

# GETTING PARSON SENT TO JAIL

## PLEADS GUILTY TO TAKING GIRL ON MOTOR TRIP

### Loyal Parishioners Hear Admission.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 9.—[Special.]—The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, petting parson of Zion, Ill., was sentenced to six months in jail today for his "one mistake," a violation of the Mann act.

The 6 foot, 33 year old husband and father admitted before Federal Judge F. A. Gelger that he took a 16 year old girl from Kenosha, Wis., to East St. Louis, Ill. He had said he wanted to pray with her and find her a job, but the law thought otherwise.

The sentence, to be served in the Milwaukee House of Correction, will begin Monday, a stay of execution until then having been allowed.

#### Loyal Parishioners in Court.

During the brief trial the courtroom was crowded with loyal members of Pastor Dake's Zion congregation. Also in the courtroom were his wife—the mother of his 8 year old daughter—and his accuser, Emma Barell, former Kenosha high school girl.

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ing. The prosecutor said Dake met the girl last April 26 and subsequently had petting parties with her in hotel rooms in Waukegan, Bloomington, Ill. and East St. Louis. They registered several times, he said, as "Mr. and Mrs. Anderson."

#### Admits Trip to East St. Louis.

Dake, who is pastor of the Christian Assembly church and school supervisor of the Shiloh Bible Institute at Zion, previously had admitted to interviewers he took the girl to East St. Louis, where he was to deliver Bible talks in nearby communities, but only because "he wanted to get her a job and to talk with her."

His attorney, Eugene Sullivan, told the court that Dake had made "an unfortunate mistake — his one mistake," but insisted that no improper relations existed on the trip.

"The defendant admits this one mistake," Sullivan pleaded, "but previously he had led an upright life and had a good reputation. There is no actual moral offense involved here. He desisted upon her request. The girl is unharmed."

Dake, one-time follower of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, Zion overseers who believes among other things that the world is flat, made no response when Judge Gelger asked him if he had anything to say.

#### Wife Remains Loyal.

After sentence was passed the errant pastor's wife met him in the corridor and kissed him.

"I'll be waiting when you get out," she loyally promised. "I'll carry on your religious work in Zion. Your congregation is loyal. We'll go on with your work. When you get out we'll ask God's forgiveness and start anew."

Smiling and calm, Dake greeted members of his church and Bible class. Briefly again in the rôle of the shepherd of souls, he passed through the loyal group, bowing dignifiedly and shaking hands.

But he had no smile for Miss Barell as he looked in her direction while she was being led from the courtroom by a matron who took her back to the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls. She and the pastor did not meet.

When the bowing and handshaking was over and the last well wishes had been said Dake returned to Zion to put his affairs in shape for his six months' absence.

#### WIFE WILL CARRY ON.

Mrs. Dorothy Dake will carry on as pastor of the Christian Assembly church in Zion while her husband is serving six months for violating the Mann act, it was announced yesterday by Julius Johansen, Winthrop Harbor dairyman, a member of the church's board of deacons. "There are 350 in the congregation, and every man, woman, and child is for Dake," said Johansen. Following his plea of guilty the Rev. Mr. Dake returned to Zion where he held a final Bible service last night.