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DONALD R. WASHBURN
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Bro. and Sis. Walton and family wish to express their heart-felt appreciation for the many kindnesses showered upon them by their many friends in the way of offerings and gifts on their return from the foreign field.

GOOD NEWS

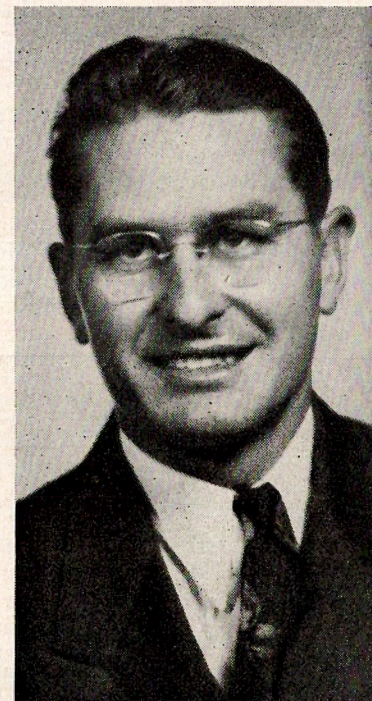
Word has just been received from our General Superintendent Rev. L. W. Sturk that the California-Arizona District showed the largest percentage gain in every department—our 10% gain in church membership and 26% in Sunday School. Praise the Lord! *We must not do less this year!* Again we ask for a 10% gain in church membership and the Sunday School Secretary has urged us to endeavor to make a 30% gain in Sunday School.

Youth Camp *continued*

California-Arizona District scored 26-24 against the Laymen in Baseball. I understand the Preachers expect to win again next year—I wonder—anyway, we are surely sorry you missed watching Executive Secretary Martin Horine push District Superintendent George Moran into home in order to make those winning points!!

Ethel Hartzler *Reporter*

PILGRIM



Rev. Martin Horine *District Sunday School Secretary*

NEWS

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Rally Day

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EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL OVER THE TOP!

Invite Parents of Scholars

Contact Every Pupil

Plan a Good Program

Check your Rolls

Set a Goal

Push It !

Arrange Calling Committee

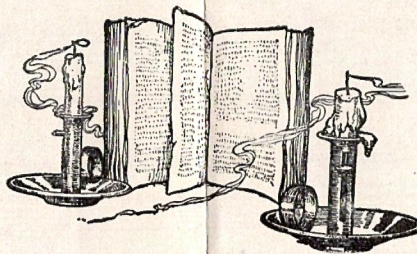
Send Pre-Rally Invitations

Push "Founder's Day"

Rally Absentees

Talk It !

Pray It !



A Chat with the S S Secretary

Statistical and Financial Report of the Sunday School 1946-47	
No. of teachers	282
Net enrollment	2482
Total enrollment	2764
Average weekly attend.	1865
Average weekly attend. last report	1468

A GREATER VISION

By Milton Harrington

It would hardly be fair to say there are some people within the walls of our churches who have no vision. Some seem to find it easier to have a larger vision than others but all have a vision. The Sunday School is full of willing people—some willing to work, and others willing to let them. There are those who have a vision

A GREATER VISION will have that automobile of yours out early Sunday mornings, picking up scholars for the Sunday School. Someone brings the excuse that they would if a route were assigned to them. A greater vision will build its own route. Burn a little gasoline for the glory of the Lord. Churches would not have

LAUNCH OUT

By Mrs. E. R. Hall

These words were not just for Peter over 2,000 years ago but they come as a challenge for us today as Sunday School workers. Peter was unsuccessful in his efforts that night in his life time profession, but when he obeyed the words of Jesus, regardless of his previous failures, a big catch

Gain 26%	397
Total receipts	\$12,571.49
Total expenditures	10,951.57
Cash on hand	1,619.92
Zone rallies	6
District convention	1

GOAL FOR 1947 - 48 A 30% GAIN

No. teachers	367
Total enrollment	3493
Average weekly attend.	2324
Total receipts	\$15,714.36

Look, look, what's coming! There it goes, What was that? That was our younger generation. Where did they come from? They came from time. Where are they going? Eternity. What have you done to reach them? Oh, I've done everything I can think of but it seems as though they do not understand. We have told them stories, we have let them draw pictures, we have given parties, but on and on they go.

Listen, Sunday School Superintendent and teachers could we suggest you try the Gospel Light Series of Sunday School lessons. It is a closely graded lesson. With this quarterly you will have an abundance of material at your finger tips. We particularly recommend the quarterly for our junior department. You can order this material from our own California Pilgrim Publishers, 1122 Washburn Drive, El Monte, Calif. Send today for your descriptive copy. This copy will give you first hand knowledge of the graded lesson. The address again is California Pilgrim Publishers, 1122 Washburn Dr. El Monte, Calif.

Your Sunday School Sec'y,
Martin Horine

There are times when we have a vision of the Sunday School gradually losing ground until the doors will have to be shut. Sitting in our church pews are those who have a vision of just holding their own and feeling this is what the Lord meant when He said, "Occupy till I come". If we were to grow in our Sunday School we might have to enlarge our building and that would take finances and "the eagle" is breathing his last, already. Another group has a vision that if we remain small we we will be spiritual, where if we grow we will become worldly. But we shall not tarry here for we are locking arms with the Apostle Paul when he said, "And yet shew I unto you a more excellent way", only we shall attempt to show you a greater vision.

Days have passed into weeks, weeks into months and you haven't invited anyone to Sunday School. Intentions? Very good and sincere but the day just slipped by and then the week. Today you are going to take time to make the call that you feel on your heart. Today, you will drop the vacuum cleaner right where it is and go invite the neighbor child playing in the yard who, you know, doesn't attend any Sunday School. A greater vision will set you to doing the work you have envisioned the pastor and superintendent doing. It will have you bringing someone to your Class instead of criticizing the others for coming empty-handed. You will feel you are to be censored if the Sunday School doesn't increase in attendance and interest.

Lord. Churches would not have a crying need for a bus if the members with cars would get a vision of what they could do with that car. It is a certain fact if more gas isn't burned taking children to Sunday School it will be burned to take a number of them to a penal institution. Let's not give long sighs when on our way to Sunday School we see children playing in the street instead of being in Sunday School. You have a perfect right to stop and ask them to go with you. A greater vision will see pastors, evangelists, and missionaries in those little children playing in the street on Sunday morning.

A GREATER VISION will never wince when the pastor suggests a goal to be reached in the Sunday School. It will go to its knees and pray until God comes and gives us the realization of our desires. We need spiritual Christians who realize the worth of a soul and who have a burning heart which says we cannot be empty-handed when we stand before God. Let us lock arms together in our churches and say by God's grace we are going to give every non-church-goer in our immediate vicinity an invitation to church and back it up until Jesus comes or calls us home. A greater vision will see our churches "bursting at the seams" on this Jubilee Rally Day. Will you accept the challenge?

"Get down on your knees.

Roll up your sleeves.

Move out from under the trees.

Turn your sail to the breeze."



resulted.

Maybe we as spiritual fishermen need to forget some of our "cut and dried" methods and listen more closely to the words of the Master Fisherman and thereby discover where our "blind spots" and weaknesses are. If we would get the vision Isaiah had when "he saw the Lord high and lifted up" we would push forward and go beyond anything and everything we have ever done. Maybe then our vision of the Sunday School would take on larger proportions and we would see it high and lifted up, and realize great possibilities that are wrapped up in the youth of our land. Oh, for more fiery evangelistic passion and burning zeal, blended with aggressive efforts in pushing the cause of Christ and Salvation as the only hope and remedy for the young people of today and any day. Let us not stop or rest until we have done our utmost to lift Him up to every home in our community. A house to house visitation as recommended by our General Sunday School Secretary will certainly help the whole neighborhood to become conscious of a wide awake Pilgrim Sunday School in their midst. This is not only effective for Rally Day but should be carried on two or three times a year. True we shall meet with false doctrine and rebuffs but let us go forward in spite of these. If we really love souls, that love will transcend all barriers.

When we think of 17 million people in America who are untouched by the church let us as Sunday School Workers thank God for the opportunity and launch out and enter these open doors and win the children and youth of our land to Christ and the Sunday School.

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Youth Camp Report

Yes, we topped 250 this year—around 200 attended full time and the remaining 50 joined us for a day only! If you were not at Mile High Pines Labor Day weekend, you surely missed three full days of fun, good food and drawing closer to God.

Around 5 p. m. Friday evening the young people began gathering. The Rocklin Sunday School bus brought down about 15 of their young people.

Each new day started with Morning Watch, a half hour of group devotions led by one of the ministers present. Breakfast was a welcome hour and after a brief clean-up period, we met around the camp-fire ring Saturday morning for Chapel where Dr. Jesse Lady, President of Beulah College presented a real challenge to Christian living. The remainder of the day until 6:30 was filled with recreation topped off with an appetizing and plentiful dinner and supper. At 6:30 we gathered around the camp fire for "Pine Evangelism". Dr. Lady brought us another wonderful message on "Keeping the Spiritual Glow". After a moonlight hike, we enjoyed a snack from the kitchen, had devotions in each tent and gladly became more acquainted with our blankets.

Sunday services differed from Saturday in that our selective classes came before Chapel. The classes offered on Sunday were: "How To Be a Leader", Rev. George Moran; "Youth and the Church", Rev. Clifford Thomas; "Making PYPS Click", Ethel Hartzler, and the Sunday School lesson by Donald Crary. In the Chapel hour following, Rev. Paul

Beck brought an impressive message on Ezekiel 22:30, "And I sought for a man... to stand in the gap... but I found none." A real spirit of prayer and meditation pervaded the Sunday afternoon Quiet Hour—Earnest prayer for the evening service. Before the supper hour we enjoyed missionary pictures of our work in Mexico explained by Rev. Charles Slater. After a half-hour intermission for a snack, we came to the crisis and most important of our Youth Camp—Ember Glows. God was present around that camp fire as Rev. Moran asked each one of us through his message, "Who Is This That Is Calling YOU?" Although God was present, the devil was also present, striving to keep the young people from making decisions for Christ. But thanks to the intercession of God's people, the power of the devil was broken and around 15 young people made their way to the benches about the fire. The majority found definite victory indicated by their testimonies at Monday Morning Watch. God was truly present in this Sunday evening fireside service and the known results alone make every dollar and every labor invested in the Camp more than worthwhile!

Monday morning during the Chapel hour, Rev. Charles Slater held our attention with thrilling missionary stories closing with a consecration service. Such a sight to see all those young people standing with heads and hands upraised to heaven, indicating that they would go tell the glad news to the heathen of the world if Christ called!

After dinner the Preachers of the
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