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NEWS!!! THREE ARIZONA PARSONAGES HAVE FAMILY INCREASE!!! ---

The Charles L. Cooper family, Yuma, Arizona, are enjoying a new baby girl, Dorothy Jane. Dorothy was born September 16,

On Tuesday afternoon, October 6th, the Mark Waddells became parents of a fine 9 lb. 7 oz. baby BOY. The name: James Edwin Waddell. (His dad thinks he is big enough to play football this year). Mrs. Waddell and James are both doing fine. A new scholar for Phoenix-First Sunday School.

The Harold R. Crosser family, Tucson-First, were blessed with a baby BOY, October 22nd, His name: James Edward Crosser. His weight: 6 lb. 8 oz. Mrs. Crosser and the Boy are doing fine. The question is, "Will James really have a chance with his four sisters?"

FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

"THE MOUNTAINS ARE MINE"-

The Psalmist sang, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." He knew that the water which fed the dry valleys, in which he lived, came from those far mountains; that the very health and vitality of his existence came from their richness. He needed them for the benefit they were to him, and he loved them for it.

Grace Conkling, the poet wrote:

I have an understanding with the hills,

At evening when the slanted radiance fills

Their hollows, and the great winds let them be,

Then they are quiet and look down on me.

It is a good thing to have an understanding with the hills, especially in these turbulent days of uncertainty. As I sit writing this morning, through the window I see famed old Camelback Mountain. It is always there in the same place across the desert, day after day. It seems like some stalwart sentinel out of eternity, as indeed it is.

We have just moved here, and with increasing familiarity some surroundings are changing color and tone. But the mountain is the same-and it gives me a sense of steadiness, security and quiet. Through the past few days unusual amounts of rain have

come, and through the cloudiness and fog the mountain was hidden from sight. However I never doubted that it was there, and would be there for me to see when the fogs rolled away and the darkness departed.

And it is resplendent in its blue haze and bathed in floods of sunlight. It hasn't changed. Now I have said all of this to remind you of the promise, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so is the Lord round about His people henceforth and forever."

Go to your window and look up towards the mountains, and let them remind you of God's faithfulness, His steadiness, His constancy and unfailing strength.

In the progress of the work of our Arizona District, we may well expect serious problems, possibly severe disappointments, but the mountains are ours, yes, God is still for us! And that matters most. "A Personal Word From the Superintendent". -- I am very happy to be on the field to assume my labors with you in Arizona.

Many things of importance were waiting to claim my attention when I arrived. As quickly as possible we will work our way through the matters at hand. Your patience and understanding will aid us greatly. In addition to other things, for the

From the Dist. Supert'dent, cont'd: present time I will conduct the services at Calvary Church in Phoenix. We are making every effort possible to get both this church and Tucson Trinity supplied with pastors immediately.

Let us together build the Kingdom of God as He grants us grace and wisdom.

---O. D. Emery,
District Superintendent

DISTRICT YOUTH NEWS:

The District Youth Council met at Tempe and formulated plans for the coming Mid-Winter Youth Convention. The dates for the Convention are tentatively set for December 29 & 30. A more definite announcement will be given in next months issue.

Make plans now to attend this time of spiritual blessing and Christian fellowship among the Youth of our district.

The Zone Youth Rallys are now under way and the Lord has truly blessed these Rallys with His presence. Such a wonderful group of young people have been attending. Keep up the good work - let's press toward the mark of winning YOUTH for CHRIST. ---David D. Bailey,
District Youth Pres.

"Not many of us are living at our best. We linger in the lowlands because we are afraid to climb the mountains. The steepness and ruggedness dismay us, and so we stay in the misty valleys and do not learn the mystery of the hills. We do not know what we lose in our self-indulgence, what glory awaits us if only we had courage for the mountain climb, what blessing we should find if only we would move to the uplands of God." -- J. R. M.

"Too low they build who build beneath the stars."

"Nay, I even reckon all things as pure loss because of the priceless privilege of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." (Weymouth) Phil 3:8

DISTRICT S. S. NEWS:

To All Arizona Pilgrims-GREETINGS!!

First of all, I want to commend you for a fine job done in your Sunday Schools during the month of Oct. We had a total Average Attendance of 746 for this October, which is a gain of 89 over October of 1958. This figures a 13.5% increase. While it is true that this is far short of the percentage gains the district showed last conference year over the conference year before, yet we are still gaining. This, I think is commendable considering the fact that some churches are still without pastors, and considering the fact that we were without the services of a resident District Superintendent during the month.

The new churches on the district are doing a fine job. Prescott had a fine average of 46. Phoenix Mountain View averaged 29. Tempe still takes the percentage gain banner, with a percentage gain of 114.2%. Tucson-Park View has shown an excellent numerical gain of 18 over last October, which figures a 30% gain.

God has wonderfully helped us at Phoenix First. We have had the highest monthly average in the history of the church, to my knowledge.

I cannot help but feel that better days are ahead for us. Two Sunday Schools had exactly the same average this October as they had last, Phoenix Westside and Tucson Trinity. I feel that this is especially commendable for Tucson Trinity, inasmuch as they are still without a resident Pastor. Let's all work hard, and show an even greater gain for NOVEMBER. Yours In Him,

--- M.E. Waddell,

S.S. Prom. Secretary

P.S. Thanks so much for your promptness in sending in your October averages.

EDITORIAL:

The challenge of progress is ever before us. Our hearts yearn for growth in all phases of the work, such as; spiritual growth of our people, financial strength in all

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departments, and numerical growth that will encourage us to even work more fervent for our Master.

This progress should be geared to keep pace with the Master, not the world.

WESTERN PILGRIM COLLEGE NEWS:

We are rejoicing in the Lord these days for victories accomplished in Christ. We are enjoying an especially good year at WPC for which we are grateful to God.

Rev. B. Ivan Williams and family were with us in October for the annual fall School-Church revival. The school and the El Monte church together sponsor annual spring and fall revivals, with the evangelists preaching in chapel and in the evenings. The meetings were owned of God and a good number found definite victory in Christ.

Plans are now under way for one of the greatest Harvest Home gatherings we have had in sometime. The whole day, November 11, will be devoted to this gathering. A big full chapel service, featuring the combined High School and College Choirs and other varieties of music, is planned for the morning. The afternoon will feature a special panel program devoted to Missions. The evening service, a large rally, will feature Dr. Walter Montana, converted South American Roman Catholic priest, as the speaker. Dr. Montana, is the person about whom Dr. B. H. Pearson's famous book The Monk Who Lived Again, centers. He will be a most interesting speaker.

Main feature for the day, of course, is the presentation to the School of the Harvest Home offering of foodstuffs. This year we are asking for around 2,000 lbs. of potatoes (both sweet and Irish potatoes), 1500 lbs. of sugar, 2,000 lbs. of flour, and an abundance of all kinds of canned vegetables and fruits, shortening and various other items which we need.

While you are quite a ways away, we would nonetheless welcome each pastor and church to come and bring a delegation for the day if possible. If not, any offering which you may

wish to receive for this purpose will be most gratefully received.

Pastors and churches, please check your progress in your monthly giving toward the Conference Goal. We are falling a little short in some instances. Your attention to this matter will be deeply appreciated by all. Remember WPC in prayers daily, please. --- Wm. S. Deal,
College President

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES:

APACHE JUNCTION: H. Underwood, Pastor. All of our services are increasing in attendance, for which we praise the Lord. We now have a cross on the gable end of our Church which lights up at night making it very attractive. We also have our bulletin board finished. We received Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Sheffer, from Penn. into membership October 11.

The Sheffers were Wesleyan Methodists. They are a very fine couple and a great inspiration to us. God is surely helping us here at Apache Junction for which we give Him all the Praise.

COTTONWOOD: P. Eversole, Pastor. There are some good signs of increase in our S.S. for the month of November. We have had six at the altar on two different occasions. We need a revival and are praying for one. Our building program is at stand still, until we can make further arrangements.

FLAGSTAFF: R. Seelig, Pastor.

We held our first service in our new church October 18th with God's presence being felt very near. There is still much to be done on our church before it's completion. We have named our new church the Bethany Pilgrim Church. We covet your prayers as we go forward in His name.

PHOENIX-FIRST: M. Waddell, Pastor.

On October 25th, we closed a very successful revival with Rev. & Mrs. W.O. Bottenberg as the evangelists and singers. Many of our people have voiced the opinion that this has been the best revival that Phoenix First

Phoenix-First, cont'd:

Church has seen in many years. The attendance held up remarkably well, with 136 people out for the last Sunday morning service, and around 106 out for the closing service.

The revival tide was high throughout the meeting. There was wonderful spirit in every service. Counting them as they came, there were 29 people at the altar seeking for either pardon or purity. Some of these were new people. God gave us some wonderful victories among those seeking to be sanctified. Conviction is still on the hearts of many who did not yield during the revival. Keep praying for us.

The Bottenbergs certainly proved to be God's workers for this meeting. The preaching was excellent, and the singing thrilled and blessed our hearts every night.

PHOENIX-WESTSIDE: G. Shay, Pastor.

The Lord has been blessing us here at West Phoenix Church, and has sent in some new people to help push the battle. Sunday, Sept. 20th, was a good day. An inspiring message was brought by the pastor after which four new members were taken into the fellowship of the church.

PHOENIX-CALVARY: No news sent in.**PHOENIX-MOUNTAIN VIEW: W. Cook, Pastor.**

Sr. Cook has recently undergone surgery and is reported doing well. The Lord is blessing and the S.S. is gaining.

PRESCOTT: M. Turner, Pastor.

We had a good Rally Day attendance and our October average is our highest yet. Our remodeling is nearly finished. You would not know the front end of the auditorium. There are two additional class rooms. Our revival starts Nov. 8th goes through 22nd. Bro. Turner's father will be holding the meeting.

"I pray to God this day to make me an extraordinary Christian"
--- Whitefield.

TEMPE: D. Watkins, Pastor.

The Lord has given us a good increase in our S.S. We would also like to thank the Lord for our young people. We have had an average of 24 in our youth services.

TUCSON-FIRST: H. Crosser, Pastor.

It is a joy to do God's work with a group of people who love Jesus, are cooperative, and want to see an old fashioned revival. Our special services with Rev. & Mrs. W.O. Bottenberg were blessed of the Lord. We averaged 67 per service during the revival. There were 25 seekers. There is much evidence of growth in grace on the part of the saints. There were 52 in prayer service following the revival.

A real victory of the revival was that John Slaven, age 66, was saved during the revival. The Lord called him home just shortly after. His daughter is pastoring a Pilgrim Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

New names are being added to the S.S. roll week by week. There were 129 present on Rally Day. The offering was \$55.09. We are trusting the Lord to help us break all records this month in average attendance.

The Brooker family were blessed with a new addition October 20th. It was a boy, John William Brooker, weight; 8 lbs 5 oz.

We are praying for a mighty Holy Ghost outpouring. Our heart's desire is for a Church-Wide and nation wide revival.

TUCSON-PARK VIEW: D. Bailey, Pastor.

All records were broken and we had 130 Rally Day. Praise the Lord for His blessings. New families have been reached and a good spirit prevails.

Our hearts are thrilled to watch the youth group grow. God is helping us to reach a fine group. We started with two teenagers and we now have about 18 or 20.

The future looks bright and the possibilities are strong that we may soon be starting our S.S. unit.

We are in need of a real revival and God is working in hearts toward such a climax.

TUCSON-TRINITY:

We are hoping the arrival of our new D.S. will bring us good news concerning a pastor for us. Bro. Johnson is still filling in and God is blessing his efforts. We are having more adults out to our services.

Although Sr. Johnson is an arthritic invalid, she has a ministry all her own and reaches many people. Now Sr. Johnson was definitely touched. She is able to use her arms and move her legs a little which she has not done for nearly three years. God still hears and answers prayer. He is still the Great Physician!

YUMA: C. Cooper, Pastor.

September's average was the largest in the history of the church. It looks like we will more than reach our 20 numerical increase in average S.S. attendance, as set by conference goals.

The S.S. department is spearheading "Church Loyalty Sunday" which is the last Sunday of each month. The entire church makes an all out effort that Sunday to boost the S.S. average for the month; bring in all tithes and offerings necessary to meet the monthly budget; and to meet the district budget (which is paid up to date!)

Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Brown were received into church membership. He is a 6th grade school teacher and Mrs. Brown is doing a fine job directing the newly created junior choir of the church. The Men's Fellowship of the church purchased material and the ladies of the church made choir robes for them to use on Sunday mornings.

We would like to enter into a friendly competition S.S. contest with a church our size and preferably larger - any one interested?

DISTRICT S. S. REPORT:

September, 1959

<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>: 1958 :</u>	<u>: 1959 :</u>	<u>: Num : Num :</u>	<u>: % : % :</u>
			<u>: Gain : Loss :</u>	<u>: Gain : Loss :</u>
Phoenix-First	125	135	10	8.0%
Tucson-First	92	92	-	-
Phoenix-Calvary	89	58	31	34.7%
Tucson-Park View	55	54	1	1.8%
Phoenix-Westside	58	52	6	10.3%
Cottonwood	47	49	2	4.2%
Yuma	28	44	16	57.1%
Prescott	New	37	37	100.0%
Tucson-Trinity	37	35	2	5.4%
Apache Junction	30	32	2	6.6%
Tempe	12	24	12	100.0%
Phoenix-Mountain View	New	23	23	100.0%
Flagstaff	28	13	15	53.5%
TOTALS	601	648	102	55 (Net Num Gain:- 47) (Net % Gain:- 7.8%)

DISTRICT S. S. REPORT, cont'd: October, 1959

Sunday School	1958	1959	Num Gain	Num Loss	% Gain	% Loss
Phoenix-First	118	167	49		41.5%	
Tucson-First	101	110	9		8.9%	
Tucson-Park View	60	78	18		30.0%	
Phoenix-Westside	65	65	-	-	-	-
Prescott	New	46	46		100.0%	
Phoenix-Calvary	117	44		73		62.3%
Cottonwood	55	43		12		21.8%
Apache Junction	30	42	12		40.0%	
Yuma	33	41	8		24.2%	
Tucson-Trinity	38	38	-	-	-	-
Tempe	14	30	16		114.2%	
Phoenix-Mountain View	New	29	29		100.0%	
Flagstaff	26	13		13		50.0%
TOTALS	657	746	187	89	(Net Num. Gain - 89)	(Net % Gain - 13.5%)

RALLY DAY ATTENDANCES:

Phoenix-First	190
Tucson-Park View	130
Tucson-First	129
Phoenix-Westside	81
Prescott	56
Yuma	53
Tucson-Trinity	51
Cottonwood	50
Apache Junction	49
Tempe	45
Phoenix-Calvary	37
Phoenix-Mountain View	33
Flagstaff	19
Total Attendance	923

LATE NEWS RELEASE!!!

Rev. Melvin H. Snyder, Gen. Sup. is coming to Arizona District for Ministerial and Missionary Convention. The schedule of meetings as follows: Missionary Convention, Tucson-First; Dec. 5 at 7:30 P.M. Dec. 6 at 11:00 A.M. & 7:30 P.M. (Dedication of Tucson-Trinity, Dec. 6 at 2:30 P.M.) Ministerial Convention: Phoenix-First Dec. 9 beginning 8:00 P.M. (This service open to public) Dec. 10 - 8:30 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. (These services for Ministerial) Missionary Convention: Phoenix-First Dec. 12 & 13 (Dedication of Apache Junction, Dec. 13 at 2:30 P.M.)

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