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#### OUR MISSIONARIES

The Cafeteria building on the Camp Grounds is filled to capacity. Readings are being given, songs are sung, prayers are offered, words of praise and commendation are being spoken. Why the gathering? A farewell service is being held for the Chamberlain family.

Someone has said that "when we approach the middle age bracket of life we settle down and therefore need to be converted all over again." This certainly is not true in the case of Brother and Sister Chamberlain.

Having served as one of the officials of The Holiness Church for years and having served also as editor of the "Standard Bearer," and now with the amalgamation, a place on the General Board of the Church. With a field of evangelism open, the temptation could be to serve here in the home land. But as this article is being written, they are now approaching dawn in Florida, and with the Sunrise the Chamberlain family in a four motored plane, will rise from the runway, and glide to earth, a few hours later, on the Island of Jamaica, where Brother Chamberlain will take over his duties as Conference Superintendent of the Jamaica Conference of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Sister Chamberlain is a splendid children's worker, and we are sure that God will make the entire family a real blessing to the work there. We join in saying "God bless and keep you and give you success as He counts success."

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## THANKS

We are indeed thankful for the many friends who gathered for To speak a piece I've been invited. To have the chance I am delighted! And tho' I'm not so very tall, I can say, "Merry Christmas, one and all."

And to climax the Christmas program, some pictures relative to the Christmas story were shown.

Well! Where next? The church is full—so is the parsonage; now the neighbors' houses, and still they need more room—the Rosemead Pilgrims are forging ahead. Many new families are attending the services. It is one of the many churches where everyone is a worker and the pastor a good leader.

What with a new baby, a new parsonage, a large Sunday School, good congregations, some real helpers for the church, and the Pheasant season just open—I'm sure the Rocklin pastor and people must be happy.

Who is that coming out of the hills with a two point buck and the poison oak? Rev. Harrington —of course. Well friend, you must take the bitter with the sweet. Anyway, by next fall all you will remember is the two point buck.

The Pynchons are back! Pray that God will sustain and undergird by His grace and power. It would appear that God has laid His healing hand on Brother Pynchon as He did on Sister Pynchon a little over a year ago.

New additions to the church at Redlands, and many new friends in the congregation! The Sunday School has been divided and now there is a new Beginners and Primary department. was blessed with a number of additions as a result of the revival, an increase was noted in the Sunday school attendance, as well as progress in every department of the Church. Bro. and Sister Whipple united with the Phoenix Church, and are joining the California-Arizona Conference. We commend them as consecrated laborers for the Lord, true to the souls of men, and to their own souls. May God bless their continued ministry in this part of the country.

REV. L. F. WILSON

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#### RIVERSIDE

We wish to thank our many friends who prayed so earnestly for us and helped us in so many other ways. God has answered your prayers! I feel much better and with your continued prayers we trust that God will give us victory all along the line.

A fine group of young people met at the parsonage Tuesday evening, Dec. 17th, for a social hour and a good time of recreation and fellowship was enjoyed. Betty Ellis led the devotions, and Mrs. Wm. Wesselhoft had charge of the recreation, after which refreshments were served.

Our Sunday School, under the leadership of Phil Yoder, is pushing ahead and we move into the new year with great hope for that department.

Homer and Alice Guinne were given a farewell dinner and shower at the home of Walter Klinger, prior to leaving for New Mexico to serve in the Indian work. The Guinne's are at present assisting the stationed missionary, Miss Mabel Jeffries, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, in ministering to the Indians

# TUCSON PILGRIMS

We praise the Lord for His goodness and kindness to us.

Since the close of Camp, the Lord has been pleased to add some to our numbers, giving us some good spiritual folk.

On the 8th of December our Sunday School reached its highest in attendance—79.

We had special meetings in November, with Rev. Brown of Indiana. Good preaching, and souls got help from God.

This week our building was plastered on the interior, making it neat and more attractive. We anticipate doing more building as the Lord helps work things out.

We are encouraged to go forward. God has greater things ahead.

T. C. ABBOTT, Pastor

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# OUR MISSIONARIES



FLORA BELLE SLATER

How would you like to live on an island with some six hundted people for every square mile. gifts and money given us. We are deeply appreciative for the many kind expressions of your love and confidence and pray we shall make these days count for God and holiness. Our only desire is to win precious immortal souls for our Saviour and advance His kingdom on this earth. We covet a continued interest in your prayers. We have been pressed to the limit in our preparation to feave, but trust we shall have time to write some news of interest for the next issue.

In His Service, Ray W. and Marianne Chamberlain

# CONFERENCE NEWS



#### GEO. A. MORAN

Sunday School pupils everywhere—that's San Dimas! Now a large tent has been added as a class room. We can still hear Sister Beck s a y i n g, "Brother Moran, we've got to build or do something. We now have classes in every room in the Church and Parsonage." Fine! And raise the money for building, but don't build—yet!

Christmas trees, decorations and everything! We were with the Pilgrims at San Diego over Christmas. On Sunday evening the room was filled as the little tots had their say—something like this: away from a small church, the pastor thinks the sun will never shine again. At such a time it is well to remember the words, "but God"—and true to His wonderful promises, He sends others "to help in the time of need." So say the Grahams of Redondo Beach.

Reverend Tracy is having good success with his boys' club.— "Sow beside all waters, for ye know not what shall prosper."

The Ventura young people are trying some new methods to reach more young people. Good! —Let us know how they succeed. Keep up the intercessory prayer as well as the new methods.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Wells are vacationing for a few days. May they return to their people rested, and inspired to new and greater efforts for Him.

The San Fernando Pilgrims have a new Sunday School Bus—and a substantial increase in Sunday School attendance.

#### REVIVAL

The Phoenix Church has just experienced one of the best revivals of old-time full salvation that has been evidenced in years. Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Whipple, of Grand Gorge, N. Y., just arrived from the East, closed a siege revival with many gratifying results. These faithful workers preached along the old-fashioned lines, so evident to the camp meetings of another generation. God came on the scene and many souls were dug out of the mire. The revival campaign began about the middle of November and ran well into December. The church

Christmas holidays at the parsonage. He is taking Bible training at the Holiness Evangelistic Institute in El Monte.

The Highways and H e d g e s Evangelistic Band were with us Sunday evening, Dec. 15th, and three of our young people found God at the altar. The outlook and uplook both are good at Riverside for 1947, and we give God all the glory.

RALPH PYNCHON, Pastor

# **STOP PRESS!**

# PRAYER REQUEST

We are sorry to announce that Brother Pynchon has suffered a relapse and must have a complete rest. Please pray that God will provide for this fine family.

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# LONG BEACH

Our revival was held by Rev. C. A. Nicola, and though greatly hindered by rainy weather, God blessed and we received three members into fellowship the closing Sunday. Our Sunday school is showing a substantial increase in attendance over that of last year. Rev. Frank Mills, in a series of mid-week messages on Genesis, is creating much interest.

In visiting Long Beach's Pike and Rainbow Pier one might correctly conclude that here is where Satan's throne is; still we have learned that God has a few souls, even in Long Beach, who have not defiled their garments.

We are marshaling our people for an all-out offensive against the powers of darkness and purpose, by the grace and power of God, to win many to Him.

Missionary Convention, El Monte Jan. 16th to 19th-Pray-Come not sufficient tillable land to support the people and imported food stuff higher than our present prices?

And yet the psalmist said, "Rejoice, let the multitude of the isles be glad! Why? Well, in this particular case because He was sending two of his handmaids Flora Belle Slater and Daisy Buby on a missionary journey for him in Puerto Rico.

They found on the island a business man "whose heart the Lord had touched" and presently he rented a portion of his building for a Gospel Hall and also in addition a home for our missionaries. Now there is a thriving Pilgrim Church on the island.

Our Missionary headquarters at Indianapolis is sending Sister Flora Belle Slater and Daisy Buby to Peru to take charge of the work there and give Brother and Sister Spencer their much needed rest.

You will want to hear Sister Slater's thrilling messages at the Missionary Convention at E 1 Monte, Jan. 16–19. Services will be held every night and Sunday afternoon.

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## GREAT MASS MEETING

Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19th. Plan to stay for the evening service. Sunday evening meal will be served in the cafeteria on the grounds.

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The devil begins to limp the moment he comes in sight of a good man's home.

Love is the greatest thing in the world, and yet nine people out of ten are after money.

## OJAI PILGRIMS

Greetings from the Ojai Church, located in the beautiful Ojai Valley, surrounded by mountains and with a wonderful climate.

December has been a busy month for our church in preparing our Christmas program which



included a Cantata entitled "The Carrol of Bethlehem."

In spite of much sickness our Sunday School has held a good average, and has reached an "all time high." We have been pleased to see the increased interest of some of the new families who have been attending the church services as well as the Sunday School.

We expect to have the floors of the church all refinished by January first, with the young people of the church doing a good part of the work during the Christmas vacation.

## ADAMS MEMORIAL

Several new faces have been in the congregation in the last few weeks. The special meetings with Rev. and Mrs. Frank Mills gave the church help that BUILDS IN. At our young peoples' gathering games and eats were enjoyed on the lawn by the neighborhood children, followed by an impromptu service in the church. When dismissed, all seemed inclined to remain, so the service was extended.

In pastoral calling, a returned Veteran was contacted who became interested. He was saved in the Philipines about a year ago and has offered to paint the outside of the church.

Pray for the work here. We must see it continue to go forward! SISTER HOLLOWELL

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#### DOBBINS NEWS

With winter coming on, and consequent slowing up of our secular work, we have been able to spend more time in visitation. We are already beginning to see results. The adults of the community, which have not shown much interest, and have let us bear most of the burden of the Sunday school in the past, have taken a new interest.

We are blessed by the addition of three new christian adults moving into Dobbins.

On November 24th we were privileged to have Rev. F. E. Lewis of Grassvalley give a very inspiring message.

Our Dobbins Christian Fun Club for the teens meets three Friday evenings a month. Please pray for it.

We had a good Christmas program Monday night.

Yours in His Service, Bernard and Ruby Richards and children

# LET'S GO NORTH WITH PENNY—A—DAY!

Now that the District Young People's Council has put the town of Rocklin, California on the Penny-A-Day map, there are some items which will interest you, and assure you that fifty percent of current Penny-A-Day funds will be wisely invested in a going concern.

Looking at the field from the standpoint of former pastors, our hearts rejoice to note with you these gains, as God has helped Worth and Genevie accomplish the following during their ministry here:

1. For many months Sunday School attendance has averaged above the one hundred mark.

2. The appearance of the church building, without and within, is a credit to our Church at large, after a program of renovating and remodeling.

3. The parsonage is now inhabited by parson and family, who thankfully enjoy the newly redecorated home j u s t one-half block from the church.

4. After r e n t i n g a Sunday School bus for many months, the bus company allowed the church to buy it at a very reasonable figure.

5. When we recently met with pastor and people in a Wednesday evening service, one person made a remark to us which we feel sure is indicative of community sentiment: "We love and appreciate the Hodgin's more and more as time goes on."

Surely God is combining consecrated human personality, community co-operation, and His own unfailing love and grace to spell SUCCESS in this, our own

# Penny-A-Day project.

6. And for a last triumphant word to prove that things are really happening 18 miles north of our state capitol, we present Rocklin's Capital Event of 1946, in the last-minute arrival of Anne Colette, sister of Bonnie Lynn.

As we back this happy quartet with our prayers and finance, we predict an even larger ministry during 1947!

BILL AND MARTHA MAYS

#### WANTED!

Folding Organs
Small Victrolas
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(Used or new)

. The darkened natives in Peru love music as well as we in America do—only their desire to hear it is so much more intense. As the strains of music go forth, the crowds quickly gather in to listen.

You are interested in helping the heathen in Peru find salvation in Christ, so do what you can to provide these needed instruments for taking the Gospel by music to the darkened souls among whom our missionaries in Peru are laboring.

Folding Organs: needed for street meetings.

Money for Pianos and Organs: for the congregations scattered throughout Peru.

Small Victrolas: very useful in getting out the Gospel.

You who are able to give any of the things mentioned, or have money to donate toward getting these things, please contact or write to:

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El Monte, California Thank you, and may God bless you as you give.—LEILA BARTON