

# HISTORIC FINDLAY ASSEMBLY DEDICATES NEW SANCTUARY

FINDLAY, OHIO—When the First Assembly of God here chose the 50th Anniversary year of the Assemblies of God to dedicate its new sanctuary at 124 Ash Street, it was in a very particular way keeping pace with the movement's progress and tradition. This church was one of the few churches called Assembly of God before the Hot Springs, Ark., council at which the movement was founded.

The *Christian Evangel*, forerunner of *The Pentecostal Evangel*, was also published here for a few months in 1914.

The new 55- by 115-foot sanctuary was erected under the leadership of Pastor Carl A. Malz, who recently resigned to accept missionary appointment to the Middle East. It is of brick construction, has generous areas of colorful cathedral glass, and includes a pastor's office, choir room, rest rooms, nursery, and a second-floor auditorium seating 100.

The main auditorium is beautified by laminated arches and purlins in natural wood finish, and an ornamental screen block wall in gold tones centered behind the platform. A feature of the audi-

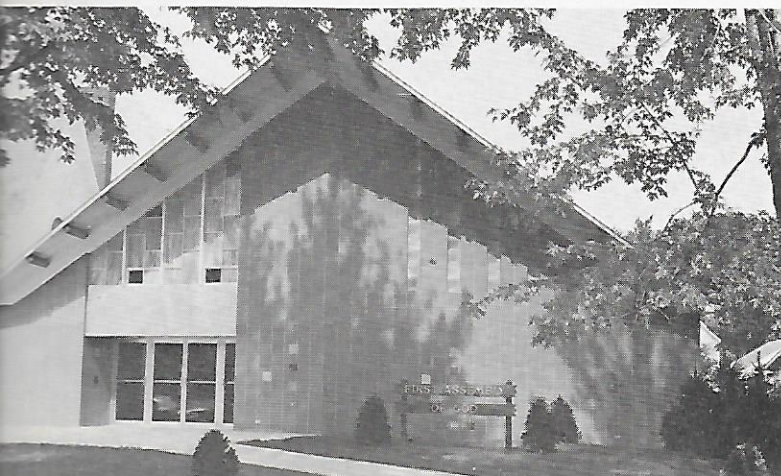
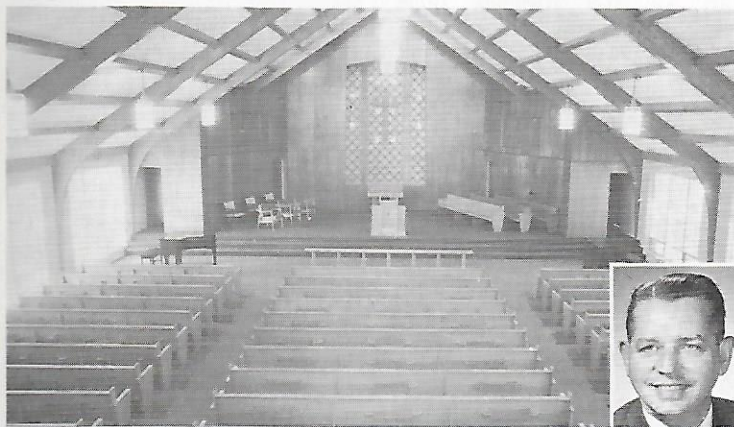
torium, which normally seats 400 but can be increased to 500, is an under-seat public address system.

The original Assembly of God in Findlay, established in 1907, worshiped in a converted saloon. This two-story building was purchased with the financial support of Jacob Grose and E. G. Nuemeister by its founder and first pastor, Thos. L. Leonard. Brother Leonard received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in Findlay during services conducted by the late C. A. McKinney of Akron in 1906.

Shortly after opening the church, Pastor Leonard started a Bible training school. This was in operation until 1928. From it many young people went out to serve God as pastors, evangelists, and foreign missionaries. Brother Leonard continued his pastoral ministry until 1941 at which time, due to his advanced age, he retired from active ministry. Succeeding pastors were B. B. Compton, F. Pepper, G. M. Babcock, W. J. Domm, and Carl A. Malz.

Howard E. Spriggs became pastor in January, 1965.

Interior and exterior views of the new sanctuary, First Assembly of God, Findlay, Ohio. This church was established in 1907. Carl A. Malz (inset) was pastor until recently.



Royal Ranger Ronnie Toliver hears Defense Depot Tracy's microbiologist, Dudley P. Robertson, explain how to make and handle microscopic slides. William B. Toliver, adult Royal Ranger leader, looks on.

## MANTECA ROYAL RANGERS TOUR DEFENSE DEPOT

TRACY, CALIF.—Twenty-seven Royal Rangers and their leaders from First Assembly of God at Manteca, Calif., toured Defense Depot Tracy recently and were welcomed by the depot commander, Army Colonel W. L. Tate.

The boys were luncheon guests at the depot restaurant, and following this were escorted on a tour of the facilities consisting of 22 modern warehouses with over 4 million square feet of covered storage space. One of the tour directors was William B. Toliver,

Defense Depot employee who is also a leader in the Royal Rangers.

Depot Tracy, employing 1,150 civilians, receives, stores and issues supplies for military activities in 11 western states and Army and Air Force activities in Western Canada, Alaska, and the Pacific area. Of special interest to the boys was the laboratory and also the modern electronic data processing equipment which receives and dispatches incoming orders.

## THEODORE KESSEL WITH THE LORD

Theodore A. (Ted) Kessel, 57, was summoned from a life of dedicated service into the presence of the Lord on January 22, 1965. Until a few days before his death he was an active faculty member at Central Bible Institute. His sudden death was caused by a heart condition weakened by pneumonia.

Dr. Kessel was ordained by the Assemblies of God in 1931. While most of his life was engaged in religious education, he also spent 18 years as principal and superintendent of several public school systems in Illinois. In addition, he served four years as district youth director and eight years as district secretary-treasurer of the Illinois District of the Assemblies of God.

Widely respected for his devotion to the ministry of teaching and his love for youth, Dr. Kessel was associated with no less than four Assemblies of God Bible colleges. At Great Lakes Bible Institute, Zion, Ill., he served as teacher, dean and president. He also served on the staff of Southern California College (now in Costa Mesa) and Bethany Bible College (now in Santa Cruz, Calif.). He joined the faculty of Central Bible Institute in 1954



Dr. Theodore Kessel

and was academic dean for nine years.

Brother Kessel took his undergraduate training at Southern Illinois University and received the master of religious education degree from the University of Indiana. In 1952 he received the Ph.D. degree from San Gabriel College.

An active civic worker, Dr. Kessel's special interests were the American Red Cross and the United Fund. He taught First Aid courses and was a Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America.

Surviving are his wife Bernice;