

## Come to Beulah Land

As a boy I was privileged to hear Rev. Jerry Osborn minister in the Pentecostal Church of Paoli, Oklahoma. His revival included evenings where he preached and daytime Bible study sessions where he taught. These meetings made a great spiritual impact on my young life. Betty Treece has captured the life and spirit of this good man in her book, *Come to Beulah Land*. This is a tribute to her writing ability, as well as to her affection and respect for Jerry Osborn, who was her great-uncle.

Those who hunger for spiritual happenings will be eager to read about these early days of revival, as will those who love to read of historical blessings in the past of Pentecost. It is especially interesting for someone who has roots in the southwestern United States to read of the happenings in central Texas in the 1800s. Since my father was born in a half-dugout in Greer County, Oklahoma, I was excited to hear of the events of the old Greer County area. Here we learn about many occurrences in the Pentecostal movement in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas that have never been published before.

This narrative is filled with many great moments of historical information, personal dedication, revival experiences, family triumphs, and includes stories of humor, courage, and pathos. There is an account of the 1917 Pentecostal conference in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, of the Emanuel Church in Christ Jesus convention of 1927 in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and stories of R.E. Winsett, the songwriter and publisher; as well as a wealth of material about the life and ministry of Jerry Osborn. Many of the pictures of the persons and events that are included have never been published before!

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