

Missionary Story of Jay Whiting:

Jay was called to serve in the East Central States Mission in February 1937. This is the same mission his father, Earnest J Whiting Sr., served in 35 years earlier. As far as we know he was the first missionary called from the Alhambra, California Ward. He served in Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia. He has a chapter about his mission in his book but one story that he told us is one that might make a cute skit.

His mission president, President Tew, asked the missionaries to go out without purse or script for a while. One night they tried for several hours to get a place to stay and supper without any success.

About 10.00 p.m., just when they thought that they would have to sleep out they finally found a place to stay and received a wonderful supper. He always felt that it was his fault that they had not been able to find a place to stay because he did not have the faith to leave all his money at home, but instead had tucked a \$5.00 bill in his shoe.



He felt much sorrow that he had failed in this test but felt he had learned a great lesson. They soon received instructions that they should not go without purse, but that they should pay for things they needed.

