

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

DONATED LABOR CUTS BUILDING COSTS IN HALF

PEDLEY, CALIF.—The congregation of the Assembly of God here recently dedicated a new building to the Lord.

W. H. Robertson, now superintendent of the Southern California District, was the dedicatory speaker.

The building plus furnishings and land is valued at \$125,000. Cost, however, was only \$61,000 because of donated labor.

The structure was built under the supervision of A. C. Pettit, a member of the congregation. Bennie Franklin, then pastor of the church, supervised the entire building program. He recently resigned after pastoring the church for six years. O. D. Burkett is now the pastor.

Facilities include a sanctuary seating 350, with additional room for 75 on the platform. There is

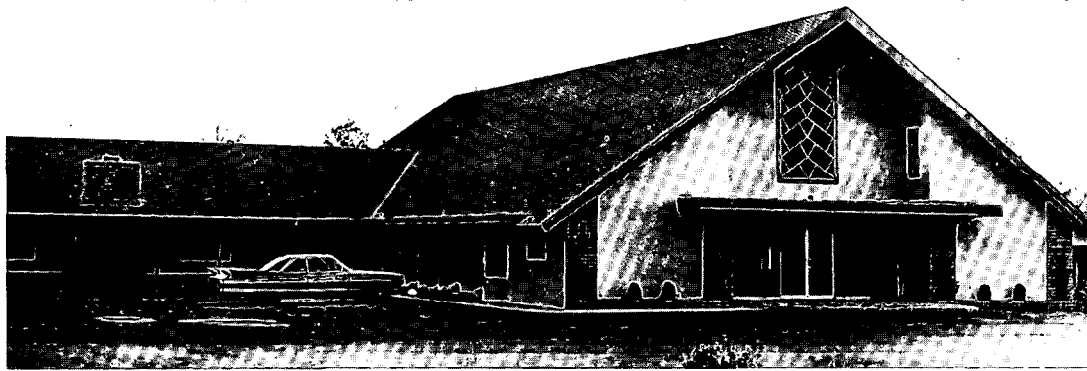


wall-to-wall carpeting and air conditioning. The church office, rest rooms, and nursery are on the main floor; the pastor's study is upstairs.

The educational unit is attached to the structure with a large entryway. A youth chapel seats 100 and has a fireplace and kitchen

equipment. There are 13 Sunday school rooms and a WMC work-room.

The assembly has progressed spiritually in the past few months. Ten or 12 persons have been saved; some have been baptized in the Holy Spirit; and new families are coming to the church regularly.



Governor Proclaims "Royal Rangers Day"

ROYAL RANGERS VISIT HEMISFAIR

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.—Royal Rangers from the South Texas District gathered at HemisFair here Saturday, June 22, to distribute Christian literature and to publicize their activities.

Several outposts camped out at Covington Park in San Antonio the evening before. Alan E. Gell, Royal Rangers national aide-de-camp, South Texas District, was in charge of the weekend activities.

Brother Gell received a proclamation from Governor John Connally declaring June 22 "Royal Rangers Day" in Texas.

The Royal Rangers set up two booths to pass out the literature.

One was at the base of the Tower of the Americas, the exposition's 622-foot observation tower-restaurant. This booth consisted of a pup tent and flagpole.

The other exhibit, a multi-colored camping trailer from Gulfgate Assembly in Houston, was at the Special Events Plaza.

By 6 p.m. the Royal Rangers had exhausted their supply of literature, having distributed 20,000 Royal Rangers promotional leaflets; 1,000 *Exploradores del Rey* leaflets; 200 copies of *Colonel Sanders Begins a New Life*, *Revivaltime's* summer witnessing miniature; 1,000 copies of the 1968 Spiritual Life edition of *The Pen-*

tecostal Evangel; 1,000 miniature Bibles in English and 300 in Spanish; and about 50 pieces of Men's Fellowship material.

Throughout the day local radio stations made announcements about Royal Rangers being at HemisFair, and stories appeared in local newspapers.

The Royal Rangers also presented two 30-minute demonstrations at the Western Village. Brother Gell gave a short talk on the Royal Rangers program and beliefs.

At 2:30 each day there is a parade with the HemisFair band and other groups. About 30 boys in their Royal Rangers uniforms marched in the parade around the entire fairgrounds. Some played instruments and were joined by other boys from local high schools.

MILLERSBURG, OHIO—God poured out His Spirit during nine weeks of services at the Assembly of God here. Larry Anslow of Dover, Ohio, was the evangelist.

Several persons were saved, including two families who attended a denominational church. A lady from one of these families was baptized in the Holy Spirit on her way home. A soldier just back from Germany was also baptized in the Spirit. A couple addicted to alcohol was saved, and the husband was healed of back trouble.

Flood waters threatened the building, and then the building was sold with only two days' notice. They began using another building, and the furnace exploded—but no one was injured.

A man who had never been to the church gave \$300 to help purchase lots for a new building.

—Bessie Shaffer, pastor

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CLEARLAKE HIGHLANDS, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here recently held special services with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul A. Hill.

Attendance was very good. Several were saved, and one was baptized in the Holy Spirit. All were blessed in a wonderful way.

—Wm. C. McPheeters, pastor

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ADRIAN, MICH.—Bethany Assembly here just closed one of the most successful meetings in its history. Crowds of over 300 each week-night and 600 on Sunday evenings sat under the ministry of Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart. There were men, women, young persons, and even entire families at the altar every night seeking salvation. In all, 247 families (over 600 persons) attended the church for the first time.

The crusade had an impact on the entire county. Local businessmen financed radio time for the evangelist. Every department of the church has been strengthened through these meetings.

—Arthur G. Clay, pastor

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LIVINGSTON, CALIF.—The Assembly of God here continues to enjoy the blessing of the Lord after a three-week campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. Erxleben Sr. of Fresno, Calif.

Five persons were saved, three were reclaimed, 12 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and one was refilled with the Spirit.

One young man had backslidden