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"AS COLD WATERS TO A THIRSTY SOUL, SO IS GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY"
Prov. 25:25

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YUMA, ARIZONA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We here at Yuma want to send our love to all of you. We hope and pray that the paper can continue so we can keep in contact with all the churches. We want to thank Bro. Al and all who have did such a good job of it for so long. We know it has to be a great responsibility. We hope by now someone has come forth who can take care of it.

All is going well here. We had the pleasure of having Bro. and Sis. J.W. Bedingfield here this past weekend. They had come to Kingman to be with his sister, who had fallen and hurt her back, and her husband, who isn't very well. Then they came here Saturday. He gave a good lesson Sunday morning. We had a basket lunch so all got to visit with them. They left this morning to go back to Kingman. They plan to leave Phoenix Friday for their home. We always enjoy them so much.

We wanted to remind everyone of our camp meeting November 18 - 25. Put it down on your calendars. Try to come and enjoy it with us. Just want to tell any who hasn't come before, if you have trailers, campers, etc. you can bring them. There's lots of room. If you don't, our homes are open to you. The kitchen is open all the time during the meeting and there is 2 bathrooms there also. We always plan to have the evening meal before services. Then on Sundays it is always a basket lunch. We find this has worked out real well. Also if any of you can come early or stay longer, we look forward to that too. Everyone is welcome and bring anyone you wish with you. It's so good for us all to be together. Seems most congregations are so small. It is wonderful to know there

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are so many. We sometimes get discouraged and it seems its all in vain. Then when so many gather in Christian love, it is so upbuilding. We hear such good sermons and always learn new songs and the singing is beautiful. So please come and join in if you can, and the Lord wills it so. We plan to send out reminders later on in case there is no paper. We need to all try to keep in contact through a news letter ever so often from each congregation since we have the list of most of them. Those who was not on the list, we hope we get the address to everyone some way. We pray for all of you that we can all stay in the path of righeousness and all be ready when our work is over on earth.

We were saddened on February 5th with the passing of Tom Morgan. He was the son of Nora Scott and my nephew. He, his wife, Marsha, and children, Jennifer and Chad, has attended church here. Marsha and the children has been good to come since, but has been absent for a while due to colds. Tom was only 36, so it was a shock. That's when we realize how fast one can be called.

May God bless and keep you all.

In Christian love,

Robert Morris

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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Brethren,

This finds a lot in Yakima with the flu bug. Several were missing Sunday from the service, hopefully all will soon be back to worship. We are thankful the good Lord saw our dear Cheryl thru her two surgerys and back with us so soon.

We are blessed with a new member, Betty Page. Betty is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Eslick. Welcome Betty. We've been blessed with several visitors lately for which we are always happy.

The weather has been nice lately and we've had some pruning and cleaning done around the church grounds, getting ready for summer.

Sis. Nora Loveland enjoyed and ride and lunch out last Saturday. This was the first time she's been out of the nursing home since September.

Veda and I are ready for our trip to Oklahoma in April. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Remember us in your prayers.

Anyone who can, plan to attend our meeting in July with Bro. John Bedingfield. We're sure it will be spiritually uplifting. We have lots

of room for R.V.'s and several homes with room.

Some here plan to attend the Waterford meeting with Bro. Sammy Boen, Lord willing.

The church here sends their love.

In Christian love,

Bill and Veda McCay

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It always gives us great pleasure to write to you letting you know about our work here in Yakima. Last Sunday, Fred Sanford came forward asking the prayers of the congregation confessing his wrong before God and asking forgiveness of God. This takes courage to do this and we know God is on our side as long as we obey his commandments. The weather here is getting nicer but it is still pretty cool here in Yakima. We hope you will be able to find a new home for the Courier as we need to keep it going so we can know how the other churches are progressing.

In letting the brethren in La Habra, California know, we will be coming your way sometime this spring and will stop by on our way. Let us all be ready to meet the Lord in the air when he comes. We pray for all the brothers and sisters in Christ. We pray for those out side of Christ too. Jesus said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." (John 17:20-23)

Wilbur and Lola Reading

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BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Tiner congregation will be holding a spring meeting April 15 thru 22 with Bro. Bill McCay, Sr. of Yakima, Washington. The church is located 4 miles east and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

We invite everyone to come worship with us in our gospel meeting.

In Christian love,

Wayne Queen
Rt. 1 Box 768
Broken Bow, Oklahoma

HUMBLE, TEXAS

Dear Loved Ones,

Just a few lines this month to send our wishes for love, peace, and joy to all of you. There has been some sickness among us, but just the flu and colds that seem to be everywhere. We are all up and going at this time. We were called to two funerals this past month. The first was my Aunt Layton (Mrs. Paul Bedingfield) who was buried at Ralls, Texas at age 85. The latter one was for Aunt Maude Scott of Lorenzo, Texas who died at age 98 years and 10 months. Sister Scott had been a faithful member of the Church for 83 years. Does anyone know who gave more years of service to the Lord than this? Of all the funerals that I have spoken at, I know of none who have been loyal members for that long. Brother Earl Howe and I shared in the honor of speaking at her funeral. She was very fond of Brother Earl and his family and attended church with them as long as she was able. The members of the Lorenzo congregation did the song services, the most beautiful that I had ever heard. We are certainly blessed to have such gifted members among us who are willing to render this comforting service to the family of our departed loved ones.

While at Lorenzo, we had an opportunity to visit briefly with members from Lorenzo, New Castle, and Duncanville, Texas as well as Brother and Sister Bruce from Carlsbad, New Mexico and Sister Boling from Las Cruces, New Mexico, who meets at the Alamorgordo, New Mexico congregation. It is always a joy and encouragement to be with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This past weekend, we had the priviledge of having Brother Paul Abell spend the weekend with us. We enjoyed having Paul with us very much and had a good time studying and discussing the Bible with him. He brought us a very interesting and timely lesson on Sunday morning. Although our numbers are small, we all enjoyed his sermon very much.

We are all very concerned that the Bellflower congregation is giving up the paper. Brethren, we need the Courier more than some may realize. Brother Way and his family have done a good job, and we appreciate the efforts of everyone there who has helped out. May God guide us in selecting someone to carry on this good work.

With Christian love,

J. W. Bedingfield

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THE ONLY SAVIOUR

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

GOSHEN, ARKANSAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We still have some with colds and flu, but we don't have any major sickness at this time. We have everybody home from the hospital, which seems like something special from this congregation this past winter.

Sis. Margie Andrews is home from the hospital and doing fine, but still not able to be back in service. The doctor won't let her ride in the car for a while. We hope he will soon let her go to church, she misses getting to go.

Everyone make plans to be with us June 24 - July 1 for our meeting. Bro. Al Way from California will be the speaker. He is a very capable speaker and I am sure you will enjoy it. All of us can find a place to put up visitors. We hope everyone here is well by then.

Any visitors are welcome whether or not we are having a meeting.

In Christian love,

Paul Andrews

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SPRINGFIELD, OREGON

Dear Brethren,

We here at Springfield have been going along about as usual. We haven't had many visitors this winter. The Yakima congregation often sends a speaker and sometimes a song leader once a month, but haven't always been able to this winter because of the weather.

On February 12, Bro. and Sis. Bill and Veda McCay and Bro. and Sis. Bobby and Teri Lamb met with us, as well as Bro. Ernie Kingery who used to meet with us but now lives at Pendelton, Oregon. Bro. Bobby gave us a good lesson and Bro. Bill led our singing which was very much appreciated. This past Sunday, February 26, Bro. Bobby Lamb came down and spoke for us again. It was a very good lesson and greatly appreciated.

Bro. Don Johnston has had recent corrective eye surgery, which seems to be quite successful.

In Christian love,

Roy E. McCay

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THE ONLY FOUNDATION

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (I Cor. 3:11).

SELAH, WASHINGTON

A note of thanks for all our dear brethren. Nell and I arrived home safely after 3½ months and while it is good to be here with the brethren at Selah, we miss all of you whom we love dearly. It was our privilege to visit eight congregations on our trip from Grants Pass, Oregon to Alamorgordo, New Mexico. We visited with so many brethren who showed true christian fellowship and inspired us to work harder for the Lord. Anyone who has the opportunity of visiting other congregations and doesn't, cannot realize their great loss. We are happy to announce that three more were added to the Lord's family. David Jones, Johnny McKinney and Don Hamett. We are happy for them and us. The church at Selah is forging ahead both physically and spiritually. Brethren, please pray for us as we pray for you.

Your Brother in Christ,

Howard McCay

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BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We here at Bellflower seem to all be doing well at the moment. We have had several who missed Church services due to illnesses. Sis. Myrtle Lee Clouse was in the hospital and missed services on two Sundays. Sis. Sharilyn Perigen was sick two Sundays and Bro. Claud Perigen was sick on one Sunday. There have been several that have had colds, but none so serious they had to miss services.

We have some wonderful news. Dave McCarthy was baptized on February 26th. We are very proud of him. Congratulations Dave.

Sis. Alice Weekly has been coming to church regularly. We certainly hope her health continues so she may come to Church all of the time.

We had Bro. and Sis. Marty and Tayna Brockman visit one Sunday. As always, it's good to visit and worship with them.

In Christian love,

Bro. Al Way

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"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;" (Matt. 9:37).

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAUDE SCOTT

Maude Bedingfield Scott was born on April 8, 1885 at Wayland, Texas. She moved to the high plains of Crosby county, along with her parents and four brothers, in a covered wagon in 1892. The first year the family lived in a dug out, and suffered many hardships. It was in this one room dug out that the first Church of Christ in Crosby county was established. She obeyed the Gospel at the age of fifteen, along with her brother, the late J.S. Bedingfield (Bro. J.S. later became one of our best known preachers and writers). Sister Scott remained a faithful Christian until her death, with eighty three years of service to her Lord, the Church and her neighbors.

Many times I have talked with her about her early life in pioneer west Texas. She remembered the terrible blizzards, wind storms and prarie fires, that she learned to cope with. It took a special kind of faith and courage to survive those times. That abiding faith and indomitable courage saw her through many trying times in her ninety eight years and ten months of life.

She married Claude Scott in 1907. Brother Scott died in 1956. She is survived by a son, Jack Scott of Scurry, Texas and a daughter, Anna Maude Hopper of Plainview, Texas. She has five grand children, and fourteen great grand children, and one great, great grand child. Uncle Claude and Aunt Maude were a unique couple, throughout their life together. Their home was always an open haven to the unfortunate and those in need. Time would not permit me to tell of all the events that I can remember where they were the true good Samaritans. Their home was open, and they shared their means with all who were in need, from an orphaned infant to an aged grandmother. Sister Scott was a strong defender of the faith, and was a pillar of strength and truth. She will be greatly missed by her immediate family, but also by a host of brothers and sisters in Christ, many nephews and nieces, and loyal friends and neighbors, far and near. Her days on this earth have ended, but our precious memories of her will remain all the days of our lives, and the influence for good will not be forgotten. Her treasures are laid up in Heaven, and great is her reward. Her entire life seemed to be lived out with the promise of Rev. 2:10 in mind: "Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Funeral services were held in the Church of Christ at Lorenzo on February 15, 1984, with members of the Lorenzo congregation rendering the beautiful and inspiring song service. Brother Earl Howe and Brother J.W. Bedingfield speaking to an overflowing crowd of friends and loved ones. Our sincerest prayers go to the berieved.

J.W. Bedingfield

1984 MEETINGS

Broken Bow, Oklahoma	April 15-22	Bill McCay, Sr.
Stilwell, Oklahoma	April 22-29	Bill McCay, Sr.
Baron, Oklahoma	June 10-17	Richard Johnston
Waterford, California	June 17-24	Sammy Boen
Goshen, Arkansas	June 24-July 1	Al Way
Cedaredge, Colorado	July 1-8	Camp
Bellflower, California	July 15-22	Audley Barnes
Yakima, Washington	July 22-29	J.W. Bedingfield
Lorenzo, Texas	July 22-29	Dan Ross
Furnish Canyon, Oklahoma	August 12-19	Claud Perigen
Yuma, Arizona	November 18-25	Camp

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BAPTISMS

David Jones of Selah, Washington
Johnny McKinney of Selah, Washington
Don Hamett of Selah, Washington
Dave McCarthy of Bellflower, California

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DEATHS

Sis. Maude Scott of Lorenzo, Texas

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Dear Ones in Christ,

Thank you for your continued help and support of the Courier. I have good news for the brotherhood. Bro. Homer Bryant of the San Pablo, CA congregation has consented to be the editor of the Courier. He will be taking over the Courier sometime this summer, probably in June.

I can highly recommend Bro. Bryant to those of you who do not know him. He is steadfast in the faith and will do a wonderful job as editor of the Courier. In all the churches, only Bro. Bryant has come forward to accept this responsibility. It will now be our duty to support Homer and not let him down.

We will keep you informed of the transfer of the paper so everyone will know when it will be moved.

There are many fine christians at San Pablo to help Homer in putting out the paper. Bro. Bryant's address is: 1273 Plumleigh Lane, Concord, California (415) 682-2600. (It's in the Church Directory).

In Christian love,
Al Way