

A Rose for Portland



ishing number of churches (1,200) participating in and hundreds of them are now participating in what is being called the "Pacific Northwest Crusade," which will be held in Portland's Memorial Coliseum next May 17 to 26. The closing services are scheduled to be held in the Civic Stadium.

CLASSES COMMENCE THIS MONTH

Crusade Director Harry B. Williams is deep in the preparations for the Crusade, as the weekly counselor training (Christian Life and Witness) classes will begin on March 25 in seven different locations in the metropolitan area, including Vancouver, Washington. Classes are being taught by Don Tabb and Mr. Williams.

It was in Portland, back in 1950, that "The Hour of Decision" broadcast was begun during a six-week Crusade which saw 9,000 persons commit their lives to Christ and 520,000 attend meetings in a specially constructed wooden tabernacle on Glisan Avenue. The broadcast has continued each Sunday for the past 18 years.

Never in Portland's history have so many different churches come together to work in a joint evangelistic effort as in the present instance. Hundreds of homes have opened for prayer, and prayer hostesses are inviting people to come and listen to the weekly prayer-time radio broadcasts. A council of 90 clergymen is providing active support.

Choir directors and head ushers in all the participating churches are recruiting volunteers for the great meetings next May. A choir of 2,000 voices is expected to sing under Cliff Barrow's leadership. Chairman of the Crusade is Dr. J. Lester Harnish, until recently pastor of Portland's First Baptist Church, now president of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

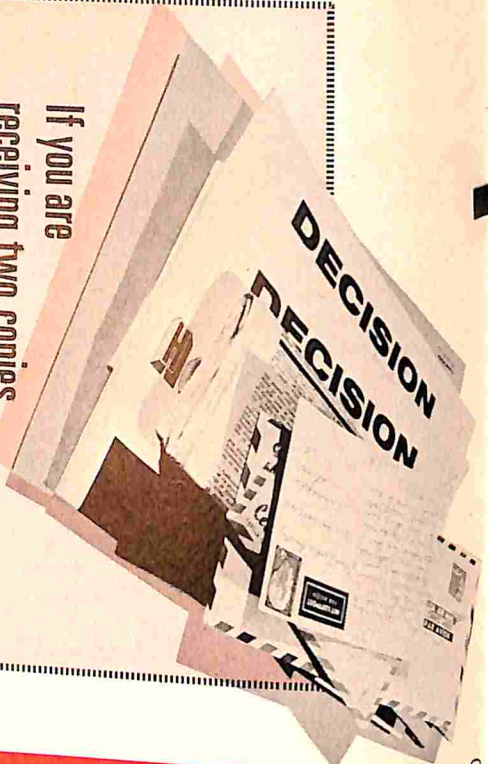
Portland is one of America's most beautiful cities, and has been known for decades as the "city of roses." Next May this community spot will be introduced in a new way to still another rose—the Rose of Sharon.

In the year 1904 a distinguished bishop of the American Methodist Episcopal Church, Warren Candler, took a reflective look at what revivalism had done for his country. He titled his study *Great Revivals and the Great Republic*. At its close he uttered a prophecy:

"The next great awakening will bring forth mighty men of God [who] will do something more than stir a local interest or excite a transient enthusiasm. Aided by all the modern devices of transportation and communication, they will be able to extend their influence as the revivalists in former times could not. In America we may reasonably expect a great revival, the center of which will be in the West, and the power of which will be felt all along the Pacific Coast."

Does the Lord intend to fulfil this 60-year-old prophecy in our time? If so, where will it begin? In Los Angeles? In San Francisco?

An earnest group of Christian leaders in another West Coast city is right now laying the



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Jesus always told stories, and everybody likes to hear a story! In the 15th chapter of Luke may be found three stories that Jesus told his hearers about lost things being found. I always enjoy hearing about something that was lost and has been found. The first story is about a lost sheep. A man had 100 sheep, and one of them was lost. He left the 99, said Jesus, and went after the one lost sheep. The Bible has a great deal to say about sheep; and it says that the human race is very much like sheep. In God's sight you and I act like sheep. Sheep are very *turn to page 13*

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