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Mile High Pines is calling you

With your hammer and saw for their's work to do.
Keep watching for announcements in Y. P. S.

For the work days that will suit your group the best.

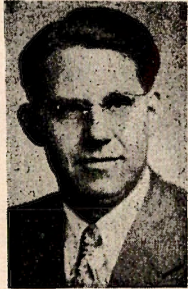
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DISTRICT NEWS



Its time for another edition of the encyclopedia of district information. The annual meetings are under way with some very gratifying results.

So far there is over a 30% increase in average Sunday School attendance. This is a substantial gain over last year and shows that our Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and teachers are on the job.

The district church membership gain however is even more encouraging, at present it stands at over 20%, for a church that is as conservative as we are this is excellent. Thank God!

Pray that the Lord will direct Brother and Sister Charles Farmer in finding a new location for the church at Prescott. By-the-way we spoke to a room full of people on our recent visit there.

They are getting ready for the ground breaking at El Monte and soon the new church building will be under way.

The Rosemead Pilgrims have the church just about ready for plaster. They expect to move into the new building before it is completed and finish the work as funds

so let's get it in shape. We will be helping others as well as ourselves. Call Rev. Martin Horine for details. Oh yes! Perhaps you know of some couple that would like to have a summer vacation in the hills and direct the building activities on the grounds also.

On December 23, 1947 our senior Pastor, Rev. W. M. Blanchard, was taken to the Santa Barbara hospital suffering from a malignant condition that had been bothering him for some time. Brother Blanchard never rallied sufficiently to return to his pulpit but did witness and exhort at every opportunity. His parting words to Brother Manuel and the writer were, "do not let the devil defeat you".

On April 27th he slipped away

which God has so graciously provided. Erection of a two-car garage for housing of the Sunday school bus and the pastor's car will be begun soon, funds for which are on hand at present.

DAVID METSKER, *Pastor*

REES MEMORIAL

The Rees Memorial Pilgrim Holiness Church of Pasadena wishes to report that the past month has been a time of real blessing in the service of the Lord. The attendance at our services has been good and a number of people have sought the Lord at the altar of prayer.

From April 11 to 18 we were privileged to have the ministry of Evangelist Anna McGhie, Bible Teacher and Missionary. Sister McGhie was greatly used of the

OAK VIEW

The Oak View Pilgrim Holiness Church has just closed a wonderful revival meeting with Rev. C. A. Nicola as evangelist. A large crowd was out each night to hear the good messages. Many knelt at the altar for salvation, and a closer walk with God. Two new members were added to the church.

The Lord has sent us some real Christian workers, for which we thank Him.

We have organized a missionary society.

Our church and Sunday school attendance are building up.

Rev. George Moran was with us April 5 for our annual meeting and we are privileged to have Bro. Manuel as our pastor again this coming year.

MRS. ROY WILLIAMSON, *Reporter*

P. E. Items

Webster compares events to the workings of fate but we believe God has guided the affairs, great and small, of the school during this past year. The Juniors and Seniors would say the high point was the Senior sneak while, I believe, the faculty would agree that the two Professors who were married all in one weeks time caused an unusual amount of thrills and excitement.

The forming of the G. S. C. (Girls Service Club) with the weekly edition of their school news relieved the continual monotony of English verbs and Spanish conjugations.

The Seniors felt highly honored when invited one afternoon to



On April 27 Bro. Blanchard was taken home to meet his Savior
Brother W. M. Blanchard was a valued and much-loved worker in

The Fresno parsonage is undergoing considerable remodeling before the new pastor arrives. Oh, yes, did you know that Rev. M. C. Kittle has accepted the pastorate at Fresno. We are happy that God has led in this matter.

We have been overtaken by a new epidemic. Apparently every church is considering building or remodeling excetra. Whoa, just a minute. Whatdoyousay, lets talk this over. Some where in the Word something is said about beginning without the possibility of finishing. Lets sit down and count the cost. Get as much in the building fund as you can before you start.

Santa Ana Pilgrims have remodeled and enlarged their church and all bills paid. The church extended a call to the pastor to return but Brother Harry Wells feels his work is done at least for this time in Santa Ana. Brother Wells has been a good pastor, the church and Sunday School have gained under his labors and the property is in good repair.

Rev. Doyle Dorrance has accepted a call elsewhere and will not be serving the church in Riverside the coming year. The church has gained in membership and is in good spiritual condition. Rev. and Mrs. Whipple will supply until conference.

The Pomona pastor Rev. Met-sker and family are enjoying their new parsonage.

If we don't look out the youth camp project will be lost in the stuff. We need to begin to organize groups to help in the erection of needed buildings and to get the camp ready for summer use. Many wish to rent our grounds,

the Holiness Church in 1923 until amalgamation with the Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1946, and then continued his work as pastor of the Ortega St. Church in Santa Barbara until his last illness.

He had been a Christian worker before joining the Holiness Church. In August, 1923, he was elected to its Board of Elders, and as far as we know, held this office continuously until amalgamation. In 1926 he was elected to the Missionary Board, and served until 1935, part of the time as chairman. He was elected General Church Treasurer in 1930, and served ten years.

In 1931, he moved to El Monte from his pastorate at Santa Barbara, and while there served on the School Board and Board of Trustees part of the time, as well as being Elder and Treasurer. Later he and Bro. A. L. Whiting, who lived with him at El Monte, went to Santa Barbara to take charge of the church he had formerly pastored. He had previously been pastor at Burbank and San Fernando.

Brother Blanchard was notable for his faith in God, his prayerfulness, his sacrificial, whole-hearted service, his cheerfulness and his devotion to the work of true holiness. Like Barnabas, he was "a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

to be with the Lord he loved and served. Those who knew him will not soon forget the praying saint and weeping prophet.

POMONA

We are happy to report progress along spiritual and numerical lines, with an upward move in Sunday School and worship service attendance. God's spirit is being manifest in blessed outpouring upon the saints, and several have been definitely filled with the Holy Spirit of late.

It has become a regular monthly feature to set aside the first Sunday of each month as a day of prayer and fasting. These are indeed precious times of waiting before God, with refreshing of soul and broadening of vision resulting. Mid-week services are also proving times of real blessing from heaven.

Since March 1 the pastor and family have been occupying the new three-bedroom parsonage

Lord.

We have just closed a very splendid foreign missionary rally which began Friday, April 23 and lasted through Sunday the 25th. We were glad to welcome Rev. Mrs. Marjorie Spencer back from her work in Peru. Other speakers were Rev. Ermal Wilson of Africa, Rev. and Mrs. Coleman Avery of the West Indies, and Dr. Harold Pearson (O. M. S.) of South America.

Our burden now is to make our Sunday School ministry more effective and our people are praying and working with this in view.

We are praying and laboring to bring the message of truth to as many as possible during these closing hours of the Church Age and we pray for all our brethern of the California-Arizona District that they, too, shall prosper in this glorious work. Jesus is coming soon!

P. W. THOMAS, Pastor

take tea with Professor Krag and his wife and when it ended up in a blessed testimony meeting everyone felt that it was wonderful to be in a Christian school where godliness and spiritual things have first place.

The memories of our chapel services will linger with us for many days. We have had missionaries from India, Africa, So. America and British West Indies to enlarge our vision for missionary work. Bro. H. J. Olsen has been our regular Monday speaker and has been a great blessing to us. Bro. Moran our District Supt. and Prof. Krag have given us many inspiring messages.

Rev. Paul Thomas and Rev. Maxey Walton each conducted a week's revival in the school in which many students were dug out for the Lord and all of us, students and faculty, were drawn closer to God.

We are looking forward to the final events of the school year and believing that God's blessing will follow us right down to the Junior and Senior banquet with all of its festivity; the Musical Recital on Thursday May 6 at 7:30 P.M., to which all our friends are invited, the Alumni Banquet, featuring the return of the school's former scholars, the Baccalaureate and concluding with the great finale displaying our Bible and High school Seniors in the eventful Commencement service.

May the Lord bless each one who has prayed and labored for our school. We are praying and trusting that the coming year will be the best yet for P. E. I.

VELMA MAE WALTON
AND PAUL MILLER,

Reporters

STATISTICAL REPORT

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Church	Easter 1948	April 1947	April 1948	Penny a day*
Adams Memorial	47	31	22	
Buena Park				
Chino				17.92
Corona	137	111	94	
Cottonwood, Ariz.				
East Los Angeles	148	104	95	
East Pasadena				
El Monte	408	176	223	47.28
Eloy, Ariz.	76		74	
Fresno				
Highland Park				
Long Beach				
No. Redondo Beach	76	58	59½	17.65
Oak View	72	45	58	
Ojai	182	101	147	60.87
Phoenix, Ariz.				
Pomona	96	90	72	
Prescott, Ariz.				
Redlands				
Rees Memorial	153	143	95	60.00
Riverside	62	35	48	8.48
Rocklin				
Rosemead				
San Diego				
San Dimas	146	81	90	
San Fernando	115	74	82	11.55
Santa Ana				30.00
Santa Barbara				
Tucson, Ariz.				14.00
Ventura	68	75	69	
Wilmar				11.98
West Phoenix, Ariz.	58	57	51	

* Includes offerings for Feb., March & April.

YOUTH CAMP

Spring is in the air, summer draweth near, and Labor Day will soon be here. All this means that you and I must get to work soon if not sooner on our Youth Camp dining room and at least two cabins. Can you imagine this! We can get lumber delivered to our camp at 75 dollars per thousand! Which means a saving from 30 to 35 dollars per thousand over the price we paid last year. And the saving of about that much more with the truck rental and we will also get away from that long hard trip up to the camp. Surely the Lord is helping us. You have guessed it, yes, we do need money but not very much. Starting with Sunday, May 9th we are asking each church in the Calif. - Ariz. district and especially our Young Peoples Societies to make a special appeal for finances. If each member in your church will give 22 cents each Sunday starting with May 9th through June 27, eight Sundays in all, this will build our dining hall and also our two cabins. We are depending on you. Help make our Labor Day Camp a real success. We are mailing each church 8 post cards with my name and address on them. In turn you are to mail them to me one each Monday from May 10th through June 28th. Fill in your church name, address, and amount of offering and mail promptly each Monday. In turn I will mail each church a card listing every church in our district with the amount of offering received so you will get it in time to announce to your

church the following Sunday. You must mail your card Monday if you want your offering to show.

Thanking you in advance,

MARTIN HORINE, Y. P. Sec'y

P. S. Young Peoples Treasurers please get your offerings to our District Y. P. Treas. promptly at the close of each month so he can prepare his report for the Pilgrim News. Y. P. Financial report will be going in the news each month with every church listed. Y. P. Treasurer's address is G. B. Aldred, 1502 Atchison, Pasadena, Calif.

REDONDO BEACH

We have had some excellent services of late. We felt real proud of our school group that was with us not long ago. They were a great help to our services here and a real credit to our P.E.I. On Easter Sunday Bro. and Sister O. E. Whipple from Ontario were here with us and God's spirit was manifest in both services with five seekers kneeling at an altar of prayer, one of which stated that she had prayed all night the night before and promised God if she ever had another opportunity she would seek salvation. She had never been in our services before. Surely God is blessing the Pilgrims in Redondo Beach.

We had a good revival meeting April 11 to April 25 with Bro. Fred K. Wells as our evangelist. God's spirit was poured out in this place and there were those who found Him in saving and sanctifying power.