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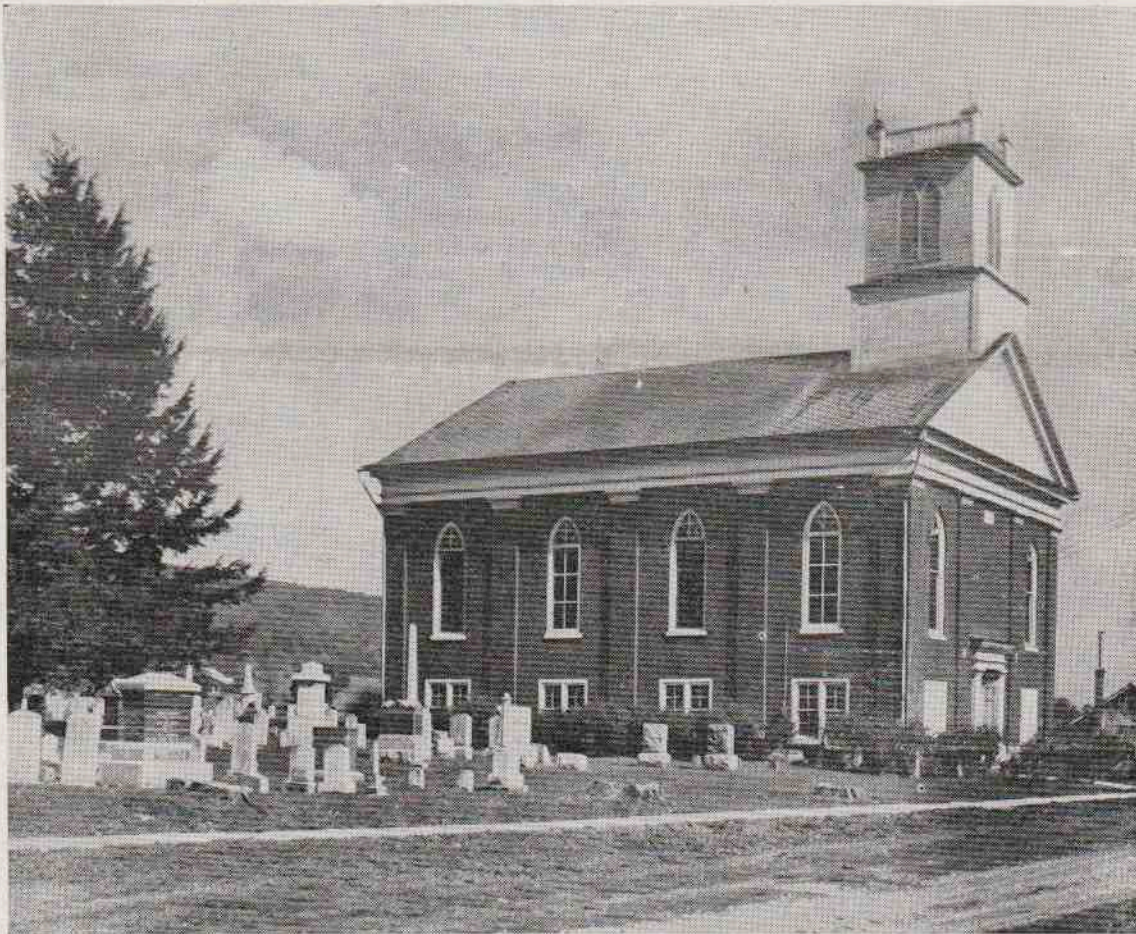
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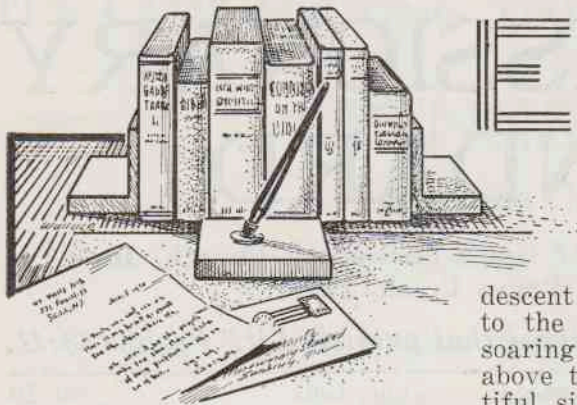
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EDITORIAL

Thomas E. Frantz...

Winning Souls in the End-times

By the Editor

"He that winneth souls is wise," said the Wise Man, and if this was true thousands of years ago, it is most certainly in order today in this rocket, missile, and space age. The world was thrilled when Russia declared that Yuri Gagarin, an officer in the Russian Army and a Communist party member, had circled the globe in 108 minutes on a radio-controlled flight. While there have been rumors, doubts, and contradictions about this claim, the fact remains that Russia has the rocket-thrust power of nearly 800,000 horsepower response, while our rockets put out less than 100,000!

(The EDITOR of the STANDARD had the privilege to pray recently with the Aunt of Yuri Gagarin, the Russian Cosmonaut, while she was a patient in the Centre County Hospital at Bellefonte, Pa. She is a member of the catalogue staff of the Pattee Library at Pennsylvania State University, and a Russian language expert.)

Hardly had the claims of Russia died away until May 5, 1961, dawned, rainy and misty. At Cape Canaveral, Florida, the Project Mercury Countdown continued, and suddenly — to millions watching on television and listening on radio — the mighty roar came as the Big Bird took off into the wild, blue yonder with Commander Alan B. Shepard, Jr., on board. The reports kept coming back to the monitors on earth, "O.K. Everything is A-O.K." This is a rocket-missile-man language for "double O.K." Soon, Alan Shepard was telling of the

descent of his spaceship back into the earth's atmosphere, after soaring to a height of 115 miles above the earth. "What a beautiful sight!" was one expression he radioed back, and as the capsule was fished out of the water, 303 miles from Florida, and only 3 or 4 miles from the waiting Aircraft Carrier, Lake Champlain, he said to the helicopter pilots who brought him to the carrier: "Boy, what a ride!"

Soon, Mr. Shepard was reunited with his wife, and a gala round of Washington was enjoyed by their party, including the father and mother of Mr. Shepard, who was a retired army officer. Welcomed by President Kennedy at the White House, the Shepards were treated to a historic parade down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol building, where a congressional reception was afforded to them. The younger Shepards are members of Christian Science.

Now . . . who would dare suppose that Christ is not the same in this age of missiles, rockets, and space travels? "*Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever,*" is the Biblical attitude on this problem. However, though the message is still Jesus Christ, and the means of grace still by the merits of the shed-blood of this Saviour, and the Man of the Hour being the blessed Holy Spirit, who "*convicts, reproves . . .*" our methods may be subject to change.

Churches in Trouble

Every denomination has gotten into trouble when they altered their message, to fit in with the age they found themselves. We must never be guilty of changing the message, for it is still: "*Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*" Some groups have become involved in all sorts of means, besides the Calvary-road, and the Holy Spirit's ministry. In an effort to stream-line the Gospel to meet the challenge of their age, some

churches have forsaken the message and used other than Scripture-type means. They have all miserably failed.

Churches in Triumph

But, beloved, it appears that the days are fast passing in America, when one could send a rag tent to a town, put up a preacher who could scarcely read or write, and expect to draw respectable people into the net. This is not a strike against any of the above (Continued on page 9)

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The STANDARD PULPIT

A Gospel Picture

By Dr. Joshua Stauffer
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Please Note — If you have enjoyed the Studies by Dr. Stauffer, we would like to hear from you, so that we can arrange for the printing of the entire series for your profit in things spiritual. We have several more Studies to present, and the series will then be complete. Address: Editor, Standard, P. O. Box 376, Milesburg, Pa. We will preserve your name, and if the booklet is used and issued, see that you receive word of its publication, which will be at a very nominal cost to our readers.

Servant Prayed in the Line of His Calling

One of the great recorded prayers in the Bible is that of the servant. There are many things for which he might have prayed. The prayer he offered was in the line of his calling. "And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray Thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink: and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that Thou hast showed kindness unto my master." Next we read, "And it came to pass." One event after another came to pass, even as the servant prayed. The Holy Spirit works in the line of His calling. Events too, have been coming to pass in the Divine plan. All will be accomplished He has been sent to do. The Holy Spirit will be successful in securing the Bride of Christ.

The Place of Blessing

The well is a place of refreshing and represents the place of blessing. Thirst is quenched at the well. The servant knew where to make contact. It was at the well Jacob met Rachel, and it was at the well Moses met Zipporah. The Holy Spirit makes people thirsty for the water of life. Most generally it is in some religious meeting, or revival meeting where souls are saved and blessed. It is where testimony is expressed, joy is manifested and the Word preached in the power of the Spirit that souls are saved.

Meeting the Bride

All came to pass exactly as the servant had prayed. He was thirsty and at the well, and his camels were thirsty. A damsel came to the well to draw water before he was through praying. Very fortunately and providentially the damsel was of Abraham's kindred. She was the daughter of Bethuel and a granddaughter of Nahor, the brother of Abraham. In response to the servant, she gave him to drink and offered to water his camels also.

She showed courtesy and responded willingly to the request. Even so should it be when the Spirit meets the sinner. The sinner should yield and willingly respond to all the demands of the Spirit.

A Basis To Proceed

The service Rebekah performed served as a basis for the servant to proceed in the line of his calling. At first he held his peace and wondered concerning his journey and how it would all turn out. Then he did the next wise and right thing. When the convicted sinner yields to the Spirit, the Spirit proceeds in bringing him to God. The hard-hearted sinner who yields to the Spirit and comes to an altar of prayer, the Spirit makes tender and tears flow, then the Spirit makes him sorry for sins committed and he repents. As he repents and confesses his sins, the Spirit enables him to believe. When he believes, then the Spirit will regenerate him. So it ever will be in the process of salvation when the sinner cooperates and the Spirit operates. The Spirit prepares us for, and leads us to the next step. Then one blessing will lead to another. We then will be led on to perfection, maturity and into holy service for the Lord.

Reward for Service

Rebekah watered the ten camels of the servant who was a stranger. This certainly was a tremendous task. The camels had just arrived from the desert and no doubt were very thirsty. Little did she realize what the reward of her service would be which she rendered to the servant. Yet it all was for her own good. All that was in store for her was not sought for nor thought of by Rebekah. It was all planned by Abraham, Isaac and Eliezer. Little can the Christian realize the great reward that is in store for him if he responds to the wooing of the Spirit, and for service rendered to the Lord. It all is of grace. It was all planned by the Beloved Trinity. It all is thought, wrought, and brought about by the Lord. The sinner had nothing to do in accomplishing redemption, calling sinners to repentance, planning the marriage of the Lamb, the eternal bliss of the redeemed forever, etc. All the sinner can do is to yield, accept and obey the gospel call. There is great reward in the keeping of God's commandments.

Rebekah Was Fair

Beauty originated with God. Everything was created beautiful in the beginning. It was sin that wrecked and marred God's beautiful creation. Since the fall and the curse, beauty without holiness is dan-

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The General Superintendent's Message To Us



NOAH'S ARK BUILDER

By Superintendent Straub

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house, by which he condemned the world, and became the heir of righteousness which is by faith." Hebrews 11:7.

The Bible is silent on Noah's early life, for we know nothing about him until he was five hundred years old. See Genesis 5:32. After all, it is not so much what a man *was*, but what he *is* now that counts with God. The all-important question with God is to see that the past is put under the blood, and then to go on living a life that is pleasing in His sight. Had there been anything of great importance in the first five hundred years of Noah's life, I am quite sure God would have revealed it to us. Since He is only interested in those items that are beneficial to the reader, He has by-passed that which is of less value and importance.

We Would Do Well To Forget, Also

Too many times the professed Christians will sit down and spend valuable time rehearsing the past of one's life. This is not so with God, for once a man is forgiven and exonerated from all guilt and blame the past is forgotten. God's memory is short, when it comes to the past of a guilty sinner. How wonderful it would be if this were practised among men. Un-called-for heartaches and unnecessary gossip would cease, and distant feelings would pass away, with cords that were broken vibrating once more!

Noah's Ability, Spirituality, and Lineage

The early life of Noah was like that of Moses: years of preparation for the limelight. While

nothing is said about his past life, it is quite evident he, like Joseph in the New Testament, had carpentering ability as God called him to a great task, building the ark, which he did *"by faith."* Noah was a reputable man, full of faith, and well-qualified to fill the position he was called to occupy as God's servant. In Genesis, chapter six, we read that he was a just man and perfect in his generation and walked with God. In addition to this, he was blessed with a godly heritage, for he was a descendant of Enoch and Methuselah. Enoch was his great grandfather and a man of notable piety. He also *"walked with God"* and God took him to Heaven. (Genesis 5:24). He escaped death by translation.

Noah's grandfather, Methuselah, was blessed with longevity of life, and lived to be the oldest man of which we have record. Nine hundred and sixty years. Read of it in Genesis 5:25-27.

The father of our hero was Lamech, and little is said or known about him, but he played a great part in helping to bring his son into the limelight of his day.

Noah was not a stranger to prayer and family altars, as he grew up in the midst of a godly environment. As far back as Noah could remember there was a love for God manifested among his relatives. This had a tremendous bearing upon his young life, and helped to get him off to a good start at a very young age. Noah's choice when coming to years was like that of Joshua: *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* His choice and decision was voluntary. He saw how God stood by his parents when the battles were hard, and

he remembered those times when his praying mother came out of her solitary place of prayer praising God, with tears in her eyes, and told him of her answers to prayer and of how wonderful it was to have the abiding presence of God within when all about them was dark and sinful.

Conditions of Society in Noah's Day

Man was foul-minded, for *"God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."* Genesis 6:5,6. Such was the condition of man's heart in the days of this righteous man. In the closing days of Christ's ministry when speaking relative to the signs which shall precede His second coming. He referred to the world conditions at the time Noah was called to build the ark. But, *"As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."*

"For as in the days that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:37-39.

This age will close with a repetition of the same things that invoked the wrath and displeasure of God upon the Antediluvian world. The earth was corrupt before God, and filled with violence. There was no respect for God, man or themselves. Wine, women, and booze seemed to be the order of the day with Sabbath desecration at its peak. I am asking you, as the reader, to decide for yourself whether or not these things are prevalent today. Where are the masses on the Lord's Day? A little trip across country will soon answer this question. Parking lots at liquor joints are filled. Bathing beaches, ball parks, and races are crowded to capacity. Paul saw this many years ago when he penned the words, *"In the last days men shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God."*

Lost Interest Everywhere Today

In many places it is almost im-

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BACKGROUND

By Bechtel



vour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage." Esther 7:3, 4.



A beautiful queen fell down before the king and with tears brought her petition to him for the lives of her own people. The story of Esther is one that touches

the heart. It is a story of courage, of devotion and of heroism.

Through the centuries the Jews have suffered much persecution. This is not only true of times past but it is also true of the days in which we now live. The attention of the world is called to the trial of Adolf Eichmann which is now in progress in Jerusalem. As the story is told of the tragic deaths of more than six million Jews we are unable to comprehend the horror of it all.

The Book of Esther tells the story of another age and time when the Jews were in danger of their lives. Limited space will not permit us to present the account in detail which is the background for the scene which is presented in the text and in the words given in Esther 8:3,4. Esther came to the throne because of the refusal of Vashti, the queen, to accede to the request of Ahasuerus to show the princes and the people her beauty. This request was made at a time of great feasting and drinking. Vashti was deposed and after a period of time Esther was chosen and found grace and favour in the sight of the king and the royal crown was placed upon her head.

Esther's father and mother were dead. She was reared by Mordecai who was a relative and had taken her as his own daughter. She was fair and beautiful and accepted the counsel of Mor-

decai. Her life was enriched by the love and the care of the one who became a father to her.

Mordecai, although a captive in a strange land was true to the king and to his own people. There came a time of testing in his life when he refused to bow and scrape to Haman, the prime minister. Haman was an Agagite and was probably a descendant of that Agag, the Amalekite, spared by Saul and slain by Samuel. Although the king's servants bowed and revered Haman, Mordecai refused to humble himself and give him reverence as though he were a god.

The action of Mordecai brought persecution and trouble. The people of God need not invite persecution, but they should stand for principles of right and righteousness whatever the cost or consequences may be. God has a people today who will not submit to the spirit of the anti-Christ which is in the world. Whenever Christians take their stand for right sinful men become troubled and persecution may follow. It was always thus. Ahab's accusation of Elijah was that he troubled Israel. Men whose hearts are troubled by sin and guilt usually like to place the blame upon others.

Haman plotted the destruction of the Jews and in the hour of difficulty and trial Esther faced the challenge. She did not hesitate to identify herself with her own people. She did not act rashly but displayed the quiet courage and tact which brought to her the opportunity to plead for her own loved ones.

When she called upon the Jews to fast, she shared in that fast. Although the account does not mention prayer, can any one believe that this was a three day fast without prayer? (Esther 4:16) In a spirit of self-denial and heroism she was willing, if need be, to die in this attempt to save her people. When the test came she said, "If I perish, I perish."

The captive girl, who became queen, wept and interceded before the king for her own life and the lives of her people. As she fell at his feet to plead the golden sceptre was held out to her and she arose to hear the answer to her cry. She risked all to gain all. Her name will be remembered as long as time endures because of what she was in character and life and because of what she did in the time of crisis.

God always has those who will stand for truth and righteousness. Paul stood before kings and rulers in chains and preached the gospel with a free spirit. Sometimes the backgrounds of our own lives will lead us in ways we do not understand but there is the constant challenge to stand true for Jesus' sake and to witness for Him. We may never be called upon to stand before rulers and kings but we may be identified with the people of God and testify to the grace of our Lord which brings salvation to all who will believe and receive Him.

Rev. Ira W. Bechtel



A Gospel Picture

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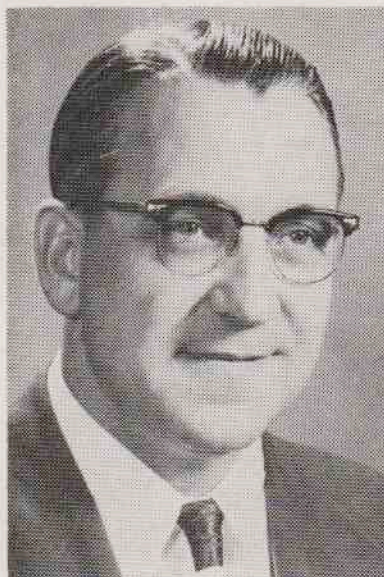
gerous. It is no sin to be beautiful, neither is it any disgrace to be ugly. God has to give many people an ugly face in order to save their souls. Sarah and Rebekah were very fair, but it proved a snare to them because they feared their livess and so became dishonest. In the consecutive order of events and the trend of prefiguring the gospel story, Rebekah in her beauty is a fitting type of the Bride of Christ and her beauty. The Bride in her beauty is also prefigured in the Song of Solomon. This beauty will be bestowed on her by the Spirit even as the servant bestowed beauty on Rebekah. It will be a redemptive beauty, a sanctified beauty and a glorified beauty. The Lord will beautify the meek with salvation. The Bride will be presented to the Lord a most glorious Church without spot or wrinkle.

(To be continued)

YESTERDAY

"Whereas thou camest but yesterday . . . mercy and truth be with thee." 2 Samuel 15:20.

Editor's Note: For a number of years it has been on the heart of the Editor to ask various brethren, in many different parts of the Kingdom work, to record some of their experiences for the use of the brethren just beginning in the work of the Lord, and for the edification of all believers, as well as for the Glory of God. Some of these brethren we asked for features for this column, to be called: YESTERDAY, have already crossed the Jordan, and we will have to wait until we see them in Heaven before we hear of their victories and glorious times for God. Some may object to our thought, as they say we should always think of TODAY and of TOMORROW, but remember the Word says: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Too many churches in this era are forgetting their "yesterdays," because it brings discomfort to them to read of glory, power, and victory when the Ark of God dwelt among them.



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Mountain Peaks of Yesterday

Like Jacob at Bethel, well we may recall those mountain peaks of answered prayer in our yesterdays. During the dawn of my ministry, I remember a couple who were unable to have children of their own, but being so fond of little ones, they adopted a baby boy at his birth. They loved the little fellow as if it were their very own. However, after ten precious months they noticed the baby was unable to see, and they took him to the world-famous University of Michigan Hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan, for observation. It was there they learned at the clinic that their baby was born without the optic nerve, and hence the diagnosis that no possible restoration of sight would ever be available.

This foster mother, attending our services, brought her totally blind child, and at the close of the services, she arose and carried him down the aisle to the altar of prayer. While I waited, she looked up to me and said, "Brother Dan, the University Hospital has told me that my baby was born without its optic nerve, and by no possible means will it ever

see. But, I know that Jesus Christ is the same 'Yesterday, Today, and Forever,' and if you will anoint my baby with oil, and ask God to restore his sight, I know He will do it."

The Challenge of Faith

That woman's great faith challenged me, and who was I to disagree with her, since the Bible said: "These signs shall follow them that believe." I reached into the pulpit desk, got the bottle of olive oil, and anointed that baby according to James 5:14.

Immediately, God restored the optic nerve to that baby's eyes, and he began to see. That mother took her baby back to the same clinic at the University of Michigan Hospital, where it was again observed, examined, and X-rayed. The same doctors told the woman they knew the baby's optic nerve was not there before, but that it was there now, and the baby could see well.

That mother testified to those doctors and told them how she had her baby anointed and prayed for, and that in answer to prayer, God had restored the baby's sight. The doctors agreed with her that

God must have done it as no one else was able.

Jesus was so disappointed in those of His own Disciples and said, "O ye of little faith, bring the child to me; and he cast the evil spirits out of the child and restored him to his father."

James said, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." May God help us to write bigger checks of faith on the banks of Heaven. Amen.

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Reader, if you have an experience in answered prayer, or the like, that you feel is worthy of publication in the YESTERDAY column, drop it off to the Editor soon. Please have it type-written, double-spaced, if possible. Address: Editor, The STANDARD, P. O. Box 376, Milesburg, Pennsylvania.

NEWS FLASHES

From Here and There

Penns Creek, Pa. — The Superintendent reports that much-appreciated requests for prayer have been granted in the form of additional lots bordering the Penns Creek Camp's being secured recently. This assures us that we will not be hemmed in by undesirable elements or distractions to the work of the Camp Meeting.

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Local Elections: The Superintendent reports that all elections he has conducted have resulted in the re-calling of the various pastors. Several of the churches did not need to be visited this year, as their pastors enjoyed multiple-year calls in the previous election period. Spring Garden (Allentown) has recalled Raymond Hoffman; Lebanon has re-called Marlin Crock; the Pleasant View Chapel has called Alvin Shafer; The Pillow charge has called Ray Styers again. There are several other churches to be reported upon, he said.

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Oriente Province, Cuba — Rev. Raymond Seymore, our missionary superintendent on the field in Cuba, writes that he was involved in an unfortunate accident with his car, but was spared injury. He is unable to report what he has seen. We understand that in

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Meditations by Moore

My Conversion

In a little village called Pine Glen
Stood a church by the side of the road,
With a mourner's bench up front, thank
God,
Where I knelt one night to unload.

God's faithful servants thundered forth
the Word,
While the saints were faithful to pray,
And the peace that flooded my soul
that night,
I knew had come there to stay.

As the meetings continued nightly,
The joy I felt inside, was manifested
by shouts of praise,
That rang o'er the country side.

Now this was only the beginning,
And not the end as some thought,
But later on in the revival,
I experienced a spiritual drought.

So back to the mourner's bench I went,
To seek that which satisfies,
Now no longer I thirst anymore,
For I know He sanctifies.

All glory and praise be to Jesus,
For what He's done for me,
And I'll never cease to tell it,
Now, or throughout Eternity.
—Mrs. S. E. Finkenbiner
Lewistown, Pa.

We have entered upon a generation of many strange things. The following are just a few.

"With our advanced system of modern education, we now read so rapidly that we miss getting the printed message."

"It seems impossible that we are already so far removed from the past generation, that many students who are now striving to harness the atom and space, doesn't know how to harness a horse."

When is a church not a church? Paul Harvey, news commentator of the A.B.C. Radio network says — What with modern architecture, its sometimes difficult to tell. Dr. Theophilus Taylor, a Protestant theologian, was asked to address a conference on church architecture in Pittsburgh, Pa., to tell them what he thought; he told them. He told them that America is now pot-marked with such mis-carriages of architectural judgment of churches which look like Post Offices, Rail Sta-

tions, Theaters, or Drive-in-Restaurants. (End Quote)

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God not always warns, (as many may think) through the voice of a well-known theologian, the notes of nationally read commentaries, or from within the walls of religious training centers, but may use the humble, though spiritually qualified, to convey His message in these last days. Did He not promise this in Acts 2:17 & 18? "Your sons and daughters shall prophesy," "Young men see visions; old men dream dreams." We have deceived ourselves into thinking God has to do things our way. Recall how He once used a "dumb ass" to warn man, (Num. 22:28.) It was the voice of the child Samuel that pricked the calloused conscience of Eli, the Priest. The message he had to relay was directly from God, "When I begin, I will also make an end." 1 Sam. 3:12. The little lad's words were fulfilled when the heathen Philistines captured the Ark of God, slew Eli's two sons, then when tidings of defeat reached Eli, he fainted, and fell dead; his daughter-in-law upon getting the news, died in childbirth, and the baby's name, "Icha-bod" is a perpetual reminder unto this day of the inglorious fact, "The Glory is departed from Israel." America having turned her ears from the truth spoken by God's true prophets, and listening to the fables of those who speak lies, disbelieve that godless Russia may be used of God to teach proud America a lesson that may come much too late to profit by. When God in His Word speaks of "Earthquakes; signs in the sun, moon, and stars; the sea and waves roaring; fearful sights and great signs from heaven; distress and perplexity on earth with men's hearts failing them because of these things," let us remember that all other things might be regarded as "common." If we as children of our earthly parents could not understand their warning, and had to be punished, let us now as children of God be admonished that, "The end of all things is at hand," and no matter

what kind, or how nice the promises of peace may sound, be advised from God's Word, that it cannot be so. The inauguration of the New Dispensation, according to Heb. 12:25 to end, will bring with it a shaking wherein all things that can be shaken will be removed. Brethren, my daily prayer must be, "Lord, found and establish me until by Thy grace and love, I cannot be shaken. Amen."

The White House— NOW

Life at the White House is quite different since President and Mrs. Kennedy have moved in. The Executive Mansion has always manifested an air of formality, but all this is rapidly giving way to the spirit of informality of the new President, and his "First Lady." Gay parties run into the early morning hours, where cocktails and highballs are in order. Hard liquor and wines are both served. Where smoking was once discouraged, ash trays are everywhere available. One of the first parties was held on Sunday. At another, a dance band furnished music, and the guests danced until two A.M. One of the guests spoke of the affair as being a "Knock-out." The three-year-old daughter, Caroline wanders about the "Mansion" at will. Many times she invades the President's private office, where he is in conference with reporters and diplomats, speaking freely with officials and visitors. Mrs. Kennedy has quite a taste for sports. Perhaps her favorite is horseback riding. She has her own bay gelding, "Bit of Irish," and recently went for a fast three-hour ride through fields, over fences, and through the woods, with her friends. She has purchased a hunting license good for the State of Virginia, and plans on taking part in the fox hunts, which are a favorite sport in that part of the country. The White House swimming pool has been brought back into use, and sometimes "Friends" are invited in for a "dip." There will also be a tennis court, and the family are also looking forward to doing a lot of sailing when the weather is favorable. In fact the change has been so dramatic, that we are told, "nothing quite like it has happened since the British burned the White House in 1814."

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Death and Disappointment

It is no secret that for many months a group of Cuban rebels have been secretly trained in America and Central America, for the time when they could invade Cuba, to throw down the Communistic government of Fidel Castro and his Red henchmen, and now the time seemed to be ripe.

Several old landing craft of U.S. type were pushing toward a Cuban Bay, when suddenly all was an exploding mass, as Russian-built Mig jet fighters, reportedly flown by Iron Curtain flyers, and Russian Stalin tanks got into the battle. In a few short hours, all ships had been sunk, the rebel air force destroyed, many of the men who hoped to free Cuba lay dead on the sands, and hundreds more were captured as they attempted to flee. Castro gloated over his victory, promising the Cubans that more Russian planes, rockets, and other firepower would soon arrive.

America stood by and allowed these men to go into battle, and although we had destroyers near by that could have wiped the Castro invasion-fighters off the map, we did nothing. Reminds us a little bit of Manchuria's "sacred airports" to which the Migs used to flee after attacking United Nations troops in Korea.

All Christians abhor killing and war, but it did appear that godless Communism deserved to be wiped clear out of Cuba, so that missionary labors and ministry could once more continue. However, since we know that Romans 8:28 is still in the Book, let us be sure that God may yet have a plan to evangelize the Islands, and when Castro's gang is finally expelled from her borders, Cuba may once more ring with the sounds of the Gospel. Our faithful missionaries there on the Island need our prayers, as it is only the Native ministry that continues, with all missionaries of

American groups not allowed into the Island. Thank God we had these men prepared and ready for this time, so that they could take up the responsibilities of spreading the Gospel, and pastoring the churches. Pray for them!

Castro's War with Religion

Right after the unsuccessful invasion of Cuba, Fidel Castro made an announcement, concerning a new policy there. Among other things he said:

(1) Cuba is now very firmly a satellite Socialistic State!

(2) All schools, religious or otherwise, will be completely Nationalized, and firmly under governmental control.

(3) All foreign-born priests will be expelled from Cuba.

This means a great blow to the Roman Catholic Church, for she has had many thousands of students in her schools in Cuba. However, Roman Catholics will not take this lying down. I predict that Castro will soon meet this challenge from the Church, and he will very likely be the loser as was Juan Peron in Argentina. No man has long stood against the Roman Church and been successful, for pressure, political and otherwise, decides the issue sharply after so long a time. Castro may well be on his way out at this writing, May 10, 1961.

"That's My Jesus, Thomas"

One night after service at Bejucal, Habana, Cuba, in the Winter of 1946, during the tour of the General Superintendent and the writer, a Cuban boy by the name of Divaldo De Soto Y Diaz came to me and said, "Vamose mi casa, Thomas." After puzzling out the Spanish invitation, I understood that he wanted me to accompany him to his home. He was a tall, slender lad of his mid-

dle teens, with beautiful, waving hair.

We walked down the noisy streets, filled with growling dogs and an occasional grunting pig, to a neat little home on a side street. The lad told me that I was to be formally introduced to his family. We entered a rather comfortable (for Cuba, that is) little home, and I was presented to his family, who bowed to me, smiling all the while. What language barrier we had was easily solved with smiles and gestures. It is hard to believe that such friendly people as these would be turned into Communists and killers by false leaders.

The ceremonial cup of black coffee, served in tiny cups and sweetened with "loads" of sugar, was passed, and Divaldo told me that now we would see the house. I saw his bedroom, and then, very suddenly, he paused as he pointed to a picture of Jesus with the sacred heart exposed, crossed himself, saying: "Thomas, that's MY Jesus." We continued our tour, complete with a view of the family goat in the back yard, but my heart kept thinking: All that Cuban boy has for a Christ is that picture on the wall. God help him, and the thousands like him that know not our Christ!

New Home Missionary Project

— The Superintendent has advised us that a school property is being purchased near Williamsport, Pa., for the purpose of beginning a Home Mission work in that area. A group of people from that area have been attending our Spring Garden Church, and have been driving the large number of miles for a few years. Now the Lord has apparently answered their prayers for a work right in their midst. Details will follow on this item, and readers are requested to pray and assist with the financial need, which will be presented next month through the pages of this publication.

Winning Souls in the End-time

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methods. Men, called late in life and without the privilege of proper Bible School training, have blazed a trail for God everywhere. We appreciate them, but we believe God made up for the lack they had. Can we expect God today to do for us what we can do for ourselves? Are we to neglect Bible training when it is near at hand, and open to all? There's not a preacher reading these lines who never had the privilege of going to a good, solid Bible School for ministerial training, but would have gone at the drop of a hat if he had the chance back there. Every honest man of God realizes that holy men have been in the Christian-training work for many years, and the benefit of such knowledge is invaluable in properly relating and preparing the minister for the tasks he will face. Martin Wells Knapp, M. G. Stanley, William Smith, Joshua Stauffer, Harold Dieter, Dr. Chapman, L. W. Sturk . . . to mention a few . . . holy men from the past who trained thousands for God's work.

The Editor met a pastor of a certain holiness group, coming out of a hospital, after calling on a sick lady. He had on a wrinkled pair of trousers, a dirty white shirt, without a tie, and no coat! You may think he was possibly poor and could not afford anything better. I knew him a little bit, and felt sure it was just plain carelessness! Wouldn't you love to be sharing a room with some nice neighbor, and introduce this fellow as your pastor, and watch the lady in the next bed cringe when she saw his dirty shirt, open at the neck, and unpressed trousers?

I will never forget my pastor, Brother Truman Wise. He always looked so neat! His car was kept clean and presentable, and the home his wife kept was just like that! There were times that the "sledding was not easy," but Brother Wise always made a good impression for Jesus. The consensus of opinion in our community was that he was a true servant of Christ, and a good example of old-time, Bible salvation. People respected him because he lived the part of a servant of Christ. When they came to hear him preach,

they felt the power of the Holy Ghost, and many knelt to find the Master as their own.

We're not making a plea for the "lily-white-hand" type of preacher! God knows there are some of us that work around the clock, mowing lawns, scrubbing floors, pounding nails, pruning hedges, cultivating flowers, painting window trim, laying tile floors, and the thousand and one other jobs there are to be found in this work, besides, preaching, praying, studying, visiting, and the like! But, to win souls in this space age will require all the wisdom we can get from above. Help us Lord!

Dying to Live

Olivia C. Campbell

*The life germ in a little seed
Is God's command to it to die:
To lose itself that it may grow
A strange new form and multiply.*

*The Holy Spirit's birth in us
Is God's command to us to die
To self and every fleshly work,
That fruit may grow and multiply.*

*A strange new life the Spirit grows—
Love rules us with an iron hand;
And Christ is chief among the fair,
For in His life we firmly stand.*

Noah the Ark Builder

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possible to have a revival as many of the members can hardly wait to get home to turn on their favorite T.V. Show. This ought not to be as it is an indication that the things of the world are of more importance than the salvation of the lost. When Noah came on the scene the earth was filled with violence, with man's thoughts centered on corrupt things. Back of this was universal unbelief. Man's attitude toward God was the same in Noah's day as it was at the trial of Christ, "Away with him, give us Barabbas," the criminal, gangster, and robber. This spirit continued until God's mercy was exhausted with that generation of people.

While God is a God of patience and love, He is also a God of wrath and judgment. This is made clear in the words, "My

Spirit shall not always strive with man." Genesis 6:3. With sin at its peak and God's judgment about to fall, Heaven decreed that every living creature from the face of the earth would meet destruction in the form of a terrible flood. Though floods were unknown at that time (The earth was watered by a "Mist," says the Bible — Editor), Noah believed God and that which seemed highly unlikely.

His faith brought him into the expression of verse 8, "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Though all the world had forsaken God, here was a man who loved Him to the extent that he refused to bow down and go with the crowd. We also see the all-sufficiency of God's grace revealed in the life of this family, for it kept them from compromising with the compromisers and yielding to the paths of least resistance. Though the struggle and battle was long, and stretched across many years, it was worth every effort that Noah put forth in building the ark.

Four Victories in Noah's Life

(1) His living, unshattered faith in God, His Word and promise.

(2) His Fear. It was this that set his faith in motion and moved him to undertake the building of the ark, wherein his family would be saved from a watery grave.

(3) His Obedience. He carefully followed God's blueprint and continued to labor and work out his own salvation. As to criticism there was probably no limit, as the onlooker and spectator saw nothing but foolishness in the act of building a boat on dry land, with no water to float it. The same holds true today. The world looks on with laughter all who take up their cross and follow the Master. To them it is foolishness for one to deprive himself of the sinful pleasures in life and cease doing those things which were once enjoyed. I am not disputing the fact that there is a degree of fun in sinful pleasures, however, we must remember it is "only for a season."

(4) He saved his house and family, as well as condemned the world of their unbelief and left them without excuse in the day of judgment.

This is the story of Noah, The Ark-Builder.

Answers to Prayer Giving Glory to the Saviour

"He Will Die Tonight!"

Early in April, 1961, a young man from Milesburg was injured in a car accident, when the driver fell asleep as they returned to town from their homes in Maryland. They planned to fish a few days in Centre County, before returning to family and job.

Rendered unconscious by the accident, Jim Sents, father of three small children, was placed on the critical list at Centre County Hospital, and was later transferred to Williamsport General Hospital, where extensive brain surgery was indicated because of internal bleeding and a large blood clot that caused terrible pressure on the brain.

Your Editor was eating his evening meal, April 27, when a neighbor of the young man's family called to say that Jim would not live through the night, the doctor said, and the family had dropped everything to hurry to Williamsport to be with him. 50 miles flew under the wheels of my car as I hastened there to pray with the dying boy and his family.

There could be no doubt that the young father was seriously ill, and it was not hard to believe the doctor was right. However, while praying in that hospital room, beside the bed of this young man, a mass of bandages, tubes, pumps, needles, etc., I seemed to feel God's presence so near. Jim did NOT die that night, and the next morning he was better, and the next day, much improved. In a short time, he was off the critical list. Thank the Lord!

Here it is May 10, a few short weeks later, and already the doctor is considering discharging his patient as soon as all of the healing processes are complete. Wonderful!

I met the father of Jim, Jr. on the sidewalks a few days after this fateful night, and his smiles of happiness and joy were almost more than he could contain. He actually was radiant, and could hardly contain himself to open his business place. This is true gratitude to God.

Two of the young man's aunts

have been also so grateful to God, that service after service finds them in the Church in the Valley, for the first time in its history. They said they seem to find here what they have been missing elsewhere. God grant that it may always be so.

The prayers of our readers are requested for this young man and his family.

God Honours His Word!

Your Editor recently felt led to preach a message on THE DIVINE CALL in a morning service. At the conclusion we had an altar full of young people who testified that they were willing to "Go where God leads them to go." Among the young people who feel they were called by God are Dick McMullen of Milesburg, and his brother-in-law, Raymond Jodon of Bellefonte. Both of these young men plan to enter Bible School this Fall to prepare for God's work. We will hear more from them at a later date. Pray that the Lord will lead and direct them in His work and will! Raymond was converted to Christ a few years ago, and is brother of John Jodon, the well-known bass fiddler from Milesburg. The testimonies and pictures of these young brethren will be featured at a later date in the pages of the STANDARD. It is a source of pleasure to the saints at the Milesburg Church to think of the ones who have gone out to serve the Lord from our number, among them, being:

Rev. Lee Lenker — Pastoring a Pilgrim Holiness Church in Indiana.

Rev. Kenneth Lucas — With the Bible Missionary Group in California.

Rev. Miss Joan Houck — Free Methodist Pastor at Huntingdon, Pa.

Rev. C. William Rachau — Who began his ministry at Milesburg, and is now pastor of our Church at Zerby, Centre County, Pa.

Rev. Donald E. Hicks — Pastor of the Grace Church of The Naza-

rene in Greenfield, Indiana, near Indianapolis.

Rev. Martin Crock — Now pastor at our church in Lebanon, Pa.

Rev. Fred Watson — Now pastor of our church in Lehigh County.

This list is far from complete, and would also include: Rev. Orvis Scholl, Free Methodist pastor near Pittsburgh, Pa. and closely related to Milesburg parents: Rev. William Lutz, Wesleyan Methodist pastor in Florida; Miss Bonnie Cleaver, Missionary in West Africa. On and on . . . thank God. May the churches ever be faithful to "*pray the Lord of harvest that he may send forth laborers into his vineyard.*"



News Flashes From Here and There

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the recent rebellion his town changed hands several times. We little know what the Christians are suffering there, it seems. Pray for Brother Seymore and our other native workers in Cuba.

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Journeys of the Israelites — Thank you for your interest in the first volume, containing 20 studies, of the Journeys of the Israelites. Requests have come in from Pennsylvania, Kansas, Michigan, Florida, and so on. The Teachers' Sunday School Notes now number 8 and you may have them also for writing. We make no charge for these items, only asking for the postage necessary to mail them out. Parcel post rates are climbing each quarter. A set of each Study would be nice for some layman reading these lines to present to his pastor or Sunday School Teacher. Do remember that we are strictly Wesleyan in doctrine, and this is not material borrowed from some false movement not right with God or true to the Book. The Editor has prepared these items for use at the Church in the Valley at Milesburg, and the surplus copies are free to our readers of this publication.

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The Bulletin Board—Items of Interest to All

Change of Address

Rev. William McFarlin writes that he now may be addressed as follows:

Rev. William MacFarlin
c/o Rev. Russell Taylor
Dennison, Illinois

Brother and Sister McFarlin are evangelists in the Kentucky Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and have held successful meetings in some of our churches.

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DELAWARE COUNTY CAMP MEETING

August 3-13, 1961

LOCATION — 6 miles northeast of Muncie, State Road 35

WORKERS — H. C. VanWormer, Steve Herron, Glenn Griffith, Victor Glenn.

Singers — Maurice and Lois Schenck.

Dormitories, Dining Hall, and Trailer Space.

WRITE: Roy Lewis, R. R. 1, Albany, Indiana.

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Calling All Pastors and Evangelists

You annual report to the Conference is due in the hands of the Statistician, Rev. Marlin Crock, 2127 Hill Street, Lebanon, Pa., shortly after the close of the Church year, July 1, 1961. If you failed to receive the proper report blanks, write at once to the General Secretary, Rev. Russell T. Herr, R. D. 1, Newport, Pa. Let us make it a bit easier on the Editorial Staff and the Statistician this year by having our reports in on time. Your books will close June 30, so in ten days you should have your report in the hands of the proper ones to ease the burden of assembling these facts and figures for publication.

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Camp Meeting Secretary Writes:

Penns Creek Camp Secretary, Rev. Fred Cain, R. D. 3, Bellefonte, Pa., wants to remind you that all reservations and inquiries about space in cottages or dormitories should be addressed to him, not to the Camp President, Rev. George I. Straub, as this makes a double job of sending communications back and forth. Brother

Cain will give your letter fast service, and answer any questions you may want to ask about the Camp Meeting. Flyers about the camp will also be available from him. (Note the Penns Creek Camp announcement on page 12 of this issue).

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Welcome, New Subscribers!

From time to time we welcome the NEW subscribers to our paper. We know we don't have the best Gospel paper in America, and we know it does not have the largest circulation. . . . BUT it can fill a place in the lives of thousands of Americans if every one reading these lines will help to push the battle by getting NEW subscriptions, and by renewing their own subscriptions promptly. We have never been able to "make ends meet" in the publishing of the Gospel, and it seems this is a "common affliction" among Gospel publishers. However, we are prepared to make some sacrifices to "publish good tidings of great joy." For years the Editors of this publication have used their own funds for postage, typewriters, paper supplies, and the like. They have done it gladly, counting it a privilege to serve Christ, and to make any necessary sacrifices to see the Gospel go out by way of the printed page. Pouring a cup of cold water for a friend was promised a sure reward in the Scriptures, and since that is true we may rest assured that God will bless any other efforts for souls! May we have the pleasure of hearing from some of our readers today as to their renewals and new subscriptions for friends and relatives.

Address all subscription problems and send all funds for this purpose to: Miss Eva Bailey, Centre Hall, Pennsylvania.

Items for publication should be addressed to the Editor at: P. O. Box 376, Milesburg, Pa.

Sample copies of the STANDARD, current and back issues, may be secured from either Miss Bailey or the Editor. Please include a suitable amount for postage. 50c will mail you a pound or more of issues.

More "Church of the Month" Features Coming!

After the beginning of the new Church year, July 1, 1961, look for more Church of the Month items, and if your pastor has not sent in his photographs and report, give him a "charge" today!

Milesburg, Pa. — God blessed our recent revival meeting here, and the ministry of Rev. Dan Baughey from Detroit, Michigan, was very much appreciated. He spoke to our hearts, hit sin in the proper manner, and uplifted Jesus Christ. As a result there were several new converts, and the Church was greatly benefited and blessed. Our April attendance mark for Sunday School was 224, and in May thus far we had a high of 195. These were not rally days, but the regular attendance. The night attendance has run higher than the morning meetings, with 250 in one Sunday night meeting. Our hearts were gladdened to see 15 new people in one Sunday's meetings. We follow up their visits with a personal letter, a copy of the STANDARD, and a visit if it is possible.

Interdenominational CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA HOLINESS CAMP

2½ Miles from Belleville, Pa.,
in Rockville area.

July 13-23, 1961

EVANGELIST — Dr. Henry Shilling, President Transylvania Bible School

SONG EVANGELISTS — The Paiges

President — Rev. Carl Swanger
Information: Blair Fultz

R. D.

Milroy, Pa.

Services Nightly, and at 2:30 and 7:30 on Sundays.

Camp Announcement:

EVANGELICAL WESLEYAN CAMP

Route 173 Between Alliance and Sebring, Ohio

June 29 - July 9, 1961

Evangelist — Rev. G. I. Norman, Greensboro, N. C.

Missionary Service — July 9 at 2:30 p.m., Rev. G. T. Bustin, speaker.

Write: Rev. William Owen

Chester, W. Va.

Phone — EV 7-0193

IT'S CAMP MEETING TIME

PENNS CREEK CAMP

at Penns Creek, Pa. on Route 104,
midway between Middleburg and Mifflinburg, Pa.

July 18-30, 1961



Rev. Willis Miller, Bible Teacher
Greenville, Pa.



Rev. H. E. Darnell, Evangelist
Vivian, Louisiana



Rev. Grace Rholand, Evangelist
Selinsgrove, Pa.



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All who play musical instruments are urged to bring them and assist in the playing in the song services.

All Musicians are required to have an experience of Grace or be seekers of God.

WE ASK YOU TO PRAY FOR THIS CAMP.

ORDER OF SERVICE

7:00 a.m.—Rising bell
7:30 a.m.—Breakfast
8:30 a.m.—Prayer Meeting
10:00 a.m.—Preaching
12:00 Noon—Dinner
2:30 p.m.—Bible Study
5:30 p.m.—Supper
6:30 p.m.—Children and Young People service
7:30 p.m.—Preaching Service.
(This schedule subject to change)
Camp is sponsored by God's Missionary Church, Inc.
Mailing Address: Penns Creek Camp,
Penns Creek, Pa.

BOARD AND LODGING

(Rates based on two persons to a room)
Lodging for entire camp ----- \$ 6.00
Rental of tent for camp ----- 3.00
Cottage ----- 10.00
Large room; 2 beds (4 persons) -- 10.00
Meal ticket for camp (10 Days) -- 12.00
Breakfast ----- .35
Dinner ----- .50
Supper ----- .50
For use of hot plate (flat rate) -- 1.00
For use of Current (Trailer) --- 1.50
(Each camper must bring bedding)
Ministers and their families entertained at half rates
Children 6 to 12 years, half price

The camp has a pure water system that is tested and approved by the health department. A large cafeteria and dormitory are ready to serve campers. A large auditorium.

For further information write the secretary

Rev. Fred Cain,
R. 3,
Bellefonte, Pa.