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WHO IS IT?

No, they are not going in the air to be married as a couple recently did in Enid. They are not even going to take an aeroplane ride, just yet. They are merely standing by one of the little planes, the day the Enid airport was dedicated. Who are they? If you are a student of the Southwestern Bible School or a member of the Enid Gospel Tabernacle you will quickly recognize them. It is Brother and Sister Elzy E. Templeton who came to Enid from Colorado.

Elder Elzy Templeton has been supplying the pulpit at the Tabernacle in the absence of the pastor, P. C. Nelson, this summer. He has been preaching some good sermons. His wife also takes an active interest in every department of the work. She frequently leads prayer meetings and the Sunday evening Christ's Ambassadors Meeting, and assists in the altar service. They are well loved by the people who come to the Assembly, and everyone should be proud that one of the Southwestern Bible School students can so capably carry on this important work.

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"SHORT STORIES" OF SOUTHWESTERNERS

Miss Helen and Esta Harding who just closed some meetings in North-eastern Oklahoma united with Hugh, Ernestine and Louise Jeter, for a meeting in the Garber-Covington Oil Field assembly the latter part of June and the first few weeks in July. Brother W. O. Jackson, one of the SWBS students is the pastor of this church. They were later joined by the parents of the Jeter trio, Rev. J. E. Jeter and wife, who had a large part in the founding of the Bible School. A number were reported saved and there was good interest in the meetings. Music, instrumental and vocal, was an attractive feature of the services.

Cecil Drake paid the Bible School a visit recently.

W. O. Jackson, has found employment in a tin shop here in Enid.

You all know that Mother Bamford went with President Nelson and wife to Galesburg, Illinois, for a revival campaign. One of the students, Miss Dorothy Holton who lives in Galesburg, assisted in these meetings. Mother Bamford held a service in her home. At the close of the campaign the party divided and the Nelsons went to Canada. Mother Bamford returned to Enid stopping at several places on the way. She held two services with Bro. and Sister McClure, at Ft. Madison, Iowa, with whom all the students got acquainted during their special meetings here last spring, and also made short stops at Kansas City, Ottawa and Wichita, visiting friends. Since her return she has been teaching the adult class in the Sunday School and preaching once in the Tabernacle. The hot weather has been a trial for her although she is as bright and cheery as ever. She will appreciate a letter from each of the students.

Miss Ruth Campbell left just before Mother Bamford returned, for a month's visit to Kentucky. She went by auto with Bro. and Sister McGinnis spending part of her time in her old home in Bowling Green. She will return soon and probably continue her interesting Wednesday evening classes in the Tabernacle.

Miss Lelah Smith has been laboring for the Lord in some special meetings in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. She is beginning a meeting herself just now in Rhea, Arkansas. Let us pray that God will stand by her and give her a revival which will be long remembered as a blessing to that community.

Camille Bishop has been teaching in the Assembly at Woodward, Okla., and

also preaching Sunday nights at Sharon, about 14 miles south.

Br. George Baker has gone with Bro. Charles Hart to Tulsa. Brother Baker expects to help Evangelist Russell Ridgeway in some meetings.

Christine Groen is leaving Amarillo soon for California to work in a Spanish mission school and orphanage.

LETTERS

Who isn't glad to receive a letter? We are. Here are some real peppy ones. We will just quote a few squibs. If you write a good letter for all the students we will try to squeeze some of the contents in our next number. But remember, we do not have rubber type.

Box 273, Terral, Okla.
July 7, 1929.

Dear Brother Merrill:

I received the Bible School paper a few days ago. I wish to say that I am greatly pleased with this little paper and want to see it continue. I was just wondering if it would be all right for me to send in a picture to this paper, of the Christ's Ambassadors of this Assembly. If so please write me at once and I will send it in.

Wesley Jones.

Dear Merrill:

..... I was sure glad to hear from you and to know that Bro. Nelson is getting along fine.

Ted is going to work in the hay fields tomorrow. I am still working for the county, although I may go to work for the State Highway department at Chandler, Okla., the 1st of August. Conrads are on a vacation in Arkansas now. They will be back in about ten days, I think.

Your Bud in Christ,
Ben Vassar.

WHERE ARE THE NINE?

The above are some of the letters which have come to the office during July. We are sure that many of you feel the same way about the school, and thank the Lord for this little paper, but we are sorry that not more have written. The business men of Enid are supporting this paper loyally. One prominent man who has a large business on the square gave us five dollars which he said we might use for this paper, but we must have encouragement and help financially from the students if we are to make this paper what it ought to be. Some of you, we know, are working hard, and have very little surplus. But we are counting on each one to send in a contribution no matter how small. We believe God is with us in this effort. But we cannot put it over without your cooperation.

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EDITORIAL

Over my desk in the Bible School office hangs the one word "Forward". This is the motto of the Bugler. This is the spirit of the modern business world.

This is the command that God gave the Israelites when they were hemmed in on every side by mountains, foes, and sea.

Only by going through that Red Sea were they ever going to be delivered from their enemies; were they ever going to reach the Promised Land.

We need to move forward today. Forward this summer into the Lord's work. Forward in prayer; forward in revivals. If you students have an opportunity to launch out into the Lord's work, do not fear the waters, they will part.

Our Bible School needs to move forward. There are preparations to be made before school opens. There is the new building to be erected, as soon as possible. Students, are you preparing for the opening of school?

Our Assembly needs to move forward. Forward into more harmony, unity and Christian love. Forward in loyalty and devotion to the pastor and the principles up which this work is founded. The Constitution needs to be revised. Improvements need to be made on the building. The new spiritual life must be increased. Both Assembly and Bible School moving forward together is the ideal.

If encouragements come, if opposition hinders, if burdens increase, "In spite of everything," let us follow the footprints of the Master who is leading us FORWARD!

OUR ADVERTISERS

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisements on the following pages of this issue. Without the assistance of the business men of Enid, this paper would have been impossible. Many of them know of the school and the Tabernacle and their advertisement is in a sense an endorsement of the work. We wish to urge all our readers to patronize these firms if possible.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

We desire to print the following letter from Pastor P. C. Nelson which was read in the church, Tuesday July 18th but as many of our people were not present we are using this means of giving it wider publicity.

Mille Roches, Ont. Can.

July 4, 1929

To My Dear People:

On this national holiday I want to write and express to you my love largest blessing from the Lord. I want to assure you that you are constantly in my thoughts and prayers, and that I long to see your dear faces again.



P. C. Nelson

Have had the privilege of preaching the gospel almost every day since I left Enid the 15th of May. At Galesburg, Illinois, it was a great joy for all of you in the Spirit, and my desire for your highest good and largest blessing from the Lord. I want to assure you that you are constantly in my thoughts and prayers, and that I long to see your dear faces again.

Have had the privilege of preaching the gospel almost every day since I left Enid the fifteenth of May. At Galesburg, Illinois, it was a great joy to renew acquaintance with hundreds of people with whom we labored so long. Most of them received light on the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the healing of the body through faith in Christ, and the soon coming of the Lord through us five years ago. Scores of them were saved and healed and baptized in the Spirit during our ministry.

After our departure the devil succeeded in dividing our dear people into two flocks. Both have splendid new edifices and each assembly has a good pastor—but there is that awful division between persons of like faith. A few—I think only three persons of influence—held back a plan to merge. The two worked together while we were there. This plan was held up for now, but we believe it will come as a result of our campaign. God speed the day.

June 6th. I took my wife to Peoria, a distance of 57 miles—to get a train for Indianapolis. On the way back, I doted at the wheel long enough for the car to veer to the right. I awoke just before the car struck the end of a cement culvert, badly wrecking the car. By the mercy of the Lord I escaped with slight injuries. The steering wheel in my hands was broken into small pieces, and I was bleeding profusely after the accident, but was able to get out of the car without assistance, and rode back to Galesburg—thirty miles—where a physician took eight stitches in a bad cut under my chin. I wanted to go to the services that night, but friends

persuaded me to stay in, and let Mother Bamford preach. After the service the pastor and some of the people came to my room and anointed me and I am glad to say that I have suffered very little since, and that my nose, which some thought was broken is entirely healed, and the cut on my chin is healing fast. The loss of the car was serious to me, as we have no surplus resources, but this loss seemed small when we thought of what might have happened. The Lord is not through with me yet, and I believe He will let us labor together at Enid, till the work is more firmly established.

We want to see a large, spiritual work built up in the Tabernacle. Let us keep out all strife and all divisions and contentions, and go forward in the name of the Lord from victory to victory. The Lord has given us a good place to work and worship and I hope we may be able to improve it by building prayer rooms and brick-veneering the building. If we all join hands heartily in the work it can be done for the glory of God.

Then there is that wonderful Bible School which the Lord has given us. We have Bible schools ten years old with smaller equipment and a much smaller student body. We are getting applications and letters from all directions, and I believe Southwestern is destined to take a leading place among Pentecostal Bible schools. Do you remember how a few of us got together the 6th of May, 1927, and raised a small fund to start this work? Just see what God has wrought in two years.

I hope our people will never forget that this Bible school is their own child. Without this purpose to build a school our party would not have returned to Enid, and our Assembly would not have been organized, and the Tabernacle would not have been built where it is, and all would have been different. The thought of building up this two-fold work, Assembly and Bible School, side by side inspired us to labor and sacrifice to the limit, and the Lord has honored and blessed our labors together. When the unexpected division came and the storm broke up our defenseless heads, the Lord stood by us, and in spite of our blunders, carried us through to victory. Let us never cease to thank Him.

The good reports of your loyalty to the Tabernacle services and of the good work done by dear Bro. Templeton during my absence cheer my heart. Am to go from here to Kitchener, Ontario, four hundred miles west of here, for another camp meeting engagement. This will carry us through the fourth of August. Then we expect to hurry home, as we have much to do to get ready for the opening of the school, the last of September.

Must close now, with loving remembrances and best wishes to every one of our dear people. May the Lord protect you all, and keep you well, and faithful in all your service for Him. Do not forget to pray for us.

Most affectionately, your Pastor,
P. C. NELSON.

21 N. Eby Street,
Kitchener, Ontario, Canada,
July 30, 1929.

Our dear People:

Son Merrill requests an additional note to supplement my letter to you, written July 4th.

Am glad to report that the Mille Roches, International Camp Meeting ended in great victory. On the last Sunday morning I preached a sermon on "Consecration" and called to the front all the young people who were ready to dedicate their lives to go anywhere the Lord might choose to send them, and close to one hundred came forward, many of them with tear dimmed eyes to consecrate their all to God for time and eternity. It was a scene never to-be-forgotten.

That afternoon we heard a number of returned missionaries tell their experiences on foreign fields. An offering amounting to about \$250 was taken. Some were saved, and some were filled with the Holy Spirit, and some were baptized in the beautiful St. Lawrence River, and some were miraculously healed. Praise His name forever.

Leaving Mille Roches, we came sixty miles southeast and stopped at the wonderful little city of Brockville, gateway to the famous Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River, and there preached three nights and

Gananoque, the upper gateway to the Thousand Islands. At this point the St. Lawrence with its many islands is nine miles wide. A bus ride of about two hundred miles brought us to Toronto, and the rest of the way we came by rail to Kitchener, a bustling city of 30,000 about 200 miles north-east of Detroit.

What a camp meeting. People here from every where. About a hundred tents, big and little on the ground. 8,316 meals served in the dining tent the first week. 1,900 meals served last Sunday. The great assembly tent crowded beyond capacity every night. Many saved, and many healed. The healing services resemble those we held in the old tabernacle eight years ago. God still lives. Eight returned missionaries here. The cash offering for missions last Sunday was over \$1200, besides hundreds more pledged. The pastor estimates that more than forty have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and he expects the number to exceed a hundred. It is a glorious sight to see the people, old and young press forward into a life of joy and victory.

Monday morning early we expect to leave for Indianapolis, where we have a granddaughter born July 25th, get our car, and make haste to get home. We hope to arrive late next week, and to be in our place on Sunday, August 11th. We trust we may have the joy of seeing all our dear people present, for we long for you and have you all

in our hearts and pray much for you, anointed many for healing. Friday night we held a service at another noted scenic city on the St. Lawrence, May the Lord be gracious to you all and bless you more and more.

Very faithfully your in Him,
P. C. NELSON, Pastor.
of the Enid Gospel Tabernacle.

HOURS OF SERVICE

Enid Gospel Tabernacle
312 E. Cherokee Ave.

Sunday:

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Preaching Service, 11 a. m.
Christ's Ambassadors, 7 p. m.
Evangelistic Service, 8 p. m.

Tuesday:

Prayer meeting, 8 p. m.

Thursday:

Midweek Preaching service, 8 p. m.

Friday:

Cottage Prayer Meeting, 8 p. m.
(In home of a member of Assembly)

Saturday:

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