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## EDITORIAL

### A HALF CENTURY OF SPIRITUAL SERVICE

This summer marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Beulah Camp.

Who was responsible for the choice of this spot as a campmeeting site, the writes does not know, but certainly he or they must have been guided by the Spirit. One can easily imagine that when this parcel of ground was first purchased, it might have been rough and desolate in appearance. But the clearing of ground, construction of buildings, and beautifying of the ground by planting of shrubs and blossoming perennials, all with the great natural advantage of location on the banks of the beautiful Saint John River, gives us at present one of the most scenic spots on the Continent.

There is a sacred atmosphere surrounding this place. The ground has been trod upon by some of earth's finest saints. A host of them have fallen asleep in Jesus to await the great day of triumphal resurrection. Eloquent, devoted, and Spirit-led men have preached the full salvation message from the Tabernacle pulpit. Some of the mightiest preachers that have declared the Good News on the American Continent during the last century, have ministered at Beulah Camp. Beverly Carridine, Joseph H. Smith, C. J. Fowler, H. C. Morrison, A. P. Gouthey, C. W. Butler, John L. Brasher, Peter Wiseman, E. W. Tokley and a great number of other God-blessed heralds of the double-cure message, have been there.

The ministry of Beulah Camp has been definitely and consistently a Spiritual one. A few may have attended the years' sessions for pleasure or rest, but the great majority of ministers and members of the laity have gone there to sing, pray, and labour together for the edification of one another, the sanctification of the unclansed, the salvation of those outside the will of God. What great outpourings of Divine blessing have fallen upon this hilltop! What memorable and life-changing victories have been wrought! The records of heaven alone could give us the complete story.

Soon, by the grace of God, we hope to meet there again. May "Beulah" of 1944 be a time of jubilee, the greatest spiritual feast in its

## ABSENTEEISM

A new name for an old disease

By the Associate Editor

It seems that this war has been responsible for taking certain words which hitherto had not been used very much, and pressing them into service where they have become very common. In fact there are many terms in use today which Webster did not know about when he compiled his dictionary.

This word Absenteeism has only recently come into common use, although for many years the human family has been afflicted with this same trouble, or disease. For many years it has been confined mostly to religious circles, and we remember how the old folks, the faithful ones in the church, used to call it Morbus Sabbaticus, "Sunday sickness," and laugh at those whom they said were afflicted with this peculiar disease. But, since it has spread to secular life, it is not regarded as a joke, or something to be laughed at. Those in authority, who are trying to produce the largest amount of war materials, look upon Absenteeism as a very serious condition, which greatly impedes the progress of our allies in this war. These military-minded men tell us that the war is being prolonged and hundreds of our men are suffering and dying on the battlefields because they cannot get guns, tanks, planes, etc., fast enough to fight with. And the men at home who are holding good jobs with big pay, and are supposed to be working in the war manufacturing plants, are absent from their posts of duty far too many days, which is a great loss to the allied cause.

Well, I can tell these overseers, bosses, heads of the war plants, officers, statesmen, lawmakers, those in authority, how they can greatly reduce this complaint of Absenteeism. I can tell them in just a few words. Stop manufacturing beer and strong drink, so that the labourers can't buy it, and get drunk; for the reason that so many of them are absent is because they are drinking themselves drunk, and then taking time to sober up.

Th governments and the people who vote for the government that permits the brewers to manufacture and sell strong drink, and many of these are church members, are the ones who are responsible for much of the absenteeism and for much of the loss of life among our soldiers, and they are the ones who are guilty of murder, and should be imprisoned for life.

Well "so much for that." If absenteeism is a crime in secular life, and, as those in authority, says, is playing into the hands of Hitler: Then what shall we say about those, who are absent from their posts of duty in religious circles?

Those who profess to love Jesus but rarely come to prayer meeting, where Jesus promises to meet with his people that they might receive inspiration, spiritual instruction and help, and contribute the same to others who come? What shall we say about those who are living on the benefits of Christian civilization, who never come to church or contribute anything to the great cause of Christ, or, what about so many church-members who have fallen in this very common habit of attending church only once on Sunday, then stay at home or visit friends Sunday afternoon and evening? If men in secular life by their

enemies, the Axis powers, can people in religious life be absent from the service of God and the church, when it is possible for them to be there, and not be guilty of contributing to the support of our enemy, the devil? Listen to what our Lord says on this subject. He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth. Luke 11-23.

According to the foregoing words of Jesus, there is no such thing as a neutrality law operating in the kingdom of God. We are all belligerents and are fighting for Jesus in his cause, or we are fighting against Him. That seems to make absenteeism a very serious offence in the church, for if we by our indifference are not helping to win souls to Jesus, then by our influence we are hindering them from coming, and are helping the old devil to damn them.

May God help us to do something about it.  
—H. S. D.

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY MARYSVILLE CHURCH

The fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Reformed Baptist Church at Marysville was observed recently. The Church was organized by the late Rev. G. B. Trafton, April 26th, 1894, and has been blessed of God in the salvation of souls, the sanctification of believers and the edification of the saints, throughout the half century of her existence.

During the roll call service Brother N. C. Cochrane, who was for many years clerk, gave the history of the church. He spoke of the various ministers who had served the church as pastor and also of several outstanding men and women whose prayers and faith and labours had helped to sustain the cause of Holiness in Marysville.

Time and space would not permit a full resume of the work and workers, but God keeps the record, and in the last great day will give the rewards.

During the calling of the roll by the present clerk, William Moer, Jr., letters were read from some absent members and testimonies were given by those present. Rev. H. S. Dow was the guest speaker during all the services and brought inspiring messages to the church. The services which were held from April 26th to 30th were all seasons of rich blessing.

Brother Deverne Mullen was with us for the Sabbath and his ministry of song was greatly appreciated.

An appeal was made for missions during the services and the church responded nobly to the occasion and brought an offering of four hundred and sixty dollars on the Sabbath. One hundred dollars of this amount was given by Mrs. Norman Moer in memory of her husband, who gave his life in the service of his king and country, on March 3rd.

One of the most precious services of the series was a Covenant meeting held on Saturday afternoon. The blessing of the Lord was truly upon this service while saints rejoiced in Him and told of what their church had meant to them and pledged themselves to the perpetuation of our Covenant.

The Sunday morning service too was signally blessed of God. During this service three young girls sought, and we believe, found salvation.

Altogether our fiftieth anniversary services were profitable indeed and truly a time of