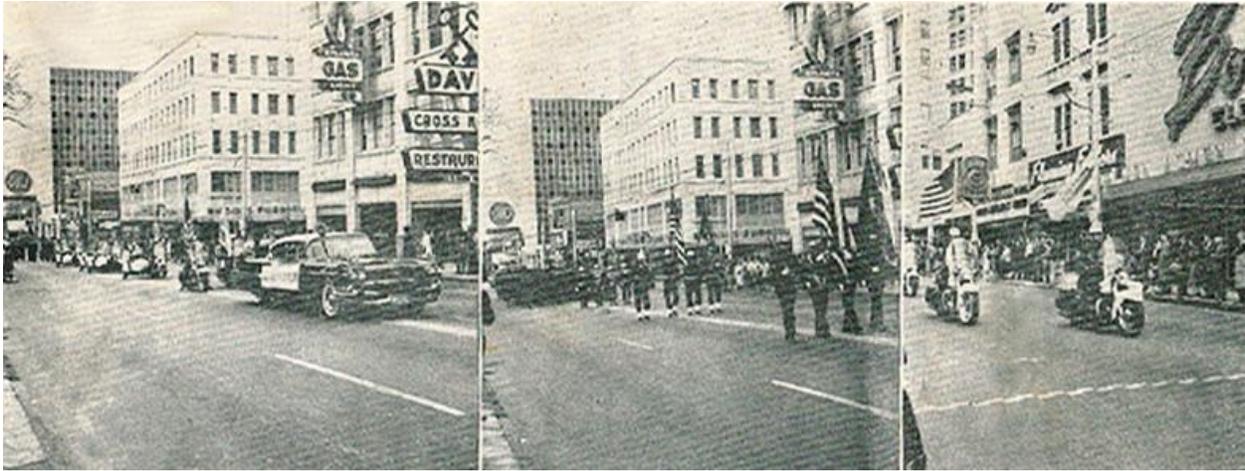


Joel's Horsemen In Parade

Results In Seven Doors Opened



Photograph above shows Church of God Motorcycle Corps known as, "Joel's Horsemen" participating in Armistice Day in Atlanta, Georgia in 1960.

There was approximately 50,000 witnesses of this event and detailed information can be secured below.

Romans 1:18-20, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in ungodliness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

This Scripture was more clearly understood when an estimated 50,000 people, of a city of a million population, gazed upon seven motorcycles as they roared and popped down Peachtree Street of Atlanta, Georgia in a parade approximately two miles long.

The amazing scene moved the people when they viewed the new method of spreading the Gospel in the fulfillment of Joel 2:4-5, Luke 14:23. The unit was led by the American Flag and the perfectly designed Church flag. Our unit followed the Jewish War Veterans which brought about many questions asked by the Jews. This was of great significance to us.

The riders of the motorcycles and four side-cars tossed large amounts of highway tracts, and the Vision Speaks. They were rolled up with rubber bands appearing in the shape of a small Roman Candle. At times, many would scramble over them for there were many who did not receive them, but all along the street the people could be seen sharing their Vision Speaks with those standing by.

Our Motorcycle Corps carried two special signs. The first read as follows: "In honor of those who fought and gave their lives for religious freedom." The second read: "Let us use this freedom to fight Religious Apathy."

Christian People

There were many religious groups who stood on the streets, including Roman Catholics. This was very exciting to them for they had never seen the Gospel preached in this manner before. Following this parade, many of them called us by phone at the members' homes and praised us for our zeal and for the motorcycles being used to spread the Gospel. Many doors were opened to us, including seven small churches, expressing their desires to unit with such a wonderful movement. Hallelujah, Glory to God, for these wonderful things God is revealing to His Church. Into the streets and alleys of the cities, upon the highways and in the hedges, in the Firmaments of the heavens, upon the rives and seas, goes the mighty Army of Joel, attacking

religious apathy and spreading the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to the four corners of the earth. AMEN!

The following are the names of those who participated in the parade. First, R. B. Meglemre carrying the American Flag mounted on his motorcycle; Second, Bill Stephens carry the Church Flag; Third was C.M.A. General Overseer, Earl Stewart, piloting the Chief Bishop, Grady R. Kent in his side-car. Fourth, Apostle David Williams, State Bishop of Virginia and Sylvia Howard from Greenville, South Carolina, one of the lady messengers tossing literature. Fifth, Tom Gibson, C.P.A. General Overseer, and his wife, Reba, in the side car. Sixth, Johnnie Lohre and Earl Holcomb, State Bishop, riding in the side-car. The seventh motorcycle was ridden by Ralph McDonald of Greenville, South Carolina.



Chief Bishop Grady R. Kent (inside car)

I would like to say in closing the effort of everyone who worked and labored to bring about this glorious and edifying move in the Church to publish the Gospel in a city of a million population is greatly appreciated.

The photographic work was directed by the Overseer of Publishing Company and Visual Department, Daniel Kent. Several other delegates from Cleveland were with the Saints of Atlanta who also helped in preparations for the motorcade. The Women's Missionary Band of the East Point Church prepared a wonderful supper and served to everyone following the parade.

See Article# 59 (Cleveland Daily Banner)...

MOTORCYCLE CORPS OF CHURCH

TO TAKE PART

IN PARADE

(This article appeared as shown in the Cleveland Daily Banner)

The Reverend Grady R. Kent, Chief Bishop of The Church of God located on Jerusalem Acres left Cleveland today with his Motorcycle Corps. They are going to Atlanta where they will participate in the Annual Armistice Day Parade, sponsored by the American Legion.

Bishop Kent and his group of bearded ministers, known as the "Highway Gospel Messengers," were invited by the American Legion to participate in this annual occasion. The display by the group will consist of seven motorcycles and seven messengers. According to Bishop Kent, "This is a Bible number."

Two of the "Messengers" will lead the group with the Church flag and United States Flag. The other have been given permission by the Program Committee to distribute Gospel tracts among the crowd. These pieces of literature explain the use of the motorcycles as well as the airplanes, boats and ham radio stations in the Church. They are usually rolled, bound by a rubber band, and thrown from the side cars in the same manner used by many newspaper boys.

Bishop Kent stated, "All that we do is intended to excite interest in the Bible and make people search the Scriptures!"

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