

Beulah Notebook, 1959

"This is my first trip to Beulah, but it won't be my last!" The spontaneous and enthusiastic comment of a newcomer who had only been on the Camp Ground about an hour! A characteristic reaction of newcomers to this beautiful and hallowed spot.

The old Camp Ground seemed even more lovely and sacred this year. The maples and birches, the pine, cedar, and spruce, were beautifully arrayed for the Camp; the majestic St. John River flowed beneath a shimmering golden surface; the birds filled the air with chirping and song; the voice of prayer was heard from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.; and the entire encampment area was flooded with the Spirit-blessed singing of the great congregations that crowded the hill-top Tabernacle. Little wonder that someone asks: "Can you think of any place more wonderful!" And the answer of many would be: "If you can, you must be thinking of 'that better land!'"

Dr. James Gibson, of Wilmore, Kentucky, the Camp evangelist, his wife, and sons David and Danny, were beloved by all. It seemed as if they belonged to us!

Our beloved song evangelist, Paul Mullen, his wife Carrie, and their lovely family, were a real asset to the Camp.

Considerable concern was evident among the ministers as announcement of a meeting of their wives was publicized. Reports were that the meeting was being held to organize, for what we did not know! But peace of mind returned when we learned that they were just meeting to discuss ways and means of helping one another and contributing by organized effort to the Camp and the work of the Lord. We might have known!

Visitors from many sections of the country made up the total attendance at the Camp. We know of people being present from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Quebec, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Michigan, and Louisiana. And all who come seem to fall in love with Beulah Camp.

Good preaching by the evangelist and others, fine music under the direction of Paul Mullen, enriching fellowship, was the daily spiritual fare of the Camp. The pianist, Arthur Ingersoll, organist, Cedric Landers, and violinist, Mrs. Marguerite Estaver, provided beautiful instrumental music. The Camp choir, the ministers' wives choir, and a veritable parade of fine musical talent, brought inspiration to our souls.

Rev. Robert Woods, evangelist of the Church of the Nazarene, and a fine male quartette from E.N.C., were welcome visitors. Also Mrs. Williamson of the same College.

Many ministers from various groups were present, Methodist, Baptist, United, Nazarene, etc. All most welcome.

Great crowds were present. The commodious Tabernacle overflowed for the closing service, the largest crowd the writer remembers seeing in the building in the near thirty years he has been attending these Camp Meetings.

Wonderful altar services were witnessed. There was

one very remarkable service with a company of seekers, estimated to total between seventy-five and a hundred bowed before the Lord. "The most wonderful sight I have witnessed in forty years here at Beulah!" said one person. "I have never seen the like of that before", said another. An answer to prayer. A remarkable manifestation of the Spirit such as we have been longing to see. To God be the glory!

A very impressive ordination service was held with Lic. John McElhinney and Lic. Fred Whittey as approved candidates. John is from Hartland, N. B., now pastoring at Belvedere and Crystal, Maine; Fred is from Meductic, N. B., and this year is pastor of our church at Woods Harbour, N. S. Rev. L. H. Hicks, of Fort Fairfield, Maine, delivered a splendid ordination sermon. The presence of the Lord was blessedly real in this service.

Once more Missionary Day was "special" among the days of the Camp. All were blessed and challenged as the work and workers of our Home and Foreign Missionary projects were presented. We are justly proud of the consecrated men and women who are serving in these areas of our work and purpose to stand behind them as they labour for God and the Church in their various fields at home and abroad.

A memorable scene of the Camp—eighteen people presenting themselves for healing and help from the Great Physician. According to the directions of the Word, the elders of the Church prayed over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. And He who has power to heal all manner of sickness and disease was graciously near, Amid tears of joy and shouts of praise, we rejoiced together. And some bore witness of an immediate sense of the healing power of the Lord, others to faith and trust.

Daily Vacation Bible School attendance reached a record high enrollment of 150! Mrs. Leslie Black, Miss Audrey Bagley, and a wonderful staff of workers, had charge of this army of boys and girls. Their closing programme was a delight to all present.

And history was made as the Beulah Children's Tabernacle was dedicated to the glory of God. A very fine building, previously owned by the Presbyterian Church, and located at Westfield, N. B., was purchased, torn down, moved to Beulah, and erected, at a cost of about \$1500. The genius of Rev. Jack Stevens and the blessing of God made this remarkable accomplishment possible. The whole story is a thrilling one, and those who were present at the dedicatory service were thrilled as Brother Stevens gave us some of the highlights. A vision of our denominational children's worker, realized through the approval of the Alliance, the earnest and faithful labours of Brother Stevens and those who assisted him, and the help of God, this building is a wonderful addition to our Camp both in respect to its appearance and its practical usefulness. We hope to have a picture of the building in a later issue of the Highway.

Another "first" of this year's Camp — the final "play-off" of the denominational Bible Quiz sponsored by the Young People's Association. Teams from Beals, Maine, and Truro, Nova Scotia, were the finalists, and they proved to be keen and alert. The Truro team won the contest by a good margin. Both groups showed the finest spirit in competition and following announcement