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FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"In unity I shall set them, like a flock in the pen."—Mic. 2:12.

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Watch Yourself to Do Right Works

¹You were called not only to preach Christianity, but to live it as well. This calls for doing right works. Therefore, Peter exhorted the brothers to "put away all moral badness and all deceitfulness and hypocrisy and envies and all kinds of backbiting." He urged them to maintain their conduct right among the nations, "that, in the thing in which they are speaking against you as evildoers, they may as a result of your right works of which they are eyewitnesses glorify God in the day for his inspection." So it is to the glory of God and to our own salvation that we watch ourselves to do right works.—1 Pet. 2:1, 12.

²We are obliged not only to watch ourselves that we do right works, but to teach others how to order their lives to the glory of God. Continue to use the sermon "What Is Your Hope?" as a means to that end. And what better way is there to teach than through the home Bible study arrangement with the use of the *Paradise* book? Brothers in the United States have been doing excellently in starting studies—199,201 of them are being conducted at present. Knowing the good that is derived from these studies, let us endeavor to start as many of them as we possibly can. Every *Paradise* placement is a potential study. Many studies are started on the initial call. If you cannot start one then, try by making a return visit and by using the new *Paradise* back-call sermon. Let us watch ourselves by helping others do right works by means of the study arrangement.

³Some brothers are more efficient than others at starting studies. These might offer to take with them brothers who do not have studies. Let them observe your method of approach and manner of instructing. Train them to take over the study while you move on to start others. By the end of June every publisher should try to have at least one home Bible study going. When holding a

study with a member of a family, try to get others of the family to sit in. Invite the husband, the wife and the children to take part. Neglect no one. Teach all to be active and productive in the ministry.

⁴Many parents have not, as yet, started a regular Bible study in their own home. This should be done. (*The Watchtower*, March 15, 1961, page 174) If you wish to report the study and the time that you spend holding a regular home Bible study with an undedicated member of the family, you may do so. Many of our younger brothers and sisters are conducting studies with their school friends and playmates, using the *Paradise* book. And a number conduct studies with adults too. How are your children doing? Teach them to do right works.

⁵June is an excellent time not only to hold Bible studies, but also to do magazine work. Arrangements should be made for midweek meetings for field service and also let all service center groups arrange for

prestudy magazine service. A service center group in Missouri says that working about an hour on the way to the study results in placing from ten to twelve magazines per publisher each time. Have you tried this? You should. Those who like to do street witnessing should take the initiative to approach people that are passing by or those waiting for the buses. Also, many brothers are having good success working from car to car in shopping centers. Watch your work with the magazines. Do good work.

⁶Watch also that you do not neglect the new ones who have started to serve Jehovah in recent months. Assist them as well as the inactive ones to be regular in every feature of the field ministry. Teach one and all "to work at good, to be rich in right works, to be liberal, ready to share, safely treasuring up for themselves a right foundation for the future, in order that they may get a firm hold on the real life."—1 Tim. 6:18, 19.

273,131 ACTIVE PRAISERS!

¹What a splendid report for April! "Jehovah will give increase to you," declared the psalmist. "Praise Jah, you people!" A new all-time peak of 273,131 publishers, 21,034 more new workers! This is a 17.4-percent in-

OFFER FOR JUNE
"From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained," with one booklet, for 75c.

THEME FOR JUNE
Watching Ourselves to Do Right Works.—1 Pet. 2:12.

crease over last year's average publishers of 232,632, a striking evidence of Jehovah's promise fulfilled! The average of 10.2 hours a publisher represents a fine effort by all. Well done, brothers!—Ps. 115:14, 18.

²The report has further exciting news: It shows the best subscription campaign on record, with 465,911 subscriptions obtained! This is 14,705 more subscriptions received than last year. As for magazines, the placements during April increased from 4,893,198 last year to 5,158,165 this year. Memorial attendance increased to 451,356, which is an increase of 16,561 over last year's attendance. This also is cause for rejoicing and reminds us of our potential and the great work yet ahead.

³We delight in all this grand increase and give Jehovah the praise. With such abundant evidence of God's blessing our united efforts, let all continue without letup to be active each month and to aid the many new ones started to continue praising Jehovah.



Conduct Bible studies to help others "keep on the watch."



Your Service Meetings

FIRST MEETING IN JUNE

Theme: Watching Ourselves to Do Right Works.

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.
10 min: Talk on "Watching Ourselves to Do Right Works." (See "Watchtower," August 15, 1960, pp. 497-508, and June 1, 1961, p. 350.)

15 min: Question-and-answer discussion of main article "Watch Yourself to Do Right Works."

22 min: "Paradise Hope" Back-Call Sermon.

CHAIRMAN (10 min.). "Paradise" book grand instrument for revealing truth to new ones. Should follow up all placements in order to stimulate interest further. Return with positive attitude that study can be started.

Discusses sermon with audience as they follow along in their books. First, shows importance of friendly greeting and recalling theme of earthly paradise hope previously discussed. Householder may be invited to read texts from Bible. Discusses how scriptures and illustrations follow logical sequence, allowing audience to suggest transitions. Stresses need for simplicity. Emphasizes importance of following through to start study.

Heavenly hope for little flock (Luke 12:32—page 216, par. 23)

Other sheep have earthly hope (John 10:16—page 216, par. 23)

Righteous rule will end world distress (Isa. 32:1—page 217, par. 25)

Pain, sorrow and death eliminated in paradise earth (Rev. 21:2-4—page 219, par. 31)

Promises can be trusted (Page 219, par. 32)

PUBLISHER (10 min.). Mature publisher will demonstrate use of sermon. Calls on householder with friendly greeting, happy to return to share additional thoughts on Paradise hope previously discussed. Scriptures previously considered showed that heavenly and earthly hope would be enjoyed by two classes. (Opens book to page 216, par. 23.) Heavenly hope open to "little flock," as shown in Luke 12:32. How many comprise this group? Limited to 144,000. (Help them if they forgot.) Great majority of faithful mankind are "other sheep," not of this fold. (John 10:16, par. 23) These have been promised eternal life on a paradise earth. Fear and distress now experienced will end under righteous rule of Christ Jesus and faithful princes. (Isa. 32:1, par. 25) Illustration (page 217) depicts peaceful conditions to be enjoyed by happy families who display loving care for paradise home. As a result of Jehovah's blessing, perfected mankind will rejoice to see pain and sorrow vanish. (Rev. 21:2-4, par. 31) Although seemingly impossible, we can trust in these promises. (Par. 32) How can this wonderful blessing be received? Must learn what God requires of us by a careful examination of his purposes. This book is designed for that very purpose; it can help us appreciate why man and the earth were made and what God will do to restore perfect paradise first enjoyed by man. "What does paradise mean to you?" (Allows for comment while turning to page 9, par. 1.) "Notice how it's described here as a garden or park where peace is enjoyed by happy inhabitants." (Demonstrates paragraphs as time allows, then makes

arrangements for return call when more can be considered.)

CHAIRMAN (2 min.). Every publisher can use this simple but effective back-call sermon. Follow up every placement with positive goal in mind to start study. Make return visit within a week. Strive to start and regularly conduct at least one study in this book. With mature ones assisting the less experienced, every publisher can share.

8 min: Concluding comments. (Include remarks on slogan at bottom of page 1, based on Mark 13:37, and article dealing with April activity and Memorial report.)

SECOND MEETING IN JUNE

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

10 min: New World News and Announcements.

15 min: Talk and question-and-answer coverage of article "District Assemblies."

22 min: How to Take Notes and Use Them. (Each publisher encouraged to prepare for this part by carefully reading information on page 20, February 8, 1959, "Awake!")

(School servant will assign in advance several publishers—father, mother, youth and pioneer, if possible—to take notes on instruction talk [select good speaker] given this evening for later discussion on service meeting. Invite all attending to take notes, briefly explaining what will follow on the service meeting.)

(5 min.) District assemblies approaching. Taking notes will be valuable, improves ministry, often causes one to listen more intently, helps one to concentrate on speaker's key ideas, aids in review of material and enables one to be in better position to share information with others. Briefly discuss merit of taking notes, with following points in mind: (These may be put on chart for all to see.)

1. Take notes moderately; express complete thought

2. Use selectivity and evaluation
a. New or outstanding points and illustrations

b. Scriptures and points supporting arguments or theme

c. Points useful in field ministry

3. Get point clearly in mind before writing

4. Put down in own words when possible

(6 min.) Servant calls publishers to come before audience with their notes, which are discussed with above four points in mind. If time allows, audience may be invited to relate points on which they made notes and tell why.

(2 min.) Servant summarizes coverage of discussion and the value of having these four basic points in mind when taking notes. How can notes be valuably used in addition to personal review? Asks one of selected publishers to use notes taken on instruction talk to share information with a publisher who did not attend school.

(5 min.) Publisher uses notes to share material. Gives model presentation, employing teaching method.

(4 min.) School servant points out that publisher might not have shared so much with his brother had he not taken notes. Note-taking is helpful because (1) it often aids one to concentrate, understand and retain

more, and (2) the notes may assist one to share the information more fully and effectively with another. Urge all to re-examine February 8, 1959, "Awake!," page 20, before going to assemblies. Encourage publishers to pay close attention at the assemblies and to take notes that will be helpful to them.

8 min: Concluding comments.

THIRD MEETING IN JUNE

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

10 min: Question-and-answer discussion of paragraphs 134-137 of "Preaching and Teaching in Peace and Unity." Conclude with encouraging counsel to support all meetings.

10 min: Talk on article "Leave a Handbill" and use of tracts. (See "Yearbook," pp. 93, 102.)

15 min: "Presenting the Good News." (Discussion and demonstration of points.)

10 min: Interesting local experiences regarding placing the "Paradise" book, starting studies on the initial call and using the back-call sermon.

10 min: Concluding comments.

FOURTH MEETING IN JUNE

5 min: Welcome, text, comments.

15 min: Committee discussion of paragraphs 138-140 of "Preaching and Teaching in Peace and Unity."

15 min: Question-and-answer discussion of "Congregation Organization" article "Properly Handling Magazine Routes."

15 min: Loving talk on "No Summer Letup This Year."

10 min: Concluding comments. (Include remarks on slogan at bottom of page 4, based on Zech. 14:8.)

Leave a Handbill

1 When public meetings are scheduled, do you try to leave a handbill with each person you talk to, whether literature is placed or not? It is very good to do so. Many a householder may decide to attend after you leave, and by having the handbill he knows where to go and when. Also, a splendid witness is given on the back side of the handbill.

2 Do you leave a handbill in the door when no one is at home? This too is recommended, for it bears fruit. Many people have attended public meetings as the result of a handbill being left at their home.

3 In New Hampshire a handbill was left where no one was at home. The next day in passing the house the publisher noticed someone at home and decided to call. The housewife had read the back side of the handbill and was ready to write the Society for the literature advertised. The publisher delivered the literature on a return call and started a study. All this from leaving a handbill at a not-at-home!

No Summer Letup This Year

¹ Do spiritual values change with the change of season? No! The glorious treasure of service is constant, one of the most valued possessions we have. While summer months mean vacation and recreation, will we let this activity crowd out our service to Jehovah? No indeed!

² In 1960 there was a summer letdown in service, as we averaged 9.6 hours a month for the three-month period of July through September. However, in 1959 the three-month average was 10.4 hours a month. If the publishers who were in the field these three months of 1960 had averaged 10.4 hours a month, this would have amounted to over a half million more hours of preaching. Think of the good that could have been done to aid people of good will with this time! What can we do to avoid a summer letdown this year?

³ Families making arrangements for summer vacations should include definite arrangements for every member of the family to be in the field, striving for at least ten hours a month. Parents will get great pleasure from working with and getting close to their children and their service problems. Long evenings, vacation periods, weekends and mid-week witnessing, open to all congregations, will afford excellent opportunities for parents to continue this close theocratic association with their children and enjoy wholesome fellowship while they are training them to be effective ministers. Many parents will be able to vacation pioneer with their children. These things will work to improve family togetherness as well as increase praise to Jehovah.

⁴ Summer plans will also include travel to and from one of the assemblies, and this too affords many opportunities for witnessing. Go prepared for this. Make opportunities by taking the initiative to talk to others. Make your attendance at the assembly complete and more enjoyable by sharing in the field service at the assembly city.

⁵ Then, too, let us avoid a spiritual summer letdown in meeting attendance; regularly attend all meetings. Even if vacationing away from your congregation, you will enjoy meeting with your brothers wherever you are. Remember, Jehovah's command to assemble together does not change with the season.—Heb. 10:24, 25.

⁶ Finally, do not forget to report your activity. If away from the congregation, mail it to the congregation servant. Let each one be keenly interested in maintaining his service to Jehovah. There will be no

CONGREGATION ORGANIZATION

Properly Handling Magazine Routes

¹ In the April and May issues of the *Kingdom Ministry* much information was given with regard to developing magazine routes. Many are the publishers who are now placing more magazines than ever before. Do you as yet have a route?

² Remember, only five simple points need to be noted on your House-to-House Record to lay the basis for a successful route. They are: (1) householder's name, (2) address, (3) date of visit, (4) issues placed, (5) article featured. Make your deliveries every other week; then work new magazine territory and make additions to your route. Some will be dropped, but new ones will be added. What can result? In one congregation in Kansas, the circuit servant stressed the development of routes. Only ten were then making the magazine quota, but six months later, mainly due to magazine routes, 21 were making it. Parents started these routes, took their children along until such were firmly established, and in some cases then turned the routes over to the children. In another case in Washington state, a brother increased his magazine placements from 30 a month to 60 to 80 magazines by means of developing a route. Have you started a route yet?

³ To get the best results this work must be carried on systematically.

In this connection it has been asked: What will occur when a route has been developed in a certain territory and the publisher turns in the territory? Must we hold the territory in order to continue the route? Since our purpose is to feed the sheep, we should continue to make the deliveries until someone is assigned the territory and is willing to assume the responsibility for the route. How will we know when the territory is reassigned? If a territory is turned in and a route has been developed in this territory, the magazine-territory servant will note this and encourage the publisher who held the territory to keep on making the deliveries until the territory is reassigned. When that territory is assigned to another publisher, the magazine-territory servant will get the publisher who has developed the route together with the publisher now assigned the territory, and arrangements for handling the route will be made. Preferably the one now holding the territory should assume this responsibility. If, for some reason, he cannot do this, then perhaps the publisher who developed the route can keep on making the deliveries until the one taking out the territory can. In this way the magazine-territory servant will be promoting magazine-route activity, will be cognizant of such developments in the congregation, and good organization will prevail.

Announcements

◆ OFFER FOR JULY—SEPTEMBER: "Your Will Be Done on Earth," and a booklet, for 50c.

◆ All baptized publishers who have reported regularly for the last six months and who can arrange to do so are encouraged to vacation pioneer this summer. Obtain your application right away and turn it over to the congregation servant for attention by the committee and forwarding to the Society.

◆ The week after your congregation attends the United Worshipers District Assembly, devote at least half an hour on the service meeting to a review and practical discussion of things learned at the assembly and encouraging experiences that were related, taking care to highlight the matters that need particular attention in your own congregation. This should be carefully planned by the congregation servant in advance. Make whatever adjustments are necessary in the service meeting schedule in order to put on this special program.

◆ Thus far 197 applications for unassigned territory have been received. This is good to see, but it leaves over

summer letup in our field service activity this year if each one of us does his part.

800 territories unassigned. Congregations and publishers, if at all possible, share in this special activity. Send in your application right away.

◆ New publications available:
"Security During 'War of the Great Day of God the Almighty'"

—Portuguese
"Let God Be True" (2nd ed.) —Polish

◆ Available again in U.S.A.:
"From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained" —German

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. B-C	Av. Bi. St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	519	146.1	55.2	8.2	180.5
Pios.	6,046	96.3	33.7	5.3	129.1
Vac. Pios.	2,452	83.9	24.4	3.0	101.3
Pubs.	264,114	10.2	3.3	.6	15.3
TOTAL	273,131				

Public Meetings Held: 24,820

UNITED STATES QUOTA FOR 1961
255,895 Publishers

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1960	1961
Total Memorial attendance	434,795	451,356
Number of partakers	6,225	6,019
Number of public mtgs.	4,127	4,318
Attendance at public meetings	279,634	292,305

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With Magazines and Tracts

¹ When the regular literature offer is not taken, we have been counseled to offer two magazines. Many are doing this with excellent results. They report that they seldom end service without having placed at least a few magazines. Always try to leave a handbill whether literature is taken or not, and often where other literature is not taken a tract may be given, especially where the householder has expressed interest in a subject covered by one of the tracts.

² For example, if a person is a churchgoer or interested in the Bible or perhaps may question its inspiration, the tract *How Valuable Is the Bible?* may be left. Or someone may express the thought that we are a Communist group; their objection or misunderstanding can be answered by the tract *Jehovah's Witnesses, Communists or Christians?* Sometimes we contact a person who has just experienced the death of a loved one. The tract *Hope for the Dead* may be offered as a source of comfort. It is well to be prepared with tracts to meet these various situations that arise. When persons are not at home, sometimes publishers

may wish to leave a tract, but this is usually done only if the territory will not be covered again soon.

³ The question has been asked, "Would it ever be proper to leave magazines when people are not home?" We do not want to indiscriminately give away magazines, but there may be times when a territory is not worked often, and will not be worked again soon, where a publisher may wish to leave an older copy of one of the magazines when people are not home. This can be left to the discretion of the publisher working the territory. Publishers should keep in mind that the best way is to place magazines in the usual manner by contacting the people personally and offering the magazines for a contribution. To leave them at homes without contacting the persons or indiscriminately giving them away free can create problems. Therefore, leaving them when people are not at home should be the exception, not the general practice.

⁴ When the regular offer is not taken, magazines and tracts may effectively be used. Carry them with you at all times when you are in the service, and take advantage of all other opportunities to use them too.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES

¹ United Worshipers District Assemblies begin this month. Are your plans made? If not, we suggest that you make arrangements as soon as possible. Particularly should you send in your Room Request form immediately if you are attending a June assembly.

² In your arrangements be sure to include the entire six days of the assembly. When we travel many miles and spend considerable money to get to the convention city, we should take full advantage of it by being there for the first session on Tuesday and staying until the conclusion on Sunday.

³ Since Jehovah provides so bountifully for us, it would be well to be just as generous to the people in the convention city by sharing in the field service during the mornings of the assembly when no meetings are scheduled. In this connection,

it would be well to obtain your territory in advance, that is, the night before, so you may go directly to your assignment in the morning. In all cases have a territory in which to work, be it door-to-door, street-magazine or placard work. The current literature offer for the month will be used, also the regular magazine offer. Bear in mind, too, you can be of great assistance to the householders where you stay. Above all things, you will want to invite them to the public meeting.

⁴ While in attendance at the convention we should remember that we are a theatrical spectacle to people and are under careful scrutiny. Our decorum should be becoming, in accordance with Christian principles set forth in the Bible. Worldly persons have difficulty managing children. They are impressed when they see children of Jehovah's

NEW WORLD NEWS

♦ Approval granted for additional missionaries to enter Dominican Republic. 2,044 attend Memorial there; new peak of 642 publishers this year.

♦ Japan reports sixth consecutive peak, with 1,919 publishers—a 24-percent increase. 2,720 at Memorial.

♦ Malaya has new peak of 91 publishers, which is a 52-percent increase over last year's average. 151 attend Memorial.

♦ In Cuba, 33,511 attended Memorial, marking 36 percent over last year's figure. Many congregations overflowed into the street.

♦ France reports its third new peak of publishers this year—15,909. This is an increase of 12 percent.

♦ British Honduras reached new peak of 225 publishers in March.

♦ Mexico went up to all-time new peak of 23,338 publishers in March, which is a 12.9-percent increase.

♦ Nicaragua had a 30-percent increase in March: 461 reporting.

♦ Venezuela reports 17-percent increase in March, with 2,345 publishers.

♦ In spite of opposition, the brothers in Spain have reached their seventh consecutive peak in publishers. In March, 2,088 reported—a 28-percent increase.

♦ Brazil reports 18-percent increase for March—22,046 publishers.

witnesses under control and deporting themselves well.

⁵ There is a word of caution that we would like to mention in conjunction with attending the assemblies this summer. At all times when your car is parked be sure that it is parked in accordance with prescribed legal requirements. Then, too, whenever you leave your car be sure it is locked. In addition to this, never leave anything showing in the car, because thieves are so likely to break in and steal. Instead, put it in the trunk and lock it. Then it will be out of sight.

⁶ By being present at the United Worshipers District Assemblies we will be able to manifest the united spirit that is common only among Jehovah's witnesses and no other people. Our hearts will be overflowing with good things that Jehovah has in store for all of us spiritually, and then, too, we have special opportunity of bearing testimony to Jehovah's name and bringing honor to it.

★ "In summer and in winter" no letup in right works! ★