer went to Denver by plane. They left Thursday night and returned on Monday, spending three days in Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Burton Rodgers helped out at the school during this time. Brother Rodgers acted as dean of boys and also

conducted some of the school classes.

A group of twelve Spring Vale students attended the Michigan all-day meeting at Decatur on November 12. Spring Vale is about the same distance from four of our churches. It is approximately 130 miles from Spring Vale to Decatur, Muskegon, and Deckerville, Michigan, and from Toledo, Ohio. This is considered too long a trip to be made by the school bus, especially in winter, so only a part of the students attend these meetings.

A micro-projector was recently purchased to aid in our teaching of science. The instrument arrived during November and has since been put to good use in connection with the biology class. It is an especially built microscope which projects the image on a screen so all the class can study it together. The invisible one-celled animals in pond water show up a foot long swimming across the screen. Human blood-cells are easily seen and the prepared biology slides are also used to illustrate the subject. Spring Vale did not have any good microscopes, so this was much needed. The cost was \$150, payable next June. We want to raise the money to pay for it during this time. We especially invite those who believe that science should be taught to our young people from the Bible viewpoint, to contribute. We will announce when the needed amount has been raised, and also list the amounts of the contributions.

We must buy needed equipment from time to time while still carrying on our campaign for our building fund. Almost \$400 was received during November. Remember our goal—\$10 000 by April 1. The amount now on hand is \$2410.00. Let's increase this fund by all helping!

Also remember that there is room for more students at Spring

Vale and a good time to enter would be at the beginning of the second Semester, January 23. Write today for information. Spring Vale Academy, R. Rt. 4, Owosso, Michigan.

MIDWEST BIBLE COLLEGE

One of the big problems of operating a College in a small town is the matter of student employment.

If a student has his finances arranged some way so that it isn't necessary for him to do anything other than work around the school a little (or not at all), then there isn't much of a problem. However, students usually need something else at which to work.

So far, we feel that God has wonderfully provided for the needs of the students in the matter of employment. Most of the students who have wanted part time work have been able to get it.

However, we know that God wishes for us to make plans to care for the work. We know too that the prospects aren't too good for employment of very many more students than are now attending college here.

We feel that it is the responsibility of the Church (the college administration in particular) to make plans to provide work for students. If this work can be under the direction of college personnel, so much the better, for we will then be able to control the work hours to fit the needs of the students.

One such project is under way already. Plans have been drawn up and the initial steps taken to set up an institution called "Midwest Mission" for the purpose of collecting, processing and distributing broken toys and clothing. A building will be rented for public display of the merchandise. We know that the margin of profit will be small, but the work is expected just to take

care of itself, not to make large profits.

Other plans are under consideration, and we trust that these all will result in the establishment of something solid for the future of the college.

We find it necessary to give you a report of the college finances—they aren't good. The chief reason is that the receipts in the general fund have been so low. By next weekend we will be a month behind in some salaries and two months with others. Some of our pressing bills have not been paid, chief of which is owed to the publishing house. The utility

bills all come to the publishing house and we settle with them for our share. Likewise, insurance is handled by the publishing house. These bills are considerably past due and you will know how it is when I report that we owe the publishing house nearly \$1000. for our part in the expenses mentioned. Your help with the general fund regularly and in special offerings would correct this situation. We hope that this report will not discourage those who have given generously and regularly.

Brethren, we need to keep this one thing in mind—if the Bible

means what it says about evil men and seducers waxing worse and worse as the end approaches, then the work of the Church will get more and more difficult all the time. Actually, we are in an "all out war" with Satan, and the victory will not be easily won—we know who will win—but this one thing needs to be kept in mind—we need to keep the number of casualties down. It will take all our effort all the time to do the work God wants done. Are we the People of God? If so, God expects much of us—He purges us that we can bring forth more fruit.—Roy A. Marrs, *Director*.

The Publishing Department

The work is moving along here at your Publishing House, despite the usual hindrances of lack of help and other needs. It seems that every time we make a gain, the demand upon our facilities continues to grow too, so that we are always in a struggle to keep up. That is good, in a way, for it indicates that the general work is growing. But it would be much better if our plant were able to produce more and better work more easily. We are grateful for what we have, and pray that we will be able to use it for the spreading of the Gospel message. Pray for us, that God will bless our efforts.

We recently sent out a catalogue that has proved to be of help to many. This is the first time that a catalogue has been distributed in the locality near Stanberry. Recently Elders Heavilin and Faubion worked with a crew of *Midwest Bible College* students to distribute the catalogues door to door in the towns of Stanberry, King City and Albany. Other towns in our county, which do not have city mail delivery, got the catalogues as post office and rural route box holders. This distribution has been good advertising for us, and we have had callers since that time because

of it. We hope that the catalogues will bring us in contact with many people in this locality.

If you did not receive one of the catalogues, please write for one at once. We have a few left, but there are not many, so don't put it off if you want one.

A good many of our Bible customers are taking advantage of our gold-stamping service. We are equipped to stamp your name in gold on your new Bible — or any other book if you wish. We charge fifty cents per line on Bibles under \$5.00 in value, twenty-five cents per line on Bibles from \$5.00 to \$10.00, Bibles \$10.00 and over, one line free, additional lines twenty-five cents each.

We would like to call your attention to the Bible section of our new catalogue. This is the first time that we have ever advertised such a broad selection of Bibles. Most of the popular numbers are in stock here at the present time, and orders can be filled immediately. Numbers not in stock can be drop-shipped directly from the publishers to you, and it requires only a few days extra. In such case you deal directly with us, and the publisher bills us for the Bible. If you have a Bible that is worn,

and you would like to purchase another like it, we can probably duplicate it for you. If you can find the number on the back fly leaf, and tell us the name of the publisher, we can get it, if it is still in print.

You will find an abundance of merchandise listed in the catalogue. Not all of this merchandise is manufactured here. We have listed our own publications, but many of the books and novelties are supplied by another company, which printed the main section of the catalogue. We do not endorse all of the merchandise listed, so if you are not sure of what you are ordering, we suggest that you write to us for advice first.

At this time our half-price subscription campaign is under way. This is the month when you can get gift subscriptions to *The Bible Advocate*, *The Christian Youth Herald and Gospel Call*, and *The Harvest Field Messenger* at half price. But you must hurry if you are going to take advantage of this offer. If you send one subscription at the regular price, either new or renewal, you may purchase additional subscriptions to that same periodical at half price. Thus you may renew your own *Bible Advocate* for three

dollars, and then send it to several friends at \$1.50 each. *The Herald and Call*, with one renewal or new subscription at \$1.75, will sell for 88 cents for each additional subscription. *The Harvest Field Messenger* is regularly priced at \$1.00, so you may send it to other members of the Church of God, who do not receive it, for 50 cents each, with one subscription at the regular price.

We suggest that *The Messenger* be placed only in Church of God homes, since it is purely devoted to denominational news and needs.

You can take advantage of this offer to persuade your friends and fellow-members to pay for their own subscriptions. A group could go together and order several new subscriptions at half price, as long as there is one regular

subscription with them. Why not check up and see that every member of your congregation is getting all the papers? There never will be a better opportunity.

Your Publishing House stands ready to serve you in any way that we can. We solicit your patronage and hope that you will take advantage of the services which we have to offer.

The Sabbath School Department

From L. L. Christenson, *Chairman*

Since the recent chairman of the Sabbath School Department, Elder C. L. Faubion, asked to be relieved of this work because of needed time for other duties, I have been asked to take his place. This will require time outside of office hours. However, I am glad to have the help of, and to work with, Elders Floyd A. Turner and Archie Stiede, on the committee with me. May the Lord help us do our best for Him.

Everyone in the church should be vitally interested in the Sabbath School. Can you imagine what it would be like to go to church where there was no thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared lesson to study with those of like faith, no open class discussion, and no teacher to direct such inspiring and edifying fellowship? The writer knows of no Church of God group that meets together solely for a preaching service, omitting Bible study, but there are many here and there who have no regular pastor, yet meet together for Sabbath School.

We need not stress the fact that Bible study is important. If it were not for this fact there would hardly be a Church of God. Many people have studied themselves into the truths we hold dear; and we believe in keeping right on studying. Systematic study is indeed advisable. That is why les-

son studies are outlined far in advance. The quarterlies for 1956 were outlined months in advance, and we pray that they will not only be a blessing to you, but that you will enjoy them too. That there be no misunderstanding, by "outlined" we mean that the subject matter for each Sabbath's study for all of 1956 was already planned some time ago.

It is probably natural that some people get more out of a lesson than others. That is one reason why group discussion is so valuable. For a class to be interesting, several factors are necessary. Certainly well prepared studies are a "must." Qualified teachers are just about as important—more so in some cases. Even if some subjects do not appear as interesting as others, a good teacher — one who has studied his lesson prior to class time, and if need be, has added to it a text or two — will make the discussion interesting. However, those who write the lessons should not depend on this. It should be said, too, that a good teacher will not do all of the talking. He will draw out the class. He will ask for comments from different members of the class, with an aim to get as many as reasonably possible to take part. He will stay on the lesson and not encourage straying therefrom any more than it is reasonable to help. Then when the lesson as out-

lined has been finished, any sideline discussion, if there is time, may be brought forth. While some churches appear to have lessons of a cut-and-dried type, our quarterlies are not so intended; but we do believe in a systematic method of study. The lessons are prepared with that thought in mind. The Scriptures teach "rightly dividing the word of truth."

One of the aims of this department is to see that our quarterlies fit the needs of the Church in a given respect. They must be doctrinally sound according to the Scriptures, informative, and most assuredly of a spiritual, encouraging and edifying nature; they must build us up in spirit and in truth. Let us be humble and serious about these things.

To the superintendents, secretaries, and teachers may we submit a few suggestions. Study the lesson before class time. (The laity is not barred from this at all. There are a few people who study their lesson daily, or almost every day.) Each one of you should do your part well as unto the Lord. The superintendent should see that the secretary gets a complete report of all classes. See that the quarterly reports are made out and sent to the chairman of the Sabbath School Department, at Stanberry, within the month following the close of

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the quarter. It is disappointing to any Sabbath school to see that their report is missing from the quarterly composite report, especially when such report reaches the office too late to be printed. The report for the fourth quarter

of 1955 is to appear in the February *Harvest Field Messenger*. Let us make it the best one to date.

May God bless the Sabbath schools as we, brethren, study His Word and discuss it together. (Malachi 3:16).

come face to face with the facts for a good heart-to-heart talk.

The Church needs money to keep our program moving along. We all recognize that. Where are we going to get it? We have very little to sell. We can sell books and subscriptions—but those sales are not adequate to put the Publishing Department on a solvent basis. It always needs subsidy. We can sell Christian Education—but tuition fees alone do not support our schools. Where can we get the money to subsidize the departments and to support the ministry? There is only one answer, and you know what that is. The members of the Church, each one as an individual, must provide it. The tithe is holy unto the Lord. He has always regarded it thus from as far back as we find any mention of it. That which He regarded as holy at one time is still held in the same esteem. The tithe alone, if every member paid tithe, would be more than the Church now has for an operating fund. But offerings are also an important factor. They are expected, and are a part of our worship before the Lord.

So today we can see that our program is shaping up nicely. We feel that we are in a better position to evangelize than we ever were before. If the funds fail—because the members fail—our program will bog down. If the members are faithful, and the funds are adequate, the program will snowball into a real success. a victory for the Lord.—C.L.F.

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Unless otherwise arranged for, all *Harvest Field Messenger* subscriptions which expired prior to October first, 1955, will have to be dropped from our mailing list.

If, however, you really want the paper to continue to come to you and are not able to pay for it at this time, please write us and

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Composite Report of Sabbath Schools

Fourth Quarter, 1955

| Name of School | No. of Classes | Ave. Attend. | Ave. Offer. | Ave. Vis. | Ave. Bibles | Ave. Verses | Ave. Chap. |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| ARKANSAS | | | | | | | |
| Delaplaine | 3 | 24 | 1.92 | 2 | 11 | 25 | 147 |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | | | | |
| Los Angeles | 6 | 56 | | | | | |
| Lodi | 8 | 67 | 17.34 | 3 | | | |
| N. Sacramento | 4 | 50 | 20.86 | 11 | 33 | 34 | 120 |
| COLORADO | | | | | | | |
| Denver | 6 | 103 | 20.93 | | | | |
| IDAHO | | | | | | | |
| Nampa | 5 | 41 | 6.44 | 6 | 43 | 39 | 139 |
| KANSAS | | | | | | | |
| Wichita | 4 | 19 | 2.87 | 1 | 12 | 19 | 26 |
| MICHIGAN | | | | | | | |
| West Olive | 2 | 24 | 4.32 | | 14 | 20 | 61 |
| Decatur | 3 | 17 | 4.69 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 92 |
| Freeland | 4 | 34 | 8.00 | 5 | 23 | 32 | 87 |
| Deckerville | 3 | 21 | 3.20 | 2 | 17 | 19 | |
| MISSOURI | | | | | | | |
| Stanberry | 6 | 49 | 10.29 | 4 | | | |
| Kansas City | 4 | 29 | 5.18 | 3 | 23 | 23 | 76 |
| St. Joseph | 5 | 52 | 8.20 | 3 | 27 | 41 | 198 |
| NEBRASKA | | | | | | | |
| Holbrook | 2 | 16 | .98 | 1 | 10 | | |
| Bassett | 2 | 13 | 1.79 | 1 | 13 | | 85 |
| OHIO | | | | | | | |
| Toledo | 4 | 16 | 4.16 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 27 |
| OKLAHOMA | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma City | 3 | 23 | 9.40 | | 18 | 16 | 122 |
| Lane | 2 | 11 | 2.74 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 24 |
| Fairview | 6 | 37 | 3.77 | 4 | 28 | 31 | 88 |
| Dover | 2 | 5 | 1.42 | | 5 | 5 | 34 |
| Midway | 5 | 39 | 4.86 | | 27 | 29 | 90 |
| Ashland | 2 | 13 | 1.63 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 90 |
| OREGON | | | | | | | |
| Eugene | 4 | 26 | 5.02 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 90 |
| Portland | 3 | 16 | 3.94 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 37 |
| Harrisburg | | 47 | 5.55 | 4 | 36 | 38 | 62 |
| Union Gap | 4 | 31 | 5.34 | 2 | 14 | | 94 |
| TEXAS | | | | | | | |
| Conroe | 5 | 52 | | | 36 | 50 | |
| Corpus Christi | 2 | 18 | 3.03 | 5 | 16 | 15 | 29 |
| WASHINGTON | | | | | | | |
| Tacoma | 4 | 28 | | 4 | 14 | 13 | 52 |
| W. VIRGINIA | | | | | | | |
| Parkersburg | 4 | 20 | 3.15 | 1 | 14 | | 88 |
| WISCONSIN | | | | | | | |
| New Auburn | 3 | 45 | 5.24 | 8 | | | 127 |
| TRINIDAD, BWI. | | | | | | | |
| Port of Spain | 4 | 28 | .80 | | 11 | 55 | 16 |

Activities in the Districts

DISTRICT NUMBER 2

*From Elder Christ Kiesz,
Overseer*

In our last report from Canada there was a mistake. Instead of having our all-day meeting in Thursby the meeting was at Brother Maier's home in the daytime and also in the evening. And after our board meeting in Calgary, as mentioned in my former report, we drove to Bassona, had one meeting in Sister Baringers' home, and we also stayed a night there. We had a good time there. From there we drove to Regina, Saskatchewan and stayed with mother Kainer one night. The next day we left for Gronlid, where we visited the Kantymer families, and stayed a night with the Whileken families.

On the Sabbath day we were with the Meath Park people for an all-day meeting, including the young people's meeting with Mike Kantymer the leader. That was a real blessing for us all. We also had a meeting in the evening. The meetings were at the J. Stanowich home. We stayed two nights with Brother Mike Hrenyk. On our way to Nepawin we also stopped at George Elliot's and at Henry Reimer's but the men folks were not at home. In Nepawin we saw also Brother and Sister Goertzen. From there we drove out to Brother and Sister Kantymer's, where Brother and Sister Mike Kantymer were waiting for us.

That night we went over to Brother and Sister Walter Whilekens, where we also stayed a night. The next morning we started out for Regina, where we again stayed a night with Mother Kainer, in which home we also met Brother and Sister Garner Goertzen. That very evening we also visited Brother and Sister Martin Brandt, and they went along with us to Brother and

Sister A. Batky's where we had a short but a good visit. From there, together with Brandts, we also visited Brother and Sister Jem Kurlak, where we all together had a good time. They played and sang for us. Then we went back to Mother Kainer's where we stayed that night. The next morning we left for home.

We can truly say that all the people received us real nicely, and thanks so much for your kindness and love. And we can also report that all the people in Alberta and in Saskatchewan are trying to serve the Lord as good as they know how. But they would like to have a minister soon. We are reminded of that text where the Lord says the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. I hope I did not miss anyone where we were.

In our own District we are having revival meetings. One week we had meetings at Kulm where Brother Otto helped along with Brother Straub. The three last meetings Brother Otto conducted the meeting himself because Brother Straub and I started the meeting here in Eureka. While the meetings were in Kulm the weather was very cold which hindered the meeting. Here in Eureka we are having very good meetings with many outsiders present, and good interest. The subject last night was about deeper spiritual life in our Christianity. It seems that a lot of the Christians are still hungry for real spiritual food. Since we came home from our Ministerial Council meeting I never got caught up with my correspondence.

DISTRICT NUMBER 3

*From Elder Reuben Moldenhauer,
Overseer*

Abundant blessings have been ours during the past month. I be-

lieve when we are prayerful in our labor that God will answer our prayers, and souls will be added to the Church of God. We desire your prayers to be fruitful missionaries, humble, and prayerful. Without such there is no effectiveness in our Father's business.

The first weekend in November was spent in Crane, Oregon. Brother Max Kelley accompanied Mrs. Moldenhauer and me to Crane by car. It was a blessing to be with the Brethren. Our attendance was good for it being a small place: there were 18 out for the meetings. We had three services, Friday evening, Sabbath, and Saturday evening. Crane is a very humble little town, with a population of about forty-five. The Church of God (Seventh Day) is the only organization that has church services there. Brother Henry Kelley has been working there.

I feel sure that many of the reports for the month will be the highlights of the Ministerial Council meeting held in Denver. To me it was the best council meeting I ever attended. The outstanding thing about the Council was the harmonious way everyone yielded to the Spirit. I believe that every minister went home feeling a greater responsibility for progress and expansion in the Gospel work.

Let us all keep praying for one another, and labor together until we all come in unity of faith.

DISTRICT NUMBER 4

From Elder Israel Haeger, Overseer.

To the readers of the *Harvest Field Messenger*: Greetings. The month of November has slipped by so fast it was hardly noticed. No doubt it seemed to go so fast because of the Ministerial Coun-

oil and the Executive Board meeting following the ministers' meeting. However, we are not sorry for the time spent in council with the brethren, it only gives us a greater zeal to labor for Him.

In the first part of the month we labored in Sacramento and vicinity. We made several calls where we had very interesting Bible studies. We feel sure this will bring much fruit soon. At one of these meetings another minister was called in to study with me but he refused to have any thing to do with us. However, we had a very good study with the folks after he left.

After my return home from the Council meeting we had a baptismal service, one soul was buried in the watery grave. The next evening we had a wedding take place in the church here in North Sacramento, as two of the young people were united in holy

wedlock. May the Lord bless them in their life together.

We covet your prayers for us and the work here. There is much to do and so little time to do it in. Pray that more laborers might be sent into the field.

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From Elder Ray L. Straub

Following is my report for the month of November:

During the past month our local work was interrupted in favor of the Ministerial Council held for one week in Denver. We do not begrudge any of the time that we spent in this great meeting, however, but rather, we praise the Lord for the blessings and inspiration received from this great reunion. As a result of the time spent with the brethren we feel more qualified to carry on the work here. May God help us in such a way that His guiding hand is in evidence in all our works.

One Sabbath we were privileged to be with the brethren at Baldwin Park where we found them still desirous of pressing on toward the prize. It is hoped that calls can be made to that Sabbath school more frequently in the future.

We appreciate the co-operation and qualified help of Brother Larry Russell who capably filled the pulpit here in the Los Angeles Church while we were gone to Denver. It is reported that God used him to deliver an impressive and timely message.

The local church was also favored with the presence of Elder W. H. Olson, overseer of District number eight, on Sabbath, November 26, when he preached to us. We enjoyed the message and are praying that he will visit us again soon.

The classes in Christian Worker Training are to be resumed again this Sabbath under the direction of Elder Floyd Merriam, chairman of the Home Missions Department. We have had to miss two weeks for reasons beyond our control. There is much to be done in preparing ourselves to win souls more effectively. We do not know how much longer we have to witness for Christ. Our prayer is for added power to preach the Word with more conviction than we have ever had.

DISTRICT NUMBER 5

From Elder O. T. Whitten,
Overseer

The work in District five is progressing fairly well. During the month of November a few people were added to our number, for which we are thankful to the Lord. The ministers are working hard to advance the cause of Christ, but I am sure each of you is aware of the fact that Satan also "walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

I began the month of November with activity in the vicinity of Tahlequah. I was there for only one night, but enjoyed a fine

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visit in the home of Brother Clyde Maher, and also in the home of Brother and Sister Morgan.

Other activity during the first half of the month was in the vicinity of my home, Tulsa, Claremore, Morris, Mazie, and Oklahoma City. The time was spent in conducting some services and in office work, both at home and in the District office at Tulsa.

November 8 I conducted the funeral of Jim Tate, at Morris. It was a very sad occasion for me as the Tate family was among the first people I became acquainted with after I began my ministry in Oklahoma. It was always a real blessing to visit in their home. Sister Tate passed away a few years ago. May the Lord bless the son and two daughters is my prayer.

On the evening of the twelfth Elder K. C. Walker preached at the Midway church, and the evening of the thirteenth Elder Emmett Samson spoke at Oklahoma City. Brother Walker came from Alabama, and Elder Samson came from Texas, so that we could travel together to the Ministerial Council at Denver.

On the fourteenth we traveled to Denver to the Council meeting which began the fifteenth. The Council meetings are a real blessing, but there are always many long hours of work during such meetings. The Council meeting closed the night of the twenty-first, and I had to remain another two days for the General Conference Board meeting. I arrived home the afternoon of the twenty-fourth.

We are very happy that some progress is being made in the Lord's work. It is not as great as we would like, but we must not give up. The promises are made to those who overcome. In the book of the Revelation the statement is made time and again, "To him that overcometh." And Jesus says, "But he that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved." May the Lord bless each of you is my prayer.

From Elder Ross Johnston

Time has rolled around for another report of our activities, and we can say that as usual it has been a busy month. During the first part of November we were very busy giving Bible studies, having one regular study each week, besides conducting services in Dawson, Oklahoma, three nights a week, and our pastoral work with the Claremore church. On November 12 we had a won-

derful service, with four taking their stand with the Church of God. In the afternoon we drove to the Verdigris River, where three of them were baptized.

On the fourteenth my wife and I drove to Atoka where we had been called to conduct the funeral of a young man who had been shot accidentally while hunting. His father and mother had attended some of our meetings at Lane, Oklahoma, and wanted a Church of God minister to con-

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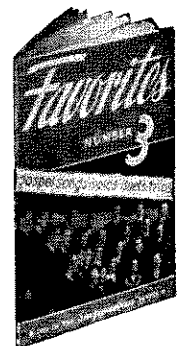
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duct the service, which was held in the new Church of God building at Lane.

After the funeral we drove to Seminole, to the home of my wife's mother, where she stayed while I attended the Ministerial Council in Denver, Colorado. In the company of Brother M. S. Marrs I arrived in Denver Wednesday night.

After returning from Ministerial Council I again visited in the home of the parents of the boy whose funeral I had conducted. They informed me that they were going to be in regular attendance at the Church at Lane. They said their younger son was going to keep the Sabbath and planned to unite with the Church. Also their daughter in Michigan wrote that she, too, was keeping the Sabbath, but said it was a pity their brother had to be taken to show them their condition. We were happy to see these folks in our services at Lane last Sabbath. Let us pray for them.

We arrived back in Claremore the twenty-seventh, and were happy to find everything well with the brethren here. Since then I've been catching up on the work here. Please pray for the work that God may richly bless.

DISTRICT NUMBER 6

From Elder R. E. Burge,
Overseer

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We feel that it is a great privilege to have just a little visit with you through the *Harvest Field Messenger*, and to report to you at least some of the activities of the Lord's work in district number six.

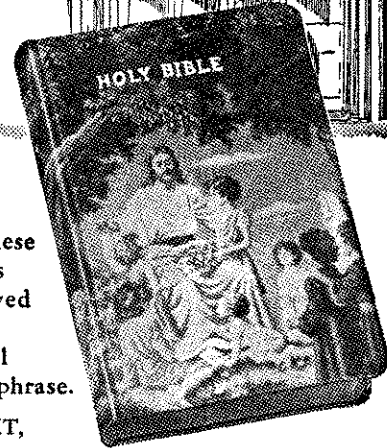
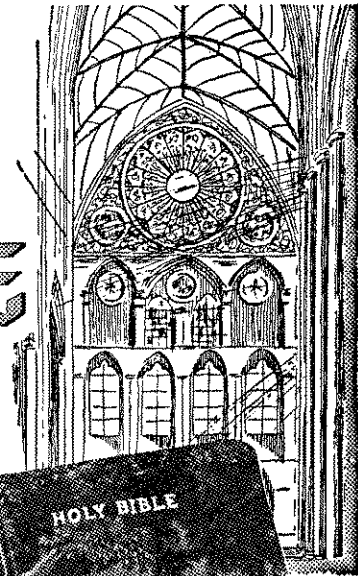
The first few days of November we were at St. Joseph and Kansas City. We attended the all-day meeting at Kansas City, November 5. I think I would be safe in saying that meeting was a real blessing to all present. Sunday night, the sixth, we began a meeting at Delaplaine, Arkansas, but had to close the

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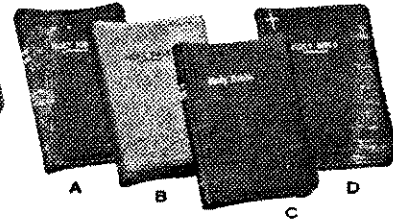
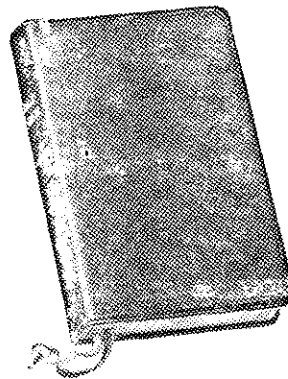
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meeting in one week's time so that we could be at Denver for the ministerial meeting which began November 15. We hope that we can return to Delaplaine and take up where we left off in the very near future.

I have received word from Kansas City and St. Joseph where Elders Ray Moldenhauer and Haskell Hawkins are pastors. The word received was very encouraging. God is blessing and the work of the Church is onward. I have also received some very encouraging reports from other places. At Ft. Smith, Arkansas, where Elder Jesse Rodgers is pastor the attendance is still getting better all the time.

A good report from Milan, Missouri, where Elder L. L. Christenson has appointments, states that God is blessing with good attendance at services and some new ones are coming out to services now. Elder Roy Marrs has an appointment at Des Moines, Iowa.

I would like to suggest that if there are any of you living near to any of the places named above that you find out just what time they have services and meet with them. I know that they will be glad to have you in the services.

May God bless each and every one of you is my prayer. Please pray for me, mine, and the Lord's Work.

DISTRICT NUMBER 7

From Elder K. C. Walker,
Overseer

Time flies by and I see it is time to report again on the development of the work in this part of the vineyard of the Lord.

As most of you probably know, about one half of the month of November was taken up with the Ministerial Council Meeting.

We do have some good things to report from this District. One of those things is, the beginning of church activities in the new church building near Valley Head, Alabama. We have held services

two Sabbaths now with renewed interest in that locality. Although the building isn't finished it is where we can use it, and the renewed interest gives us hope that further construction can be carried out in the near future. Last Sabbath there were 36 present. We should have 50 or 60 present almost every Sabbath when everything is going as it should be. We were happy to have two new families from the local community present for the first Sabbath, and of course we are hoping for more such interest as the work develops.

At the present time we are holding a few nights' services with the Dayton, Tennessee.

church. We have hopes that construction can begin here very soon on a public place of worship. So far, the Sabbath school and worship services have been held in the homes of the brethren.

The interest is still good among the brethren, and also some good interest from the outside.

Just last Sunday we had an experience which gives us hope of the development of the work near Gadsden, Alabama. Last Sunday's incident, however, had its beginning about a month ago, we conducted services in the home of a man named Roper. Then last week we received a telephone call requesting that we come and speak in the Methodist church at their 11 o'clock service on Sunday, December 4. This Mr. Roper is a Baptist, but his son is superintendent of the Methodist church. We gladly accepted the invitation, and spoke to a fair crowd on the subject of "The Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." The Lord seems to bless in a special way and the response of the people following the meeting was so gratifying. Although they had me tell my full church affiliation they insisted that I come again and preach for them. This is in a community where we have some church people who are zealous for the truth, and this new interest has given them new courage and hope of getting a better work established. We would like to see a tent effort there some time next summer.

I had a letter from Brother McMicken last week. He tells me of the work in the state of Kentucky where he has been working most of last month. He had hoped to hold a meeting near Glasgow but failed to get a building for such activities. He did spend much time conducting cottage meetings and Bible studies. He also visited some of the church people in Alabama and Tennessee.

This I believe about covers the work in the District for the past month. We trust God will continue to bless the work here and elsewhere. Pray for us here. May



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From Elder W. H. Olson,
Overseer

I am glad at this time to report to the readers of the *Messenger* that the progress of the work in this District is moving forward. In fact, the burden of the work has been so pressing that I have found no time to write of our activities here.

No one need be idle in these days of opportunity, and no one should feel they have not an important position to fill in the ranks of the Army of the Lord.

During the latter part of October, Brother John Caswell and I drove to New York state to visit some interested families and call on some isolated members who have been faithful supporters of the Church for years. On our way we visited Brother and Sister Carman who have stood by us and His work. We were glad to make a short visit in their home. We also called on Sister Morgan, but found she had gone to the hospital, so we planned to stop in again on our way home.

While in New York we spent one Sabbath with the Canton church and during the week made several calls and had some Bible studies in the home of an S.D.A. family who had invited us over. We are looking forward to seeing this family, and perhaps others also, learn the "more excellent way."

Brother Caswell stayed with the Canton church while I spent the next Sabbath with the members at Orleans, Vermont. Brother Wheeler is doing a fine job of keeping the interest up there and working hard to interest others in the plan of salvation. We also drove down to Montpelier for a visit with Brother and Sister Stewart and Brother and Sister Lawliss. Brother Lawliss has not been well of late and we need to remember him before the throne

of Grace in our daily prayers. It has been their faithful support of the Church, along with many others, that has enabled us to answer as many calls as we have, and to make the progress we have made in the past.

If every member in this District would faithfully support the Church with the tithe for the next three years we could outline a program that would bring hundreds into the fold of the Gospel in that time. We need to employ immediately at least five full-time ministers and place them at once in fields where people are begging us to send workers. This present situation should never be when God has blessed us with untold prosperity and certainly we believe that we are living in the last days. We need a spiritual revival within our own ranks, and that soon, or many of our own people will be lost when Jesus comes.

On our way back to Washington we found Sister Morgan home and in much better condition, for which we praise the Lord.

We tried to arrange our work so that I could "visit" the church here in Washington, and it was a real joy to spend the Sabbath with them. Brother Lowell Padgett has been filling a real need in the local church for which all of us are much appreciative. His enthusiastic presentation of the Word each Sabbath has kept all close to Christ, and striving for greater things at His hand.

During the first part of November, I received a very urgent call to visit a certain Brother with whom I had corresponded for a number of years, and since he lived in the Los Angeles area I arranged to see him after the Ministerial Council.

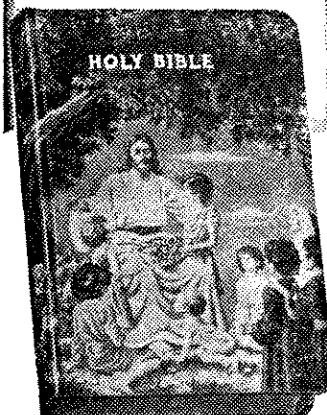
It was also fortunate that we located a car to be delivered in L. A. and that we could use it to drive to Denver. Thus we were able to save our District considerable traveling expense. We left D. C. on Sunday for Denver and we drove the almost 1800 miles by next evening, arriving in time for the Council meeting on Tuesday morning.

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Brother Caswell and I thoroughly enjoyed our stay in the home of Brother and Sister Claude Presler, where we not only slept well but were "well fed" and "well lunched" at all hours of the night.

At the close of the Ministerial Council, and the meeting of the Executive Board, Brother Caswell returned to our District while Brother Haeber and I drove to Los Angeles. This gave me an opportunity to visit the Los Angeles church and indeed it was an encouraging experience. The fine building and inspiring membership are a great credit to the Church of God.

It was good to see the Brann family again and to spend the afternoon and evening with them. Formerly from our church at Farmville, North Carolina, they are residing in the city of Los Angeles.

My visit to the Los Angeles area consumed about a week's time, but I believe it will result in untold good being accomplished for the Church of God. We shall have more details for you as developments transpire along this line of work.

At this writing I am once more back in Washington, and as Chairman of the Literature Committee am working on some much needed tracts and publications for the church in general.

Brother Caswell and wife have returned to Canton where we plan that he should keep the interest up among the families we visited there on our last trip and also work among the many others who have indicated some interest in the Church.

It is not an easy position at best to be District Overseer for it carries with it the great responsibility to see the work progress. This is made doubly hard when placed in a District where the membership and churches are so scattered as is the case in our District. When we try to get along with one-full time minister in a territory like this we are attempting about the impossible, yet in a case like this there is no turning back. Christ and His

gospel can only travel one way and that is forward. What others do or do not do, in no way lessens our responsibility. We are destined to preach the Gospel. That is our work. That is your work. There is part of this responsibility laid to your charge. You cannot escape it or pass it off to others. It is yours and yours alone. When Jesus comes He will require it at your hands. What then will you say as His all-searching eye looks your way and He declares, "Give an account of your stewardship"?

If each member of the Church would humbly bow before the Lord, consecrate himself fully to Him, and covenant with the Lord to return the one-tenth required at our hands we would see great things happen in our day, and in our presence. Our work as ministers would be lightened and God would pour out upon us all such a blessing that "there would not be room enough to receive it." Before another hour goes by let us all resolve to live closer to His wounded side and walk humbly the pathway of duty until He comes and rewards us in the glories of the Kingdom. Pray for faithfulness on your part and that workers may be added to reap the harvest fields that lie all around us.

Foreign Reports

From Elder Charles J. Ellis, Overseer, Jamaica, B.W.I.

Readers of the *Harvest Field Messenger*: Greetings from Jamaica. The rains have subsided here and we were able to do a little for the Master.

Leaving Kingston on Friday, November 25, I spent the next day, Sabbath, at Top Mountain. There was a full attendance and all three services, including the Sabbath School, were very enjoyable. It was felt that the message given was an appropriate one.

There was a program the next day in aid of the Church Building Fund. The saints solicited from their friends and neighbors many weeks before this occasion, then brought the gatherings in at this time. Many items for rendition were given. The churches represented there were Kingston, Bloxburgh, Water Lane, Darling Spring, Dean Pen, Bowerwood and Hazard.

The amount gathered at this function was eighteen pounds or about \$50. The small amount reflects the bad economic conditions which still prevail here. However, they were glad for this day of small things for it will improve their building.

Leaving again on Sabbath afternoon Sister Ivy Summerbell and I made a trip to Gibraltore where a baptismal service was performed on Sunday morning, December 10. We had to do much walking over the rugged hills to get there but Providence gave us a lift part way.

On Sunday morning we assembled at the water side where, after singing and preaching, four souls were buried in the name of the Lord Jesus. These were Sister L. Palmer's converts. Brother Anderson, from Kingston, opened the service, Sister Summerbell gave the message, and the writer performed the rite. Everybody was happy at seeing those who were taking this vow for the Master.

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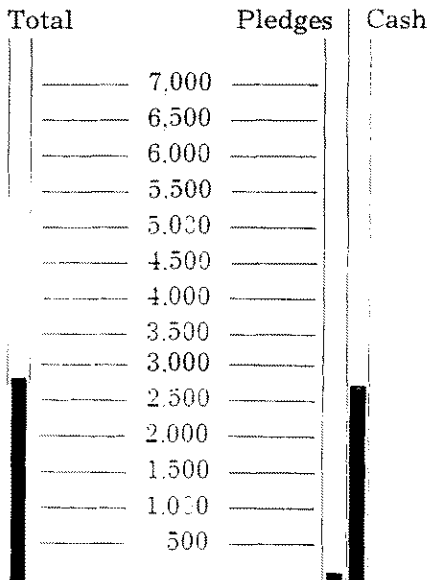
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A two-week campaign has just been closed here in Kingston. Quite a few have responded at the altar service. One man has testified to the saving power of God. We still wait to see the results, for we know that some of these seeds fell by the wayside, thorns. We crave your earnest prayers.

The 200 Club



A look at the above graph will show that in the last few weeks a number of 200 Club pledges have been paid. You will notice the pledge column is pretty low, while the other columns are both growing. This is as it should be, for all of the pledges were to be in by the end of the year. There is a balance of \$72.23 still to be paid in pledges, and we are sure that they will be here by the last of the month.

All together we have a total of \$2,734.58. This is from only sixty-three members. We are far short of our goal of 200 members, so we are not going to stop now. We are going to extend the drive another six months, and keep calling for more pledges. You may still become a member of the 200

Club by sending us your pledge to be paid by June 1.

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It has been suggested that Sabbath schools and Churches take

membership in the 200 Club. That is an excellent idea. Even if there are several individuals in your Sabbath School that are members, your whole Sabbath School could join too, and send us your pledge or check from the group as a unit. Why not bring this up before your group right away? We still need your help, so please come to our assistance.

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Obituaries

MARY ETTA BURBACK

Mary Etta Burback, daughter of John and Doris Helzer, was born in Marion, Kansas, on December 25, 1886. She passed away in Long Beach, California, on November 22, 1955.

She was married to Fred Burback, on October 22, 1905, in Russell, Kansas, to which union was born one son.

She is survived by her son, Elmer Burback, of Long Beach; two brothers, Jack Helzer, of South Dakota, and Joe Helzer, of Denver, Colorado; four sisters, Lydia Whittmer, Elizabeth Morris, of Taft, California, Nellie Graves, of San Diego, California, Violet Keeling, of Colorado. She also leaves two granddaughters, Lois Eileen and Mary Jane, and three great grandchildren. Her husband, Fred preceded her in death in 1948.

The Burback family moved from Kansas in 1918 and lived in Fresno for ten years. After moving to other localities, they settled finally in Long Beach in 1945.

Sister Burback was baptized and became a member of the Church of God (7th Day) in 1951 to which faith she was faithful unto death. Funeral services were held in the Sleelar McFadyen Chapel in Long Beach. Thoughts regarding the resurrection and Home of the Righteous were given by the writer. She was laid to rest beside her beloved husband in the Sunnyside Memorial Park in Long Beach. May her heavenly Father watch over her until the glorious resurrection morning.

—Ray L. Straub

JOSEPH PAUL HRENYK

Joseph Paul Hrenyk, son of Brother and Sister Peter Hrenyk, was born at

Gronlid, Saskatchewan, Canada, August 28, 1933. He departed this life on December 3, 1955.

Joseph was baptized in the year of 1944 and became a member of the Church of God (7th Day). He was serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a flying officer. He closed his eyes to this world in an aircraft accident in France, where he was stationed at the time.

One brother, Johnie, preceded him in death at the age of three years and ten months in the year 1933.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved mother and father of Mission City, British Columbia; two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Kolbeins, of Cascade City, British Columbia, and Mrs. Verne D. Hoffman, of Victoria, British Columbia; also a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Decem-

ber 7 at Choloy, France, where he awaits the Life-giver.

—Submitted by Mrs. Verne D. Hoffman.

ROY DAVISON

Elder Roy Davison was born in Woodward, Iowa, February 17, 1887, and departed this life on November 24, 1955 in his home at Meridian, Idaho, at the age of 68 years, 9 months, and 7 days. He was one of twin sons born to Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Davison.

In 1899 his parents moved to Fairview, Oklahoma, where he grew to manhood. In addition to his regular education he attended Bible College at Shawnee, Oklahoma. He taught school for two years, and served as district Clerk of Major County, Oklahoma.

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In 1906 he was united in marriage to Mabel Horton. They came to Idaho in 1926, and the following year purchased the Maple Grove farm near Caldwell, where he resided until 1950. On account of failing health he retired from farming and moved to Meridian. In 1927 his wife Mable preceded him in death. On September 2, 1934 he was married to Mrs. Myrtle Shields.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his beloved wife, one son, M/Sgt. Ersol Davison, serving with the U.S. Air Force, stationed in London, England; one step-son, Lloyd Shields of Nampa, Idaho, two brothers, Edward, of Long Beach, California, and Ralph his twin brother of Fairview, Oklahoma, also grandchildren.

He was converted in his early years, and united with the Church of God (Seventh Day). To this faith he remained true unto his death. He accepted the call to the ministry, and was active in the work of the Church, serving in turn as a member of the General Conference Executive Board, Editor of the Bible Advocate, President of the General Conference for four years, District Board Member, and acted as assistant Pastor of the Church of God (Seventh Day) of Nampa, Idaho, which position he held at the time of his death. His life was dedicated to the service of His Heavenly Father, and he was loved and respected by all who knew him. Brother Davison will be greatly missed by a host of neighbors, friends, and members of the church. But the great consolation is in knowing that he will come forth with the righteous in the first resurrection.

Services were conducted by the writer on Sabbath afternoon, November 28, 1955, assisted by Elder A. H. Stith, under the direction of the Robison Funeral Home, Meridian, Idaho, and burial was in the Meridian cemetery. He has gone to rest to await the call of the Life-giver.

Reuben Moldenhauer

ALICE LUCKEY FOUTS

Alice Luckey was born March 21, 1868 near Springfield, Illinois to Nehemiah and Ueba Luckey. She came with her parents, four brothers and three sisters to Nebraska, and on September 20, 1888 was married to Henry Betz at York, Nebraska. To this union were born two children: John N., of Lacon, Illinois and Mrs. A. C. (Edith) Carter of Meadow Vista, California.

Later she married L. L. Bailey at Pratt, Kansas, May 21, 1896. Two daughters were born to this marriage: Mrs. Alvin (Gladys) Bobbitt, who preceded her in death February 27, 1920, and Mrs. Charles F. (Amy) Breinig, of Holbrook, Nebraska.

After the death of Mr. Bailey, she

was married to C. C. Fouts, of Broadwater, Nebraska on August 3, 1942.

Mrs. Fouts had spent the greater part of her life in Arapahoe, Nebraska, until the death of Mr. Fouts, October 20, 1950. Since that time she has spent much of her time with her children, and last winter in the Anna Wolf nursing home in Holbrook, Nebraska.

In 1952 she united with the Holbrook Church of God (7th Day) to which faith she was faithful unto death.

In September she accompanied her granddaughter, Mrs. R. W. Brackett, and Mr. Brackett to their home in Irving, Texas. When she became ill in October, Mrs. Breinig was called to Texas to help with her care. On November 26 she was brought to the Oxford, Nebraska, hospital and there, due to a heart attack, departed this life Friday morning, December 2, 1955 at the age of 87 years, 6 months, and 11 days.

She is survived by her three children and the in-laws; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great-grand children; four step-children, Asa Fouts, of Seattle, Washington; Ted Fouts, of Grand Junction, Colorado; Mrs. Stella Downey, of Broadwater, Nebraska; and Mrs. H. C. Peterson, of Sand Point, Idaho and their families; two sisters: Mrs. Effie Bassett, of Lebanon, Kansas and Mrs. Hattie Griffith of Wakeeney, Kansas. Also a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Singing was by Charley Hornady and daughter, Mary Lou, accompanied by Mrs. Clara Barnett.

Burial was at Arapahoe, Nebraska, from the Church of Christ by the Phillipson Funeral Home of Holbrook.

Words of admonition and comfort were spoken by the writer, bringing out the thought of the certainty of death and the grave where we rest until the resurrection when Jesus comes again to reward His servants.

Sister Fouts' favorite song, "I'll Be Listening" was sung at the close. She was laid away to await that call when Christ shall return. L. I. Rodgers

JAMES TATE

James P. Tate, son of George W. and Emma Tate, was born January 15, 1888, in Wise County Texas, and departed this life at his home in Morris, Oklahoma, November 5, 1955, at the age of 67 years, 9 months and 21 days.

He came to Oklahoma about 1902 and settled near Henryetta, and he moved to Morris about 1928. He was a retired grocerman.

On October 20, 1907 he was united in marriage to Ethel Edwards at Morris, Oklahoma. To this union four children were born. One son and his wife preceded him in death.

The Tate family was among the first church people I became acquainted with when I began my ministry in Oklahoma. It was always a blessing to visit in their home.

He is survived by one son: J. C. Tate of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, two daughters: Mrs. Fern Lovett, of Morris, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Fred Smith, of San Diego, California; one brother: John Tate, of Henryetta, Oklahoma; two sisters: Mrs. Ross Hurst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Sarah Carter, Willow, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Christian Church at Morris on November 8 at 2:30 p.m. Elder Joe Howard, a baptist minister, assisted with the service. The body was taken to the Hoffman cemetery and laid to rest beside Sister Tate who was buried on April 9, 1951.

O. T. Whitten

THOMAS PATCHEN

Thomas Patchen, of 2016 East Lane St., Toledo, Ohio, was born April 28, 1938 and died December 1, 1955. He leaves his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Patchen; four brothers: James, Terry, Bernard and David; two sisters: Kathaleen and Margie all at home; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Patchen, of Toledo; and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. DeWitt, also of Toledo.

Funeral services were held at the Worth Clegg Funeral Home in Toledo with Elder K. H. Freeman in charge. Burial was in the Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

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