

Report to SC Conf. about 1949 or 1950

In adhering to the designated method of reporting I first give you my spiritual status. I am a christian. I have the peace and security that ~~are~~ alone are the fruits of holiness of heart. I am in possession and am possessed by the blessed Baptism with the Holy Ghost.

I can testify to the miraculous workings of Gods power in my own body to heal, unaided by human hand.

Sixteen years ago I left the far country of sin, and made my way to Jesus Christ. Sixteen years ago I left the plow handles for the pulpit. For sixteen years I have been keenly aware, every moment of time that I was born to be a preacher.

Throughout these years I have gone ^{faulteringly yet} ~~quietly~~ and steadily forward, driven onward by a burning heart, lifted upward by a hand divine.

I report first as one of your officials. It has been a privilege to serve you as assistant to the Superintendent, However this has only involved my meeting the Official Board at their regular meetings.

There has been times in other years that a board meeting was somewhat of a boring, unpleasant affair, but this year they have been occasions of genuine fellowship, and I came to look forward to them with satisfaction.

I have been in complete agreement with the Board in their selection and erection of the new headquarters. However about the only support I gave was moral. I knew that Brother Evans was well able to do the job and he has proven to all of us that he was.

I attended all of the board meetings with the exception of the last one when I was in Oklahoma in a Camp Meeting.

Since mentioning this I will report on my visit to this great Camp Meeting in the West. It is located just outside of Oklahoma City, a few blocks from our Western college, and is truly one of the great Camp Meetings of our Church.

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In all my experience I have never been in a greater meeting, There was no earthly ^{way} of keeping a record of the many souls ~~were~~ blessed. It lasted only ten days, but there was more packed into those ten days than ~~any~~ I thought possible. Services began every morning at six oclock and lasted all day ~~and~~ with short intermissions, and late into the night. Three nights I didnt get to preach, because the Holy Ghost took complet charge. On the last night two Nazarene women came to visit with us and Pentecost began to fall in such ~~a~~ great showers till both of them received their baptism before they hardly realized what was happening.

I suppose our delegates will report on my work as pastor at East Rockingham. But there are a few things I would like to mention. I have completed my second year at Rockingham and it has certainly been a year marked by the favors of God.

My first year at Rockingham was given almost entirely to building up the spiritual side of the church, and getting acquainted with everybody. This year we gave some time to the physical and material improvement, of the church and grounds.

We remodeled ~~the~~ the church inside and out, finishing it off with, carpeting the floors, putting in new, most modern lighting fixtures, church furniture, and drapes for the choir.

By this time the building was overcrowded for Sunday School room. So we built an ^{new} ~~new~~ combination educational and recreational building, to be used by our Sunday School, Young people and Womans Auxiliary. This building is not completed on the inside.

Those of you ^{who} have been to Rockingham know about the rugged physical features of the grounds. This was possibly the greatest job we undertook this year. But with some big machinery, some hard work and a lot of money we have about got the place landscaped, grasses and retaining walls built. When it is finished we will possibly have spent two thousand dollars on

the land a lot

Most of you know that we have a Camp Meeting Tabernacle at Rockingham and also a Camp Meeting. This Camp Meeting has been going on for about 28 years. But for the past few years it was nothing more than a local revival. The ministers of the Rockingham District saw the opportunity here so we got together and organized it into a District Camp Meeting. And for the past two years it has really taken new life, Especially this year. This year we had a fine group of workers, in fact almost the same ones we have here. Bro. Spence, Bro Edwards, Bro. Moore, Miss Tiny and Vera Manley. We had a daily broadcast right from the Camp Ground, that added much to the Camp Meeting. Bro. Moore also conducted his Annual Training Institute in conjunction with the Camp. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ The Camp Meeting was well attended and many souls were blessed. All together it was one of the greatest occasions of that kind that Rockingham had ever had.

Finally about the actual progress of the church:
We have had two good revivals, immediately after last Conference, Bro. Gurganus had a wonderful revival, and in the Spring Bro. Thurmon had another good revival.

I have preached 252 times, baptised in water, 19--- dedicated 5 babies. Married two couples, conducted 13 funerals, received 57 new members into the church. *paid into this Conference \$316.00*

390 people prayed to some definite experience around our altars this year. there were, ²⁵⁶ ~~62~~ saved, ⁶⁰ ~~66~~ and 66 filled with the Holy Ghost.

In the past two years I have taken into the church more than one hundred new members, an average of one every ~~day~~ Sunday for the past two years. In the last ~~year~~ year alone ~~xxxx~~ 390 souls prayed through. More than an average ~~one~~ every ^{day} for the past year. Hardly a Sunday has passed this year without somebody finding God, in our services. People have been saved and healed by listening to our broadcast. ~~xx~~