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Christian Unity

General Superintendent Williamson

Unity among all Christian believers is a desirable ideal. Jesus prayed "that they all may be one." This was a unity to be realized in the knowledge that Christ the Son had come to make God the Father known to all men, that the love God had for His beloved Son might be in them, that they might know the sanctification of the Spirit, and that their faith and love might be seen in their separateness from the world.

Today the ecumenical movement gathers strength. An attempt is being made to find a common denominator so general that all can subscribe to it. The danger is that in accepting a watered-down statement of faith there will be a surrender of the realities which distinguish true Christians.

The liberal and traditional churches may arrive at a point of agreement. But evangelicals believe too firmly in the things that Christ prayed might be characteristic of His disciples to surrender their identity.

If the dream of those who advocate ecumenicism ever comes true most of those who are found in churches committed "to contend earnestly for the faith" will remain apart. Their evangelical Christianity may face its greatest challenge.

There will doubtless be two branches of the evangelical church. One will follow the Calvinist teaching and the other will be defined as Arminian-Wesleyan in theology. Generous attitudes and co-operation in their undertakings should modify their differences.

The Church of the Nazarene would inescapably be found among the latter group. A glance at our history convinces one that from the beginning Nazarenes have had a bent toward union with those of like mind. Many groups have become a part of our denomination. These unions have been a true fusion in the Spirit of Christ, not just absorption. None has failed to make a contribution to the thought as well as the growth of the church. None has ever withdrawn. Cordial hospitality and Christian charity will continue to be the spirit and administrative policy of the Church of the Nazarene.



LATE NEWS

Telegrams . . .

Pasadena, California—Friday, April 17, was a red-letter day in the history of Pasadena College. Over 1,100 high school seniors registered for student day, along with 160 visiting pastors as sponsors. New book, "Epistle to the Hebrews," written by President Emeritus H. Orton Wiley, presented before crowd of 2,000 in chapel by J. Wesley Mieras representing Department of Publications of General Board. President Russell V. DeLong reports all three new buildings will be ready for use in September, when largest enrollment in Pasadena College history is expected.—Reporter.

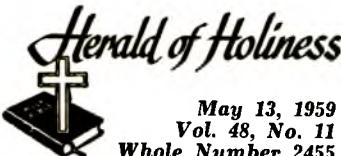
Louisville, Kentucky—On Sunday afternoon, April 26, I had the privilege of organizing two fine churches simultaneously; sixteen of our fine preachers from various parts of the district were present, as service was held in First Church of the Nazarene in Louisville with a capacity crowd in attendance. The Louisville Westside Church of the Nazarene was organized with eighteen charter members and Rev. R. L. Horton was installed as the pastor. The Louisville Fairdale Church of the Nazarene was organized with sixteen members and Rev. Frank Griffith was installed as pastor. A large number of these folks were new Nazarenes that had been saved in the home mission campaigns that had been conducted by the district superintendent and pastors of Louisville. This makes three new churches that have been organized in Louisville in the past four months. We have other places that will be ready to be organized in a few months. God is blessing the work around Louisville in a wonderful way, and I thank God for the Church of the Nazarene and what she is doing for a lost and dying world.—D. D. Lewis, Superintendent of Kentucky District.

Mrs. Doris Lunn, age thirty-nine, died April 20 in Kansas City, Missouri. She was the wife of Vernon Lunn, son of Dr. M. Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House. Besides her husband she is survived by two little girls, four and seven years old.

Evangelist Paul A. Madden writes that he is leaving the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Clinton, Iowa.

Rev. M. P. Haller, retired elder on the Michigan District, and member of the St. Johns Church, died April 4.

Pastor Henry B. Wallin sends word from Ventura, California: "Greatest re-



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vival in history of Ventura church just closed. Scores found victory under leadership of Evangelist Leila Dell Miller and Chet and Cora Griffith. The plans for enlarging educational building unanimously approved. Closing the best year yet."

Rev. Leslie B. Baltz has resigned as pastor of the church in Kittanning to accept the pastorate of the church in Grove City, Pennsylvania.

Homer C. Williams and Flora M. Freeman were united in marriage on March 26, 1899, in the Free Methodist church in Wymore, Nebraska. For sixty years they have pulled as a team in

serving the Lord. Homer Williams, while seriously ill in 1901, was miraculously healed and called to the ministry. Until 1913 he pastored in the Free Methodist church; after that time he served Nazarene churches in the Middle West, and after 1921 in Oregon and Washington, until his retirement a few years ago. The Williamses now live at 5423 N.E. Nineteenth St., Portland, Oregon, and attend the Highland Park Church of the Nazarene.

There's a Fence

Around Hell

By KATHERINE BEVIS

There is a fence around hell. We can be sure of this, for there is a gate into hell and to have a gate one needs to have a fence also. We know hell has a gate, for we read these words in Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

How thankful we should be that there is a fence around hell, a gate that we must open before we can enter! It is more difficult to enter hell than one might think, for God has fenced hell with His great love. Yet if we so desire we can ignore this love and open this gate with sin. Sin is the only key that will open the gate to hell.

God loved us so much that He did not leave hell wide open with no barriers—He shed His precious blood in order to fence hell in. He died on Calvary to make a way for *whosoever will* to be saved. He planned it so that no one need enter the gates of hell. In John 3:16 we read that old familiar verse, the Golden Text of the Bible, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God has provided the fence to enclose hell—so that none need enter. It is up to us to "choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15). The choice of opening hell's gates and entering in, or of repenting of our sins, and plunging into the blood of the Lamb and escaping hell—this choice is ours.

Christ told Peter, "The gates of hell shall not prevail." God has fenced hell in with His great love; it is ours to choose where we shall spend eternity.

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve."

Rejoice and Sing! MUSIC YEAR - 1959



THE RIGHTEOUS DOETH SING AND REJOICE (Proverbs 29:6)

HOME MISSION DOLLAR



pays off in NEW ZEALAND

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT VANDERPOOL

While in New Zealand, I was privileged to preach at Christchurch to a nice group that Brother Griffith has gathered together. All seemed much interested in the doctrine of heart purity. An elder from one of the older churches in Christchurch said to me, "I know I have been converted and now for over twenty-five years I have been working for Christ, but I have inner conflicts that sometimes end in my defeat. I have longed for a better inner life and what you said tonight about the more excellent way convinces me that I need to find this way of heart purity. Please pray for me that I may come into this more excellent way."

Holiness is taking root in Christchurch and enough people have entered into the experience that their clear witness to holiness is creating a hunger in the hearts of many others. Our church is not organized here but we have a good property. Rev. Raleigh Griffith has done an excellent work in New Zealand. He has hewn out several small, strong churches and has them in our own places of worship.

The First Church in Auckland is an excellent building, seating approximately three hundred people with room for maybe forty more in the balcony, with full basement and Sunday school rooms. The Sunday school has a far-reaching influence in the city. The morning I was with them the place was well filled. Fifty-six had come in from a fast-growing branch Sunday school in Auckland which should be organized into a church soon. Rev. H. S. Palmquist and wife are the pastors here at First Church and are doing excellent work. Each teaches a class in the day school, where the time is devoted to religious and character-building themes. Their work is widely received. The people have received Brother and Sister Palmquist with open arms. I see a great future for our church in this city.

We have churches organized at Whangarei and Dargaville in the northern part of the north island. Brother Griffith has secured well-located properties in these cities and has pastors living in apartments in these properties. Two or three rooms have been joined together, giving a nice place of worship with

seating capacity for the congregation of fifty or sixty.

I dedicated a beautiful new church at Hamilton, about ninety miles south of Auckland. The men had worked faithfully day and night to get ready for the dedication when I came. The Salvation Army band of about fifteen was present for the occasion and helped us to celebrate.

Sister Griffith and their daughter, Connie, have made friends for our church throughout all New Zealand by their radio programs which they carried on for five or six years. The programs were known as "The Lady Traveler" and "The Child Traveler."

I left New Zealand feeling that the Church of the Nazarene was destined to reach her arms around the world and that we have a message that can bring liberty to the sin-bound captives in any land. Can we stand idle? Can we remain silent? Dare we fold our hands in complacency or sit still in comfortable pews in lovely churches and listen to soft-toned organ music while a lost world for whom Christ died drifts on into the dark? No, let us all sound the battle cry again and take new territory for Christ, both at home and abroad.

Japan Journeys

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT BENNER

Japan is "on the move," and the Church of the Nazarene in Japan is sharing in this amazing record of reconstruction. Fourteen years ago Japan was crushed, with practically every major city, except Kyoto, in ruins, transportation paralyzed, and life very much at a standstill. Today the cities have been rebuilt, with principal streets widened and with multiplied square miles of modern buildings. Great industries are in full operation. Transportation by bus, train, and plane is crowded with reservations a week in advance necessary on many express trains.

And the story of the recovery and reconstruction of the Japan Church of the Nazarene is no less

striking and heartening. When Dr. W. A. Eckel, district superintendent, returned to Japan in 1947, all but five of our church buildings were destroyed, and less than five hundred of our Nazarene people could be found. Many pastors had died, and others had been compelled to engage in secular work to support their families.

Today practically all the church buildings have been rebuilt. Forty-eight pastors reported at the district assembly, with a total of 4,200 members in their churches. This outstanding development in the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene is an eloquent commentary on the wise and aggressive leadership of Dr. Eckel, as well as on the spirit and sacrificial efforts of our fine missionaries, Japanese pastors, and people.

The district assembly, held at the headquarters in Tokyo, was a time of spiritual blessing, rich fellowship, and optimistic, intelligent planning for the future. The auxiliary departments reported a year of progress. Pursuant to a recommendation by Dr. Eckel in his annual report, a special committee dealt intensively with a program of accelerated local self-support, which was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed by the assembly. Twelve persons were ordained, including Mrs. Riko Nagase, who assumed the pastorate of the Hiro-

shima church following the death of her pastor-husband as the result of the atomic bombing.

Prior to the assembly it was my privilege to deliver the commencement address for the graduation service of the Japan Nazarene Seminary, with eight graduates receiving diplomas. It seems clear that, as with our development in America, the future possibilities for our growth in Japan are directly related to an adequate educational program, which should include, at the earliest possible time, provision for at least a limited range of college-level training. With such an educational program as will furnish a trained ministry, the progress of the Church of the Nazarene in Japan can be almost without precedent in our missionary history.

With an area approximately that of California, and a population of more than ninety million, city after city numbers in the millions. Tokyo, with nine million, is the "New York" of Japan. Osaka, with four and one-half million, is the "Chicago" of the islands. With these masses within easy reach, we must plan and pray and give toward taking full advantage of this open door of opportunity for holiness evangelism.

In a later article I shall tell of our able mission council, and report on a week of church visitation.

The Promises

By L. WAYNE SEARS

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of Pentecost

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high (Luke 24:49).

From the opening verses of Genesis, where the Spirit of God is seen brooding over the face of the deep, to the closing verses of the Revelation, where "the Spirit and the bride say, Come," the Bible speaks of the Holy Spirit. It should not be surprising that He who "moved" the holy men of old as they wrote should speak of His own actions. The entire Book breathes the message of the original "Breath" or Spirit of God.

Three great days mark God's calendar of prophecy. The incarnation of the Son was told by prophets and singers in miraculous detail. The opening day of the dispensation of the Holy Spirit has many pointed promises. The millennial return of Christ

is definitely foretold. These three comings might be called the coming in humility, the coming in power, and the coming in judgment. Not even the Crucifixion or the Resurrection received the advance notice that these days received.

It would seem impossible for our day to over-emphasize the importance of Pentecost. The theme of the person and work of the Holy Spirit runs like a golden cord entwining the pages of Sacred Script. There are definite promises and descriptions of His coming, His work with the Church, and His work in the hearts of individuals.

One of the most definite promises of the outpouring of the Spirit is the oft-quoted verse in Joel. John the Baptist gave more specific detail when he noted that the coming of the Spirit was dependent on Christ, who was the One for whom the Spirit would come. Jesus gave the most pointed promise of all. When He said, "Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence," (Acts 1:5) He gave one of the most specific promises in the

Word. "Not many days hence" comes very close to detailing exact time, which is not mentioned of either the Incarnation or the Second Coming.

The prophet Ezekiel noted that the coming of the Holy Spirit would make the Church a fellowship of redeemed souls. "Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out

Saving Faith

By JESSIE WHITESIDE FINKS

*I can see a light eternal in the face of some today
That denotes that they have traveled on the straight
and narrow way.*

*And I note no disappointment that their life is
so near past;
They rejoice in faith and gladness that they shall
see Christ at last.*

*Sad, but I see not in others this glad, overcoming
faith;*

*They are clinging to the baubles, which is vain as
God's Word saith.*

*Youth is fleeting, time is passing, death ap-
proaching to be sure,
Yet they travel on the broad way . . . have not
faith that will endure.*

*Saving faith will cast a halo at the end of our life's
day,*

*Soft'ning all the trials and shadows we've encoun-
tered on the way,*

*Lead us on to joys eternal; we forget those things
behind,*

*For we shall mount up as eagles as we on to
heaven climb.*

*Thanks for saving faith, Lord Jesus, as I go my
upward way*

*From this world of sin and sorrow to the land of
endless day.*

*May my faith be sure and steadfast, so that those
who follow me*

*May be led along faith's highway and then live
eternally!*

cerned souls—men and women who know how to pray and intercede for others. They not only have felt the joy of sins forgiven but their hearts yearn toward others.

But the highest honor for the Church is reserved until the final chapter of the Revelation. After describing the bride in the twenty-first chapter, and the city in the twenty-second chapter, the writer says that until that glorious time shall come the Church or the bride is honored to stand side by side with the Spirit and proclaim salvation to a lost world. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come." No greater task and no greater privilege can ever be accorded a church than the glory of this fellowship of evangelists. The Church has no higher duty and no more blessed scope than to stand, filled with the Spirit, and proclaim the glad news of the gospel to a whole wide world to "come" and "take the water of life freely."

For the individual the promises are just as pointed and specific. Isaiah said the coming of the Spirit would be like water for the thirsty and floods upon dry ground. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would bring both guidance and comfort. John the Baptist predicted that the coming of the Holy Spirit would "gather his wheat into the garner" and "burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:12).

If further proof is needed of the definiteness of the Bible on the subject of the Holy Spirit, hear the words of those who received the baptism on the Day of Pentecost. "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," ties both Old Testament prophecy and New Testament experience together. That they realized that Jesus was the One who sent the Spirit is revealed. "Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33).

These are some definite promises of Pentecost. There are many more. His coming, even the time, is definitely specified. His work is described both in the Church and for individuals. The work is both the blessing, the cleansing, and the empowering of those who receive Him.

We know that "all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen" (II Corinthians 1:20), and we have the further assurance that "the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). Let us avail ourselves of these glorious promises. Let us not be content until Pentecost is a reality in our hearts. The full blessings, the deep comforts, the clear guidance, and the real power wait upon the coming of the Holy Ghost in individual hearts. No substitute will suffice! We must have Pentecostal power for this atomic age!

my spirit upon the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 39:29). Under the influence of the Spirit, the Church is a group of those who have known the joys of sins forgiven and now sense that God no longer turns His face from them.

Zechariah 12:10 speaks of the "spirit of grace and of supplications." This is a fellowship of con-

To

High School Youth

We are living in a world of upheaval and turmoil where evil men with their false and evil beliefs have gained control of enough peoples and nations to threaten our peace and also our principles of democracy and freedom (one of which is our freedom to worship). Even the safety and security of our families and homes are threatened. This is not to say that everything that exists within our own nation is worth preserving. But it is saying that our nation has made the basic decision to defend itself from a ruthless and atheistic enemy wherever and whenever there is danger. This decision has resulted in what has come to be called "the cold war." This cold war means that most young men can expect to spend a minimum of two to four years on active duty in the army, navy, air force, or marines. Some men choose to make a career of military service (because this is a long-range threat).

But, as you may well already know, destruction from without is not our only threat. There is the danger of becoming a degraded people from within. If this should happen there would be little left of decency, honor, righteousness, loyalty, patriotism, love, kindness, or awareness of human value. History proves to us that a nation in such a condition is a "sitting duck" for any outside enemy.

All of these introductory remarks should serve the purpose of telling you that you should keep in mind the "why" of your service to your country. If you do not know or remember this "why," you will, as others have, soon develop a careless, irresponsible—even unpatriotic—attitude which will set you on the road to spiritual slovenliness and defeat. If, on the other hand, you constantly remind yourself of the necessity and importance of your military job and the obligation you have to your loved ones, church, friends, and your God, you will be helping to defend your country from both within and without.

Now let's take a look at some of the things you can expect when you are a soldier, sailor, airman, or marine.

First of all, when you leave home you will be going to *recruit training* or, as they say in the navy



and Marine Corps, *boot camp*. There you will quickly discover that you are treated as though you are worth little more than a worn-out, discarded boot! But do not be discouraged. If you understand why you and your buddies are put through such "rough" treatment, it won't be quite so hard to take.

You see, everything in the military—the men, the guns, the machines—everything has to be made and molded toward one objective: to win battles. Long experience has proved that in the heat of battle there is only one kind of man who can help to win. That is the person who obeys orders instantly and almost subconsciously. Experience has further shown that the *shock treatment* of rigorous mental and physical training is the only successful way to weld individual boys into a team of men who pull together in the life-and-death struggles of battle.

An unfortunate by-product of this necessary training is that it puts a strain on a man's will to resist the pressures of doing wrong things during "off hours" with the same men with whom he has been working all through the day. Physical and mental weariness can bring on moral tiredness if one is not well conditioned spiritually.

Then, too, sheer loneliness from being away from familiar places and people can cause a person to feel so "lost" that he grasps for almost any kind of friendship.

Also, on that first liberty or week-end pass, many a young man finds himself downtown in a large city away from all contacts with home. He is suddenly confronted with a powerful temptation. He may say to himself: There are lots of things I've often wondered about. One of my buddies is urging me to "do the town" with him. If I don't, he'll think I'm "chicken" or "sissy" or ignorant. I could go once and no one back home would ever know. There he stands in the grip of a nerve-shattering temptation. If there was ever a right time to breathe a prayer, this is it! You need not feel alone. God will speed to your aid as you make your decision to hold to your standards.

Of course, recruit training is not the only place where you will meet temptation. It will come in different and sometimes more insidious forms all during your time in the service. When you are sent to your first ship or station, either at home or overseas, there will be times when you will be

tempted, as Elijah was, to feel that you are the only faithful one left—that you are adrift in a mass of people who are moral and religious strangers to you. But do not despair. If you look around, you'll discover that a few other young people feel about like you do, and are searching for the companionship of those who take their Christian faith seriously. You will find real spiritual strength in association with those who really love the Lord.

There are two pitfalls to avoid right at this point, however: (1) *You must not let your closer friendship with "real" Christian buddies cause you to be unfriendly or snobbish toward other men in your outfit.* Nothing will bring your faith into quicker disrepute and yourself the dubious honor of being continually given a "hard time." If you must bear persecution let it not be "touched off" by your own unfriendly attitude.

(2) *The second temptation that you may find lurking here is about what you believe.* Most of your Christian friends will not belong to the same denomination that you do. You may discover that some of the things they believe about salvation differ from what you have always believed. You will discover that some of them know the Bible "from cover to cover" and can quote you "chapter and verse" for every statement of belief they make. Friends like these may be very sincere and wonderful persons and genuine Christians in their hearts. And you may be tempted to think that maybe what you believe could be wrong. Remember three things: (1) Learn all you can about your own beliefs. (2) Great Bible scholars who are also sincere Christians have each very seriously believed they were right and have failed to agree. (3) There are great areas of belief where all true Christians may meet on common ground of fellowship without giving up their own personal convictions and experience.

It would be impossible to name all of the temptations against which you must guard. But there are some things that you should remember to do which will build within you a spiritual reserve to help you fight against whatever temptation may come your way, while you are in the service of your country. They are listed for easy reference. Perhaps it would be well to make your own list from this one and even add some reminders of your own. Then use it as a sort of periodic spiritual "checkup" list while you are on active duty:

- (1) Keep with your personal belongings a Bible or New Testament for reference, study, and devotion.
- (2) Pray somewhere every day.
- (3) Get to church somewhere every Sunday, even if it cannot be a service of your own denomination.
- (4) Invite friends to attend church with you. Be alert to help your buddies spiritually

when you sense that they are sincerely asking for spiritual answers.

- (5) Resolve to do your work to the best of your ability and advance in rating or rank as fast as you can.
- (6) Always respect and be obedient to properly constituted authority.
- (7) Participate in wholesome, clean recreation with as many of your buddies as is practical and reasonable.
- (8) Kindly and firmly say, "No, thank you," to all propositions against which your Christian conscience rebels.
- (9) Never hesitate to go to your chaplain for advice in your personal, family, or military

How Thankful We Should Be!

By F. W. DAVIS

*Thankful to God, for all of His kindness,
His wonderful love, His salvation and grace,
Giving His peace and joy beyond measure
For every true child of His to embrace.
Thankful to Jesus, for His glorious pardon,
That makes us His own and an heir to the sky,
Giving us hope and faith for the future,
Looking above, where none ever die!*

*How we should praise Him, each hour and each moment,
For sparing our lives and supplying the need;
Giving us reasonable health for to labor,
Blessing our efforts in all to succeed!
Keep us, dear Master, in humble submission,
Our hearts filled with love and honor and praise,
Worshiping Thee in true adoration,
Serving Thee only the rest of our days!*

problems. He can either help you directly or refer you to the right person whom you need to see.

- (10) Keep close ties with loved ones, church, and home-town friends through frequent letters.
- (11) Save some of your salary every month. You may need it for emergencies. By the time you have finished your military service, you may have decided you need to go to school more. And don't forget to send your tithe and offerings to your church home every payday.

May God bless you. My prayer for every Nazarene serviceman is that he may return home a stronger Christian than when he left.—LT. HENRY W. STROMAN, *Chaplain, U.S. Navy.*

Ready! FOR WHAT?

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh (Matthew 25:13).

Russia's dictator chilled the hearts of the free world again recently with the most ominous, the boldest, the bluntest threat he has yet made against the non-Communist powers. His ultimatum: "Get out of Berlin!" But Britain and America have reaffirmed their intention not to get out. And where will it all end?

England's Macmillan has warned of the danger of "war by miscalculation or by muddle." Indeed, with tension mounting as the new crises pile upon the old crises, one mistake could trigger the incident that could start the war that might bring an end to our civilization.

Is there any hope in the midst of such international futility? Thank God, there is, and the Scriptures make it plain to those who study them that the Christian's hope is based upon the second coming of Jesus Christ. His coming is described, explained, and taught in the context of the passage quoted above.

There is here indicated, first

THE CERTAINTY OF HIS COMING

There are those who shrug their shoulders at mention of Christ's coming with the remark, "Oh, yes. He is coming. In fact He is already here; here in the hymns, the Scriptures, the churches, the hearts of His followers." But He is coming in a more real and literal sense! His coming is described by Paul in the letter to the Thessalonians, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air" (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

And the angels verified this truth when they addressed the disciples after they had watched Christ ascend into heaven: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

He went literally, bodily, personally. He is coming again in like manner. Of this we can be certain.

Convinced of the certainty of His coming, we are concerned also with

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THE TIME OF HIS COMING

The disciples who approached Jesus as He sat on the Mount of Olives (Matthew 24:3) saying, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" were concerned with this same question then as we are now. The Master gave them the answer.

He suggests, among other things, what we may call a "Kingdom-gospel sign" in verse 14 of this chapter. He says, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Until our generation we have been hindered with poor transportation, lack of communication, and a "large world" in getting the gospel story told. We no longer face this hindrance. The world is small, transportation makes it possible to girdle the globe in hours, and communication has become more efficient. There are men like William Sedat, who lived with the primitive people of Guatemala until he learned to speak their language, gave them an alphabet for it—then translated the New Testament for them in their language. This saintly missionary and many others have succeeded in providing the Scriptures now in more than twelve hundred languages and dialects! The gospel has been preached, if not to all the world, at least to most of it.

Jesus suggests in this chapter (verse 32) also what may be termed the "fig-tree sign," when He declares, "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." The scholars tell us He is referring to the Jews when He speaks of the fig tree, and certainly if this figure is a true one we have seen the fulfillment of this sign. Israel is a nation for the first time in two millenniums, and it has happened in our generation.

Perhaps a more significant clue is given in verse 7 and may be termed a "political sign." He says: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom," and in the preceding verse He declares, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars." We have always had wars, none will deny. But no less an authority than Harvard's history professor, Dr. Sorokin, says that in the past twenty-five hundred years our generation has been the bloodiest! For wars are no longer fought on a field of battle somewhere by armies; they are fought everywhere. Death now rains upon the innocent heads of women and children when nations struggle one against the other.

News in Picture



HERALD AWARD TRIP TO KANSAS CITY: Thirteen young folk from Wichita (Kansas) First Church qualified for the trip by securing 20 subscriptions each to the "Herald of Holiness." A total of 284 subscriptions were secured.

These young people were accompanied by the assistant pastor, Rev. William Howard; N.Y.P.S. president and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Hathaway; and junior supervisors, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cole.

No sign is more significant than the "spiritual sign" which Christ suggests in verse 12: "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." And when He pictures the end approaching with "many false prophets" arising and deceiving many people, could He possibly have drawn a more accurate picture of our fearful, confused, deluded, wicked, indifferent generation?

Paul also understood this condition as being a sign of the end of the age, for he writes in his letter to Timothy: "But you must realize that in the last days times will be full of danger. Men will become utterly self-centered, greedy for money, full of big words. . . . They will be passionate and unprincipled, treacherous, self-willed and conceited, loving all the time what gives them pleasure instead of loving God" (II Timothy 3:1-4, Phillips).

When? Who knows, but then who can deny that it may be soon? We are also concerned, then, with

THE MANNER OF HIS COMING

Jesus indicates in verse 27 that His coming will be a time of surprise. It will be sudden! "As the lightning . . ." He compares it. No time then to go and buy oil, as the foolish virgins discovered. No time to pray. Prayer must be practiced before the moment of His coming.

He teaches us that His coming will be a time of separation. "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left" (v. 40). Two may be eating breakfast; one shall be taken and the other left. Two riding in their automobile; one shall be taken and the other left. The

godly mother taken; the worldly daughter left. The sanctified father taken; the willful, sinful son left behind.

It will be a time of reward (v. 13), for some shall be saved! There is no language that can describe the joy which will be experienced by the dead in Christ as they rise to meet Him in the air, and the ecstasy of the living who are caught up to meet with them in the air!

But it will be a time of judgment and punishment for those who are not ready when He comes. Verse 29 speaks of tribulations, the sun and moon darkened, the stars falling from heaven, the powers of the heavens shaken. Men shall hide in dens and caves, and cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the wrath of Almighty God! With the Church gone, the Holy Spirit gone, the bride gone, the restraining influence of holiness gone, what will this world be like? The only answer possible is that it will be "great tribulation."

The great question, then, is, Will we be ready for His coming? Let us by all means, at all times, "watch therefore," for we "know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13). Repent and believe on the wonderful name of Jesus! Present your bodies a living sacrifice, in full and complete commitment and consecration, and by faith receive the Holy Ghost in sanctifying power! Keep clean, keep pure, keep holy, keep busy. Keep the glory down! Let us all be ready when He comes!

The Christian



in Gold Braid

Can a military officer wear the title and uniform of his rank and service and simultaneously carry the title of Christian as well? An organization which sets about to prove this to be a practical reality is the Officer's Christian Union.

It all began in Great Britain over one hundred years ago among officers whose enthusiasm and influence helped greatly in its spread to the countries in Europe. During World War II, when ideas were exchanged freely, the O.C.U. became more widely known by the close contact with officers of other countries. There were members even in the German forces, many of whom suffered professionally for their refusal to compromise their faith for the state. It was during this period that the military officers of the United States came in contact with these organizations in other countries, which led to the establishment of the O.C.U. in America.

Too often, practical Christian living and the life of the military officer have been considered to be at cross-purposes with one another. The original purpose of the O.C.U. was to prove that they could complement each other. It is not a sign of weakness to hold Christ and His teachings pre-eminent among the lives of military leaders. Rather it indicates stability of character and maturity in leadership. It is true that the officers who hold with this purpose are in the minority, but they range from admirals and generals to junior officers. An organization such as this provides a brotherhood which teaches, stimulates, and inspires to positive Christian action among not only the members themselves but their fellow officers.

Military decorum makes it almost impossible for the officer and enlisted man to associate together on an intimate basis because of the problems of maintaining impartial discipline. Recognizing this, membership in the O.C.U. is limited to commissioned and warrant officers, regular or reserve,

in the army, navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and air force. The various military academies have their chapters among the cadets. Any interested person may become an associate member providing that he sign the same "Affirmation of Faith" pledge required of regular members.

The O.C.U., organizationally speaking, is very effective. The officers and council members are elected by the membership normally from men stationed within a few hundred miles from the Washington, D.C., headquarters.

O.C.U. is especially fortunate to have as its present leader General William K. Harrison, U.S. Army, who is an outstanding Christian of our time. He, with a staff of efficient and dedicated officers, has been an inspiration to the entire organization.

Chapters are organized when three or more members who are located in a specific area are granted permission by the executive council. While the general rules of the O.C.U. are observed, local policies may be adapted to the individual needs and purposes of the various local chapters. This holds true particularly with regard to the plan of Bible study and social activity. Each chapter works through a local representative who acts as a liaison between the chapter and the national council.

The impact of the organization has been felt, not only at the various units where the members are stationed, but in the religious life of their communities and their churches as well.

Personally, I have found the O.C.U. to be a tremendous asset. To the spiritual benefits of Bible study, I have added the privileges of friendship with Christian officers in the various parts of the world. Because they have recognized Christ as Lord in their lives, they are living proof that the principles of Christianity need not be sacrificed or compromised in the military services.—LIEUTENANT PERRY CHRISTIANSEN, *United States Coast Guard*.

HOLD FAST YOUR FAITH

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

*Hold fast your faith. Hold fast your faith and know
That God is of all time, is everywhere:
Within the autumn rain, the winter snow,
The springtime's gentle light, the summer's glare.
Hold fast your faith; no thing could ever be
Except that God had willed it come to birth.
The stars and planets follow His decree,*

*The seas and mountains, plainlands of the earth.
Hold fast your faith; a lasting purpose lies
In man and nature, all the deeds they do,
In everything that grows, that crawls or flies,
A sorting of the false from out the true.
Hold fast your faith; draw near to God and find
The part of Him within your heart and mind.*

The dubious desire to relive youth taught them that—

Progress Is God's Law

By MONNA GAY

A discerning writer has said: "Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith."

"Go forward," is the Biblical admonition.

Progress is God's law!

In Paul's Epistle to the Philippians are these lines, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (3:13-14).

To forget the past and "reach forth unto those things which are before" takes both courage and faith.

There is an old story, untrue and foolish, of course; nevertheless it does have a moral worth remembering. It is supposed to have happened in the gold rush days in San Francisco, when nothing was too fabulous for belief. As the story goes, the news was circulated around that a man had discovered a way to return people to the days of their youth, and as would be expected, there were those who were gullible. There were twenty discontented old ladies and gentlemen who prevailed upon the man to send them back to their treasured memories.

The man collected one thousand dollars from each of the twenty, then chartered a boat on which he took them to a small island somewhere down the coast. There was nothing on the island except an old shed into which he herded his yearning youth seekers.

Once inside, he produced a mysterious black box. Then he made his pitch: "My friends," he said, holding up the box, "in this container is my priceless secret. What the box contains has cost even more than you paid me. So, in the event any of you decide not to go through with the metamorphosis, I will not be able to refund your money."

His eyes swept his audience questioningly, but he saw only eager, expectant faces. Reassured, he continued, "Tonight we will open the box, and you will be the first to learn a secret which, until now, has baffled mankind. When you awaken tomorrow morning, you will find yourselves as you were at fifteen years of age."

A slight rustling, and murmurs of pleasure ran through the gathering. The man smiled benignly as he went on: "You will then proceed to live over every happy moment of your past lives." Twenty

withered mouths curved into reminiscent smiles. "However," the man continued, and now his voice took on a note of warning, "it is only fair to tell you that you will relive every unpleasant experience as well." He hesitated, to let that idea sink in. Twenty mouths straightened as smiles faded and twenty pairs of eyes grew thoughtful.

"Ah, yes," the man went on with sepulchral sadness in his voice, "we have all had our darker hours. I wish I could spare you those, but all I

Our only true happiness comes in Christian expansion and development. When a person concludes that there is no more outreach for his life, you may be sure that there is a great deal more to be done for that individual.—Selected.

guaranteed was to take you back to your youth. However," and now his voice grew more hopeful, "there is still time to reconsider. The boat will return to San Francisco tonight."

Before sundown all twenty of those foolish old men and women were back aboard the boat, bound for home, content that so much of their lives was past and gone, and happy that they were living now instead of then.

There are those who would brand this man a scoundrel, should such a thing have ever really happened. Yet one must admit the moral is therefore best of all, he had turned their gaze from something they had lost, something they considered very precious, to something far better instead—contentment!

There are people today who are literally throwing themselves on the scrap heap by clinging to the past—they are traveling through life with their headlights where their taillights should be. Consequently, the road ahead is very dark—all they can see is what they have passed.

What is now and what lies ahead are the only things we can experience, and are all that should concern us. And the most important thing about this fact is that we have the power to make them even better than the past successes we are inclined to cling to so lovingly.

How foolish it seems to keep our eyes fixed on the dead past when the live future holds such glorious promise!



..... E D I T O R I A L S

The Leopard Still Has His Spots!

On Tuesday, April 7, the newly elected president of the Methodist Theological Seminary which is to be located in Kansas City, Missouri, was inaugurated in colorful ceremonies. On this occasion Dr. Henry Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, gave the main address. Here are some of the headlines in the report of what he said: "Religion Fails to Gain in U.S.;" "Speaker at Inauguration of Methodist Seminary President Says Morality Is Declining;" "Signs Are Misleading;" "Dr. Henry Van Dusen States Christianity Is Not Advancing Despite Revival." These headlines are explained thus:

"The 'revival of religion' has, thus far, been paralleled by no corresponding resurgence or recovery of morality." "Just here is the most disturbing, confounding contradiction of our present moral and spiritual situation. In a sentence, in contemporary America, religion is gaining ground; morality is steadily losing ground. Make no mistake. Despite all the heartening signs—increased church membership and attendance and giving, religious or pseudo-religious books at the top of every list of best sellers, an obvious upsurge of spiritual longing, even unprecedented numbers and quality of candidates for the ministry—in the larger view, the Christian church is not gaining ground; we are not even holding our own. The labors of the churches today can be accurately described more as a 'holding action' than a triumphant advance."

What does all of this mean, anyway? Simply this: the leopard has not changed his spots. The sinner is still a sinner after he joins the church and professes religion. Please don't misunderstand me. No doubt some are being genuinely converted, and some are changing, but too many people today who are lining up with religion in this or that church are not taking their religion seriously. More than this, too often those who have belonged

to the church for years are not as sincere about their religion as they once were. As a statistic they are counted on the Lord's side; but are they really on the Lord's side? That's the question! Christianity, if it's real and vital, means a difference in a man's living.

The trouble is that in too many denominations those who profess to be Christians go on living "like the devil"—smoking, dancing, drinking liquor, gambling, getting divorces, or staying away from church, except occasionally, and spending most of their money for everything else except God's work. In a limited sense this is true of our own church. We pay no attention to the rules our church may have as to dress or behavior—we're going to run our own affairs regardless of God or man. Yes, we're on the Lord's side, but we want the Lord to understand that we'll do as we please; being on His side doesn't make any difference in the way we live. We are independent people. We want to be counted among those who are religious when the tribes are numbered, but we don't want to be counted as such when it comes to living. Movie stars, many of whom live every kind of life you can think of except the right kind, talk about their prayer life and how they through it fellowship with God. The leopard still has his spots; he hasn't changed.

The time has come for all of us to remember that religion makes a difference; to be born again, born from above, does make a difference; to be sanctified wholly makes a difference. Yes, a difference in daily living, in weekly giving, in how often we go to church, in the way we dress, and as to where we go and what we look at. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." That scripture is just as sure to be true of the Christian today as it ever has been. The true Christian has "changed his spots." He's

a new creature in Christ Jesus; he's different from what he was before he took up his cross. Come on, brother, sister, let's get down to brass tacks, let's face the facts. We must realize that going with God is different from going with the devil, light is different from darkness, sweet is different from

By *Stephen S. White*

sour, righteousness is different from sin. Let's change our "leopard's spots," in deed and in truth, by giving the Master a chance at our lives in a way in which we have never done it before. Religion still makes a difference, and joining a church or putting your name on the church roll, attending church occasionally, giving a little money to the church, and calling on God when you get in a corner—is not Christianity.

Where do you stand, friend? Have your "leopard's spots" been changed?

I remember several years ago, out in west Texas, a pastor of a church in one of the larger denominations asked an outstanding citizen of that community to become a member of his church. This man had been reared in a Christian home; he knew what it was to be saved; he knew he wasn't a Christian; he knew he still had the "leopard's spots." He turned the pastor down; he told him he wasn't a Christian, that he wasn't worthy of joining any church. But the pastor said, "Oh, come on and join us; we need you. We need your prestige; you have high standing here in this community; you'll help us." The leopard hadn't changed his spots, and he knew it, and he had more sense about real religion than the preacher had. He didn't join the church! What was an exceptional thing back there twenty years ago when this happened is becoming all too common in our churches today. Many people who do not know anything about true religion are being invited to join the church, and they are accepting the invitation. Joining a church doesn't mean anything to them; you don't have to be saved to get into some churches. You don't have to profess Christ to be taken for a Christian by certain people who want your name on the church roll. The leopard has not changed his spots!

The president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, who spoke the words I referred to at the beginning of this editorial, is only one among many today who are warning us about the trend of our times. We are becoming "more religious" as a people, but less godly in the truest

meaning of that term. Sin is on a rampage; hell has been turned loose in many places. It's high time for you and me, if we believe in the old-time religion, believe that a man who is really saved is transformed, is different, to prove it by our lives. Let's not only stand up and be counted, but let's stand up and out and live the life! Religion is more than hot air; it's serious business. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ does make a difference!

Roadblocks

We are having a lot of crime these days, and it seems that many of the criminals are getting away, at least for a time. Policemen all over the country, and the FBI, join in trying to run these criminals down. In these attempts you hear much about roadblocks being thrown up across the highways to head these criminals off as they try to make their getaway. In such instances, roadblocks are not only permissible but essential. They contribute to the welfare of society; they help in the capture of many criminals.

But sometimes I am inclined to speak of some people in our churches as "roadblocks." Thank God, we don't have too many of them. But at times there's a church board member, or someone who holds this or that position in the church, who feels especially called on to block the work of God—at least, it seems like that from the way he acts. Some people *lack vision*; they can't see very far ahead; they have little imagination; they are materialistic—they judge only on the basis of the present and from the standpoint of men—they leave God out of the picture. They are not farsighted.

Again, people who are guilty of setting up roadblocks in the church to hinder the work of God do it because they're *stingy*. Oh, that isn't their overt reason; that isn't the excuse they would give. But down deep in their inner selves, sometimes almost without being conscious of it, they throw up roadblocks because they are afraid of what the work will cost them—they're stingy. Recently I was asked, "Do you think it's right to have someone on the church board to handle our finances who isn't a tither? Should he be allowed to have a say in the way in which our tithes are used when he doesn't tithe himself?" Well, that's a question. Such a person is liable to throw up too many roadblocks in the way of God's work. He doesn't tithe, so he must be stingy. I can't conceive of a man, especially one who is saved and sanctified, who is liberal and yet doesn't tithe. The liberal soul not only tithes but also gives offerings.

Sometimes the person who throws up roadblocks in the work of the church doesn't know how to

be a good follower. He might fall in line if it were something he had suggested, but he's against everything that anybody else suggests. His ideas are fine, but nobody else's ideas are any good. If he can be in the front line, in the limelight, the leader, all right, he'll vote for the thing; otherwise he's a roadblock, or he sets up roadblocks.

In general, the churchman who throws up roadblocks is a troublemaker. He may not be one

intentionally, but that is what he is in reality. We cannot always say that such a person is a sinner—at times he is, but maybe not always; but he needs spiritual development.

Roadblocks are not needed in connection with the work of the Kingdom. One of the best ways to prepare the way of the Lord is to keep it clear of roadblocks.



By LESLIE PARROTT

According to "U.S. News & World Report," "A 1600-year-old scroll found in Egypt in 1946 now is believed to add a new book of the Gospels of Christ. Scholars disclosed that 13 years of study has convinced them the scroll contains 114 sayings of Christ, many unknown in previous Western Christian Teachings."

• George Gallup, of Princeton, New Jersey, has finished a new poll of public opinion. He tried to find out the feelings of the public concerning a union of Catholic and Protestant faiths. According to the poll, "The vast majority of the United States members of both Catholic or Protestant churches have never given serious thought to becoming a member of the opposite faith." Protestants said that the most distasteful aspects of Catholic doctrine were "the practice of confessing sins to a priest . . . belief in the infallibility of the Pope . . . emphasis by Catholics on the Virgin Mary . . . restrictions on eating meat on Friday . . . and with Catholic services being held in Latin." Catholics were most critical of "a lax attitude on the part of Protestants toward divorce and remarriage . . . so many different Protestant services . . . and the fact that Protestant ministers are allowed to marry."

• A flying missionary and his Eskimo companion were plucked from the Arctic wilderness after surviving forty-below-zero blasts in a tent. Presbyterian Missionary John Chambers, twenty-nine, former Scotia, New York, clergyman, and the native Eskimo, Jesse Ahgak, appeared in good condition despite their twenty-four-hour ordeal. Mrs. Chambers had presented a hand-sewn tent to her husband as a surprise gift just before take-off. "I am so thankful," she said. "I don't know what ever made me think of it."

• An antiatheism bill that would require faculty members in all state-supported colleges to sign affidavits declaring that they believed in a Su-

preme Being has stirred up strong criticism among educators and clergymen in Austin, Texas, and outstate areas. The incident that apparently touched off demands for the bill was an unidentified University of Texas student's remark that one of his science teachers had scoffed at religion and suggested that students could spend Thanksgiving Day more profitably by studying text-

books than praying. "University officials were shocked at the charge."

• Dr. Martin Niemoeller, leader of the Evangelical church, in West Germany, has begun an organized protest against the stationing of a British Rocket Regiment only three miles from the church where he ministers. Dr. Niemoeller gained fame by his resistance to the Hitler regime twenty years ago.

• In a recent battle for the controlling shares of the British Aluminum Company in London, the Reynolds Metals found an unusual ally against the Aluminum Company of America. In the final days of the battle for shares, the Church of England sold 260,000 shares to Reynolds at a "handsome profit of about \$1,000,000."

price; be not ye the [thought] servants of men." (I Corinthians 7:23.)

Wednesday:

(Some rather sinister current phrases.) "Groupthink"—it has taken the contemporary best-seller to create the word and so to warn us of the danger. Emerson said the end product of true education is "Man Thinking." (We would say, "Man Thinking with God.") "Souls are not saved in bunches." I must give in my answer to God, alone—for my mind, His loan, and what I have done with it. (Matthew 22:37; John 21:22.)

Thursday:

"Fragmented." "Fragmented lives," "fragmented thinking." All around us are lives at the mercy of pressures that have torn them into bits, playing as many roles as they have personal contacts, victims to every thought pattern that comes along. Is my life one of these? Or does it possess the true integration of the Christ center, first of thought, of heart loyalty, and then of conduct? (Matthew 6:22; Colossians 1:18.)

Friday:

"Spectatorism"—the disease of the many who today still sit about the Cross, bored, idle, and watch Him there (T. E. Martin). Have I caught the infection? Has the cross symbol been worn smooth by familiarity until it no longer stirs me? Can I sit on the side lines and watch while others fight the battles, with Christ and for Him? Either fight-



by BERTHA MUNRO

Loaded Words

Monday:

"Whatever it is, don't let it." The clever popular quip has something to say to us. Whatever the attitude that hampers your spiritual growth or activity, throw it off. Success or failure, pleasure or pain; worry, frustration, loss, or ease, fascination, lure; cares of home or overbusy program of good—whatever begins to absorb your attention and separate from the smile of God, whatever makes you less than your best for God—"whatever it is, don't let it!" (Hebrews 12:1b.)

Tuesday:

"Keep a taking-off place." Make sure there is plenty of space around your "me" to take deep breaths of heaven's ozone; plenty of room to stretch your spiritual muscles, to make your own decisions under God. "Bought with a

ers or spectators—and every day the contest is on. (Matthew 27:36; 12:30.)

Saturday:

"Know thyself." The phrase is as old as Socrates—older, they say. (Not good because it is old; old because it is good.) Yet modern psychology makes us less confident of our ability to do so. Motives can be complex, reactions tangled, without our ever suspecting. Our one good hope is in keeping ourselves wide open to the Holy Spirit, who searches the depths of man, then listening for His report. (Jeremiah 17:9; Psalms 139:23; Romans 8:27.)

Sunday:

By all means, use some times to be alone.

Salute thyself; see what thy soul doth wear;

Dare to look in thy chest [through the Spirit's eyes]; for 'tis thine own,

And tumble up and down what thou findest there.

—GEORGE HERBERT

"No time"; "too busy"—other familiar phrases of our day. John Wesley had no time to be in a hurry. He was too busy not to pray. (Matthew 14:23; Luke 6:12.)



Foreign Missions

Prayer Request for Halls Nyasaland

Recently the home of Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Hall in Nyasaland was broken into and their typewriter, radio, and most of their clothing and bedding were stolen. A few items were recovered by the police later, but their bedding and clothing were not found.

Pray for these young missionaries, and for the Grahams, who are also in Nyasaland. Both couples are very close to the center of the recent unrest and need our prayers for God's protection upon them.

Answered Prayer in Africa

I am happy to report that Mrs. Jenkins is doing splendidly. She sat up yesterday for the first time and was up four hours. She hasn't had a bit of pain

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

since the operation. The surgeon is very pleased indeed with her progress. He says she will walk again without pain and without crutches. Praise the Lord! —C. S. JENKINS, Transvaal, Africa.

Up North in Haiti

By BRIAN VANCIEL

Tell me, have you ever bought a donkey? We recently redeemed one from the government prison and put it to work for the church. Stray donkeys are impounded here on the island and put up for sale to pay damages they may have caused. Our church at La Branche had only a dirt floor and the walls were falling. We needed an animal to carry cement for us to make the necessary repairs.

Many were the merry laughs from the Haitians as we entered the transportation business with a donkey, but before

Servicemen's Corner



Armed Forces Day is May 16, 1959. The following prayer was prepared by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board:

"Almighty God, the Father of us all, we give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for the blessings that have been bestowed upon our land. We are ever mindful of the devotion and sacrifice made by members of our armed forces on land, in the air, and on the sea. They have served in great jeopardy to insure for us the freedoms we enjoy.

"We petition Thy heavenly guidance upon the leaders of the nation, both civil and military. Make them aware of their role in the redemption of the world from cruelty, hate, and injustice, so that the exercise of our might will always serve the ends of justice upon this earth.

"On this day we remember the individual soldier, sailor, airman, and marine. Keep them always courageous and vigilant in the faithful performance of their several duties. Give them such insight that they never glory in material might but remain faithful to the preservation of liberties and freedoms for all mankind.

"Finally, we pray for Thy heavenly benediction as we join with those around the world who work toward the end that righteousness shall prevail among all the peoples of the world. Endow us with strength of character that prompts a devo-

tion to our country and to Thee, O God, who is the Source of all true power. Amen."

TO A LOCAL CHURCH—"Subject: Letter of appreciation. To: People of the Totem Park Church of the Nazarene, Fairbanks, Alaska
"Dear Friends: This is indeed a letter of appreciation for the wonderful fellowship and love extended to me during my stay in Fairbanks. You can't possibly know how much it has meant to me. With sin everywhere, it's wonderful to have a 'haven of rest' that you can come to and get 'refueled' for the next bout with Satan. I love every one of you, and I think you're wonderful. God bless you."—JOHNNY RICKETTS, USAF.
(This letter was sent to us by Rev. Charles C. Powers, pastor.)

FROM A CHAPLAIN—"The growth of our youth program has been most encouraging. During the quarter, 22 meetings were held with an attendance of 544. A Preaching Mission was conducted during Holy Week and climaxed on Easter Sunday. The response was greater than I had expected."

—CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) WILLIAM A. MARTIN
APO 162, New York, New York

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

Ponder W. Gilliland DIRECTOR

the work was finished the donkey had carried thirty sacks of cement up over the rocky, two-hour trail to the church, and, besides this, had brought an untold number of sacks of sand up from the river.

One of the men helping as boss mason was converted last week. He saw how the church members were working together to repair their church and he heard their songs and testimonies. They put him on the trail of seeking Jesus as his own Saviour.

You know, you never can tell who may come to your door, can you? I answered a call at my door one warm afternoon and saw one of the largest men I had ever viewed in all my life. Great broad shoulders, arms bound with muscles that wouldn't relax, thick hands that knew the grip of a machete, trousers ten times patched, and big bare feet tougher than any work shoes ever made. He said, "Pastor, my boy is suffering. Can you help him? He was playing with a bean and put it in his ear. Now it won't come out, Pastor, and it hurts him till he cries. Is there anything you can do?"

As he spoke the little six-year-old son hid behind his daddy, big tears of pain and fear falling from his eyes.

Evelyn came to our assistance with skill and patience and she was soon able to quiet the fears of the little boy and remove the offending bean.

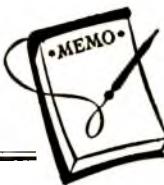
Many times after we give some help such as this we have to ask for a thank-you, even. This time it was different.

Yesterday I received the final registration papers for this man's wedding, and now he is ready to be baptized into the Church of the Nazarene. Here in this land there are many "converts" but they never become church members because they do not have good and legal marriages. Many say they will have a marriage ceremony when they can afford it. This man said he would have a "wedding" now whether he could afford it or not.

And the Lord honored his decision, for just two weeks ago the mission received the shipment of used clothing collected for Haiti. In the pile of men's clothing I saw a suit much too large for the average Haitian, but it was just made to order for this big brother. You never saw a happier, better-dressed groom in all Haiti than this good old boy, dressed for his wedding day.

For your prayer list we have a request: We have just purchased a nice property in a large community known as Dorlette. We will be planting a church there in the near future. Will you pray with us that God will guide us in selecting the right man to take charge of the services there? We are believing for a rich harvest of souls in Dorlette.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT



	March 1958	March 1959	Number Increase
SOUTHERN ZONE			
Kansas	8,012	9,485	1,473
Northwest Oklahoma	5,498	6,344	846
Joplin	4,267	4,984	717
Dallas	4,769	5,430	661
North Arkansas	3,730	4,335	605
Houston	3,615	4,123	508
Northeast Oklahoma	4,186	4,685	499
South Arkansas	4,114	4,598	484
Abilene	6,042	6,456	414
Kansas City	5,325	5,733	408
San Antonio	3,765	4,053	288
Southeast Oklahoma	3,870	4,155	285
Louisiana	3,386	3,620	234
Nebraska	2,516	2,713	197
Southwest Oklahoma	5,981	6,092	111
SOUTHWEST ZONE			
Southern California	12,879	15,247	2,368
Northern California	16,249	17,743	1,494
Arizona	4,691	5,452	761
Hawaii	* 715	854	139
Los Angeles	11,146	11,009	-137
New Mexico	3,653	3,413	-240
Colorado	6,667	6,424	-243
SOUTHEAST ZONE			
Florida	9,130	10,715	1,585
West Virginia	11,804	12,805	1,001
Georgia	5,674	6,457	783
North Carolina	* 3,814	4,574	760
East Tennessee	5,415	5,918	503
Virginia	3,417	3,850	433
South Carolina	5,214	5,584	370
Tennessee	8,449	8,793	344
Mississippi	2,861	3,088	227
Eastern Kentucky	5,472	5,625	153
Alabama	7,504	7,543	39
Kentucky	no report		
EASTERN ZONE			
New England	7,478	8,056	578
Philadelphia	6,093	6,620	527
Washington	5,644	6,152	508
Pittsburgh	9,146	9,574	428
Akron	13,133	13,162	29
Albany	3,341	3,345	4
New York	2,521	2,336	-185
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH			
Canada Central	2,324	2,917	593
Canada West	4,801	5,310	509
Maritime	909	1,219	310
Canada Pacific	1,505	1,440	-65
Australia	853	691	-162
British Isles North	no report		
British Isles South	no report		
NORTHWEST ZONE			
Washington Pacific	6,830	8,030	1,200
Northwest	7,750	8,647	897
Oregon Pacific	8,576	9,336	760
Idaho-Oregon	6,411	6,772	361
Rocky Mountain	2,590	2,880	290

	<i>March 1958</i>	<i>March 1959</i>	<i>Number Increase</i>
South Dakota	687	737	50
North Dakota	1,679	1,731	52
Nevada-Utah	948	933	-15
Alaska	890	826	-64
Minnesota	no report		
CENTRAL ZONE			
Indianapolis	10,710	12,427	1,717
Western Ohio	15,296	16,900	1,604
Central Ohio	15,309	16,695	1,386
Illinois	9,153	10,244	1,091
Southwest Indiana	10,100	10,895	795
Missouri	*7,013	7,794	781
Northwest Indiana	6,046	6,700	654
Michigan	9,433	9,907	474
Northeastern Indiana	11,298	11,722	424
Chicago Central	6,650	6,878	228
Iowa	6,844	7,063	219
Northwestern Illinois	6,086	6,135	49
Wisconsin	2,532	2,506	-26
Eastern Michigan	9,781	9,094	-687
Estimated average for March, 1959	447,574		
Increase over average of March, 1958	20,582		
% of increase	5		

*Average attendance last assembly year

E. G. BENSON
Field Secretary

HOME MISSIONS

NEW CHURCHES OVERSEAS FIELDS CHURCH EXTENSION MINORITY GROUPS IN U.S.

ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

The Thrill of Home Missions

By A HOME MISSION PASTOR'S WIFE

We were pastoring what would be considered an above-average church. We had property clear of debt that needed no apology. The people were good to us in a financial way. They gave us special offerings, paid all of our social security, were generous at birthdays and Christmas. The farm families were especially generous with produce. During our pastorate there we bought practically no meat, milk, eggs, potatoes, vegetables, cream, or butter. That is saying quite a bit for a family of eight.

Often one would telephone to say, "I'm killing off my chickens tomorrow. Would you like to have some?" My husband never hesitated much at eating chicken, yet I could sense a dissatisfaction in his spirit. When he said, "I've had so much chicken and dressing, Thanksgiving isn't going to be any fun this year," I took it as a joke, and he meant it that way. Still there was something deeper. He began to talk about home missions or starting a new church.

"I guess I'm a pioneer. I would rather have something new and make it grow than the security of a church that is overly organized, pretty well settled down, and satisfied," he would say.

I could see that it was more than a passing fancy, so I began to pray about it and count the cost. We had started on the ground floor or maybe a little below. We had had home mission churches and, harder still, churches that had once flourished but now were almost dead and no longer eligible for home mission support. It is one thing to talk about the good old days with the bare cupboard and the empty oil barrel and how the Lord sent Sister Brown with a loaf of bread, etc. It is something else to step from comparative security onto an unbeaten path by choice.

I had really settled those things a long time ago, but sometimes we have to remind ourselves or let the Lord remind us. It took a little longer with the family. Six children mean considerable responsibility. Some were now ready for high school. They were happy where they were. College was just a few years away with heavy expenses.

Dr. Williams said, "There is no place 'up' from the pulpit." While that is true, most of us think of "up" and "down" in relation to membership, salary, etc. In that sense we stepped down. No brand-new work opened to us. I don't think the district superintendent thought my husband was serious. However, we took a considerably newer,

smaller church that we felt had a chance to grow.

We have a good house and a livable salary, so I can't feel very sorry for ourselves. There is such a challenge of things to do! My husband has a stir to keep him on the go for the Lord. In this work there is an urgency that it has to be done, it has to go. I have felt a mother's pride at how well the children have taken the change. A young person that is serving the Lord has more consecration than we sometimes think.

Sometimes there is a temptation to look back or compare. I suppose that is always true when a person changes churches. We had two Bible schools this summer, one before we moved and one since. The first time we had fifty-five children, practically all our own, but we could not seem to gain more. The second time we had only twenty the first day and some of those we pick up. The first church carried better than \$200 in the Sunday school treasury and this time we had to be careful what we ordered. Then one morning it really rained and the church started to leak in four different places. These were problems we hadn't had for a while, but nothing to compare to the thrill and satisfaction of the altar service with thirty-two of the forty-five youngsters we reached in V.B.S. forward for prayer.

There is a thrill to a new work that is a reward for the one whom God places there. There is a freshness to winning new people that surpasses all other compensations. I thank God for the privilege of being the pastor's wife in a home mission church.

New Church

District Superintendent L. S. Oliver organized a new church at Port St. Joe, Florida, on April 12. The congregation is meeting in a rented building until property can be secured. Rev. J. A. Blackwell, who has been appointed pastor, turned aside a call to a church paying \$75.00 a week salary, with a lovely furnished parsonage, in order to begin this new work. This is the eighth new church on the Alabama District this quadrennium.

General Church Loan Fund

Savings deposits in the General Church Loan Fund amounted to \$558,603.22 at the end of March, the highest total yet reached. In addition to the Reserve Trust Fund, these are protected by permanent, non-borrowed funds of the Division of Church Extension almost equal to the amount of savings deposits.

Demands for church building loans are great at this time, with the building activity of spring. Send in your deposit now.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Topic for
May 24:

The Blindness of Injustice

SCRIPTURE: I Kings 11:9-12:33 (Printed: I Kings 12:12-20)

GOLDEN TEXT: *And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand* (Mark 3:24-25).*

A Partisan Ruler: After forty years of ruling over the united kingdom, Solomon died. He was succeeded by his young and immature son, Rehoboam. The new king showed an interest in contacting the people of his realm. As a part of this "get acquainted" program, he made an appearance at Shechem, in the northern section of Palestine.

At the outset it looked as if Rehoboam would follow a bipartisan policy. As the people greeted him in Shechem, a group of the elderly men approached him and offered some suggestions for improving the hard times the people were going through. The king listened

attentively to their ideas and promised to take them under consideration. During the period of weighing these issues Rehoboam called in some of the young men of the kingdom and asked them to give him advice regarding the administration of the kingdom.

The people were hopeful that, after taking time to get both sides of the picture, Rehoboam would be fair to all concerned. However, much to the disappointment of the majority, the king announced that he was going to follow the advice of the younger group. He would not grant any of the concessions asked by the older men. He let everyone know that he was partisan in his approach and would do everything he could to stamp out the opposition.

A Policy of Repression: Rehoboam announced his policy of repression in drastic terms. He informed the people that he would add to the yoke placed upon them by his father, that he would chastise them with scorpions instead of mere whips, that the former weights would feel like a little finger in comparison with the iron heel that he would put on them. He closed his statement-of-policy message with an order for the people to go to their tents and not bother him again with their trivial talk and pet peeves.

A Passive Resistance: The disheartened people did not give Rehoboam any back talk. They did not form parades of protest, nor picket lines of defiance. They silently went to their homes and followed a program of passive resistance. The leaven of non-co-operation fermented through the whole lump of the

northern section of the kingdom. The force of silence is often more effective than blaring voices sending up a wild cry of defiance. The build-up of this wordless but potent action brought a drastic change in kingdom affairs.

A Partitioned Realm: The solidity of the kingdom was suddenly disrupted. Stubbornness and tyranny spoiled all of the gains that had been made by infinite sacrifice and laborious toil. The ten tribes that inhabited the northern section of Palestine now separated out as the kingdom of Israel. The two tribes that constituted the southern portion of Palestine now became known as the kingdom of Judah. The united kingdom of the house of David was no more.

Rehoboam served as king of the southern kingdom; the northern kingdom selected Jeroboam as its ruler.

Jeroboam had risen to prominence during the reign of Solomon. During the building program which Solomon sponsored, Solomon took note of the industry and ability of this young workman by the name of Jeroboam. The latter was then put in charge of a large section of the laborers. Since Jeroboam rose from the ranks of the laboring class, he was the one selected to govern the people of the northern kingdom.

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NEWS of the Churches

South African District Assembly

The ninth annual assembly of the South African District was held October 14 to 17 at Vereeniging, Transvaal. Dr. Samuel Young presided at this, one of the greatest assemblies ever held on the South African District. Dr. Young's ministry was outstanding, and God's blessing was on every service and session.

The climax came on Thursday evening when eight candidates were presented for ordination. The large auditorium was packed with an estimated crowd of six hundred. Many people testified later that this was the most impressive service ever held under the banner of the Church of the Nazarene on the South African District.

The business session was opened each day with a devotional service and a challenging message by Dr. Young. Reports of pastors sounded notes of victory, and the district superintendent's report was received with a rising vote of confidence. The church in South Africa has been blessed with fine, sacrificial leadership. Dr. C. H. Strickland has not only given himself to the work of

the district office, but also has made a wonderful contribution in giving to South Africa a print shop out of which have come over 250,000 pieces of printing. This has meant so much to our Afrikaans work. Dr. Strickland was personally responsible for all this work.

One new church was reported on the district, and a number of churches showed substantial increases, with victories in one or two difficult centers.—ARTHUR S. NASH, Reporter.



Albany District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The twenty-second annual convention of the Albany District N.Y.P.S. met at First Church, Elmira, New York, on March 30 and 31. Rev. Everett Kaufman, district president, was in charge. About one hundred and fifty delegates and visitors attended the meetings.

Rev. Robert Goslaw, superintendent of the New York District, was the special speaker. On both days he spoke on the doctrines of holiness and made appeals for young people to consecrate themselves to God.

President Kaufman's report showed a total district N.Y.P.S. membership of 954, a gain of 123 over the previous year. Two new societies, Bath and Valois, New York, brought the total number of societies to 40. Five hundred dollars was raised throughout the district for a special home mission project at Lockport, New York.

The newly elected officers are—Rev. Everett Kaufman, president; Rev. Donald Shelp, vice-president; Rev. Wylie Ru-

Wauchula, Florida—Our church recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Leslie C. Poe. His good, sound, Spirit-anointed, Bible preaching brought conviction to many hearts. Brother Poe has spent a number of years in the pastorate and God blessed and used his ministry with us. Some thirty people bowed at the altar of prayer with a good number of definite victories. The church was edified and encouraged to go forward.—J. E. AND MARJORIE REDMON, Pastors.

dolph, secretary; Rev. Alvin Lawhead, treasurer; Mr. Gordon Nichols, teen-age supervisor; Miss Shirley Jones, junior supervisor; Miss Virginia Douglas and Douglas Dickson, teen-age representatives at large.—ROY E. CARNahan, *Reporter*.

Tiffin, Ohio—Our church recently enjoyed a great revival with Jack and Naomi Sutherland as the evangelists and singers; they were mightily used of the Lord. He is a wonderful gospel preacher and they are both fine singers. Mrs. Sutherland is also a talented pianist and organist. Several souls were saved, also several prayed through for entire sanctification, with good attendance at all the services. On the closing Sunday we had a real outpouring of God's Spirit and Brother Sutherland did not get to preach. The music and singing contributed to the spirit of the revival.—LEILA BLUME, *Secretary*.

Canonsburg, Pennsylvania—Our church has recently closed a revival meeting in our new building with Rev. Lillian S. Wilson as the evangelist. We had wonderful crowds present each evening, and God blessed and gave fifty-seven seekers at the altar. We thank God for the outpouring of His Spirit, and the work is progressing beautifully.—VIRGINIA LIGGITT, *Reporter*.

Evangelist H. A. Casey reports: "Truly, the Lord has been wonderful to us. My wife, Jewel, has been traveling with me for the last six meetings—God has touched her so she can be up and help in the services. We carry the whole program—sing, play, and preach. We have an open date, July 1 to 12; we'd like to slate somewhere between South Carolina and Indiana; also have three open dates after July 28. Write us c/o Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Brantford, Ontario, Canada—Easter Sunday concluded a ten-day meeting here with Evangelist John W. Turpel,

Arlington Heights Church, Fort Worth, Texas



Arlington Heights Church dedicated a new annex on its seventh anniversary, March 8, with District Superintendent Orville Jenkins as the special speaker. The new addition provides 2,300 square feet of floor space and, with the original building, will care for a Sunday school of 200. The school began functioning with four departments on dedication day, with 119 present. The church was organized in the home of the first pastor, Rev. J. Ottis Sayes, who served for two and one-half years, with the church of 28 members erecting the original building on a choice corner. Rev. C. B. Dickerman came as pastor in 1954 and

since that time he has received 105 new members, 43 on profession of faith. Fifty-nine letters of transfer have been granted to other churches, including three new home mission churches in our city. This young church of 72 members has retired the debt on the original building, acquired a two-bedroom parsonage, and constructed a new educational building. The church operates on an annual budget of \$13,000. Recently the pastor accepted a second three-year recall. We praise God for seven years of steady growth with this aggressive, united, and consecrated people.—*Reporter*.

whose preaching of heart holiness was clear and challenging. Mr. Gerald Pettitt, local layman, excelled in arranging for and contributing special vocal music. In January the parsonage family moved into our partially completed new parsonage in a growing subdivision on the edge of this expanding city of 52,000 people. The church board and members have been wonderfully united in this venture of faith. Plans

are now made to conduct a vacation Bible school in August at the parsonage—about three miles from our downtown church—following which we hope to organize a branch Sunday school. We believe God is guiding in this and we hope it will be His method for the opening of a second church in Brantford.—ROSS R. CRIBBIS, *Pastor*.

Hope, Arkansas—Recently we closed one of the best revivals this church has had or this writer ever has been in. Certainly God was in our midst and many definite victories were won for conversion and entire sanctification; there was a total of twenty-two seekers. We set a new record in Sunday school attendance since we came six months ago, with seventy-two present on the closing Sunday. Evangelist James C. Langford was God's man of the hour. His Spirit-anointed, Bible messages were dynamic and appealing. We are glad Brother Langford came our way. One young person joined the church. When we came here last October we found a loyal but somewhat discouraged people. They have prayed, given, sacrificed, and won new people. They are now paying the pastor a full-time salary, also making heavy payments on the church building. We thank God for His blessings.—THOMAS E. WIGHT, *Pastor*.



Nazarene Ministers Benevolent Fund

DEAN WESSELS, *Secretary*

A widow living in a New England state writes as follows:

"I was surprised and overjoyed to receive your very kind letter and check. Words cannot thank you enough for your kindness to me for the allowance each month. I thank you and all concerned. I shall use it for the glory of God to the best of my ability. "Thank you and God bless you and make up to you for what you have done for me. You have sent it out and after many days it shall return to you in God's own way. His promises are true."

Although the check itself was mailed from the N.M.B.F. office, the money that made it possible came from the local churches who gladly paid their N.M.B.F. budgets, and our prayer is that of this dear widow . . . we pray that what you have given "shall return to you in God's own way."

Evangelist John W. Harrold reports: "During the past fourteen years it has been a real pleasure and privilege to labor with some of our finest pastors and district superintendents. During this

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Evangelist Wm. Harrington writes: "Recently we had two wonderful and fruitful revivals at Hopewell and Ettrick, Virginia; twenty-nine souls prayed through on the last Sunday. We thank God for His blessings. Because of some changes in my slate I have some open time between mid-May and August. Will be glad to slate this time as the Lord may lead; write me, 1251 N.W. 44th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida."

Chelan, Washington—On Easter Sunday, March 29, our church broke the previous record in Sunday school and church attendance, with 281 present (eleven times our church membership). We have a loyal and faithful people who have worked and sacrificed to build the church and parsonage, which are free of debt. Our people are loyal to God and the church.—WILLIAM WALTON, Pastor.

Plymouth, Indiana—Recently our church had a good revival with Rev. Robert E. Watson as evangelist and the Elvin Leichty Family as singers and musicians. The services were well attended and God blessed and gave more than thirty seekers at the altar, with souls saved and sanctified. We appreciated the ministry of all these workers; they are among the very finest and God blesses them.—LINDY G. RUSSELL, Pastor.

Evangelist W. A. Peck reports: "Mrs. Peck and I are now in our third year as evangelist and singer since leaving Lanett, Alabama, where I pastored for three years. Pastors and people have been wonderful to us and we enjoy our work. Souls have prayed through in all our revivals, with one exception, and a large number have joined the church. At this writing we are in a meeting at Shafter, California, with Rev. John Esterline, and God is blessing. Last summer we were privileged to work for three months with Rev. C. E. Keys, field representative of Trevecca Nazarene College, and a boys' trio; it was a joy

time I have appreciated conducting 108 revivals on my home district, where I served as pastor for eight years. The past year has been one of the best of my ministry. Many souls sought God at the altar to be saved or sanctified, with some uniting with the church. I have a good slate for the next two years, and am now slating for 1961 and '62. Today I am glad for God's saving and sanctifying grace. The Blood cleanses from all sin, and where He leads I will follow. Write me, Box 309, Red Key, Indiana."

Evangelist Donald R. Silvernail reports: "We began our spring slate March 5 in Denhoff, North Dakota, with Pastor Melvin Carlson. The weather was excellent and the attendance extra good. All the services were blessed of the Lord, but the morning prayer meetings were unusual, and the spirit there carried over into the evening services. At Russellville, Arkansas, with Pastor Jewell McKinney, God gave us two good altar services with good victories for the Kingdom. Brother McKinney is doing a splendid work. The Sunday school broke all records on Palm Sunday and again on Easter Sunday. At this writing I am in revival services with our Buckner Boulevard Church in Dallas, Texas, where Rev. W. Cummins is the pastor. A beautiful spirit prevails and souls are praying through at the altar for pardon and heart purity. I have two open dates for both spring and fall. Write me c/o Nazarene District Center, Vicksburg, Michigan."

Louisiana District Preachers' Meeting

The pastors of the Louisiana District met January 26 to 28 at First Church in Alexandria, with Rev. Carl Bunch as host pastor.

Dr. G. B. Williamson, our beloved general superintendent, was at his very best. The wonderful messages of this leader challenged and inspired us so we can never be the same. As we were given the statistics and noted the increases in all departments of the general church during the Golden Anniversary year, we all praised God.

The meeting was characterized by a wonderful spirit of co-operation on the part of pastors and laymen. Under the godly leadership of our good district

superintendent, Rev. V. Dan Perryman, the Louisiana District is going forward for Christ. The two days of the preachers' meeting were filled with wonderful papers given by the pastors, under the theme of "Holiness."

The Alexandria choir, directed by Mrs. Chester Pickens, presented the music for the last meeting. As they sang "How Great Thou Art," shouts of victory rang throughout the building.

Dr. Williamson toured the district for the remainder of the week, with services at Lake Charles First, Many, Friendship, Crowley, Monroe, and Shreveport churches. These services were a great blessing to the work of the district.—CARL BUNCH, Reporter.

Evangelist Joe Norton writes: "I have two open dates I shall be glad to slate as the Lord may lead—May 17 to 24, and May 27 to June 7. Also, I have some open time in August. Write me, Box 143, Hamlin, Texas."

Evangelist Don Scarlett writes, "Due to a change in my slate, I have an open date, May 28 to June 7. Write me, Route 1, North Vernon, Indiana."

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to work with this group. We have two good dates available this year for revival meetings. Write us c/o Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee."

Kirwin, Kansas—We came here in January of '58 after finishing school at Bethany Nazarene College. We found a small group of people who loved God and carried a burden for souls. We were blessed by the Lord during the year, the attendance was good, and budgets were paid in full. Climaxing the Week of Witnessing, we had Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Ellis of Beloit with us for two services. In November we had a wonderful revival with Rev. and Mrs. Ulus Rushing as preacher and singers. Our hearts were moved, stirred, and warmed by the Holy Spirit. From March 4 to 8, in our youth revival, we had Rev. and Mrs. Paul Harper from Burr Oak with us, and again God came and blessed. We had near-record attendance in our special services and God gave seekers. Our attendance is above last year, and our budgets are nearly paid.—ROBERT E. WOODY, Pastor.

Evangelist E. C. Tarvin reports: "In March we had a fine revival at our First Church, Merced, California. They have a good church and God gave some great victories. At this writing we are at First Church in San Fernando with Pastor Wood and his good people. God is blessing and filling the long altar from time to time with seekers and happy finders. From here we go to Glendale, Arizona, and then back East. I have some open time for the late summer and fall; write me at my home address, California, Kentucky."

Pastor J. N. Lakin of Darbydale, Ohio, writes: "I was called to be the evangelist in a meeting in Lockbourne with the Church of Christ in Christian Union in February. God gave a real Holy Ghost outpouring—it has been years since I have seen His Spirit poured out in such a way. The meeting continued for two weeks, with seventy souls seeking God for saving and sanctifying grace."

Evangelist W. F. Farmer writes: "God gave me a good year in 1958. I conducted five revival meetings and preached over Sunday many times. I have some open time after July 1. Write me, Route 2, Staunton, Virginia."

Nacogdoches, Texas—Recently we had an excellent revival with Rev. H. T. McCants as evangelist. With a spirit of prayer and fasting prevailing, God gave us over twenty definite victories at the altar—several were saved for the first time. The Sunday following the meeting, nine were baptized, all of whom are prospective church members. We give God praise for His blessings.—DAVID K. KLINE, Pastor.

The recent encampment of the Florida Holiness Camp Meeting at Lakeland was one of the best in years. Large congregations, some over two thousand, were in attendance. The early morning prayer meetings were faithfully attended and a burden of prayer ran throughout the camp. The workers this year were Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, Church of the Nazarene; Dr.

Roy S. Nicholson, general president, Wesleyan Methodist church; Dr. L. B. Hicks, pastor, First Church of the Nazarene, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Dr. T. M. Anderson, general evangelist, Church of the Nazarene. Holiness people from many states and several foreign countries enjoyed the services, and God gave some good altar services. Rev. H. H. McAfee, president of the camp, and an old-line promoter of holiness camp meetings, was in charge of all the services. Plans are being made for another great camp next year.—Reporter.

East Liverpool, Ohio—We are now completing three years of busy and happy ministry in the LaCroft Church. We have enlarged our Sunday school

and one of the classes purchased a new pulpit desk; another, five new pulpit chairs; and yet another, an aisle runner for the church. This community church has a wonderful potential. We appreciate the labors of the three preceding pastors and our faithful people.—RAY E. BANKS, Pastor.

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada—Grandview Church has been enjoying the blessings of the Lord during the past year. In March we had a five-day revival meeting with our district superintendent, Rev. Bert Daniels, as the evangelist; Mrs. Daniels and Marvlyn supplied the special music. The Lord met with us and some people sought God for the first time. Our Sunday school

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has been growing steadily, with an 18 per cent increase in average attendance in the last two-year period. On Easter Sunday we broke the all-time record with 165 in Sunday school. Last October we completed the remodeling of our church basement, which is a great improvement in our Sunday school facilities as well as increasing the value of our church property.—DONALD W. GROBE.

Crown Point, Indiana—Since Rev. John D. Crane came as our pastor in October of 1956, our Sunday school has more than tripled, and we have organized both a missionary society and a young people's society. All budgets are paid in full for the year, and on last Sunday evening six young people sought God at the altar of prayer. Our good pastor, on the occasion of his forty-



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fourth birthday, was honored by a surprise birthday service on a recent Sunday evening in the form of a "This Is Your Life" program. Over one hundred people were present, and many fine letters were read—from the White House, signed by Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower; from Mayor M. G. Erlenback of Crown Point; from our own general

superintendents; from the general N.F.M.S., Miss Mary Scott, secretary; a "Hoosier friend of long standing," District Superintendent Arthur C. Morgan; and many other minister friends, as well as business associates, and neighbors and friends of past years. His people presented him with a love offering as a token of their appreciation.—*Reporter.*

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Colorado District

We have twelve graduates of Nazarene Theological Seminary serving on the Colorado District. We are pleased with them and with their services. Some are pastoring in our larger churches, some in newly organized home mission churches, and others have helped us to rejuvenate older churches that have seen better days.

Three years ago one of these men came to us for his first pastorate. He came to one of our good cities where we had excellent property, but almost no membership. Today we have a good Sunday school, an excellent church membership, and a truly fine type of people.

Another graduate came two years ago to start a church for us. We had just purchased the house and lot. Today we have a splendid church building, a Sunday school of 100, a church membership of 50, and a self-supporting

church to the extent of paying in excess of \$400 per month on their property.

Last summer we had another come to us to start a new church, and we now have an excellent church membership of choice folk and a good Sunday school. They are planning to build a first unit this spring.

We are appreciative of our Seminary men. We are grateful for their wives. They are a choice group. They have done excellent work, have proved to be fully co-operative, and have demonstrated a choice quality of spirit. They have fitted into the entire program so beautifully that they are never thought of in any sense as a group, but ever as a vital part of that choice staff of workers who are serving on the Colorado District.

—OSCAR J. FINCH
District Superintendent

Cocoa, Florida—March was certainly a red-letter month for this church. We had a good revival in late February with Evangelist Clifton DeBord, and the blessings of God have continued upon us. Eight new members have been added to the church, one young man has applied for local preacher's license, and seekers have been praying through at the altar for saving and sanctifying grace. This church was organized two years ago in March, and in three of the past six Sundays we have had more than one hundred in Sunday school, with the high point on our anniversary, March 15, when we had a record crowd of 135 present; average for the month was 101. We are more than a "10 per cent" church, and already our treasurer has sent in over \$700 for General Budget. The young people's work is going forward. Located near Cape Canaveral, this is a fast growing community. If you have friends in Cocoa Beach, Merritt Island, Cape Canaveral, or Rockledge, or at Patrick Air Force Base (only fifteen miles away), send us their names and addresses and we'll be glad to contact them for the church. We have a beautiful corner property, so please help us pray that God shall help with finance, materials, and men to meet the need of a larger church building—we want to start construction soon.—R. LESTER HALE, *Pastor.*

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION—The many friends of Rev. Paul J. Stewart throughout the church will be glad to learn that he will soon be available for revivals and camp meetings. After more than four years of loyal service as pastor of Jasper (Alabama) First Church, he is closing his ministry there and will re-enter the evangelistic field. He will be available for meetings on June 1. Write him, Box 850, Jasper, Alabama.—L. S. Oliver, Superintendent of Alabama District.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Klaffke of Paonia, Colorado, a son, Mark Alan, on April 13.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Ted Rypczynski of Metropolis, Illinois, a daughter, Polli Joan, on April 4.

—to Wendell and Anna (Stucki) Williams of Nashville, Tennessee, a daughter, Dianna Lynn, on March 29.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Thomas of Laurel, Mississippi, a daughter, Rebecca Ruth, on March 27.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Oklahoma for an "unspoken request"; by a Nazarene mother in Arkansas for a grown daughter, a Christian, whose husband has left her, and she needs special help and guidance from God in a time of deep stress, and that she may be able to find the right kind of work;

by a lady in Ohio in deep distress mentally and needs complete healing for her body, also God's special help and guidance with regard to her family—she wants to live for God and is very lonely;

by a Christian lady in Indiana for a Sunday school superintendent's wife to get back to God and resume her work in the church, and that her life may be completely given over to the Lord; for the salvation of a young man—from a good Christian home, but he needs God, and also that he may find work; that God will supply the needs in a small country church, that the work may grow; also for two special unspoken requests;

by a mother in Arkansas for two sisters who have gotten bitter toward each other and do not seem to be able to forgive—for a son to be entirely delivered from alcohol and make a Christian home for his wife and little son;

by a Christian lady in Michigan who has cataracts on her eyes, that the condition may be cleared up so she will not go blind;

by a Christian mother in Mississippi that God will undertake in a special way for her unsaved daughter—she is about to cause the home to be broken up—the mother wants to serve God and have a Christian home.

Deaths

MRS. LULA WILLIAMS HAMMOND, highly respected and deeply appreciated member of Bethany Church of the Nazarene, Hutchinson, Kansas, died November 19, 1958. She was born in Valasco, Texas, February 28, 1877. Her father was a Methodist minister and she was genuinely converted when a small girl. Later she was sanctified and, on October 13, 1908, at Pilot Point, Texas, she united with the Church of the Nazarene. Exactly fifty years later she attended church services for the last time, and in that service gave a radiant, victorious testimony. She was married to Rev. George M. Hammond on November 30, 1899. They lived together in blessed happiness for nearly fifty years before he was called home. They served together in many pastorates. She lived a lovely, unselfish, and loyal life for her Master. She is survived by two daughters: Marguerite Bradley of Lansing, Michigan; Lois Yerkes, of Buhler, Kansas; two sons: Sam, of Denver, Colorado; and Joe, of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Funeral service was held in Hutchinson, with Rev. Milton Huxman and Rev. Clarence Rowland officiating, with interment in Greenlawn Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri.

MRS. JOHANNA THERESA KORB, wife of Karl Korb, maintenance engineer at the Nazarene Headquarters building in Kansas City, Missouri, died January 6, 1959, after a lingering illness of several years. She was born in Germany, November 8, 1896. Reared by Lutheran parents, she became a Christian early in life, and some years later, in New York state, came into the experience of entire sanctification. She was married to Karl Korb in 1922 and came to the U.S.A. in August of that year. She was a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene for many years. She had worked along with her husband at Headquarters since 1944. Her joyful testimony was an inspiration to all. Funeral service was held at First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, with Dr. A. Milton Smith, pastor, officiating, and burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery.

MRS. BERNICE HAMMOND was born December 9, 1903, at Ashland, Illinois, and died December 6, 1958, following several months of suffering, in McAllen, Texas. She was converted early in life and joined the Church of the Nazarene in Springfield, Illinois, when only seventeen years old. On June 1, 1924, she was united in marriage to Arthur L. Hammond. The family moved to McAllen in 1949, where she was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her faithful companion, Art; and two children: Mrs. Rowena Wilson, of Hurst; and Jim, of McAllen. Funeral service was held in McAllen with Rev. J. R. Erp officiating, and another service in Springfield, Illinois, with Rev. Clifton Norell officiating, assisted by Rev. Paul Snellenberger. Interment was in Oakridge Cemetery, Springfield.

MRS. MARY THOMPSON died suddenly in January of a heart attack, age seventy-three, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Henry, of Alexandria, Louisiana. She was a good, loyal, and faithful member of First Church of the Nazarene in Alexandria. Mrs. Thompson was honored recently during the fiftieth anniversary service in the church as being the only living charter member of the local church. She is survived by four sons: Julius, of Lake Charles; Elmer, of Alexandria; Allen B., of Dallas, Texas; and Rev. Richard Thompson, Nazarene pastor at McKinney, Texas; also two daughters: Mrs. J. B. Henry, of Alexandria; and Mrs. Marshall Hobbs, of Pittsburgh, Texas; and two sisters. Funeral service was conducted in the local church with the pastor, Rev. Carl Bunch, officiating.

MRS. MARGARET JANE SEALE. Funeral service for Mrs. Seale, age seventy-five, was held on September 4, 1958, in Los Gatos, California, by her pastor, Rev. Harold Beeson. She had been a devout Christian from childhood. With her husband and daughter, she was a faithful Sunday school worker and organizer for many years. She taught a class and worked wherever she could so long as she was able. She was a charter member of the Los Gatos Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her husband, Dennis B. Seale, and daughter, Mrs. Oree May Wardlow. Committal service was in charge of Rev. Don Lammers at Visalia, Calif., her former home.

MRS. ALZINA ZOOK was born August 14, 1893, in Believere, Kansas, and died October 21, 1958, in a hospital in La Junta, Colorado. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Zook. Converted in the early years of her marriage, she became a devout Christian and was active in and faithful to the church. She was serving on the board of stewards at the time of her death, in her home church in Ordway, Colorado. She is survived by three daughters, Helen Glasscock, Evelyn Osbourn, and Irene Zook. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. Denton Brown, assisted by Rev. Gip Pennington, with interment in the Valley View Cemetery.

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LOS ANGELES—Assembly, May 20 to 22, at Bresee Avenue Church, Washington and Bresee Avenues, Pasadena, California. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. J. George Taylorson, 1480 E. Washington, Pasadena, California. (N.Y.P.S. convention, May 18; N.F.M.S. convention, May 19.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

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ALABAMA—Assembly, May 27 and 28, at First Church, 661 S. Broad St., Mobile, Alabama. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. Reedford L. Chaney, 659 S. Broad St., Mobile, Alabama. (Sunday school convention, May 25; N.F.M.S. convention, May 26.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

NORTHWEST—Assembly, May 27 and 28, at First Church, Clinton and Alder Sts., Walla Walla, Washington. Send mail, merchandise, and other items related to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. C. L. Rodda, 701 Hobson St., Walla Walla, Washington. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 26.) Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 27 and 28, at Memorial Auditorium, 7th and Lemon Sts., Riverside, California. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. H. E. Burton, c/o Memorial Auditorium, 7th and Lemon Sts., Riverside, California. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 26.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

NEVADA-UTAH—Assembly, June 3 and 4, at First Church, 14th and Ogden, Las Vegas, Nevada. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. Carl Friesen, 125 North 14th, Las Vegas, Nevada. (N.F.M.S. convention, June 1; N.Y.P.S. convention, June 2.) Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN—Assembly, June 11 and 12, at Rocky Mountain College, Poly Drive, Billings, Montana. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. Murray J. Pallett, 835 Alderson, Billings, Montana. (N.F.M.S. convention, June 9; N.Y.P.S. convention, June 10.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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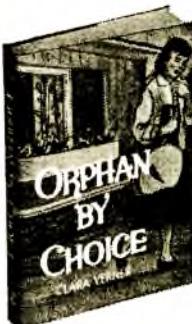
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