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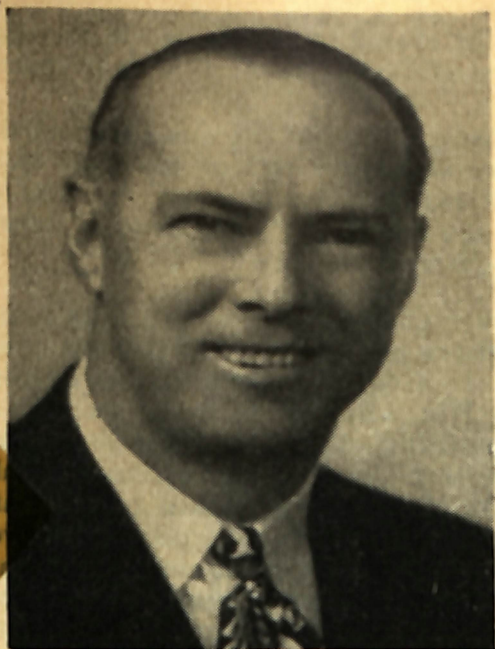
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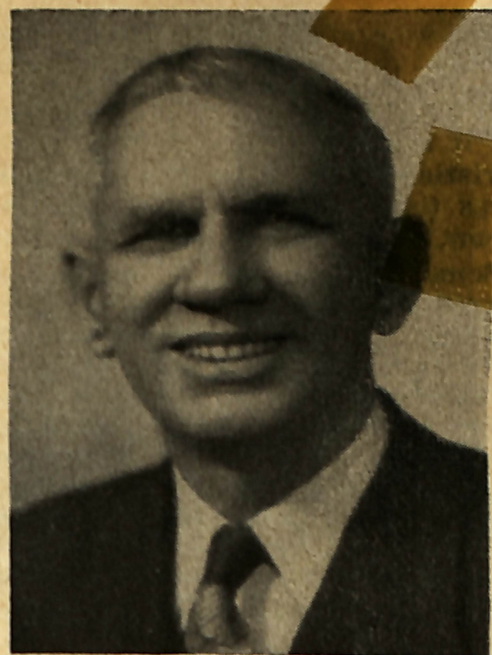
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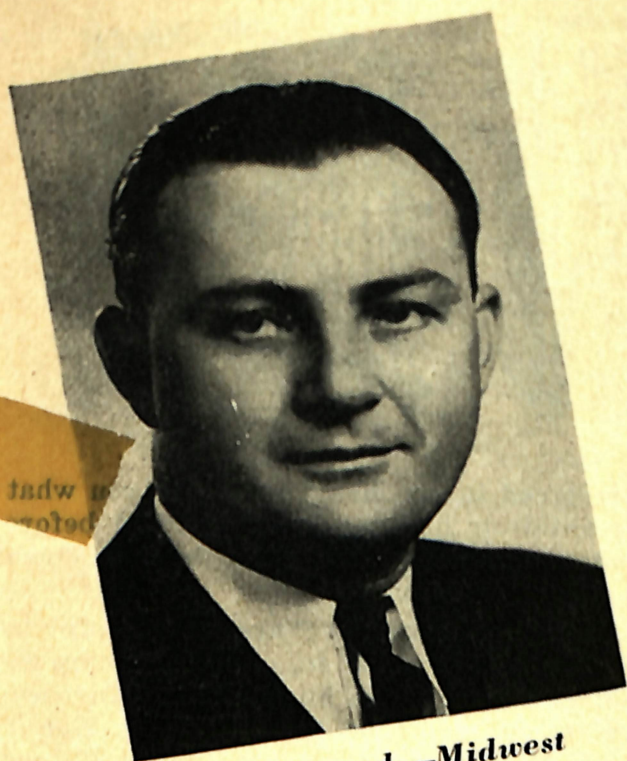
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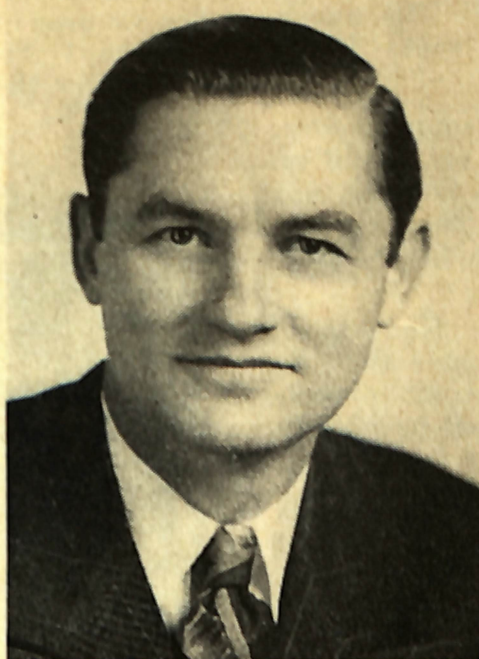
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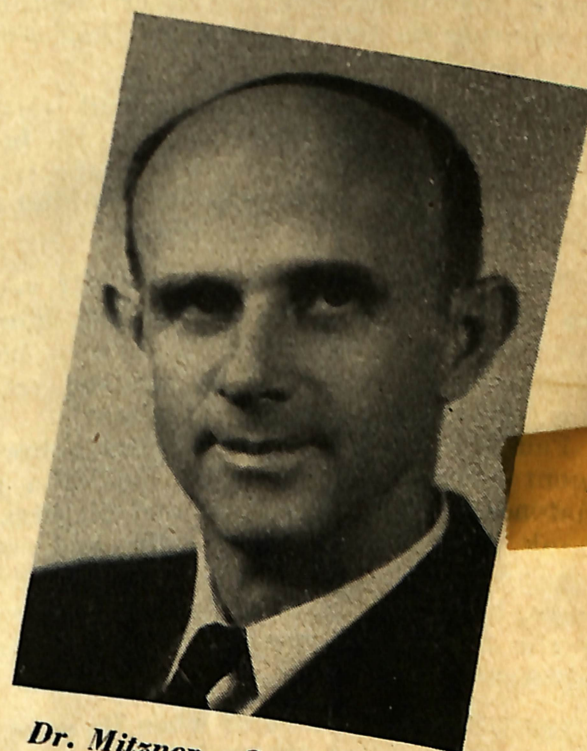
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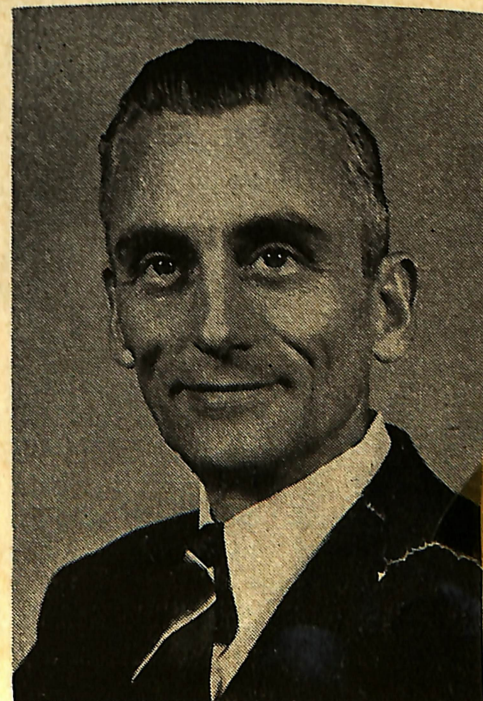
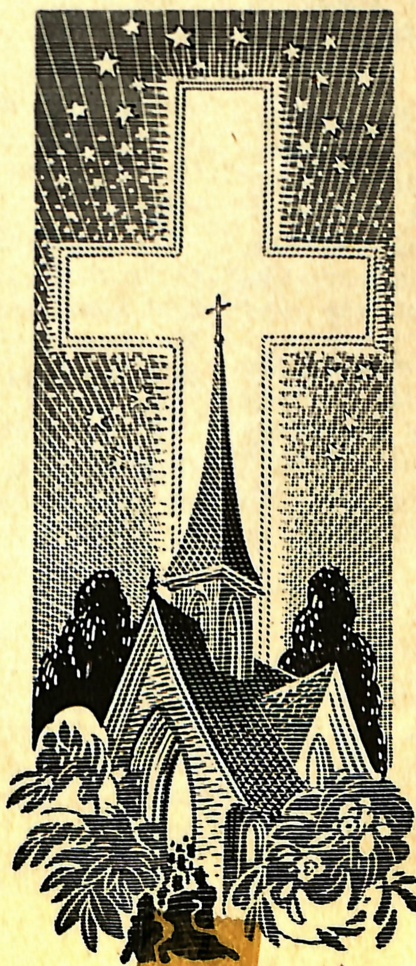
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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Angelus Temple is the most important building of the denomination. It was dedicated on January 1st, 1923. With its twin structure, the L. I. F. E. Bible College building, located on the shore of beautiful Echo Park Lake in Los Angeles, it forms the most complete evangelistic unit on the continent.

The International Church of the Four Square Gospel was incorporated in 1927 in Los Angeles. Its headquarters are in the administration building, which also houses its principal educational unit, L. I. F. E. Bible College. The meaning of this name is Lighthouse of International Foursquare Evangelism. This college has a faculty of 14 instructors and an enrollment of 700 students; This was in 1936. From these ranks are drawn the future pastors, evangelists, and missionaries of the foursquare organization.

Spreading from Los Angeles the International Church now claims 400 established branch churches in practically all parts of the United States and Canada and an important missionary movement which includes branches in China, Philippines, Belgian Congo, The Union of South Africa, Panama, Bolivia, South America, Northern China, and Puerto Rico. In Northern China, and Luisa in the Belgian Congo, Bible colleges have also been established with the intention of creating an indigenous ministry among the natives. Now this was in 1936 so naturally the figure would be much larger for the present year of 1947.

ORIGIN

Bach further says regarding the source of the Foursquare Gospel:

"I was to learn that this name of the four square Gospel went far beyond Foursquaredom's devotion to 'our dear Sister'. The movement was really not built around Aimee Semple McPherson but around Jesus Christ--Saviour, Baptizer, Healer, Coming King! These are the cornerstones in the Gospel Foursquare. Sister quarried them out of 'Ezekiel'. It happened one night when she was preaching on the prophet's vision. 'Ezekiel saw the face of a man, a lion, an ox, an eagle.' Sister said, 'The man is Christ, our saviour; the lion--why, that's the power of His baptism with the Holy Ghost; the ox, that's Jesus as our Burden Bearer and Healer; the eagle, that's the glorious symbol of His second coming!' Then, in a moment of high inspiration, she cried, 'Why, folks, it's the Foursquare Gospel

"And for many, it became the end of the search for meaning in religion and the compensation for the indifference of the church at large, engendered fire for the spiritual obsolescence of old faiths grown cold."

THE INTERNATIONAL FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH

Let me begin by giving you the two highlights of what I consider typical of "Sister's" remarkable ministry. The first follows:

'Sister's' opening remarks were the deafening roar of a motor cycle speeding down the ramp with the cutout open. The world's greatest evangelist sat in the saddle dressed as a speed cop. She rode expertly. She was in her heyday. She drove recklessly to the front of the auditorium, slammed on the brakes, blew a screech on a police whistle, raised a white-gloved hand to her congregation, and shouted: "STOP! YOU'RE SPEEDING TO HELL!" 1.

That, my friends, is AIMEE SEMPLE McPHERSON, one of the world's greatest evangelists: Yes, she was more than an evangelist, she was a showwoman, business head, and a brilliant psychologist.

The second highlight comes in death: It follows:

"Five thousand five hundred people sat around me, jam-packed into auditoriums that strained to hold Foursquaredom's record attendance. Five to ten thousand more ranged the streets, flooded Echo Park, blocked traffic, covered the roofs of neighborhood houses, leaned out of office windows, sat in cars that barricaded streets. From the radio towers above the Temple, KFSG was carrying the service to other thousands beyond the physical range of the human voice. It was Sister's most colossal audience. Cameramen and reporters commanded the scenes. For a little while a world at war was forgotten. America's boom city, America's Hollywood, together with America's crossroads, paused to listen. And, oddly, at this greatest of all Angelus Temple services, Sister would not speak.

The great organ was playing. Someone near me whispered, "It's a song SHE wrote. Sister. It's 'Why Are They Whipping My Jesus?'" Around me people touched kerchiefs to their eyes. The hundred choir members gripped their hymnals. In typical Foursquare fashion they sat in a V-shape, flanking an improvised grotto opening above which was a gigantic cross and corpus with the three Marys, lonely and forsaken, standing near by. Within the cavernous grotto opening I could see a huge ansate cross of fresh-cut roses, perhaps thirty feet high. Touching this was a shield of white roses on which red roses spelled OUR COMMANDER. An open Bible of white carnations--floral gates ajar, large enough for a person to walk through--a vacant chair of white asters--a clock of flowers with the hands pointing to 11:15--a globe of white chrysanthemums--horse-shoes, wheels, anchors, hearts, harps, a replica of the Foursquare Temple, carpets, flags, lighthouses--all of flowers,--a hundred thousand dollars worth of flowers. My imagination staggered under this compound of wonders encircling the auditorium and covering part of the balconies overhead. Yet neither the beauty nor

the fragrance of this memorial pageantry--nor the policemen standing at subdued attention--nor the orchestra in its pit--nor "Why Are They Whipping My Jesus?" could for long lure my gaze from the impressive open casket in front of the grotto..."

"With the cutout open--that is how Sister went through life. Into these somber settings of her funeral, the spell of her sensational ministry crept in from everywhere. There where the roses stood--there where Sister lay--many a theatrical thriller had brought its message to the ears and hearts of a hurrying world.

Gradually I became insensitive to the pulsating sorrow that surrounded me. The floral tributes diffused into a carrousel. The organ music faded into the lively discordant honking of a callio-
phone. I saw this same auditorium draped in canvas like a circus tent, and I heard the hoarse cries of a barker. It was Sister Aimee preaching her sermon, "The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down." The merry-go-round was civilization. Every once in a while it broke down and all the riders tumbled off. This happened at the beginning of the Christian era. To get things started, Jesus came; but civilization stripped its gears again in the 16th century, and Luther appeared as the DEUS EX MACHINA. And when the good old merry-go-round of life crashed for the last time in the roaring twenties who should enter as the mechanic and fixer-upper but Sister herself.

The next Sunday the circus moved out and a gridiron was set up. Sister, in football togs, (I would like to have seen this) carried the ball of the Foursquare Gospel for a touchdown. Jesus ran interference...Was Sister's methods so different from that employed by other illustrious spiritual giants? Luther, disguised as a knight, went about the countryside finding out what people were thinking about him. He threw inkwells at the devil and dramatically burned the Pope's edict in the courtyard square. Wesley's fervid preaching once inspired a placid Quaker to leap to his feet and cry, "Thou art the Son of the living God."...She capitalized on what had already taken hold of the American mind. She kept her finger on the public pulse. She took the popular trappings of the secular world and draped them around the cross. To some this was disgusting. They called it exhibitionism and burlesque. To others it was redemptive. For them, power lingered behind the vaudevillian performances--the merry-go-round and the motorcycle were a part of the renowned and classical technique of this great religious leader of our time.

A voice broke into my reverie. An elderly man, half hidden by the wall of flowers, was saying, "We are here to commemorate the stepping up of a country girl into God's hall of fame. Along with Huss, Wycliffe, Savonarola, Luther, Wesley, Whitefield, Knox, and Moody, Aimee Semple McPherson rightfully takes her place with the greatest of spiritual leaders! He paused for a response of amens and trembling cries of 'Oh, Sister!' and 'Oh, Jesus'." 2.

Now let me go back a few years and give you in the words of the author of Religious Bodies in the United States for 1936 some of the background that led to the founding of the International Four Square Gospel Church.

"The great religious awakening which was coincident with the World War of 1914-1918 resulted in America in a definite ~~definite~~ desire for a more personal knowledge of God and a closer communion of the Spirit.

From this yearning there has sprung a large number of so-called Full Gospel movements, i.e., an earnest endeavor to reproduce the spirit of first century Christianity in a church that was founded by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, immediately following the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ the Savior and Redeemer.

To a large number of believers the most complete and satisfying expression of this faith was that preached by Aimee Semple McPherson in a series of nation-wide evangelistic tours, reaching from Maine to Florida and eventually across the nation to Los Angeles. In her life history Sister McPherson, as she is known to all of her churches, gives the following account of her early life.

Her birthplace was in a farmhouse in the Canadian Province of Ontario some five miles distant from the town of Ingersol. She was an only child, and many of the "homey" tasks fell to her lot. She was an only child, and many of the "homey" tasks fell to her lot. She rejoices in the fact that her idioms of speech--which have given her message so wide an appeal date back to the early life on the farm.

During her girlhood, her conversion occurred under the preaching of the evangelist, Robert Semple. Shortly afterward she married Robert Semple, and the two were sent to Hong Kong to do missionary work among the Chinese, and were housed most uncomfortably next to a Hindu Temple, the backyard of which was used as a 'burning ghat' where one day she saw the horrible sight of a human body being cremated. Robert Semple was however, indefatigable and continued his labors among the Chinese until they went down to the coast of Macac where he was taken very seriously ill with malaria fever and carried back to Hong Kong in this condition. He died a few weeks later at the Matilda Hospital and the romance so happily begun, ended in a newly turned grave in the Hong Kong cemetery called Happy Valley.

Following this, Sister McPherson with her baby, who had been born a month after the death of Robert Semple, returned to the U. S. Soon she was the victim of a serious illness, from which she was miraculously delivered with the strong impression that God had commanded her to go forth to preach". (In the New York Times it said that this impression of hers said to go forth to preach in Los Angeles)

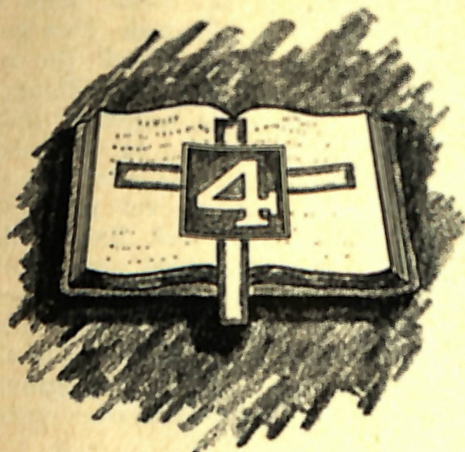
"A long period of evangelism followed. The summer of 1917 was spent in the East with camp meetings at Long Branch, N. J. and Huntington, N. Y. Her second southern campaign extended from the northernmost town in Maine to the southernmost city in Florida, with meetings in Virginia and Delaware. In Philadelphia a gospel tent was purchased, a city of tents erected and a nation-wide camp meeting, followed by a series of meetings extending from Massachusetts to New York. The decision to come to California was made in Chicago. The transcontinental gospel tour began in Tulsa with the conviction growing upon Sister McPherson that God had summoned her to California for a special purpose, a conviction which strengthened as she approached the coast. The family entered California at San Bernardino and proceeded at once to Los Angeles.

Almost her first congregation insisted in joining in the building of "The little grey home in the West," of which she had dreamed, and soon she was permanently settled in her new home.

Now the city of Los Angeles is widely known as the Athens of America; it is a city of accomplishment. It is populated with men and women who come here to spend their declining days. A religion to appeal to them must contain factual elements and be spoken by one who knows how to reach both the heart and head. Our evangelist preached this from the first, but when she added to this the final revelation of the Foursquare Faith, the enthusiasm of the city knew no bounds." 3.

The STORY of my LIFE

by
AIMEE SEMPLE
McPHERSON



CHAPTER XXXII "RINGSIDE REVIVAL"

WHO EVER heard of a woman evangelist attempting a revival in a boxing arena? To just such a place did God lead us in San Diego, California, in 1921. In memory we picture it; the elevated boxing ring in the center; fenced in by ropes through which we had to climb several times each night. The audience on all four sides, who came to witness the novel sight of the gospel being preached from the boxing ring, and to see the devil "take the count" in many a sinner's life.

FOR MANY MONTHS earnest believers had been praying for a revival which they felt was needed in the beautiful city of San Diego, and they were eager to assist in whatever way possible to bring it about.

THE NIGHT before the revival, Manager Jack Kearns invited us to speak to a packed house of howling fight fans during intermission. Curious eyes watched as we made our way through the smoke-laden air and climbed into the ring. As we stood beneath the great glaring light and tried to peer out into the semi-darkness, we were trembling nervously and repeating to ourselves, "O

Lord help us!" But we were comforted to notice that the Manager, who had introduced famous fighters from all over the world, was more nervous than we, and was shaking from head to foot and forgot to remove his hat when introducing us.]

AS WE SPOKE, and extended an invitation to the coming revival, the very audacity and courage of the thing which we had done in meeting the devil on his own ground commanded the admiration of the people and they clapped and cheered at every interval. There was one disconcerting moment when we told them of their need of a Saviour and requested them to bring to meeting the next night "the worst sinner in San Diego." Several hands pointed and voices cried out:

"That's him over there, Sister!" or "There he is, over yonder!" as they picked out certain citizens whose notorious lives and reputation were well known. With a laugh and a last invitation to "be there tomorrow night," we left to the accompaniment of more cheers and clapping. What a relief it was to breath the pure fresh air once again, as we drove to the sister's home where we were staying.

THE NEXT DAY, the scene at the arena was changed—even the building seemed different—the happy songs and "Hallelujah's" made it echo as busy hands mopped, dusted and decorated. Palm branches and pepper tree leaves transformed pillar, post and wall, giving the place a cool forest look. The canvas covering of the arena proper was scrubbed until white, and calla lilies, carnations, orange blossoms and ferns beautified the entire surroundings. The shade lamp advertising restaurants and diamonds was removed, and a new one advertising Jesus replaced it; a grand piano was lifted to the square; and almost before we knew it, the clock hands announced that it was time for the meeting to begin.

FOR THE first night's text God gave us the words, "And when Christ was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it." There and then the altars began to fill with penitents. Soon the arena, accommodating from 2500 to 3000 was filled to capacity twice daily and the hundred-foot altar was filled to overflowing also, twice each day. For five weeks the revival swept on and out, higher and wider and greater, until the whole city was shaken to its depths by interest in the power of Christ.

SUCH CROWDS were turned away from the doors that there was a continuous clamor for reserved seats. A system of reserving at least half of the building and admitting by ticket those who were not able to get in before, seemed to be the only solution. The employees of the large department stores appealed through the store man-

agers for tickets, and came in groups on different nights; marines, sailors, soldiers and young people were also admitted in this way. Another night was designated as Church Members' Night—the Methodists in one section, the Baptists in another, and so on.]

SINNERS were saved by the hundreds; believers received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in numbers. But with the sick it was a different proposition. Pray for them as often as we could and see as many healed as laid upon the promises in real faith believing until we were exhausted, we only seemed to touch the outer fringe of that great multitude clamoring for prayer! Patiently yet with dauntless persistence, cripples, paralytics, people in wheel chairs and others would stay on and on till the whole audience had gone, and waylay us to ask prayer. However, the great bulk of afflicted could only be reached by general prayer. It seemed that as soon as one was healed, he would run and tell nine others and would bring them too. No wonder that in certain instances where Christ healed the sick He commanded them to tell no man of it!

HOW DID Jesus manage to pray for so many when He was on earth? How did the apostles manage with their crowds? Then, the thought rent its way like an illuminating flash through our tired minds—Jesus didn't attempt to pray for the 5,000 in a building like this: He went out in the fields and deserts, and they brought the sick and laid them down at His feet and He healed them. Then, too, there was Peter (Acts 5:15) who walked by the sick laid in the streets and his shadow touched them and they were healed. No doubt it was because there was no building large enough that the sick were brought into the streets and fields.

THUS IT was that, although unheard of in modern days, we decided to ask permission to use San Diego's Balboa Park for a mammoth outdoor Divine Healing service. The Park Commissioner called a hasty Board meeting; and not only was the beautiful park placed at our disposal for two days, but the magnificent Organ Pavilion as well, with seats for many thousands, standing room for a thousand more, and a platform before a mighty outdoor pipe organ. Besides this, all the U. S. Marines and soldiers that should be needed to assist the Chief of Police and his men with the automobiles, ambulances, pedestrians and the sick, were offered!

The Life Story of Aimee Semple McPherson, currently featured in the Four-square Magazine, presents the most complete version ever published. Save your

As has already been mentioned a good part of the success of the Foursquare Church comes from its wonderful ^{music}.[^] Here is a picture of the head organist of Angelus Temple, Rev. John Vitallo

RADIO KFSG

"The Voice of Angelus Temple"—1150 kc.

REV. JACK CARMAN, Manager—HARVEY HAAS, Engineer

The personable young man at the Kimball is Rev. John Vitallo, head organist of Angelus Temple for the past two years, having occupied the position of assistant for many years previous.

Mr. Vitallo hails from Wooster, Ohio, and is a graduate minister of L.I.F.E. Bible College.

His programs are presented many times weekly over K.F.S.G.



Now, at this juncture I should like to give a few random remarks that I collected from various sources regarding the life and person of Sister:

1. Bach says that Hollywood stars were numbered among her converts.
2. A judge in Rochester said, "I want to commend the ministry of this noble woman who is following closer in the footsteps of the Holiest One than anyone I know"
3. A Presbyterian cleric testified that Denver had been shaken until thousands appeared to be in a haze of wonderment.
4. An Episcopal rector in Berkeley admitted that "my life and ministry were stimulated and blessed for the service of the Master by the McPherson revival in Oakland.
5. A Baptist minister in Chicago compared the throngs of hungry church members flocking to hear Sister with the multitudes who sought truth from the Master and His ~~de~~ciples.

BAND

The band is a chief feature of Four-square-dom. The hymns of the denomination include many marches written by "Sister" and these possess a distinctive joyous note.

FLAG

The Flag which has been adopted by the church has the colors of the Los Angeles Tabernacle which are Red, Yellow, blue and purple. It has a red cross on a white background with a blue square on which the figure 4 is prominently displayed in gold.

MISSIONS

This Church has a rather widespread Missionary activity which they interweave with their Social Activities; however their social activities are largely confined to the mother church in Los Angeles. Following is a report of one month's activities of their Social Work. This period covers from October 25, 1946 to November 25, 1946

ANGELUS TEMPLE REPORT	
October 25, to November 25, 1946	
COMMISSARY	
Persons fed and clothed.....	826
EMPLOYMENT	
Positions filled.....	48
LAYETTES	
Garments made.....	182
Layettes given.....	6
SEWING DEPARTMENT	
Boys' and girls' garments made.....	55
GUIDE REPORT	
Visitors shown through Temple.....	1,751
NEW CONVERT DEPARTMENT	
New people prayed for in Healing Class..	153
Altar registrations.....	131
Letters mailed.....	329
Tracts mailed in letters.....	1,645
Personal calls made.....	141
SALVAGE DEPARTMENT	
Pickups made.....	125
JAIL SERVICE	
Attendance.....	310
Professed conversions.....	64
Number of workers.....	22
Gospels distributed.....	120
Literature distributed.....	78

On the following page is a list of one months Missionary offering which came in from all of the 48 states.

Total from the Churches: \$22,549.53

Complete total from all sources: 25,071.48

The breakdown of these figures is on the next page.

It is interesting to note that in the matter of giving for Home Extension Colorado cities holds three of the first four places out of a total of 10. They come in the following order: Sterling, Lamar, Kansas City, Missouri and Denver, Colorado.

Then for Missions Colorado comes 2nd, 3rd, and 8th respectively.

**MIDWEST LEADERS
OCTOBER, 1946
Home Extension**

1. Sterling, Colorado	\$154.62
2. Lamar, Colorado	79.08
3. Kansas City, Missouri	63.48
4. Denver, Colorado	59.30
5. North Platte, Nebraska	53.01
6. Omaha, Nebraska	52.19
7. Boonville, Missouri	50.18
8. Parsons, Kansas	46.22
9. Newton, Kansas	42.73
10. Topeka, Kansas	50.20

Missions

1. Topeka, Kansas	\$198.29
2. Denver, Colorado	198.16
3. Sterling, Colorado	162.38
4. North Platte, Nebraska	156.54
5. Kansas City, Missouri	148.92
6. Newton, Kansas	133.16
7. Boonville, Missouri	124.96
8. Lamar, Colorado	118.53
9. Omaha, Nebraska	107.37
10. Parsons, Kansas	107.06

Aimee was great when it came to getting the money. Her technique was similar to that used by The Youth for Christ but she carried it much farther. I quote in part from Marcus Bach's book, **THEY HAVE FOUND A FAITH**. "...The names of the first hundred persons to contribute one thousand dollars or more will be engraved on a bronze plaque in the main lobby. This was in keeping with the McPherson method of money raising which always vexed the leaders of conservative Christendom and charmed the public. The first time I saw the great evangelist at a Kansas City revival, I was amused by the command she gave the corps of strapping ushers who marched up heroically for the collection plates: "Boys, do your stuff!" At Angelus Temple I saw the ingenious innovation called the clothesline collection. Spectators with nothing but loose change felt ill at ease that night because Sister had instructed, "We'll just pin our offerings on for the Lord."! The ushers passed a rope equipped with clothespins over the heads of the worshippers. The frequent announcement, "Put bills into the plates, folks; the jingle of silver makes me nervous," always brought a hearty laugh from her audience. But these were elementary devices compared to big-time drives for special funds. "Wait till she turns on her personality!" they used to warn. When she turned it on here in Denver, a convert wanted to build a temple in her honor. Aimee said that she was raising money for God and making Him Glad. She would then call upon all those who would give 1000 dollars each and then she would go down to \$1.00 and after that she would pass the plates for the silver so that all could have "a chance in building up the heavenly treasurey." Angelus offerings frequently averaged seven thousand dollars a month, and special funds skyrocketed to almost any figure Sister named. A Los Angeles story told of a woman who gave 30,000 dollars because, after her baptism, oil was miraculously discovered on her little plot near Signal Hill." We may criticize her methods, and say the love of money is the root of all evil, but again as someone once said, "Give me some of the root."

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

International Church of the Foursquare Gospel

OCTOBER, 1946

Akron, Colo.	\$23.17
Akron, Ohio	53.94
Albuquerque, N. Mex.	17.71
Alexander City, Ala.	17.31
Alma, Mich.	20.20
Amarillo, Tex.	87.81
Anaheim, Ohio	91.07
Anaheim, Calif.	81.29
Anderson, Calif.	17.52
Anderson, Ind.	8.46
A. T. Deaf Mute Church.	56.65
Arcata, Calif.	3.70
Augusta, Ga.	15.47
Avalon Blvd., L.A.	15.24
Avenal, Calif.	36.34
Azusa, Calif.	54.29
Bakersfield, Calif.	196.36
Baldwin Park, Calif.	51.39
Banning, Tex.	22.65
Banning, Calif.	11.09
Barron, Wisc.	35.70
Barstow, Calif.	29.86
Bel, Calif.	63.57
Bel Gardens, Calif.	140.47
Belmont, N. Car.	12.60
Bellevue, Wisc.	16.70
Billings, Mont.	8.25
Bishop, Calif.	3.02
Bloomington, Ill.	4.02
Boise, Calif.	9.53
Boise, Ida.	22.50
Boonville, Mo.	124.96
Boulder City, Nev.	23.80
Bremerton, Wash.	40.52
Brighton, Colo.	55.52
Brownfield, Tex.	62.67
Burbank, Calif.	443.00
Burlington, Kans.	74.57
Bushnell, Nebr.	14.26
Cadmus, Kans.	13.59
Caldwell, Ida.	9.88
Calif. Ministerial Retreat	71.34
Camas, Wash.	6.11
Cambridge, Ohio	8.32
Campbell River, B. C.	2.32
Cando, Sask.	2.50
Canoga Park, Calif.	5.00
Canon City, Colo.	65.68
Canton, Ohio	48.92
Cape Girardeau, Mo.	54.88
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	104.47
Centralia, Wash.	19.86
Chanute, Kans.	14.68
Chappell, Nebr.	76.91
Chatham, Ohio	4.75
Chehalis, Wash.	20.29
Chicago Heights, Ill.	11.00
Chicago, Ill.	20.20
Chico, Calif.	50.80
Chili, N. Y.	162.05
Cleveland, Miss.	26.88
Cleveland, Ohio	51.95
Coalinda, Calif.	6.75
Coggon, Ia.	1.82
Colo. Blvd., L. A.	323.69
Colorado Springs, Colo.	28.56
Columbia City, Ore.	22.41
Columbus, Ga.	34.81
Compton, Calif.	126.67
Concord, No. Car.	20.83
Concordia, Kans.	36.61
Conneaut, Ohio	72.17
Coos Bay, Ore.	53.30
Corning, Calif.	42.87
Corona, Calif.	47.84
Corpus Christi, Texas	5.67
Cortez, Colo.	15.08
Corvallis, Ore.	22.97
Coshocton, Ohio	24.85
Costa Mesa, Calif.	42.69
Courtenay, B. C.	31.83
Covina, Calif.	240.97
Cranberry Lake, B. C.	10.07
Crescent City, Calif.	42.07
Crusader Rally	21.66
Culver City, Calif.	10.05
Dallas, Tex.	177.80
Danby, Mich.	10.83
Danville, Ill.	66.46
Dayton, Md.	62.51
Dayton, Ohio	190.97
Dayton, Ohio (Col.)	2.08
Dayton, Tenn.	141.65
Decatur, Ill.	319.40
De Kalb, Ill.	53.33
Denver, Colo.	198.16
Des Moines, Ia.	321.40
Detroit, Mich.	77.12
Dinuba, Calif.	45.82
Division St., L. A.	36.44
Dixon, Ill.	42.84
Donna, Tex.	65.01
Dover, Ohio	129.09
Downey, Calif.	50.75
Durango, Colo.	26.13
Durham, Ont.	48.16
Eagle, Colo.	36.10
East Compton, Calif.	48.01
E. Los Angeles, Calif.	107.36
Eaton, Colo.	12.79
Edinburg, Tex.	14.01
Edmonton, Alta.	8.43
El Centro, Calif.	91.50
El Dorado, Kans.	8.40

El Monte, Calif.	121.96
El Paso, Tex.	27.08
El Segundo, Calif.	94.46
El Sereno, Calif.	67.08
Elyria, Ohio	15.64
Emmett, Ida.	38.71
Emporia, Kans.	69.16
Escondido, Calif.	32.94
Esquimalt, B. C.	10.17
Euclid Ave., L. A.	6.00
Everett, Wash.	31.35
Fairbury, Nebr.	58.05
Fairfield, Ia.	81.00
Fayette, Mo.	11.82
Fillmore, Calif.	29.37
Firestone, L. A.	33.80
Florence, Colo.	24.69
Fort Morgan, Colo.	8.12
Fort Worth, Tex.	56.24
Fostoria, Ohio	38.35
Franklin, Mo.	23.44
Frederick, Colo.	1.25
Fremont, Nebr.	41.65
Fresno, Calif.	32.34
Fullerton, Calif.	369.44
Gallion, Ohio	24.13
Galva, Ill.	19.70
Gardena, Calif.	96.50
Garden Grove, Calif.	75.99
Gettysburg, Pa.	118.54
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Goodyear, L. A.	170.57
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Great Lakes District	62.77
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Hanover, Pa.	41.40
Harbor City, Calif.	50.33
Hardin, Mont.	20.53
Hawthorne, Calif.	66.21
Hayward, Calif.	32.90
Hemet, Calif.	6.67
Henryetta, Okla.	16.97
Hiawatha, Mich.	10.00
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High Point, N. Car.	11.36
Hillsboro, Ore.	83.18
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Huntington Beach, Calif.	46.38
Hutchinson, Kans.	21.06
Hyattsville, Md.	22.50
Independence, Ia.	37.15
Indianapolis, Ind.	61.09
Inglewood, Calif.	125.48
Italian 4 Church, L. A.	22.87
Jackson, Miss.	45.74
Johannesburg, Calif.	33.09
Joplin, Mo.	11.95
Kansas City, Mo.	138.92
Kenoska, Wisc.	177.23
Kimball, Nebr.	17.00
Kingston, Tenn.	121.58
Kirk, Colo.	45.66
Knox City, Tex.	41.83
Kokomo, Ind.	2.80
La Cygne, Kans.	4.45
La Habra, Calif.	44.54
Lake Fork, Ill.	5.00
Lamar, Colo.	113.53
Lancaster, Calif.	72.51
Lansing, Mich.	10.19
Las Vegas, Nev.	52.76
Levelland, Tex.	12.97
Lincoln Heights, L. A.	51.59
Lincoln, Nebr.	39.78
Lindsay, Calif.	4.75
Little Rock, Ark.	89.10
Lochdale, B. C.	22.59
Long Beach, Calif.	553.08
Long Beach, Calif., No. 2	179.38
Long Beach, Calif., No. 3	16.50
Longmont, Colo.	10.00
Longmont, Colo. (Span.)	1.00
Longview, Wash.	27.97
Los Nietos, Calif.	30.10
Lubbock, Tex.	375.08
Lubbock, Tex., No. 2	13.09
Lucas, Ohio	28.71
Lynwood, Calif.	96.20
Macon, Ga.	16.19
Mansfield, Ohio	73.15
Maple Heights, Ohio	18.09
Marengo St., L. A.	8.26
Martinsburg, W. Va.	6.35
May, Mo.	4.35
Maymont, Sask.	3.39
Medford, Ore.	8.86
Meridian, Miss.	34.67

Midwest District	55.62
Miles City, Mont.	38.82
Miles, Tex.	16.05
Mingo, Ia.	5.64
Minneapolis, Minn.	162.49
Mint Canyon, Calif.	28.95
Modesto, Calif.	53.60
Monrovia, Calif.	69.39
Montebello, Calif.	55.47
Monterey, Calif.	14.29
Monterey Park, Calif.	69.04
Monte Vista, Colo.	29.53
Moorpark, Calif.	14.32
Moxee City, Wash.	9.87
Muncie, Ind.	174.24
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Newark, Ohio	33.99
New Castle, Colo.	27.44
New Castle, Ind.	7.13
Newcomertown, Ohio	35.38
Newhall, Calif.	26.00
New Haven, Colo.	21.04
New Orleans, La.	23.07
New Westminster, B. C.	3.65
Newton, Ia.	140.46
Newton, Kans.	133.15
Niantic, Ill.	9.10
Niles, Calif.	5.00
Norco, Calif.	3.68
N. Inglewood, Calif.	13.61
N. Little Rock, Ark.	60.96
N. Platte, Nebr.	156.84
N. Wichita, Kans.	17.34
Norwalk, Calif.	137.38
Oakland, Calif.	46.17
Ojai, Calif.	11.44
Okla. City, Okla.	115.92
Okmulgee, Okla.	13.46
Olympia, Wash.	259.63
Omaha, Nebro.	107.37
Ontario, Calif.	158.53
Oregon City, Ore.	49.10
Oregon, Ill.	24.26
Orland, Calif.	59.47
Osborn, Ohio	3.12
Oseola, Ia.	22.62
Otis, Colo.	16.57
Oxford, Pa.	6.75
Oxnard, Calif.	18.04
Pan American, L. A.	5.00
Parsons, Kans.	107.06
Pasadena, Calif.	218.24
Pasadena, Calif. (Mex.)	6.53
Payette, Ida.	13.69
Pendleton, Ore.	5.15
Penticton, B. C.	48.66
Perris, Calif.	5.16
Petoskey, Mich.	10.68
Petoskey, Mich (Ind.)	52.50
Phoenix, Ariz.	89.90
Pine Bluff, Ark.	39.80
Pittsburgh, Pa.	50.00
Plainview, Tex.	9.69
Pomona, Calif.	223.46
Portland, Ore.	432.09
Prescott, Ariz.	21.95
Pueblo, Colo.	5.62
Raton, New Mex.	35.63
Raymondville, Tex.	9.76
Red Bluff, Calif.	114.11
Redding, Calif.	42.58
Redlands, Calif.	51.60
Redmond, Ore.	24.73
Redondo Beach, Calif.	59.95
Reseda, Calif.	123.70
Rhineland, Wisc.	24.86
Richgrove, Calif.	20.00
Richmond, B. C.	12.17
Ridgcrest, Calif.	80.96
Ripley, N. Y.	64.57
Riverside, Calif.	28.12
Riverside Dr., L. A.	141.15
Reno, Va.	66.23
Rochelle, Ill.	33.73
Rochester, N. Y.	191.77
Rockwood, Tenn.	2.42
Rosemead, Calif.	49.60
Rosemead, Calif.	42.51
Sacramento, Calif.	98.06
Salmon, Ore.	37.90
Salmon, Ida.	4.97
San Angelo, Tex.	23.68
San Angelo, Tex., No. 2	1.33
San Antonio, Tex.	46.60
San Bernardino, Calif.	45.79
San Fernando, Calif.	83.59
San Jose, Calif.	268.07
San Luis Obispo, Calif.	26.42
San Pedro, Calif.	36.55
San Ysidro, Calif.	10.14
Santa Ana, Calif.	61.13
Santa Barbara, Calif.	72.53
Santa Cruz, Calif.	40.07
Santa Maria, Calif.	75.44
Santa Monica, Calif.	221.6
Santa Paula, Calif.	121.2
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Spearsfish, So. Dak.	27.27
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Springfield, Ill.	33.5
Springfield, Ohio	10.0
Stamford, Tex.	16.0
Staunton, Va.	11.36
Sterling, Colo.	162.38
Sterling, Ill.	5.97
St. Louis, Mo.	17.10
Stockton, Calif.	90.62
Stow, Ohio	34.01
St. Peter, Minn.	29.42
Sunnyvale, Calif.	17.02
Sylacauga, Ala.	14.91
Tacoma, Wash.	74.26
Taft, Calif.	35.61
Tallmadge, Ohio	5.42
Terre Haute, Ind.	49.61
Tipton, Ia.	24.96
Toledo, Ohio	72.01
Toledo, Ohio, No. 2	17.91
Topeka, Kans.	193.29
Torrance, Calif.	52.24
Tracy, Calif.	7.50
Trenton, Ont.	10.41
Trona, Calif.	14.85
Tucson, Ariz.	23.00
Tujunga, Calif.	110.61
Tulare, Calif.	45.00
Uhrichsville, Ohio	8.25
Upland, Calif.	18.91
Urbana, Ill.	58.18
Vallejo, Calif.	20.10
Vancouver, B. C.	177.60
Vancouver, B. C. Hast-	
ings St.	93.91
Vancouver, Wash.	46.88
Vandalia, Ia.	25.00
Van Nuys, Calif.	28.66
Venice, Calif.	15.15
Ventura, Calif.	211.59
Vermilion, Ohio	11.75
Victorville, Calif.	26.04
Vinton, Ia.	30.57
Visalia, Ia.	10.32
Watsonville, Calif.	1.00
Wausau, Wisc.	1.00
Weinert, Tex.	50.35
Welland, Ont.	54.75
Wellington, Kans.	9.57
W. Glendale, Calif.	428.67
W. Hollywood, Calif.	54.21
W. Jefferson, L. A.	24.52
W. Los Angeles, Calif.	26.74
W. Wichita, Kans.	45.38
Whittier, Calif.	73.74
Wichita, Kans.	36.05
Williams, Ariz.	18.89
Willowbrook, Calif.	150.90
Wilmington, Calif.	12.65
Windermere, S.S. Sask.	3.45
Winterset, Ia.	14.82
Wisner, Nebr.	5.30
Woodburn, Ore.	42.08
Woodland, Calif.	71.93
Wooster, Ohio	40.67
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"The doctrine of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel is published in its "Declaration of Faith" compiled by Aimee Semple McPherson and is divided into 21 paragraphs, including:

The Holy Scriptures, the eternal Godhead, the fall of man, the plan of Salvation, Redemption, Salvation through grace, repentance and acceptance, the new birth, daily Christian living, baptism and the Lord's supper, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the spirit-filled life, the gifts and fruits of the spirit, moderation, divine healing, the second coming of Christ, the church relationship, civil government, final judgment, heaven, hell and the spirit of evangelism.

Emphasis is laid upon the Deity as well as the perfect humanity of the Son of God and the true divinity of the Holy Ghost, and maintaining that the canonical Scriptures are true, immutable, steadfast unchangeable as its author, the Lord Jehovah. We believe that divine healing is the power of the Lord Jesus Christ to heal the sick and the afflicted in answer to believing prayer. 4.

THE DAY OF RECKONING

By

Aimee Semple McPherson

This is a part of one of her Doctrinal Sermons:

The DAY of RECKONING

By

AIMEE SEMPLE MCPHERSON

THERE IS A DAY of reckoning coming for the children of God! The Christian shall stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, the worldling before the Judgment Throne of God.

This is the time of the year when everyone is figuring up the balance sheet; so much profit, so much loss. Men who find their books "in the red" are calling board meetings, hiring efficiency experts, firing the slackers, saying: "I'm going to make this business pay next year or know the reason why!" Others are rejoicing in a profitable year and are looking forward to a continuance in the coming year.

Sinner, with the blasphemy of the name of Jesus on your lips, there is a Day of Reckoning—of balancing the ledger—ahead! Brother, who has put a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense in the pathway of your comrade, there is a Day of Reckoning coming!

TONGUES

I didn't have the same degree of modesty that Mr. Littrell had about going into the tarrying service, so when the call was given to go into the little back room, I tagged along. Let Marcus Bach tell what went on in that little inner circle:

"A man was crying GLORY, WONDERFUL, JESUS. Then with swift suddenness he began speaking in tongues," an ecstatic, rapturous chatter "not of this earth." To the believing it is heaven's language, the evidence of the Holy Ghost baptism. An awed hush gripped the congregation. Then Sister took on the role of interpreter, translating the musical chant into English in the cadence and pattern used by the spirit. The manifestation was an antiphonal act and continued for perhaps three or four minutes. Exclamations of praise and wonder broke from the listeners when the man finally sank to the floor at the evangelist's feet and lay still".

MIRACLES OF HEALING

The following are just a few of the miracle healings that have been accredited to Aimee. Aimee said, "Where Faith Is, There God is"

1. In Jacksonville, Florida, a man's broken arm was instantly healed.
2. In Iowa a woman arose from her wheel chair and walked away.
3. In San Diego a middle-aged invalid, paralyzed since childhood stood up and walked.
4. In Los Angeles, a blind girl received her sight.

Bach cites the following example of "debunking the bunk" Take it or leave it.

1. "A Hollywood maid told me that Sister paid her twenty-five dollars to "play the cripple", hobble to the altar on crutches, and then 'play cured' ".

BAPTISM

When "Sister" baptized she stood waist deep and then disregarding convention, she immersed her candidates two or three at a time.

ORGANIZATION 5.

"The organization is declared to be for the purpose of the propagation of The Foursquare Gospel as presented in the Declaration of Faith compiled by Aimee Semple McPherson.

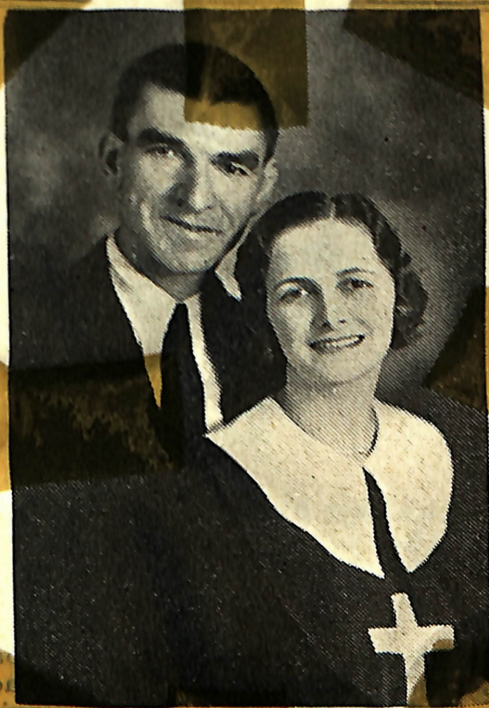
Each branch church contributes one offering each month taken preferably on the third Sunday of the month, for the home and foreign missionary work of this corporation.

CRUSADER MOVEMENT

The young people are organized in a youth movement known as the Foursquare Crusaders, represented by groups in practically every church. Membership to this organization requires the signing of the covenant, which is a pledge to a consecrated life. The organizations of bands is encouraged in each group and frequent rallies are held in all parts of the United States."

UNIFORM 6.

"The organization is uniformed, including full regulation dress for women, which consists of a white dress, blue cape, and black tie. The distinguishing insignia is an open Bible with the figure "4" enclosed in a square. The Crusader organization adds to this a triangular shield." The women wear a large white cross on the front of their dresses. See picture below. Generally there is a figure "4" on the crosses.



Rev. and Mrs. Delmar von Glahn

Now on the other side of the ledger we have the following regarding "Sister". This is taken from the New York Times of October, 1944.

THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

"She (Sister) disappeared on a spring day in 1926, while swimming at the beach. Her followers immediately gathered and started praying for sister. While sirens screeched and policemen struggled to keep the crowds in hand, Foursquare followers staged a prayer meeting. Divers sounded the deep ocean drop-offs. The faithful dug their knees into the sand. Two men lost their lives dragging for Sister's body. Supplicants expected to see her walking in on the waves...Then a story filtered down from Carmel-by-the-Sea. It was a bizarre account of how a clandestine couple had occupied a love nest there for some days. Someone said the woman was Mrs. McPherson and the man Kenneth C. Ormiston, radio operator of KFSG."

The faithful said Sister would come and tell the truth. She did. She told a story of having been kidnapped while relaxing on Ocean Park beach. She told of the shack in the desert, torture with a burning cigar. A darkened room, a cheap iron bed on which she slept bound hand and foot, her struggle with a strong man, a matching of wits with an old hag, and finally her escape by sawing off her shackles on the ragged edge of a large tin can!" Aimee's followers vindicated her to their satisfaction and today she remains practically a Saint in their eyes.

BURIAL

Aimee Semple McPherson was buried in a marble vault which she had purchased 10 years before she died. There were thousands in attendance, 6000 inside the temple that seated 5,500 and thousands milling around on the outside in order to get a glimpse of Sister.

Dr. Watson B. Teafor, dean of the Temple Bible School praised Aimee as "A country girl who had been promoted to God's hall of fame."

At her funeral there were 1500 ministers and all of them had been ordained personally by Aimee.

FOUR SQUARE SERVICES IN DENVER

On the evening of January 12th, 1947 I attended the Young People's meeting and the Adult service at the Four Square Church at East 3rd Avenue and Pennsylvania Street. Rev. and Mrs. V. B. Hamilton are co-pastors here. The announcements of their meetings follow: (Also an announcement of a Foursquare meeting on the West Coast.)

FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH

E. 3RD AVE. AND PENNSYLVANIA ST.

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School

11:00 A. M.—"LOOKING AHEAD"

6:30 P. M.—Crusaders and Defenders

7:45 P. M.—"A SOUL'S VALUE"

DISTRICT RALLY, THURS., 7:30 p.m.

REV. V. B. HAMILTON, PASTOR



Dr. John Tedder

Preacher—Traveler—Author

AT

FOURSQUARE CHURCH

236 West J Street

SUNDAY

11 A.M. "FAITH" What it is not—What it is
7:45 P.M. "PALESTINE SPEAKS"

Dr. Tedder has visited Palestine and will compare
events with Bible prophecy.

TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 7:45 P.M.

TUESDAY—"The Revelation" (Illustrated with large chart)
WEDNESDAY—"Where Do We Go From Here?" (Prophetic)
THURSDAY—"Daniel's Seventieth Week" (The Rise of Antichrist)
FRIDAY—"1,000 Years Of Peace" (The reign of Christ)

The above advertised services took place in the city of
Grants Pass, Oregon. Population 6,000. They have an active
church there, especially of Young People!

Their HEALING SERVICE is very interesting. It was my privilege to attend one some years ago in Oregon. I tried this time to go to one but I couldn't find a night when they were having one.

At this healing service in Grants Pass, Oregon, they first called for any cripples in the audience to be brought forward and then they called for all who had some diseases that they wanted to be cured of, also to come forward. After these folk were all on the platform the minister would sometimes anoint with oil the foreheads of those who wanted to be cured and in the meantime telling them to have faith. He then would utter something that was unintelligible to me and push their forehead back as if striking them and the person would fall backward and someone was there to catch them. It really looked to me like there were in a trance. In some cases, no doubt, the afflicted were helped because that is just what they needed, a little psychological uplift and a little confidence to venture out on their own, but where the person was a hopeless cripple, I didn't observe any cure. I would look for them on the street the next day and there they were with their canes and crutches again. Marcus Bach in his book "THEY HAVE FOUND A FAITH" brings forth this idea at somewhat greater length.

A man who made his residence in Denver for a number of years and made canes and crutches, and who had his office on Larimer Street, (He has since passed away) used to say that he welcomed Aimee's tours to Denver because he was assured of a large increase in business. These people would throw away their artificial helps and get along for a couple of hours and then they would find that they needed them again and would have to go to a store to get new ones. Witnesses in Los Angeles say that they have seen truck-

loads of crutches and canes being hauled away from Angelus Temple.
WHAT A HEY-DAY FOR THE CRUTCH MAKER!

The pastor and his wife were very gracious and went out of their way to be polite. I appreciated that very much. As we entered the building we noted that it was a very substantial structure, comparatively new. As we passed down the carpeted aisles we, (my wife and children were with me) noticed the people. I should judge that they were in the middle class of society with a good many of them edging toward the upper middle class, which was contrary to what I had anticipated. As we were led down the auditorium we passed a group of about 30 people that were holding a prayer meeting. Just as we were about to enter a door which led to the Youth meeting, I heard a terrific shout and looking back I noticed a man jump to his feet and holding his hands in the air as if supplicating God to come down. He was muttering, or so I should call it. It sounded something like this: da-da-da-da-da-whey and his voice crescendoed when he came to whey and then he would do it all over again. I guess he was doing what is generally known as talking in tongues or psychologically known as Glossolalia. Anyway, we proceeded into the Youth Meeting which they call the Crusader group. Here we beheld a splendid young group of young men and women of the ages of 18-30 or thereabouts. They were intelligent, good-looking, and very sociable. They brought their babies and children with them. We were made to feel at home and the meeting got under way. They had the usual choruses and songs that Don was telling about in the Youth for Christ and they really sang them. Their hearts were in them. There was no sham here. Then a young man who was going to India got up and gave the evening talk. He was sincere but his talk was disconnected. He said that he didn't have too much time to prepare it but he knew that the Lord would fill his mouth. He told how God had helped him etc. etc. It was more of a testimony than a sermon. He used a lot of Biblical passages, not too accurately, and stories.

About every five words someone would let out with an ejaculation of AMEN or PRAISE THE LORD or GOD BE PRAISED. Then they had an old time testimony meeting. Everybody gave a testimony and I mean everybody, including yours truly. I was just about compelled to. There I sat, the only one that hadn't given one and I knew good and well what they were thinking, and I could just feel their eyes boring through me and saying look at that sinner, and so to prevent a rush of their fishermen coming after me, I arose and gave my testimony in my very familiar Salvation Army style. I even felt good about it. This meeting was now over so we adjourned to the larger meeting in the main Sanctuary. There we opened with a very arousing song then a prayer and then some choruses and then the ever present testimonies. While all this was going on I had an opportunity to do some "spying out of the land," as it were. I counted the seats in that large auditorium and there were 350. The Auditorium was divided into three sections. On the left there was a section the length of the auditorium with 4 seats across then in the middle there was a section with 18 seats across and on the right there was another section that corresponded to the section on the left.

I noticed their Sunday School board and it is as follows:

Attendance today	136	
Last Sunday	106	
Class Offering	\$10.36	
Missionary offering	52.00	(all in pennies)
Offering Last Sunday	17.09	
Bibles	76	

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One of their special numbers was a duet by two middle aged gentlemen on a Xylophone. Then a blind girl gave a very fine solo on a 120 base accordion. Their piano player I thought could have played in Carnegie Hall without practice. She was marvelous. Then came the sermon and I thot, and I hope that I am not prejudiced, that it was a "flop". This sermon, I should say, was not preached by the minister Rev. Hamilton, but by a visiting Evangelist. He knocked the churches, he lashed out at Jehovah's Witnesses and he stressed the theme of YOU CAN LIVE AS YOU PLEASE BUT YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTS, over and over again.

One of his statements stuck with me and it was this: "The Large Churches will give money, lots of money, but they have no more morality than my big toe". He based his sermon on the 11th chapter of Ecclesiastes, the 9th and 10th verses.

After the sermon they had the usual hymn and alter Call with two young people going forward and one man. After that they had their tarrying service around the alter. Rev. Hamilton again gave the call for all Christians to come forward and most of them did go forward to help those at the alter "pray through." Again I was one of a very few left in that large auditorium so I turned my attention to my little girl and then with my wife, we beat a hasty retreat, not however, without some very fine and sincere remarks inviting us back again from one of the finest ushers it has ever been my pleasure to meet. All in all it was an enlightening and up-lifting experience. I am sure that I learned some valuable pointers that I can incorporate into by own church program.

FOURSQUAREDOM'S FUTURE IN 'FORTY SEVEN AND BEYOND

From Earl W. Dorrance, D.D., Th.D. Southern California

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Let us consolidate our gains and marshall our united forces

A good parsonage for each church in each city

New Churches

Tithe

From Frank A. Cummings, D.D. Western

Revivals

Give God a Chance

From Fred D. Beard, D.D. Midwest

Missionaries

Healings

Baptisms

Miracles

From Harold W. Jefferies, B.D. Northwest

Getting Youth

Converts

From Warren L. Koon, D.D. Eastern

Purchase of a camp ground

New Churches

From Herman D. Mitzner, D.D. Great Lakes

Increase in spiritual results

From Charles R. Gaines, D.D. Gulf States

Pioneering of new churches

FOUR SQUAREDOM'S FUTURE IN 'FORTY-SEVEN

as seen by the
District Field Supervisors

EARL W. DORRANCE, D.D., Th.D.
Southern California

"The people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits."—Daniel 11:32
"And the Lord said unto Moses—Speak unto the children of Israel that they GO FORWARD"—Exodus 14:15

Foursquaredom faces an unparalleled opportunity of service to man and God in the days that lie ahead. The Apostle Paul prophesied that "perilous times shall come" and "the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." Our service opportunity may be judged by the need. The present-day world-wide need for the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is paramount and excellent! The Foursquare Gospel message meets this need.

Our organization is efficiently staffed with experienced men of keen spiritual vision, radiating a burning passion for souls. We honor our President and Vice President, Dr. and Mrs. Rolf K. McPherson. Capable Field Supervisors loyally assisted by competent State and District Superintendents are pioneering new churches in many new communities.

Let us consolidate our gains, and marshal our united forces, valiantly hurl them against the ramparts of sin. Let us throw a rescue line of help and aid to modern youth, assailed as never before with legionary temptations.

Of the verdant and ever expanding Southern California District are determined to wage a war to the death against the well entrenched hosts of sin. We have made some notable gains in the past twelve months. Approximately twelve churches are in some stage of construction, numerous others are altered, enlarged, or redecorated in present church buildings.

Several of our churches have purchased fine parsonages, not forgetting at three or four have erected lovely and new parsonages. Our definite aim is a good parsonage for each church on district.

We are formulating plans for opening a number of pioneer churches, in each we plan to purchase property and erect a fine new church structure. The candid assistance our local District Superintendents are rendering in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Very recently the District received a newly redecorated and valuable church building and property from the independent field. One of our own pastors will shepherd it. Several other good independent prospects are in view. The monthly ministerial fellowship meetings are increasing in attendance, interest, spiritual power and blessings.

Through our District Extension Tithe Fund we are able to give valuable and timely assistance to a considerable number of our churches, notably pioneer works and workers, and also help several churches still in rented quarters to secure suitable property locations and start buildings of their own.

The ministers of the Southern California District envision a most fruitful year for expansion work. Foursquaredom in '47 is on the march, victory bound!

FRANK A. CUMMINGS, D.D.
Western

NATIONS have their five year plans in which they propose to accomplish certain things for their people. This is an idea upon which we could profitably give some thought as we open a new year of endeavor for our Lord.

This is an era when men depend on others for their thinking. Originality is rare and leadership is needed if history is to record anything but confusion for this period. Universally men believe that only a revival of the spiritual will bring nations back to an even keel.

What is true of nations is true of the Church. Our responsibility is clear, we must think straight on matters pertaining to spiritual things if we are to have a part in giving to the world spiritual values on which its reconstruction can be accomplished.

The next five years will be the most crucial period of human history. Europe trembles on the abyss of ruin, America on an abyss of selfishness and greed. The East and the West may be plunged into war, or either may undergo material change by internal revolutions. The Church alone holds the key to the future as it walks and talks with its Lord.

We in Foursquaredom have our part to contribute in 1947. We believe that this world will be turned to God not only by the mechanics of our effort, but more important, the gospel that will right a

wayward world careening its mad way to destruction, must first be a gospel on which we are sold. Not with our lips but with our hearts. Our belief in the gospel must make us willing, yes *anxious* to "lay down our lives for the brethren"—not just to say, "If difficulty overtake me I will endure it," but race heedlessly into known dangers that our fellowmen may be turned from Satan to God. We must dismiss from our minds forever the unworthy thought, "Can there be a revival?" when we look out upon the world consumed with the flames of passion, ready to burst forth and destroy the Church as well as the material things of the world. We must be so consumed with the gospel that we shall be a revival in our own cities, snatching souls from the burning, heedless of the danger to ourselves.

Second, we must see that we hold the "Key to the Kingdom." If we open the door many will be saved, if not many will be damned. We must believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ alone can save the world from sin and from itself! We must drop forever the thought that no matter *what* is done things will turn out all right anyway. *They will not!* This is the crucial period. Foursquaredom, thoroughly aroused, can contribute that which is priceless, worth more than silver or gold in the advancement of the gospel materially and spiritually. But more, yes a great deal more than that—Foursquaredom can capture the leadership in things spiritual among God's people everywhere and become what we believe God intended it to be, a people called out in the last day to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the saving of individuals and the stirring of nations.

In 1947 let us put all we have in the hands of God and let HIM accomplish in us and by us and through us great and mighty things!

FRED D. BEARD, D.D.
Midwest

"Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." (Mark 8:34,35)

I believe the challenge of 1947 presents a new and greater opportunity for

THE FUTURE LOOKS GOOD FOR THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH

"Statistics say Foursquaredom is carrying on. There is a marked increase in fieldworkers, finances, and faith. Average attendance in the Sunday school in the California district alone is over 15,000. In the year following their leader's death, 1945 Foursquare fieldworkers established 43 new churches. 1500 ministers are now actively engaged in the slow, laborious process of changing the common man according to a modified ministry of evangelism.

They are all ready to admit that there is not one among them who can wield the personal appeal of Sister...For them she was the symbol of vital religion that brought about the phenomenon of the Christian Church. Enlarged photographs, "the living proof of Sister's power," adorn their vestibules and prayer-meeting walls:" As one of the District Superintendents said in memoriam, "We have lighted our torches from yours and by the grace of God we will carry on faithfully."

AND THEY ARE!

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