

## 'Petting Pastor' Going to Jail Finds 'Everybody' Loves Him

ZION CITY, Ill., Feb. 10.—(INS)

—The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake wound up his pastoral affairs here today preparatory to serving six months in jail for his "one mistake," after voicing his disgust for the devil before the loyal members of his flock.

The Rev. Dake's one mistake was a violation of the Mann Act, to which he pleaded guilty in Federal Court in Milwaukee yesterday.

Parishoners of the Christian Assembly Church heard the Rev. Dake's attorney tell the court the pastor had made "an unfortunate mistake," heard the prosecution trace the minister's travels with 16-year-old Emma Barelli and recall their "petting parties" in hotel rooms in Waukegan, Bloomington and East St. Louis, and at a vindication service here last night heard the pastor draw a moral from his experiences.

### "DISGUSTED WITH DEVIL"

"I have learned a lesson," cried the contrite pastor. "I have had a little sense knocked into my head. I am disgusted with the devil. If the devil had a tail and I could get hold of it, I'd grab it and wrap it around a tree."

The handsome pastor bowed his blond head and shed tears as he asked his congregation:

"Do you still love me?"

"Everybody loves you," the congregation chorused. After the "amens" and "hallelujahs" died down, the Rev. Dake got down to more practical matters. He declared:

"I am now a better man, better morally and better spiritually—better in every way except financially. That suit of clothes and overcoat you gave me three years ago are getting ragged."

### WIFE TO CARRY ON

"In jail, I understand, they supply you with clothes, but if they don't you'll have to send me some."

His wife, an ordained minister,

will carry on for him when he goes to jail Monday, he said.

"Sister Dake will carry on here in Zion—won't you?" he said turning to his wife.

Plump Sister Dake nodded and declared:

"I am gladder tonight than I ever have been. It is marvelous what the Lord can do for you."

An elderly member of the congregation arose to note:

"Sister Dake, the Lord has made you look 10 years younger tonight."

### WILL WRITE BOOK

The Rev. Dake said he expected to spend most of his time in jail writing a book—a commentary on the Bible. After his release, he said, he will write a book on his jail experiences.

At the trial yesterday the pastor testified he took the high school girl from her home in Kenosha, Wis., to East St. Louis because, "I wanted to pray with her, and help her get a job."

His attorney termed the whole affair "an unfortunate mistake," and declared, "There is no actual moral offense involved. The girl is unharmed."

"Twixt the psalm singing and the 'hallelujahs' last night, the Rev. Dake reiterated his innocence.

Valentine boxes of candy. Extra in material. Extra in quality. Extra in workmanship. Packed for mailing at no extra cost. When her sweet tooth says "Candy" listen to your wisdom tooth. Now is the time to mail. Prompt service—rain or shine. Wm. F. Kuhn, 1701 N. Pershing Ave. —(Adv.)

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
**HOTEL Stewart**

**DOWN TOWN**

On Geary St. just above Powell—Close