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This special edition includes a brief history of the growth of the Church in California, historical sketches of individual congregations, directories of congregations and preachers in the state, pictures of many of the preachers, other pictures of historical interest, and features on three California institutions offering Christian training to youth.

To God Be All the Praise, in Christ Jesus
WE PRIZE our visits to your home each month through the medium of the West Coast Christian, in which we all, as children of God, may join a family circle to talk about the things in the Book. So that you may know us better, we print this photograph showing, from left to right, Mrs. James L. Lovell, Mr. Lovell, Mrs. Robert King, Jr., Mr. King, and Patsie Lee Lovell.

BRETHREN IN CHRIST, I want to express to so many of you my heart-felt appreciation for your cooperation in getting out this special issue. There are a few who did not respond, but no member of the Family of God can hurt my feelings. Maybe my letters were lost, or perhaps there was some other reason.

There are several thousand of you into whose hands this history of the church in California will go. It brings joy to my soul to enter your door—to sit with you in your home and think on things which have to do with eternal life. After all, it is only a few short days until I hope to meet many of you whom I shall never meet on this earth. Over there we shall dig out all the records before our Lord and balance the accounts which so many of us have messed up on this side of the river.

Let me tell you a little about our work and mission. My business is serving my brethren in serving Christ. For a living, I contact men in the large construction field—builders of dams, tunnels, canals, highways—in the interest of dynamite, a product used to blast rock. I do not sell powder. I never sold a pound of it in my life and have no connection with anything that has to do with the taking of life.

Having learned in life that no institution or organization ever amounts to more than the fruits of its leaders, and seeing that in Christ we have one who is perfect, I have set my hand to awaken my people of the Lord that we may train ourselves to be more like Him. The church needs leaders who are qualified. Our task is to begin now to build and train them for the next generation, and part of that work should be done in training classes in every congregation.

Travelling as I do, I observe with most congregations the Lord's Day worship has become the anchor of hope with most of my brethren—instead of the program in which I believe: living, worshipping, working, preaching, and teaching every day of the week, together with observing the Lord's Day worship. We hope, by the printing of this little paper, to shorten the distance between the church on earth today and that of New Testament days.

Dealing in personalities is not our mission. We are attempting to unify the people of God into one great family. We shall leave the shortcomings of individuals in the hands of local leaders, which is their proper place.

This little paper has never been intended for persons outside the church. We talk things over with you as a brother; these are family matters, not gossip for the neighbors. My procedure is entirely unorthodox so far as journalism is concerned. I make no attempt to be artistic or rhetorical. Ours is just plain, simple, farmer-like talk with brothers and sisters in language which all of you understand. We are not attempting to build a monument for ourselves as a publisher or editor. Bobby King and I do what we do for the sake of our souls. We are selfish in the work which we do for Christ. Each 50 cent subscription among our 3,300 monthly readers costs us about 65 cents, because we send your money to some mission point that some soul might learn of Christ.

Instead of attempting everything and accomplishing little, we have concentrated our work in

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the eleven western states, western Canada, Alaska, and points west. Our aim is to get the job done. Places need preachers; preachers need places. Support is needed for all manner of works; brethren must know of the need; we act as the medium. Thousands and thousands of dollars are flowing into the mission fields. Our love for lost souls—Japanese, German, Negro, Jew, Gentile—is burning with action. We prefer that money be sent to mission points directly; however we believe it is no sin to send it by other means if you wish.

There are thousands of members who have moved into the west from your homes who are not attending worship. Regardless of who they are or where they live, won't you think enough of their souls to send us their names and addresses? We are here to serve; no letter will go unanswered, and no request will be unheeded. Use us in the way we are able to help while we live.

I must leave you for this time, but happy I would be to visit with you every month. Send $1 for a two-year subscription.

In all fairness to those who sacrifice the most, Bobby King (from Nashville, Tenn.) and I (from Franklin, Ky.-Portland, Tenn.) dedicate this issue to his wife (Frieda Rea King, from Clovis, N. M.), Mrs. Lovell (the former Vivian Peterman of Salt Lake City), and our daughter, Patsie Lee (born in Denver, Colo.).

In loving praise to all those who are named in this historical number, we in no wise discredit our Lord and Savior. To Him be all the praise.

Jimmie Lovell

(Of especial interest is the fact that, so far as we know and can be reasonably sure, every congregation listed in the directory is in full fellowship with every other congregation. Every preacher in California is welcome in the pulpit of every other congregation. That is progress—and Christianity.)

Ontario Children's Home

For years prior to 1929, many brethren in California had talked and prayed in behalf of practicing pure and undefiled religion, which is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Early in 1929 Brother Homer E. Bartlett, of Ontario, contributed the first dollar to a building fund for a children's home. The fund was increased rapidly by contributions from other interested brethren. In pursuance of the laws of the state for the carrying on of such a project, a corporation was formed so that license might be obtained for caring for orphan, half-orphan, deserted, and otherwise underprivileged children.

On July 5, 1929, the home had its actual beginning, with three motherless children. Since that time several hundred children have had the good fortune to receive food, shelter, and Christian training because of the generosity of hundreds of brethren in the Churches of Christ of this state and some other western states.

The home is situated in the southern part of Ontario, some 40 miles from Los Angeles, on a 10-acre tract of land which yields a portion of the food supply. There are two main buildings, one a dormitory for boys and the other a dormitory for girls. In addition, there is a commodious kitchen and dining room and another building in which some of the workers reside.

The children attend the public schools and the local Church of Christ, and they receive daily instruction in character building. All who have remained in the home any considerable length of time, and who have been of accountable years, have obeyed the Gospel. Many of them now are making their own ways, and some of the number are devoted members of the Church of Christ. For several years the home has cared for approximately 50 children all of the time, and we believe a good work has been accomplished for the Lord.

We are very grateful to our Heavenly Father, because almost every congregation in California is in sympathy with the work being done and has contributed toward its success. We are constantly in need of assistance to maintain the work and to improve our facilities, and we extend unto all who read this a cordial invitation to visit the home, write letters of inquiry, make suggestions, and, especially, to pray that we may be diligent and faithful to our tasks, that when we stand before the Great Judge we may hear him say, "Come, ye blest of my father, enter into the joys of the Lord."

Samuel E. Witty, manager,
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Ontario, California.

Ten thousand copies of this issue were printed. Send a list of those to whom you want it to be sent. The cost is 5 cents per copy.
A Brief History of the Growth of the Churches of Christ in California

In the year 1849 gold was discovered in California. People from all parts of the world came to this state in search of the precious ore, but the great body of immigrants came from the states of Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri. By 1849 the Restoration Movement had gained a stronghold in these states. It was not long before these immigrants, many of whom brought their religion with them, were making their homes in the rich valleys of northern California. Among these settlers were leaders and evangelists of the Restoration Movement. This influx continued for several years, and out of it the early churches in the state were organized.

Among the pioneers of 1849 was Thomas Thompson. He had been a preacher of the Restoration Movement in Missouri before he came to California. He and his family arrived in September and pitched camp at Gold Run, Placer County. His 22 years of service in the church in California were quite successful for pioneer days. He visited small groups of brethren over northern California and organized them into churches. It was Thomas Thompson who organized the first church in the state in Stockton in 1850.

Other preachers joined Thompson, in those early days, in spreading the gospel. In 1852 J. P. McCorkle arrived. J. N. Pendegast joined the few workers in 1854. In 1858 Glenn O. Burnett came and set forth the State Missionary Society idea. J. P. Rose, who served the churches in the state from 1853 to 1873, was opposed to "all human organizations."

Hopeful Outlook

The period of the history of the Restoration Movement in California from 1860 to 1870 was ushered in with a hopeful outlook. During the first ten years, competent leaders had come to the state and 27 churches had been established. By 1860 the membership numbered 1,723. The spirit and desire for growth were much in evidence. This was increased by the coming of strong men. A. V. McCarty arrived in 1859. In the same year A. W. DeWitt came and, upon the organization of the California Christian Missionary Society in 1865, he was appointed district evangelist. In this decade James Logan also arrived, and in 1864 Robert Graham, of national reputation in the Restoration Movement, also came here.

The third decade (1870-1880) of the Restoration Movement in California began with great promise. There were 2,500 members. The newcomers now were seeking homes, not gold. Among the leaders and preachers who came to the state about this time were H. D. Connell, Ephriam W. Barnes, Judge Durham, J. C. Keith, B. F. Standefer, John Southerland, G. R. Hand, B. F. Coulter, and Dr. Carroll Kendrick. It was H. D. Connell who launched a Sunday School movement.

During the earlier years of California statehood the southern part of the state received little attention. The country south of Tehachapi was known as "cow country." In the 70's, when it became known that the southern country had a climate good for tuberculosis and other diseases, many came seeking new homes, and among this number were members of the church and some ministers.

B. F. Standefer was the first to preach in southern California. William Justice found him preaching in a carpenter shop in the village of San Bernardino in 1868. Here, in 1869, he organized the first congregation in the southern part of the state. In the same year, upon the invitation of Brother Justice, of Downey, he held a protracted meeting in Downey which resulted in the second congregation in this area.

Ephriam W. Barnes began preaching in Modoc County in 1872. The seed he sowed has never died. Today there is a good church in Alturas, although the congregation established in Eagleville is no more.

In 1874 G. R. Hand came from the northern part of the state to become the minister of the Downey church. Brother Hand officiated at the organization of the first church in Los Angeles in 1875. In 1876 he became minister of the church in Ventura, and he also established the church in San Diego.

Memorable Year

In the annals of southern California church history the year 1877 is made memorable by the arrival of B. F. Coulter, the merchant-preacher. He soon established a merchandising business which grew rapidly and became the Coulter Dry Good Company of Los Angeles, with a beautiful building on Wilshire Boulevard today. Brother Coulter soon became wealthy, and he used his money freely in supporting preachers and establishing churches. He was a tireless worker and probably did more than any other man of his time for the Restoration Movement in Southern California.

In 1875 a young man, John Southerland, his wife, and baby moved to New Pine Creek, Oregon, right on the state line, and he began preaching there and at Davis Creek, California. The family left the state in 1877 and spent the next ten years in Arizona. They returned in 1885, remaining...
SICHEL STREET, started by Michael Sanders, was the first church in Los Angeles following the period of digression. Here are some of the members, shown in front of their first building. Shown at left are, from left to right, Mrs. W. E. Miller, Zeke Abbott, W. E. Miller, and the Millers' children, Ada and Everett. Dr. U. G. Littel is standing under the sign by the door facing. Brother Sanders, with white beard, is shown in the middle of the first row. The man wearing a derby in the back row is Floyd Lee; standing beside him is Sister Austin. Brother Lee is the man with the long beard in the front row. Brother Riggs stands immediately behind him. Brother Andrews is at the extreme right on the second row.

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1903 the tent was pitched in Los Angeles, and out of the meeting grew the Sichel Street Church, of which he is an elder today, and the church in Los Angeles. Brother Riggs has helped establish 15 or more congregations in the state. E. N. Glenn, also a Tennessean, arrived here in 1904. He has served many congregations well; has been a strong teacher and writer, and continues his work to this day as preacher for the church at Casitas Springs.

Other Leaders

We would not forget those other leaders of the early years, particularly J. B. Ellmore, G. W. Winter, E. C. Love, George M. Scott, C. C. Condra, and Edward Hyder. Brother Winter did pioneer work in and around Sonoma and Modoc Counties. Brother Ellmore was a great song leader. Brother Love settled in Fresno in 1908 and for several years was a church leader as well as publisher of a religious journal. Brother Condra was a leader in mission work. Brother Hyder was preaching in Orange County as early as 1902.

George M. Scott, who at this time is doing excellent work in Livingston, South Africa, writes: “After the digressive wave swept the coast we had to start all over again. I could give a list of many places in California where I tried to help, and I rejoice to see the progress that has been made.”

L. D. Perkins came from Tennessee to Riverside in 1898. His greatest contribution has been in the encouragement of weaker congregations. He left us for his home with the Lord and the redeemed less than two months ago. In 1913 William P. Reedy arrived in Long Beach to be minister of the present Ninth and Lime Church, and he served in this capacity for eight years. In 1924 he became minister of the new Southwest Church in Los Angeles and served it well for ten years. He was publisher of the People’s Bible Advocate for many years. Today he lives in Los Angeles and still is busy in the Father’s work.

W. W. Pace, present minister of the East Los Angeles Church, came to Santa Ana from Texas in 1918. We know him as a builder for the great record he has made here. A. M. Morris, an outstanding writer and teacher, came to Long Beach in 1919. He was editor of the People’s Bible Advocate, which was started in 1924 and ended at his death a few months ago. Brother Morris led many Bible Readings and was author of several splendid gospel books.

Jr. H. Trice, a Tennessean, arrived in California about 1916. He and his family have done much to build the church in and around San Francisco and the Central Valley.

G. W. Riggs Arrives

Now let us go back to the turn of the century. Here we find Michael Sanders, of whom it was said that he did more for the church in the early part of the twentieth century than any other man. He was not a preacher, but until his death in 1915 he used his money for the preaching of the gospel. It was Sanders who, in 1902, sent for G. W. Riggs, a young preacher in Tennessee.

Brother Riggs held his first meeting under a tent in Long Beach in 1902. In January, 1903, he baptized ten persons in a meeting with the little church in Pomona. In

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For more than 20 years J. F. Lilly has emphasized among the churches the necessity of consecrated, spiritual singing. He has been a valued counselor in church matters in and about Los Angeles, and is a liberal contributor of his money to the cause to which today he is most devoted.

Samuel E. Witty has been an outstanding leader in the state for more than 20 years. He served the Central Church in Los Angeles from the time it was organized until 1922, and about five years. He led the organization of the Huntington Park Church in 1929, the church in Hollywood in 1937, and the Church of Christ Children's Home at Ontario in 1929. He still serves as superintendent of the Children's Home.

New Life For Churches

With the arrival of S. H. Hall in Los Angeles in 1921 many of the churches took on new life. Although Brother Hall stayed here less than a year, he made a valuable contribution to the growth of the church and has continued his interest from his home in Nashville, Tennessee. To S. H. Hall, together with Foy E. Wallace, Jr., California is indebted for the beautiful building which is pictured on the cover of this issue. They were instrumental in obtaining large contributions for its erection from Sister E. H. Woodward and others. (Brother Wallace proved his ability as a builder and evangelist while serving the Central Church from 1927 to 1930. His home is now in Oklahoma City, where he edits the Bible Banner.)

No one could pass this way without mentioning W. B. West, Jr., who arrived in Los Angeles in the early 30's to become minister of the Central Church, did much in teaching the church how to study. The memory of F. L. Young has a place in the hearts of many who knew him. J. E. Wainwright established his latest congregation in Santa Monica last month, and the record of his work extends back many years. W. H. Tiner, who has done so much for the church in southern California, continues to establish new congregations (Inglewood in January of this year, Vermont Avenue in 1938), to broadcast, and to direct George Pepperdine College as president. Carl Etter, although busily engaged in public educational work, continues as a leader in the church in the state. E. V. Pullias and R. N. Squire are recent additions to our work. Time would fail us were we to attempt to tell of the large company of elders, deacons, teachers, song leaders, women, and mothers who through the years have given of their time to promote the growth of the church and of the work being done by present resident ministers.

Long Beach Leaders

S. W. Settle and Ernest Beam began preaching in Long Beach about the same time—1922. Brother Settle remained with that work about four years, and Brother Beam is still there as minister of the Twelfth and Alamitos Church. Brother Beam has been a real factor in the work in the state. Brother Settle went home to the Father in 1934.

J. J. Hogan, now residing in Long Beach, came to California in 1925. William J. Whaley, who is preaching for the church in Kansas City, arrived here in 1926, and together they helped to establish the church in Modesto.

O. B. Curtis, W. J. Taylor, the Robinson brothers, and Jimmie Morgan, all of Los Angeles, have served the church well for many years in the worship in song.

One of the noblest spirits in the California brotherhood is A. P. Cassias, a Negro, who came to the state in 1923. He established the church in Los Angeles, Fresno, and Bakersfield. He now is minister of the Compton Church in Los Angeles but continues to do evangelistic work throughout the west.

Brother Larimore

T. B. Larimore, of national reputation in the brotherhood, came to California in 1927 and built the church building in Berkeley. He has been in the work since 1922,

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EARLY HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES

By 1860 the following churches had been established: Stockton, Yelo, Healdsburg, Big Plains, Santa Clara, Bear River, Grass Valley, Far West, Ukiah, Gilroy, Butte Mountain, Marklev, Calvary, Potrero Valley, Sacramento, Manzanita, Vaca Valley, San Francisco, Livermore, Flat, Santa Rosa, Old River, Liberty, Putah, Green Valley, Napa Valley, and San Ramon.

During the decade preceding 1860 six churches were established. Of these, Stockton was organized in 1850; Yolo, 1853; Santa Rosa, 1854; Gilroy, 1855; Sacramento, 1855; Healdsburg, 1856; and San Francisco, 1856.

The second decade of California church history saw many new congregations established. These were started as a result of continued integration, of evangelistic meetings, and, in a few instances, of one church's being instrumental in founding another. The churches followed the congregations of the preceding decade in their methods of obtaining places in which to meet. A few of the many established were Watsonville and Oakdale in 1860; Napa in 1867, and San Bernardino and Downey in 1859.

The San Bernardino Church was the first to be organized in southern California; the Downey Church was the second. The latter soon became the Jerusalem of the
Restoration Movement in southern California. Annual Camp meetings were held there.

The three remaining decades of the nineteenth century witnessed a multiplication of churches. One church established another, groups of members in a community united and organized churches, and evangelists held meetings to establish churches. Then the Restoration Movement was spreading rapidly. The beginnings of churches always were small, but the growth was rapid and sure.

As yet there was no church in Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Linton and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. A. Smith canvassed the town in 1874 to find members of the Restoration Movement. They found 23. Of the result of this endeavor, E. B. Ware says:

“In October of the same year 14 of these met at the County Court House, and the following Sunday they set up the Bible school with 30 pupils and teachers. After the Bible school they proceeded to break the loaf, and Asa Linton preached to those who remained.

“On February 28, 1875, they met at the County Court House and ‘covenanted together to form a congregation of Disciples of Christ, called Christians, and constitute a church, accepting the Bible and the Bible alone as its only rule of faith and practice.’ The roll was signed by 26 members.”

In 1882 a church building was erected on a lot given by B. F. Coulter (see picture loaned by W. Edgar Miller) where the eastern half of the present Hall of Justice stands. The Temple Street Christian Church was organized there. Upon it was the leading church of the city for 20 years. Numerous missions were started by this congregation in southern California, largely through the gifts and leadership of Brother Coulter. The church was quite conservative in its worship and work. It believed in adhering to New Testament teaching. After the coming of A. C. Smith to its ministry in 1890 the outstanding leaders were Brother Smith and Brother Coulter. The former was liberal, the latter, conservative. There soon was a clash of ideas and personalities. In 1894 the church property was sold and the present Sunday school section of the First Christian Church, Eleventh and Hope Streets, was occupied by probably the largest part of the church.

In 1895, at a cost of $100,000, the Broadway Christian Church was built by Brother Coulter on a valuable lot on Broadway facing the County Court House. The church grew rapidly in membership and influence. Missions which grew into churches were started by Brother Coulter at Vernon, Shorb Avenue, Alvarado Street, Pico Heights, a Negro church on East Eighth Street, and a Japanese Mission in the Broadway Church. The Broadway Church later moved to Pico and Arlington and now is known as the Arlington Christian Church.

On June 5, 1881, Dr. Carroll Kendrick organized a congregation in Santa Ana with 21 members. In 1882 he organized the congregation in Orange and in the early 80's the El Monte congregation. The latter had a membership of 40 in 1883.

The Riverside and Pomona Churches were organized in 1885, the San Diego Church in 1886, the Long Beach church in 1894, and the Santa Monica Church about the same date.

Only a few of the many churches established in the state up to 1942 have been mentioned. We have attempted to cover only the most historical points.

DISINTEGRATIVE FORCES

When the Churches of Christ began in California, there were no organized missionary societies to do the work of the local churches. It is also true that there was no instrumental music in the churches. Years passed before either of these was introduced to trouble and divide a united brotherhood. (The name “Christian Church” was quite commonly used by Churches of Christ some years ago and is used today in many places in the south where no Christian Church exists.) And when these factors were introduced it was done in the face of strong opposition. Courageous, competent, and consecrated brethren everywhere protested.

The early pioneers were divided on missionary societies. Some leaders favored such organizations while others opposed them. Thomas Thompson and G. O. Burnett were in the former class, and J. P. Rose was in the latter. J. P. McCorkle was doubtful and J. N. Pendegast hesitant. There was conflict over the question for more than 20 years. Those who advocated the missionary societies contended that the churches could more effectively execute the Lord’s command to preach the gospel to every creature by working through an organized society. Those who opposed the societies contended that the local congregations could more effectively preach the gospel to the whole creation by working independently and cooperatively, and that organized societies were unscriptural.

The State Missionary Society finally was formed in 1865 and died within two years, only to be revived later through evolitionary process. As early as 1885 there were meetings of the churches in the state. These meetings were continued for years and were known as state meetings. They were of a social-evangelistic nature until some of the brethren gradually turned them into business meetings. (California brethren, let us take note and guard carefully lest our present annual Yosemite Park encampment result in harm rather than in the great good which it now is accomplishing. Ever keep it in the hands of one congregation.) In 1863 a resolution was offered at the state meeting in Vacaville to organize the “California State Missionary Society,” but it was voted down. The state meetings continued to be an important factor in the history of the churches until some of the brethren “began to devise ways and means for the general spread of the Gospel throughout the state, and for the revitalizing of the forces already in existence.” Upon the fruition of the plans of these brethren came divisions.

The history of the organ controversy in the state is similar in many respects to that of the missionary society. The early churches did not use instrumental music in the worship. As late as 1883 only a few of them used it, and even then the majority of the leaders were opposed to it strongly. Musical instruments were introduced gradually through the course of the years. Able men contended for the use of the organ, and brethren as equally able opposed it. Its use was advocated on the grounds of expediency and opposed because it was without scriptural warrant. Principles were at stake. Each group firmly believed itself to be right. And so the controversies led to congregational divisions.

It appears that the society and organ issues were settled principally somewhere between 1880 and 1890. Congregations decided their own attitudes in these matters. The greater number of them decided in favor of both issues during this period. Those who advocated the missionary and missionary societies in their mission work came to be known officially as “Disciples of Christ” and those who did not use them, as “Churches of Christ.”

Mrs. T. B. Larimore (seated) and her sister, Mrs. Sewell, mother of J. H. Sewell, are among the oldest living members of the church in California. Both these good women are in their eighties, but both still are active in the Lord's work in Santa Ana.
Pacific Christian Academy

Graton, California

Pacific Christian Academy was established in Santa Rosa by E. C. Love and Sister George M. Scott. In 1918 it was moved to Graton.

During the 22 years, the school’s existence has depended upon the “unselfish service” of the brethren and the help of God. Many fine Christians have gone out from the school.

Some of the staunchest supporters are Dell Davis, Frank Davis, and K. M. Barbour. Brother Barbour gave the 5-acre tract upon which the school is situated. Later, he purchased the Marshall School building and, with the help of Brother Scott and others, erected the present building.

The following have served as principals: E. C. Love, A. B. Reese (Brother Reese and Brother Scott, with their families, now are missionaries in Africa), O. W. Gardner, A. B. Tenney, F. L. Young, Tom Buffalo, O. T. Rodman, Herman O. Wilson, O. Glenn Moreland, Walden Gardner, and R. C. Cannon.


Enrollment during the past year was 56. The first 12 grades are taught by a staff of five instructors, and state requirements are met. There are three Bible classes each day. The school is supported entirely by free-will contributions.
The city-to-city story of our growth from 1873 to the present day:

Churches of Christ in California

**Forestville**

This work was started by 21 persons directed by James Logan September 28, 1873. G. W. Winter arrived from Nebraska in 1890 and began preaching. The church in Granton, Santa Rosa, and Healdsburg owe much to Forestville. "Helping others" is a phrase that is certainly lived by the members here, as it is by those in the churches Forestville established. For several years J. Frank Young has given himself to this work.

**Madera**

This church had its origin in a division between the loyal and digressive brethren in 1892. Among the charter members were C. F. Bonner and wife, E. Kindig and family, A. E. Waters and family, and H. H. Hawley and family. Among the preachers who have served the church as ministers or who have held meetings there are L. R. Sewell, H. H. Hawley, Madison Wright, G. W. Winter, S. P. Billingsley, Paul Halvorson, G. W. Riggs, C. C. Love, E. N. Glenn, J. J. Wyatt, W. W. Pace, W. H. Trice, L. D. Perkins, and J. A. Craig. Cloud Coates and B. Buckley are present leaders, with W. E. (Bud) Irvine, son of William Irvine, doing the preaching.

**San Francisco**

In 1895 Donald McRae, who is still an active member here, and a few others withdrew from the Christian Church to begin worship at Fifth and Mission. E. C. Love, E. N. Glenn, and G. W. Riggs held the first meetings of the first preachers. W. H. Trice arrived in 1916; the church was meeting at 149 Eddy. Walter Keene was baptized in 1916. Sister T. J. McRae was then very active, as were W. D. McRae, Melvin McRae, and Max Langpaap. T. B. Larimore did much of the preaching. C. P. Womack was another early leader. Burt Elliott helped with the building on Jules Avenue, and Sister O. B. Odell made the largest contribution. Emerson Keithley, Harry L. Thomson, and Jason Terry brought Arthur Grahaim to the pulpit in 1936. Lloyd E. Ellis came in 1938 and helped to rebuild the attendance to where it was before Lester Green, George and David Trice, William Billingsley, and others went to start the Eighth Avenue Church.

The church felt a loss when Homer Trice and Jason Terry moved away. Vernon Fitzpatrick and Frank Gibbons have been of great help. Fred H. Fisher and family are willing workers, as are Don Rude and wife. Malcolm Hinkle has just arrived to become the new preacher.

In 1937 Eugene White assisted in starting the Eighth Avenue work. Frank Rhodes and James D. Bales have served this church well. A new mission point now is the making. B. E. Bawcom is to begin work at Eighth Avenue immediately. Among the present leaders are Bingham and George Trice.

**Aromas**

This work began in 1898 under the teaching of G. W. Winter. In 1929 Porter Norris held a meeting and the congregation began to grow. J. David Taylor was here for some time.

**Armona**

This church was founded in Hanford in 1908 by Major T. J. McQuiddy and S. J. White. J. A. Craig was the first preacher. The congregation moved from Hanford to Armona in 1920. L. D. Perkins, who departed this life only a few weeks ago, and T. B. Larimore were two of the first preachers. Under two strong leaders, L. J. Nichols and S. M. Brown, the church has grown rapidly. Pat Broaddus has been with the work two years.

**Pomona**

Starting with 12 members in 1901 in a meeting held by G. W. Riggs, those few who had come to California from Nebraska began to meet and in 1903 moved into a membership of 200. In 1898 the Bunkfords, Oren, Layton, Vanduffors, Ruckers, and Austins had met in the Austin home for worship. A building was erected in 1910, the lot being donated by Albert Layton and S. R. Oren. Brethren Glenn, Perkins, Wife, Clipp, Battile, Noral, Daily, Williams, Estes, Hamilton, McGlassen, Merch, Vaughn, Jones, Hogan, and Paul Harper (at present) have been used as preachers. Grandpa James Ades, 90 years of age, the oldest member and elder, never misses a service. J. J. Hogan did much for the work, particularly in securing a new building, and Paul Harper is back for the second time.

**Long Beach**

J. B. Ellmore started the work in Long Beach in 1902 with eight members. G. W. Riggs held the first meeting in a tent in 1903. For ten years the church met at Ninth and Olive, moving to the present building at Ninth and Line in 1923. Many prominent men have served this congregation—J. W. Grant, J. W. Perkins, L. F. Clipp, W. P. Reedy, A. M. Morris, W. W. Taylor, J. F. McRae, W. H. Trice, L. D. Perkins, and W. D. McRae, were among the charter members. Among the present leaders are Bingham and Duke is one of the leaders.

The second work in Long Beach, Twelfth and Alamos, began in the late 20's and moved into the new home in 1933. For 20 years Ernest Beam has served this congregation as local minister, and served it well. Members from this church have established works in Compton, San Pedro, North Long Beach, and East Long Beach and have assisted in mission work among the Japanese. There are more than 300 active members.

The third Long Beach congregation was started at Tenth and Redondo. Hoyt Houcken is the preacher.

The fourth church to start in this city was begun June 7 by the 12th and Alamos Church with Ernest Beam preaching and Harold Clark directing the singing. The location is Broadway and Cedar. This is the fifth church to start in California this year.

**Santa Ana**

This work was started in a meeting held by G. W. Riggs in 1904. W. T. Vanduffors and U. G. Gittell are among the pioneer members. New churches springing from this one include Southside in Santa Ana, Fullerton, Orange, and Costa Mesa. James H. Sewell has served the congregation for 15 years as preacher and elder. His mother, Nellie P. Sewell, and her sister, Mrs. Emma P. Larimore, both in the 80's, are active workers of the church. (See picture in this issue.) George Duke is one of the leaders.

The Southside Church began worship in a hall in 1923 under the preaching of J. C. Estes. A new building was erected in 1924 for church and parlor, and the 30 or more families now meeting there are happy in the work of the Lord. Edward Mackey, J. W. Saunders, C. C. Houston, William Irvine, Elbridge Linn, and the present preacher, Floyd Thompson, have served as ministers. Brother Thompson has been with the church seven years, during the last four of which he drove 70,000 miles in commuting to George Pepperdine College to win his college degree. The new work at Bayview Park is sponsored by this church.

**Los Angeles**

SICHEL STREET. This church was begun during the tent meeting on East Avenue 28 held by G. W. Riggs in 1903.
Brethren continued to meet in the tent for a year and then moved in a "tabernacle" (see picture) on Manitou Avenue. In 1910 the church occupied the present building at Sichel and Altura Streets. G. W. Riggs continues here as an elder. Out of the work many of the Los Angeles churches have moved, as well as those in Riverside, Downey, Fresno, San Diego, Dinuba, Anaheim, Fullerton, Casitas Springs, Yuccaipa, Burbank, Placentia, Glenn, and Fullerton. Many noted gospel preachers have served Sichel Street. Billie Mattox is the present preacher. Chester Elford is filling in for him during his leave-of-absence.

SISKIYOU. This church was established in 1912 at 335 Siskiyou Street and has continued until this time. It is we heavy brethren who realize that our brethren who meet at this place do not have fellowship with the other congregations as listed herein. Communion cups seem to be the major problem. It might be well at this place to mention the locations of other churches in the state which, for one reason or another, maintain similar attitudes toward us as do Siskiyou Street, namely: Long Beach (Masonic Hall), Riverside (Eleventh and Lemon and West Riverside), Modesto (Powers Home), Stockton, Sacramento, Pasadena (Eighty-ninth and Meredith), Temple City, El Centro, Delano, Orange, Visalia, Oakland, Berkeley, Montebello, Sanger, Willowbrook, Corcoran, and Popular. There may be others.

CENTRAL. Out of Sichel Street, the Central Church began January 1, 1922, at 1720 South Flower Street. In 1930 it moved into the new $80,000 property (see front cover) at Twelfth and Hoover Streets, where the congregation still meets as Preachers and between 400 and 500 members. Members from this church have assisted in starting practically every later work in the metropolitan area, especially at Huntington Park, Fullerton, and Santa Ana, Vermont Avenue, and Brawley. S. E. Witty served Central for several years, followed by S. H. Hall, Foy E. Wallace, Jr., E. E. Ijams, F. L. Young, J. E. Wainwright, J. W. Saunders, G. C. Brewer, Batsell Baxter, and W. B. West, Jr. (two different times—total of seven years). Sister Ethel Mattley, missionary to China, has her membership here.

There are hundreds of us now working with other churches in and near Los Angeles who always shall consider Central more or less as "home." We remember well those "dark days" back in the early '30's when we faced a $40,000 debt with collections barely enough to pay the interest. It was then that many of us "bought a brick" to save our building. There were W. E. Bernard, R. L. Smith, A. A. Godfrey, J. F. Lilly, Perry W. Hurst, W. Edgar Miller, W. S. Townsman, Kansas, Peterson, Gene Green, Violet Weatherly, Byars, Lovells, Yanceys, Harlows, Nima Tipps, Honeycutts, Sharpless, Sister Van Hoosen, Tuckers, Mary Heise, Adrians, Sister Mitchell, Austins, Siskiyous, Difier, Fong, Shewick, Dollars, and many others.

Billie Mattox is the present preacher. Chester Elford is filling in for him during his leave-of-absence.

NEGO CONGREGATIONS. There are three good churches among our colored brethren in Los Angeles. The first one, at Ninety-fifth and Compton, was started in 1923 as a result of the loyalty of the Arnolds, Williams, Bryants, Zollars, and Cassius'. A. L. Cassandra, who arranges your paper each month, Bobby King.

Batsell Baxter, Norvel Young, and Hugh Tiner have assisted at this place, Forrest Wadrip has been the recent preacher, and Batsell Baxter is back for the summer. The church was started right and has done a great amount of good.

EAST LOS ANGELES. January 3, 1938, is the date this church began to worship with 28 members—now grown to 225. From a hall at 836 South McBride, the church moved into a beautiful new building in May, 1940. W. W. Pace has preached since its beginning. Sichel Street sponsored it.

HOLLYWOOD. S. E. Witty has preached for this church since it was started April 24, 1938. For years it was thought the church could not be established in "Hollywood," but today there are 100 or more faithful workers active in doing the things which are written. R. L. Nichols is one of the leaders. Fred W. McClung is the preacher.

VERMONT AVENUE. Your humble editor "swells with pride" when it comes to this church. It is his home congregation. If you will investigate what this church has accomplished in the short time it has been in existence you will understand. With the Huntington Park Church sponsoring the work, our first meeting was held September 11, 1938, in the Masonic Hall at Seventy-ninth and Vermont. My whole heart went into this work along with that of Hugh M. Tiners, W. J. Taylors, R. N. Squires, T. H. Bunsteads, J. L. Thompsons, Otis Kelies, C. D. Lyons, T. H. Lucys, E. V. Pullias', J. H. Towerys, and Earl Watters. Other charter members are Sister Ethel Baker, W. W. Butlers, Mrs. Caswell, Sister Don, Deusers, Easleys, Margaret Long, Pat Malone, Martha Middlebrooks Dial, Sister Pound, Reagans, Lola Schrader, Shanks, Leon Manley, Helen Mattox Young, Gloria Millay Sanders, and others.

Following the preaching of Hugh Tiner, who is still a member here, J. Filant Sanders came. Brother Sanders returns to Nashville next month to be dean of David Lipscomb College. R. N. Hogan was sponsored for three years. Hundreds of souls have been baptized by brother Hogan, by many other preachers sent out from here, and by preaching at home. More than 2,000,000 tracts—booklets of gospel sermons—have been distributed throughout the world. Maywood and Inglewood churches have been started. The vision is world-wide. Other Clay Pullias, Hugh N. Clark, and others have visited and worked here. J. M. McCaleb has his membership here, as well as that fine Christian young man who arranges your paper each month, Bobby King. The $10,000 lot on which our building was erected was donated by George Ponder.

WEST LOS ANGELES. On the third Sunday in September, 1937, four families met at the Hugh Moore home to discuss the establishment of this congregation. On the following Sunday, some 40 persons attended the first worship. For two years the church met in the American Legion Hall. During the past three years a building at 11271 Massachusetts Avenue has been leased for the exclusive use of the congregation. A building fund has been started and a suitable lot is being sought. Joseph W. White has served the congregation as regular preacher since October, 1939. J. E. Wainwright conducted one protracted meeting.

MEXICAN CHURCH. Billie Williams, under the direction of the Huntington Park Church, with H. R. Zama- rdz, is preaching this church since April 24, 1938, at 601 Enchanted September 10, 1937. Bill Sivers meant much to this work: as did Hector Corrales, of Torreon, Mexico, who was here in college. Eduardo Vasquez is the present preacher.

Santa Cruz

W. V. Bols, Sister Lee, and Sister Arnold were among the few who began worship here in 1903. A. P. Kirk, William Huddle, Charles Walker, J. R. Tannymill, Charles Caton, and E. Powell joined them in 1904. The Mc Kindleys,
Whitestines, Fourtnays, Yorks, Halls, Kaufmans, Marshall's, and others are to be remembered. Among those who have held meetings are Brethren Boltz, Love, Condra, Pool, Craig, Sniffin, Winter, Jones, Morris, Harper, Reedy, Hogan, and J. D. Tant. Harry Morton is one of the present leaders, and we must mention Sister Maud Perkins as a faithful member.

Fresno

The church "arrived" in Fresno when J. M. Arterburn and wife moved here in 1904 from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Sister Johnson, the Kaufmans, A. D. Hall, and the O'Briens were among the first members. The Burkes and O'Briens joined the work. G. W. Riggs came for a meeting. W. J. Kirk led the singing. Brother Sniffin, of Dos Palos, helped much. W. H. Trice arrived for preaching in 1916. E. Porter Norris, T. R. Atkinson, L. D. Davis, Ernest Beam, W. S. Irvine, Ernest Love, Lloyd E. Ellis, and (at present) Loyd L. Smith have worked with the church. T. B. Lari-

more preached the first sermon in the new building. This church, known as the Palm Avenue congregation, sponsored the work of Jesse Stephens in Hawaii.

In 1937 the Arlington Heights Church was established with many members from Palm Avenue. This new work has grown steadily under the preaching of William S. Irvine.

Palm Avenue purchased a building for the colored brethren and has helped them to build a good work. Total membership of the three churches runs close to 500.

Riverside

It was in the home of L. D. Perkins in 1904 that three or four families first met here for worship. G. W. Riggs held a meeting the same year. J. T. Noel and J. E. Cain came from Kansas to hold another meeting. J. E. Campbell, J. T. Van Hoy, J. T. Noel, and G. W. Crowell were selected as elders. July 5, 1936, saw the church in a new building at Ninth and Lime. Much mission work has been accomplished at home and abroad. Albert G. Lovelady served the church as minister for three years. Others who have preached there are L. Swindle, C. C. Klingman, E. C. Clipp, H. G. Cassell, C. A. Norred, E. M. Borden, H. E. Bartlett, J. L. Craig, L. L. McQueen, Ed Hamilton, A. E. Harper, Paul Harper, Carl Etter, Don Miller (Deacon Miller of Pasadena), Hugh M. Tiner, and Hubert Derrick.

Hanford

Brethren began worship here in 1908, but later moved to Armona. Nothing was done here again until 1910. Although the work has continued since that time, the church is weak and badly in need of leadership. Praise must be given to Sister Nellie Strain for her determination in maintaining the church in Hanford. A. T. Phillips is a leader here.

Dos Palos

The work here began in 1906 and has continued until this day. J. G. Pafford, one of the elders, reports 60 members.

Santa Rosa

The church began meeting here in homes in 1908, later in a hall on Third Street, and in 1917 occupied a new building. Many able men have served this church, but the influence of the late O. W. Gardner still is felt among the membership. Many strong and sacrificing Christians have been developed here. The work of Orville Brittell, missionary to Africa, is sponsored by the congregation. Following the preaching of Paul M. Tucker, Everett Alexander came to carry on.

Tranquility

The church here also began in 1908. W. A. Draper has been in Tranquility for 24 years and has preached during most of that time. He and E. W. Ayers are the elders. Robert Bird is the preacher at this time. There are about 40 members "in harmony who lack energy." Merle Clothier is the song leader. Meetings have been held by Daniel Sommer, A. R. Harper, Leonard Rucker, L. L. Smith, J. E. Wainwright, and Owen I. Hunt.

Graton

Possibly no church so small is so well known among us. Beginning in 1909, with help of Forestville and a meeting with E. C. Love, the church has "gone into all the world" since that day. G. W. Winter, George S. Davis, R. J. Narron, George M. Scott (now in mission work in Africa), G. Earl McCay (now in Alaska), R. R. Hayes, E. Badger, A. B. Tenney, J. A. Craig, Monroe Craig, F. G. Owen, W. McNeely, and R. C. Cannon have preached here. It is the home of the Pacific Christian academy, which is supported mostly by members.

San Diego

T. B. Lariimore baptized one person here in 1892, but it was in 1908, in the Bedford home, that G. W. Riggs held a meeting and established the work. E. C. Clipp, E. N. Glenn, B. E. Hayden, Hugh H. Miller, R. E. Wright, Eugene Smith, J. F. Chambers, and (at this time) Sherman Cannon have been preachers here. The meeting with S. H. Hall in 1928 did much to stimulate the church. It was while Eugene Smith was here that the new building was erected. Brother Smith, the editor of Gospel Broadcast, Dallas, Texas, is a builder. Out of the El Cajon Church grew the Central Church in 1936, which Brother Smith helped to establish, and also the church in La Mesa. John Bills now is with the Central Church, and from Central there have sprung congregations in National City, Cardifff, Coronado, Oceanside, and at Hillcrest (San Diego). Joe S. Warlick and Loyd L. Smith preached at Central. Elders there are Herman Amrein, Doss Bradford, and T. R. Harrison. Hillcrest was started this year, with Allan Brown and Dan Hyder as leaders.

Turlock


Lathrop

Started by Ernest C. Love in 1911, this church still is very small but is still loyal and active. D. B. Cargile lived here from 1920 until his death in 1938. W. H. Trice, Elmore Evans, Arthur Graham, and others assisted with the preaching.

Ontario

In 1912 the work began here with 32 charter members and today is one of the stronger churches in southern California. W. A. McCann and H. F. Parker were the first elders and S. W. Rucker and Charles Willingham the first deacons. S. E. Witty was the first preacher, coming in April, 1915. Several congregations have started from here. Present elders are E. L. Wood, H. W. Hoover, and H. F. Houchen. H. M. Harriman is the preacher.

Corning

This work began about 1912. J. T. Moffitt, A. P. Zumbard, L. M. Berg, W. G. Wilmeth, H. L. Stevens, and Marion Kitts were among the early members. T. R. Greer
-:- Some of Our Californians:

F. E. Alexander
Santa Rosa

D. C. Allen
Oakland

F. A. Bailey
Banning

James Bales
Turlock

Arnold Banks
San Fernando

Jack Bates
Modesto

L. W. Bates
National City

W. N. Bohannan
Fullerton

E. M. Borden
Porterville

E. M. Borden, Jr.
Wasco

Pat Broaddus
Armona

D. B. Cargile
Pioneer preacher

A. L. Cassius
Los Angeles

B. F. Coulter
Pioneer

Everett Evans
Martinez

O. W. Gardener
(1869-1938)

E. R. Garretson
Salinas

Homer L. Gifford
Colton

E. N. Glenn
Casitas Springs

Arthur Graham
Knightsen

W. F. Green
Healdsburg

H. Ishiguro
Los Angeles

T. B. Larimore
(1843-1939)

Fred Lee
Los Angeles

Robert E. Lee
Bakersfield

Clint Lovelady
Patterson

G. L. Mann
Coulinga

Fred W. McClung
Hollywood

Wm. P. Reedy
Los Angeles

Seth Rehkop
Ontario

E. A. Rhodes
Los Angeles

Frank Rhodes
Tracy

Ira Y. Rice, Jr.
Paso Robles

G. W. Riggs
Los Angeles

Noble Rogers
Santa Maria

Some of Our Californians:
Some of Our California Preachers
has preached here for many years. S. O. Pool, E. C. Love, Brother Craig, W. G. Williams, Austin Sommer, Stephen and E. A. Settle, G. E. McCay, H. R. Thornhill, W. P. Reddy, J. E. Wainwright and others have held meetings. J. T. Williams, of Pollock, Missouri, settled here in 1906. Much help has been received from the Southwest Church in Los Angeles. A. Edgar Pringle is with the church at this time. W. E. Edwards is one of the leaders.

Holtville

The congregation was organized in 1915 through the efforts of Sister Nancy Layton, of Pomona, who was in Holtville at that time visiting relatives. She has since passed to her reward. The following have held meetings: Chris Condra, R. W. Riggs, W. W. Pace, O. M. Reynolds, E. N. Glenn, Foye E. Wallace, Jr., J. W. Saunders, L. L. McQueen, and Seth Rehkop. W. A. Torrence is the able leader of this group.

Tulare

The church began January 2, 1916, by L. M. Williams and wife observing the Lord's Supper in their home. (May God grant that wherever the child of God goes, the church goes with him. Give us members as this great man and wife, Wm. Sneddin and wife, A. W. Abbott and wife, with John F. Adair is assisting in the work at this time.

Chowchilla

This work began in 1918 at the home of Earl Massey, who was assisted by Charles Ailes, B. F. Sanders, Ed Clandennc, R. O. Bollinger, Brother Jones, and others. W. E. McNeely, Norman Beeman, Jesse Stephens, Tom Wilmeth, Vernon Morris, and E. R. Garretson have preached here.

Fillmore

G. W. Riggs established the church here in 1919. Walter Miller and John McCallister assisted the work much in the early days. Bert B. Beck is one of the present leaders, and J. R. St. Cloud. In 1925 he and George M. Scott returned for another meeting. A building was purchased. J. W. Dunn, C. A. Norred, C. L. Willerson, Rue Porter, G. W. Riggs, T. B. Larimore, and others have held meetings here. John F. Adair is assisting in the work at this time.

Chico

This work began in 1924 with 17 members. The church owns a very good building and, under the preaching of Elmore R. Evans, the work is growing very fast. W. T. Tracey, Curtis Porter, Seth Rehkop, W. H. Trice, Roy Whitfield (returned missionary to China), and Forrest Waldrop have served the church as preachers.

Alhambra

The vision of Bill Green, who now lives in Berkeley, is responsible for this church which began in the summer of 1921. Brother Green, Brother McIntosh, C. L. Hinkley and wife, Wm. Sneddin and wife, A. W. Abbott and wife, with R. W. Riggs preaching and Brother Elmore leading the singing—all members of the Sichel Street Church in Los Angeles—began this work. Brother Green preached for some time and Brother Hinkley led the singing. Herman Campbell, Eugene White, W. O. Davis, and others have preached here. L. W. Vertrees is among the present leaders.

Berkeley

T. B. Larimore, as preacher, L. Q. Harris, P. N. Andersen, Ralph Chase (now a leader in Sacramento), Jimmie Sewell now in Santa Ana), and A. J. Dunn, who with Brethren Larimore, Harris, and Andersen has gone to his reward, began worship here April 9, 1922. Others who have served the church as preachers are D. M. Sayers, S. H. Biggerstaff, W. H. Trice, J. C. Hollis, Wade Ruby, Ralph Wilburn, and (at present) Woodrow Whitten. Carroll Cannon is to begin here soon. This is the home congregation of William Green. Few congregations contribute such large percentages of income to mission work. Several congregations have grown from Berkeley.

Santa Paula

In 1922 J. H. Biggers called G. W. Riggs for a meeting and the church was established. W. W. Pace, J. E. Wainwright, Albert Lovelady, and others have held meetings here. Sheperon Cannon did fine work by helping to move the congregation into a new building. Earl West is assisting with the preaching at this time. Leaders are R. B. McCalister, W. H. Jones, Ed Gooley, and L. R. Hobson.

San Bernardino

The work started here in 1923 following a meeting held by O. M. Reynolds, Ontario sponsored the work. Brethren who formerly had met in their homes in Redlands, Colton, and other nearby places formed this church. The building was completed in 1924. E. M. Reed, L. C. Carlisle, E. T. Hamilton, G. W. Riggs, L. L. McQueen, T. R. Vaughn, T. R. Atkinson, W. C. Harrison, and H. Alton Wimbish have served as preachers.

Bakersfield

Although it was in 1920 that Dr. and Sister Bertha Drane (Stapp) moved from Nashville, Tennessee, to Bakersfield and began the worship, it was not until 1922, after a meeting with C. R. Nowell, that the work actually began. With 11 souls added in the meeting, the K. P. Hall was rented and worship has continued there ever since. J. T. Smith and W. C. Harrison serve the congregation as preachers at this time. Out of this congregation in 1926 grew the Central Church, as it is known today. U. R. Beeson served it for some time as minister. The K. P. Hall Church also sponsors the work among the colored brethren started by A. L. Cassius in June, 1924. R. N. Hogan baptized 78 here in 1940 and 43 others in 1941. Robert E. Lee is the present preacher. The Central Church meets at 1710 Chester. James Stagner is the preacher.

Sacramento

This work began in 1924 with 17 members. The church owns a very good building and, under the preaching of Elmore R. Evans, the work is growing very fast. W. T. Tracey, Curtis Porter, Seth Rehkop, W. H. Trice, Roy Whitfield (returned missionary to China), and Forrest Waldrop have served the church as preachers.

Chico

G. Earl McCay started this work in 1924 in the home of J. R. St. Cloud. In 1925 he and George M. Scott returned for another meeting. A building was purchased in 1937. J. R. Greer has helped much in the preaching. C. M. Brockman is one of the present leaders.

San Pedro

This church was founded in 1924 by the Ninth and Lime Church in Long Beach. Ernest Beam preached here for about a year. He was followed by H. S. Nelson, Thomas Scott, and (at present) Hugh I. Shira. This congregation established the church in Torrance.

Hemet

The first worship was held in the Henry Parker home in 1925. Meetings have been conducted by James Swell, Alton Wimbish, and Jean Valentine. Homer Gifford followed Ed Hamilton in preaching. There have been ups and downs, but the members are now ready to get down to business. The Central Church in Los Angeles plans to assist this church in a meeting next month, with Floyd Thompson preaching. There are some loyal members in Hemet and San Jacinto. J. W. McKinney is one of the older leaders.

Fullerton

G. W. Riggs held a meeting here in 1925 which resulted in a new church. A good building is owned, and there are some 150 members. W. N. Bohannan, whose home is here,
has preached for the church off and on for several years. However, Harry R. Fox, (for several years missionary to Japan and now business manager of Lipscomb College), D. E. Hayes, and (at present) Frank Grammer have served the church as ministers.

Norwalk

G. W. Riggs preached on April 17, 1927, the day the church was started, and W. W. Pace came once each month. Ernest Beam held the first meeting. The church began meeting in its own building in 1930. J. W. Saunders, Seth Rehkop, W. G. Jernigan, Ed Hamilton, Cline Drake, and now Harold Wright have been the preachers. Charles I. West is one of the leaders.

Coalinga

G. H. Woodruff and A. G. Mayrey were instrumental in starting this work January 16, 1926, when Daniel Som-mer was called for a meeting. In 1932 the church moved into its own building. Chester Estes, C. C. Houston, L. S. Rucker, Melvin Elliott, and G. L. Mann, who has just left, have worked with the church. There are some 30 active members.

Modesto

In a meeting held by W. J. Whaley, this work began July 17, 1927. J. J. Hogan located here for a while and was followed by S. T. LaNier, L. D. Davis, J. D. Taylor, W. E. McNeely, L. C. Bussard, and now Jesse Stephens, who due to the war, recently returned from mission work in Hawaii. There are 200 members and the work is quite active.

Vista

W. E. Badders, wife, and daughter, Mrs. Pearl Morris-son, moved to Vista in 1927 and began worship in their home. Today there are 25 members. S. E. Witty held the first meeting in 1928 with L. F. Martin leading the singing. Jimmie Saundes, Hoyt Houchen, C. L. Thompson, and Madison Wright since have held meetings. Leaders are A. S. DeBard, Nolan Bohanan, W. E. Badders, and Fred Pepperdine.

Casitas Springs

This work started in May, 1928, and the preacher holding the meeting was again G. W. Riggs. E. N. Glenn moved here in 1934 and has preached for the church since that time. Having been started by brethren from Santa Paula, this church in turn has started a congregation in Santa Barbara and many of the members make up the new works in Ventura and Ojai. Meetings have been held by L. C. Chapin, W. W. Pace, James A. Scott, T. W. Phillips, W. B. West, Jr., Batsell Baxter, and L. W. Mattox. Leaders are W. C. Oakley, George Ross, Kenneth Hurt, and Joel Glenn.

Porterville

This church began in the home of Brother Farnham, who still is a faithful member. In 1934 J. E. Wheeler and Robert Livingstone led the work into a new place of worship at Orange and F Streets. Porter Norris, Rue Porter, T. W. Phillips, Ernest Beam, J. E. Wainwright, Billie Yount, O. D. Dial, Hugh Tiner, L. D. Perkins, Woodrow Whitten, S. E. Witty, J. W. Ballard, C. C. Houston, R. N. Hogan, A. L. Cassius, and others have cooperated in meetings of one kind or another. W. E. Jones is the present preacher. Brother Wheeler has meant much to the work. In June, 1939, the work was started on Sunnyside Street, where E. M. Borden has done a fine job. These two churches, working hand in hand, face a prosperous future.

Huntington Park

E. R. McInnes, one of the present elders, owes much to S. E. Witty, who began to work here November 3, 1929, Floyd S. Lee, Jimmy Morgan, and John Connolly were early workers. Central Church in Los Angeles sponsored the church. In 1936 Hugh Tiner and Bill Taylor came to work here and remained until September 11, 1938, when the Vermont Avenue Church in Los Angeles was established by Huntington Park. Hubert Derrick followed Brother Tiner as preacher and is still here. They have a fine new building. The Mexican work and the “Take Time To Be Holy” radio program are sponsored by this active church.

Exeter

D. E. Scott and L. D. Perkins deserve much credit for the church which began meeting here in 1930. A. F. Walker came from Guthrie, Oklahoma, and preached for more than five years. There are approximately 75 members.

Venice

The worship was held first in the home of J. D. Murphee in 1932, and later in a building on Venice Boulevard. Eugene White, a professor at George Pepperdine College, began preaching here in July, 1940, and remained until last May, at which time J. E. Wainwright took over the work, also preaching for the new church in Santa Monica in the afternoon.

Wasco

Eleven members met June 7, 1932, to begin worship in a hall rather than continue meeting in homes. A building was purchased in 1938. There are approximately 100 members. F. L. Albany, P. F. Humphrey, J. F. Rowland, S. M. Moody, Eliza Hamilton, and E. F. Garretson are among the leaders. E. M. Borden, Jr., is the preacher.

Arcadia

This work was started March 19, 1933. Joseph W. White was the first preacher. He remained until 1937, when he was succeeded by James Harwell. Hoyt Houchen took the work later in the year and was followed in 1940 by Malcolm Hinkle, who remained until this spring. This church faces the future with assurance.

Glendale

J. F. Tipton is the father of the Glendale church, which was started with a few members January 14, 1934. He re-mained with the work five years. Jean Valentine began preaching in 1939 and remains until the present. This is one of the patterns of good work in the state, an example of what can be done when brethren work and pray. Two radio programs, thousands of tracts, personal work—those are some of the congregation’s projects. It sponsors the colored church in Pasadena.

Richmond

In June, 1934, a new building was erected in Richmond and members living there, who had been worshipping in Berkeley, started the Richmond Church. J. C. Hollis was the first preacher. Elbridge Linn served the church before his mission work in Japan and again upon his return. He was succeeded by Harvey Childress. Robert R. Price is the present minister. The church has grown rapidly.

Healdsburg

Five families assembled for worship July 8, 1934. They moved into their own building in 1940. Healdsburg is the home of W. A. Ware, to whom we are greatly indebted. He is the son of E. B. Ware, editor of “Disciples of Christ in California,” a book from which we have obtained much of the history and also some pictures we have used. This book was given to me by William Green, of Berkeley, W. B. West, Jr., who used much of the information in the book, arranged it in the form which we have used in part. To all these good men we are most grateful and hereby acknowledge their assistance. W. F. Green is the present preacher in Healdsburg, following Elmore Evans.
North Long Beach

This work was also started in 1934 and moved into a new building in 1936. E. M. Borden worked with the church for some time, and young preachers from George Pepperdine College have assisted. Meetings have been held by Rue Porter, Ernest Beam, and James A. Scott. John Lomax is a loyal leader.

Banning

This is another place where G. W. Riggs preached the first sermon—December 2, 1934—in the beginning of a new work. E. B. Linn followed with a good meeting, and the original 15 members have grown to approximately 50. Others who have held meetings or labored here are Floyd T. Hamilton, C. M. McMullen, Hubert Derrick, W. C. Harrison, Hugh Shira, John F. Crews, and (at present) F. A. Bailey, C. E. McCann is one of the leaders.

Hawthorne

E. M. West began this congregation in his home January 17, 1935. He remained with the work two years. Various speakers from Los Angeles churches have helped out for some time. E. M. Borden preached for three months. Elbert Garretson, Claude Thurman, Jim Batey, and others had a part in the preaching. C. H. Shipp has been with the church for the past two years. A tremendous growth has been made even though several members were lost to the new Inglewood Church.

Martinez

This work began in June, 1935, with four families meeting. Headed by Wade Ruby and aided by the Bay Area churches, the congregation completed a new building in 1937. Everett Evans has been the preacher since July, 1939. The church is assisting many nearby places. Contributions for mission work average $1.40 per member per month. Jimmie Biggers is one of the leaders.

Lindsay

In June, 1935, the Palm Avenue Church in Fresno sent A. F. Waller to hold a meeting which resulted in this work. George W. Dickson, of Dimma, helped for the following few years. Terry Mason, Arlo Gillan, Clet Eiford, J. H. Ballard, LeRoy Thompson, Vernon Morris, Arlie Smith, J. D. Taylor, Rue Porter, C. L. Willerson, Claude McClung, J. O. Wilburn W. E. Jones, John Adair, Joe Copinger, and W. S. Boyett have held meetings or preached here. The congregation is planning a new building. Claude Davis is one of the leaders.

Marysville-Yuba City

J. C. Clifford, assisting James A. Scott, started this work in September, 1935. F. F. Alderman was one of the early faithful members. The Southwest Church of Los Angeles and the church in Sacramento helped support Guss Farmer while he was here. Frank Rhodes has been preaching here for some time past. The work has grown from 8 to 40 members and now is self-supporting. Walter Sanderson is one of the leaders.

Van Nuys

Dissatisfaction with the Christian Church is the basis of the start of this work. James A. Scott set up the plans. Central Church in Los Angeles, aided by Ninth and Lime in Long Beach, sponsored the work. Jimmie Saunders and Jimmie Lovell were sent by the Central Church to do the work, which was started November 3, 1935. J. J. Wyatt, W. W. Pace, Joe Hunter, Eddie Weems, Boyd Field, Bill McKown, Norvel Young, and (at present) W. B. West, Jr., have served as preachers. George Brown is one of the leaders. There has been a splendid growth.

Salinas

This work began in 1935 in a meeting conducted by L. L. Freeman, Jack Bates, W. S. Irvine, Billie Yount, and now Elbert Garretson have served as preachers. Sister Moore, her two children, Paul and Alma, and Lester Lucas have done much to build this church.

Santa Maria

An advertisement run in the paper by Bro. and Sister Lester Brown resulted in the start of this work in 1935 at the home of Sister Mack Massey. E. N. Glenn came once a month for three years to preach. Alva Rogers, supported by Southwest Church in Los Angeles, drove from Santa Paula to assist for several months. Albert Lovelady held a meeting in 1939. Noble Rogers is the present preacher.

Santa Barbara

First service held here was in January, 1936, in the home of E. F. Day. J. E. Wainwright held a meeting the same year. Southwest and York Boulevard Churches in Los Angeles have assisted much in the work. Calvin Van Hooser preached for a few months in 1941. Since that time Tom Harris has been preaching. James A. Scott and E. N. Glenn have held meetings.

Stockton

The church began peaceful worship here March 22, 1936. A building was purchased during the three years of Elmore Evans’ ministry. W. E. McNeely took the work in 1940 and still remains. A splendid growth has been made and a rounded program is underway. It was in Stockton in 1851 that Thomas Thompson organized the first church in California.

Arvin

W. L. Franklin is one of the leaders of this work, which began in 1936. There are approximately 30 members, mostly women, but there are six men who can direct the worship. This work will grow.

Highway City

There is little doubt but what this church is a direct result of a radio program sponsored by Palm Avenue Church in Fresno. A preacher was called in 1936, and Chester Eiford was sent. L. D. Davis followed for many months, and a solid work was established. Larimore White, of Fresno, is doing the preaching at this time.

Knightsen

This work was started in 1936. Elmer S. Burnett did a fine work here. W. H. Trice, Lloyd Ellis, and Arthur Graham have assisted much. There are about 45 members. James Helms is one of the leaders.

Visalia

The Noble Avenue Church was organized in April, 1937. The membership is approximately 75. W. L. Roundtree is one of the leaders.

Merced

This church was started June 20, 1937, with 17 members and now has 74. Monroe Craig has been the preacher, and has been assisted part of the time by Haskell Conover. J. E. Wainwright, J. F. Waller, W. S. Irvine and C. S. Willerson have held meetings. The church sponsors a radio program.

Ventura

Twelve members began this work under the direction of T. W. Phillips, sponsored by Southwest Church in Los
Angeles, July 18, 1937. Elliott Baxter preached the first sermon. Meetings have been held by Batsell Baxter, J. E. Wainwright, and Sherman Cannon. V. T. Smith has been with the work since 1941. Other visiting preachers have been Carl Eitter (for several years a missionary to Japan), R. N. Hogan, Howard Horton, Woodrow Hughes, Howard Kelly, Alva Rogers, Wade Ruby, James A. Scott, Hugh Tiner, Paul Tucker, J. E. Van Camp, J. Eddie Weems, Sam Witty.

Ojai

This work was started by J. H. Biggers, George Biggers, and Jim Antwerp in October, 1937.

El Monte

York Boulevard Church in Los Angeles sent J. E. Wainwright to start this work February 25, 1938. First meetings were held in a rented hall, with 26 members. Today the church owns its building and has more than 100 members. Chester Ellford served for three years and was followed by Wade Ruby and Billie Mattox. John H. Beebe is the present preacher.

Paso Robles

The church was organized April 20, 1938, with eight members meeting at the home of Sister Chris Hodel 12 miles east of town. Arthur Graham took the pulpit in 1940, and Glen W. Collins held a meeting in 1941. Fred McClung, while a chaplain at Camp Roberts, preached here until the arrival of Ira Y. Rice, Jr. in April, 1942. The Christian Soldier, with Rice as the editor and publisher, is printed in Paso Robles. Charles Grady is one of the church leaders.

Whittier

Billie Williams, formerly a member of the Huntington Park Church, under whose direction the Mexican Church in Los Angeles was started, rounded up 33 members and started the Whittier Church May 5, 1938. Batsell Baxter served as preacher for several months and was followed by Arlie Smith, the present preacher. There are 80 members at this time.

Watsonville

Early in 1938 this church had its beginning. Meetings first were held in the homes of the Hetticks, Clements, and Hills. In July a hall was rented. Today there is a fine church, divided its time between Alturas and Reno. L. Arnold Patterson held meetings. Clint Lovelady, brother of Albert, has been with the work since the start. M. C. Millard is one of the leaders.

Puente

One of the very active congregations in the Los Angeles metropolitan area is Puente. The church was established about three years ago. Melvin Elliot preached here for some time. E. B. Linn, father of Elbridge, Eugene Hedrick, and C. E. Plumlee are elders, and M. H. Floyd and Roy Wells are deacons. Woodrow Wilson has taken the place of Mason Emde as preacher.

Hollister

L. L. Freeman held the first meeting on Christmas, 1938, to start the church here. Richard Morrison, who was baptized in that meeting, is preaching for the church in Renton, Washington. A. B. Chitwood is one of its leaders.

Napa

This work began in 1938 in the home of Merl Douglas. Paul Tucker preached on Sunday afternoons for some weeks. H. R. Thornhill held a meeting in 1939. W. G. Poplin has been doing the preaching since 1940. Several members from Napa went with the new church in Vallejo.

Pasadena

We are obliged to date the work of the Lord in Pasadena from May 14, 1939, at which time W. Edgar Miller, for many years elder of the Central and Sibell Street Churches in Los Angeles, with almost 100 others, began the work here. Paul E. Harper preached here until Elbridge Linn could come in September. Brother Linn remained until late in 1941, when he took the work in Cleburne, Texas. Hugh M. Tiner and others preached until H. Alton Wimbish came in June. March 1, 1942, saw the beginning of work among the colored race. This work is sponsored by the Glendale Church, and Charles H. Scott is the preacher.

San Jose

Eleven members began this work following a meeting June 6, 1938, by J. E. Wainwright. H. N. Hurd followed with a good meeting in September, later preaching for five months. W. H. Trice and Roy C. Hyde have contributed to the progress. Billy Yount served for several weeks. Paul M. Tucker came from Santa Rosa to take the pulpit in 1941 and is there now. E. S. Dyke is among the leaders. The church address is 65 South Seventh Street.

Oakland

From Berkeley Church went 40 members August 5, 1938, to begin the work in Oakland. Although there had been a Negro congregation in Oakland for some time, this was the first service for white brethren in California's third largest city. Ralph Wilburn was the preacher until June, 1939. He was followed by Alonzo D. Welch. In three years the youngest congregation became the largest. On March 8 of this year 30 members transferred membership to the new San Leandro Church, where W. H. Trice will serve as minister. A. E. Andersen and R. B. Williams are among this latter group.

OAKLAND NEGRO CHURCH. D. C. Allen arrived in Oakland 40 years ago and was unable to locate a single member of God's family—colored or white. He started preaching on street corners, using a fishing pole to attract attention. Many are his experiences in building a church in this city for his people. Today they have their building and a substantial congregation. Marshall Johnson is assisting Brother Allen with the preaching.

Patterson

This church was started by the brethren in Modesto in October, 1938. Jesse Stephens held the first meeting and 16 were baptized. Vernon Posey and Albert Lovelady have held meetings. Clint Lovelady, brother of Albert, has been with the work since the start. M. C. Millard is one of the leaders.

National City

This congregation was started by Dr. Cox, Kenneth Shehi, L. F. Martin, and others in May, 1939. L. W. Bates began preaching here in 1940 and has done a splendid job. The membership has doubled in the past two years. The church is planning a new building.
Pixley

L. L. Freeman started this church May 27, 1939, and J. E. Wheeler and L. D. Perkins did much to help. Pat Broadus preached for some time. A building was obtained in 1940. John Bellflower, whose work from the very beginning has meant so much, is one of the present leaders.

Clovis

Loyd Smith, supported by Palm Avenue in Fresno, began this work in the summer of 1939. W. H. Kirk and Gerald Jones of Fresno assist the 15 or 20 members by preaching.

Maywood

Brother and Sister J. F. Tipton, members of the Vermont Avenue Church in Los Angeles, began this church September 10, 1939. There have been 25 baptisms and 15 restorations. Hugh Shira and Jack Tate have assisted. Brother Tipton is a builder!

Needles

The work began in October, 1938, and Urie T. Poisall held their first meeting in January, 1939. Raymond Kelcy followed with a meeting in 1940 and E. B. Linn with another in 1941. Albert Phillips was here for about a year. Joe M. Cox is one of the leaders. Dean Carlton did much for Needles.

Upland


Kerman

Loyd L. Smith, of Palm Avenue in Fresno, held the first meeting and the church was established March 18, 1940. W. S. Irvine followed with a meeting, and Brother Smith held a second meeting. Owen I. Hunt (Tranquility) has been the preacher since the work began.

Oakdale

Some 35 members from the Modesto Church started meeting in Oakdale in March, 1940. Jack Bates has preached for them since that time. A fine program is underway and a bright future is in store.

Blythe

This work began in 1940 in the home of B. M. Merler. John F. Crews preached for a while. J. D. Rothwell held a meeting recently. A new building is planned by the 40 members. Bert Lyon is one of the leaders.

North Hollywood-Burbank

This work was started by the York Boulevard Church in Los Angeles. J. E. Wainwright holding the opening service July 14, 1940. He remained with the church until the following October. Jack Morris followed for almost a year and was succeeded by Batsell Barrett Baxter. There have been 33 additions this year. Layton Randolph, brother of Wright Randolph and son-in-law of E. W. McMillan, is a member here.

South Gate

A few members of the Huntington Park Church began meeting here October 3, 1940. Robert Bynum preached for two months, and J. Eddie Weems has been with the work since that time. Brother Weems leaves us for Texas, and Albert Lovelady takes the work this month. This congregation seems destined to become one of the best in the Los Angeles area. The members are workers. Ben Franklin is one of the leaders.

La Mesa

The La Mesa Church was established under the direction of the El Cajon Church of San Diego in 1940. P. J. Packer and Earl Bassett were the leaders, and the work started with 25 members. C. M. McMullen, a civil service employee in San Diego, is the present preacher. Brother Harriman, of Ontario, held a meeting last fall.

Torrance

This congregation was started by the church in San Pedro, with Hugh Shira doing the preaching, in September, 1940. There was one member; today there are 45. J. Eddie Weems preached for a short time and was followed by Boyd Field, who is still there. Charles Stivers is the song leader.

Riverbank

F. E. Hale gave the lot and the Modesto Church started the building. The first meeting was held May 19, 1941. L. C. Bussard and W. E. McNeely did the preaching for three weeks. L. K. Pomeroy, of Stockton, and G. L. Hawley, of Modesto, have carried on the work. The church building is on California Avenue.

Antioch

This work started in June, 1941, with the help of the church in Martinez. Everett Evans, W. H. Trice, Arthur Graham, Frank Rhodes, and others have helped with the preaching. P. T. Dean, Archey Crumley, and R. S. Williams have been of much assistance. The church meets at 1:30 p.m. T. R. Spanhower is one of the leaders.

San Fernando

In a mission meeting held by Billie Mattox, assisted by Arnold Banks, this church had its beginning September 10, 1941. The work was sponsored by Sichel Street Church in Los Angeles and the churches in Van Nuys and El Monte. There are some 35 members now. Arnold Banks is the preacher.

Bell Gardens

One of the members of the Southwest Church in Los Angeles—Nyal D. Royse—started this congregation November 8, 1941, in the home of Cecil Brown. O. M. Davis, of Indiana, held a meeting in February which resulted in eight baptisms. The membership is approximately 40.

Cardiff-by-the-Sea

This church was started by the Central Church of San Diego in 1941. John Bills doing the preaching. One of the Central members, Walter Evans, is preaching at present. There are about 40 members.

Inglewood

Hugh Tiner, as preacher, Russel Squire as song leader, Jimmie Lovell, and Earl Watson were sent by the Vermont
Avenue Church in Los Angeles to establish the church in nearby Inglewood. The first service was held January 4, 1942. After the first month Wade Ruby was called to do the preaching, since Brother Tiner had promised to assist Pasadena for a while. Abe Mock, Don Goforth, J. E. Van Camp, Bill Taylor, Larry Killen, Roy Palmer, Walter Wood, and others are backing Brother Ruby in a great work of carrying on the original vision of Vermont Avenue—"others."

**Redlands**

Mason Emde started this work January 12, 1942. Alton Wimbish and Albert Lovelady assisted on afternoons. Noble Rogers, Emmett Long, Phil Allen, Raymond Key, Carl Collier, Lewis King, Woodrow Wilson, and Horace Coffman—all preacher students at George Pepperdine College—have helped in the work. Central Church in Pasadena plans to assist. L. L. Rider is one of the leaders.

**Tracy**

James D. Bales began a meeting in Tracy May 11 of this year, marking the beginning of a new congregation. Churches in the Bay District assisted in starting the work. Frank Rhodes plans to preach regularly there. Earl Wardford, relative of the late David Lipscomb, is one of the leaders.

**Santa Monica**

The fourth new church in the state for 1942 began in the Women's Club building in Santa Monica on June 8, with J. E. Wainwright as the leader and preacher. D. H. Williams, a stranger to all and 20 years "out of duty," made the confession and became the first member. York Boulevard Church in Los Angeles will sponsor the work.

**Vallejo**

This work started this year in the home of Sister Pauline Blank, daughter of W. H. Moore. R. H. Overturf, Brother Stinnett, and H. M. Farmer were present at the first meeting. Carroll Cannon preached. The work is growing.

**Other Churches**

**Brawley.** A few brethren were meeting here prior to 1941, but it was after J. W. Nicholson moved here that the work took on added life. W. A. Torrence, Pete Davis, Glenn L. Wallace, and the Central Church in Los Angeles (Martin and Ellen Christensen) assisted in a meeting early this year which did much good. (The work of the Christensens, members of Central in Los Angeles, reaches to many growing congregations throughout this western country. They not only have helped to plant the work but to build the buildings.)

**Carpenteria.** The work was established here by Forrest Waldrop and the York Boulevard Church in 1942.

**Lancaster.** Hubert Dill preached here for some time. For the past year Duane Canby has been preaching. One of the leaders is T. L. McPherson.

**Lompoc.** Albert Lovelady held a meeting here about two years ago which may have been the beginning of the church.

**Oceanside.** We have brethren meeting here. Britton Reubush is one of the leaders.

**Redwood City.** This work was started by brethren from San Francisco. Charles Policy is a leader.

**Taft.** We have a very good church in Taft. Melvin Elliott is preaching here now. D. Y. Ramey, C. L. Poe, Ernest Batton, and J. E. Haney are among those taking the lead.

**Yucaipa.** For many years Brother and Sister W. C. Whistle kept this work going. Bill Shannon has moved there now. Members from here helped start the work in Redlands.

There are Christians meeting in Dinuba, Earlimont, Somoa, Woodville, Rodeo, and possibly other places of which we have no record.

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Since the founding of the college in 1937, $923,176 has been invested in the plant. Somewhat more than $1,000,000 has been set aside for a permanent endowment.

Academic recognition has been received from Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools, 1939; American Medical Association, 1940; Association of American Colleges, and Universities of Pacific Southwest, 1941; American Council on Education, American Home Economics Association, and Phi Kappa Delta (national honor society in speech and debate), 1942.
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Roy Whitfield went to China in 1932 and returned in 1941. He now is living in Sacramento.

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