

AN EDITORIAL

MOTIVATION

CHRIST CALLS—FOLLOW HIS LEADING.

MMEDIATELY those of you who read and still remember my last editorial will decide that either I am repeating or the Herald is. But not so, for the word bears further study. My last writing used the tragic issues of our day for incentive—they are enough to incite us to action. But even more than that are the mighty motivators within the redemptive work of Christ.

So much so that we can rightfully ask ourselves, is there such a person as a silent, nonworking, nonwitnessing Christian?

The Christ we profess as our Savior was an active, preaching, working Christ. The impact of His living is a mighty force in the world today.

He called His disciples to follow Him into time's mightiest rescue effort. They did and were launched out on their own with the power turned loose through them at Pentecost.

We today are always reassured as we read of Christ's inclusion of us in salvation. We flee the world and hurry into His fold with comfort and peace.

But today we take note of the fact that, as He calls us to salvation, He

calls us to work. Isn't it wonderful that He included us in the great Kingdom and its program? In fact, He *commands* our life, our talents, our energies, our witness, our years.

The fact is, if we take Him as our Savior and the Holy Spirit as our Sanctifier, we sign on in the work, wherever, whenever, and forever!

It would be a good starting place for you, if you are sitting idle, to ascertain from the Bible if you can continue to "sit there" and "keep Him."

The calling, preaching, healing, praying, caring Christ of the Scriptures is still engaged in the task. Better join Him!

When? Now!

Where? Right there where you are! There is someone close by who is lost.

Where? In your home! Your family has needs. Are you a parent? Your children are your great assignment. Whatever you do in your family, you have a part to play in the Christianizing of it in living.

Where? In your church! What are you doing in and for your church? Nothing? Shame on you! Do something! There is always a need for you every week.

Where? Wherever Christ calls. He is a day-by-day Companion. Every day He leads. You want Him to lead you today, don't you? It will mean to heed, to serve, to witness, to pray, to live; and when the day is done you

will be closer to Him. And that is a good way to close any day.

Work thro' the morning hours; Work while the dew is sparkling; Work 'mid springing flow'rs. Work when the day grows brighter; Work in the glowing sun. Work for the night is coming, When man's work is done.

Work, for the night is coming.

Work, for the night is coming, Work thro' the sunny noon. Fill brightest hours with labor; Rest comes sure and soon. Give ev'ry flying minute Something to keep in store. Work, for the night is coming, When man works no more.

Work, for the night is coming, Under the sunset skies. While the bright tints are glowing, Work, for daylight flies. Work till the last beam fadeth, Fadeth to shine no more. Work while the night is dark'ning. When man's work is o'er.*

I like a good hymn that can be put into action after we sing it. Don't

*"Work, for the Night Is Coming," by Annie L. Cog-



by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis

A FAITHFUL LAYMAN

by HELEN F. ROTHWELL

EMORIES come tumbling one over another when I recall how my layman father served his Lord.

Reared in a non-Christian home, Dad was converted as a young man and soon became a respected member of the most prestigious church in town. At my very earliest recollection, he had become superintendent of the large Sunday School in that church. However, he was soon to cast his lot with the despised holiness crowd. A small group of folk who had been worshiping in a rented hall set up a rag tent and called George D. Watson as evangelist. It was on the closing day of that revival that Dad and Mother joined the "holiness band."

The infant church soon decided that they must have a permanent building. Not content to settle for a storefront on some back street, as many holiness groups did in those days, they located a lot on a main street and set about to build a commodious brick structure. Since Dad was proprietor of a grocery store and the only businessman in the group, he was elected church treasurer and also headed the building project.

Progress on the new edifice depended on the availability of funds. Time after time the pastor would contribute his weekly salary of eight dollars to keep the bricklayers on the job. Then Dad would send enough groceries to the parsonage to feed the pastor's family of five for the week. The pastor's wife, graduate of a well-known conservatory of music, taught piano lessons to supplement the family income. This was continued until the building was completed.

Meanwhile Dad was receiving "light" on a matter that apparently had not bothered him before. He had been persuaded that he could not succeed in the grocery business

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without selling tobacco, although he did not use the weed himself. Now, however, he felt that he must rid his store of tobacco, in spite of some of the "well wishers" who assured him that his family would starve. On an appointed day all the tobacco products from the store were piled in the yard back of the building. As evening approached, the pastor of the church and a crowd of onlookers arrived. After the pastor prayed, the huge stack was ignited. I still seem to see the blaze that illumined the darkened sky and to hear the shouts of victory that accompanied the bonfire. Need I say that Dad's business prospered more than ever before?

In the church was a little widow whose husband had met with an accident and left her with six children to provide for. Quite frequently on Saturday night, after the store was closed, Dad would load a wheelbarrow with a week's supply of groceries and take it to the widow's home a few blocks away. The next day as she marched across the front of the church, testifying as to how God had supplied her needs, no one except our family knew that Dad had been God's errand boy.

Since our home was much larger than the tiny parsonage the church had purchased, we were frequently called upon to entertain the visiting evangelists and missionaries. My parents were always glad to accept this assignment. It proved to be a real blessing, for we became acquainted with many of the "greats" of the early holiness movement as well as dedicated missionaries from faraway places.

In later years, through no fault of his own, Dad was much maligned and shamefully treated by the very church he had served so faithfully. Many a lesser-soul would have left the church and sought fellowship elsewhere. But not my father! Although I am sure he was deeply hurt, he continued to attend services regularly and to support the church financially. Never once did I hear him express rancor or seek retaliation over the injustice he had suffered. His Christlike attitude

during that heartbreaking experience was a tower of strength to me. In due time the church recognized its error and Dad was restored to full membership.

We were attending General Assembly in Kansas City when word came that Dad had slipped away quietly in the night. I am sure his "cup of cold water," so willingly shared during a lifetime of 87 years, will receive a just reward.





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APPRECIATION

I appreciate the *Herald of Holiness* so much. Now that I am retired, I have more time for reading.

I especially enjoy the Answer Corner. The stories of older people getting saved thrills my heart. Keep up the good work and may God bless you.

> John Wiseman, Sr. South Charleston, West Virginia

ARTICLE HELPED

Referring to "The Higher Reference," by C. Neil Strait: I did so appreciate that article. It was so helpful

in facing certain decisions. I know God will bless you for putting those words on paper.

> D. Allen Buckeye, Arizona

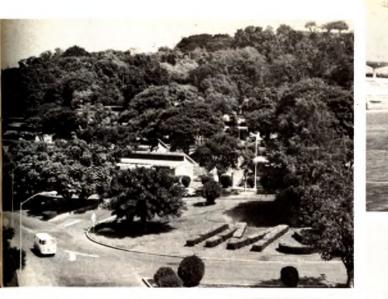
HAPPY ABOUT HOLINESS

I feel I must express my appreciation for the renewed emphasis on holiness, and particularly for a message we heard in our local church last night on the subject of entire sanctification. The text was John 17:17, and the speaker was the Rev. Mrs. Estelle Crutcher. How refreshing and soul-satisfying it was to hear

such a clear and forceful enunciation of the glorious doctrine of salvation! Even though Sister Crutcher is about 85 years of age, as she preached under the evident anointing of the Spirit, her "youth was restored as the eagle's"! May the Lord lengthen her days and extend her ministry.

After coming away from the service last night, blessed and refreshed in my soul, having seen the number who went forward on a specific invitation to be sanctified, I had this thought: It is really cruel for

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WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83 Accompañame a Mexico!

by BRUCE OLDHAM

ROUND THE WORLD, teens and youth leaders are packing their bags with anticipation. The plane tickets have been purchased, the money raised, the preequipping completed. On Monday and Tuesday, June 20 and 21, over 2,000 of them will converge upon the Oaxtepec Centro Vaccional, where in 1968 hundreds of athletes met to compete for athletic prize in the Olympic games. However, this time the event is for training for a heavenly prize. WORLD YOUTH CON-GRESS '83 will prepare youth for the lifelong venture

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of following Jesus, the theme of Nazarene Youth Inter-

What is WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS? It began in 1958 at Estes Park, Colo., as a gathering of young people from across the Nazarene church for inspiration and fellowship. The conference has continued since, held once each quadrennium, molding youth around a common purpose and sending them out for the cause of Christ. Each event has produced youth books and curriculum that have been utilized in local churches and district youth gatherings for more effective youth ministry. WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS is also memories of exciting new places and faces, meeting other teens from around the world who share the (Continued from page 5)

same problems, burdens, victories, and the same Jesus. From this week of enrichment, ministry, and strong commitments have come pastors, missionaries, evangelists, dedicated laymen, Christian college professors, and youth leaders. The results are endless.

WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83 began on the drawing board of the General NYI Council, not long after the closing "Amen" of the 1978 event in Estes Park. A research committee began to collect information on various locations that could house such a large gathering. Concern was also expressed that it be a location outside of the United States, to further emphasize the international aspect of NYI. Their recommendation: Oaxtepec, a beautiful mountain setting 70 miles south of Mexico City. Over their first two meetings as a body, the General NYI Council of 1980-85 spent dozens of hours setting policy, planning schedule, and addressing the needs of the youth who would be attending WYC '83. Always working as a team, the Youth staff at Headquarters joined them in developing books, programming, and putting into action the decisions made.

Who will be speaking at WYC '83? To kick off the week, teens and sponsors from Central and South America will come together for a special two days of activity designed especially for them. Jose Pacheco, Sergio Franco, and Jose Rodriguez will bring the Bible studies and youth messages during that time. On Tuesday, Rev. Dan Ketchum, general president of Nazarene Youth International, will share with teens from all nations, including those who join the Hispanic youth on Tuesday. Following Rev. Ketchum, WYC participants will hear Ann Kiemel Anderson, Jonathan Salgado, Joni Eareckson Tada, Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, and Larry Leonard. The morning Bible study and "family group" times will be led by Reuben Welch and Hal Perkins. Yet the "speaking" will go beyond those on the platform. The teens themselves will gain spiritual insights and new perspectives by sharing with each other, helping them to see beyond themselves and their own corner to a world vision for others. Most important, the Holy Spirit will speak to the hearts of all those who attend, strengthening and commissioning them.

Who will be at WYC '83? Behind the scenes will be the members of the General NYI Council and Youth staff who have put it all together. Musicians and Christian artists like Tim Sheppard, DISCOVERY, Steve Pennington, Kevin Spencer, Michael Pitts, and Hicks and Cohagan will lift praises to their Lord. District NYI presidents and youth leaders will contribute their insight and love. Yet the most important person will be that teenager from *your* church. Pray for him, support her. WYC '83 could change their lives. *That's* what WYC is all about!

You Act like You Father

by RALPH A. MICKEL

Y THREE-YEAR-OLD SON, left at he who had rheumatic fever, refused to obey the besitter. He jumped around over the bed and other misbehaved. Finally he said to her, "You know wact like 'dis. I tan't help it. I takes after my daddy, For a long time in that pastorate I heard about statement.

Children do act like their parents. One often he said: "He walks just like his dad."

Jesus declared: "You do the deeds of your father You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of father you want to do" (John 8:41a, 44a, NKJE other words, Jesus warns, if you act like the devil reveal that you are his child. Children act and look their father.

There are some who claim to be born again, to children of God, but who do the deeds of the Jesus said they act like their father the devil.

On the other hand, the apostle John affirms: "I know that He is righteous, you know that everywho practices righteousness is born of Him" (12:29, NKJB). This means that God's children ac look like Him. We know that God is righteous know, therefore, that everyone who acts like God child.

There are many today who "claim that they God, but their actions deny it. They are hateful disobedient, and not fit to do anything good" (1:16, TEV). Since children act like their father, who live in sin—lying, swearing, cheating, lusting the opposite sex, lusting after the same sex. pois themselves with booze, having murder in their hand such like—cannot be the children of God.

It is plainly stated by the apostle: "This is he

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who the children of God are and who the chilof the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is is not a child of God; neither is anyone who does ove his brother" (1 John 3:10, NIV). God's chillive right and love one another. They even love nsaved. This scripture warns that anyone who not live right is outside the family of God.

neone objects, "But I have been born again; and a child of God, always a child of God. A person ot be unborn." If that is true, one could not be again in the first place. "For once a child of the always a child of the devil. You cannot be un-You were a child of the devil in your unsaved tion.

us makes it clear that His "sheep," which no one luck out of His Father's hand, believe in Him, His voice, and follow Him (John 10:26-29). This s that they live righteous lives. Those who do not His voice and follow Him are not His "sheep."

vation is not just going to heaven when we die; it ng saved from sin now. His name was called Jesus vah saves) because He saves His people from sins, not in their sins (Matthew 1:21). The reason edo not go to heaven is because they live in sin. It inly stated: "Nothing impure will ever enter it, ill anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, nly those whose names are written in the Lamb's of life" (Revelation 21:27, NIV). The Bible asthat anyone whose name is written in the Lamb's of life does not do those things which are impure, eful, or deceitful.

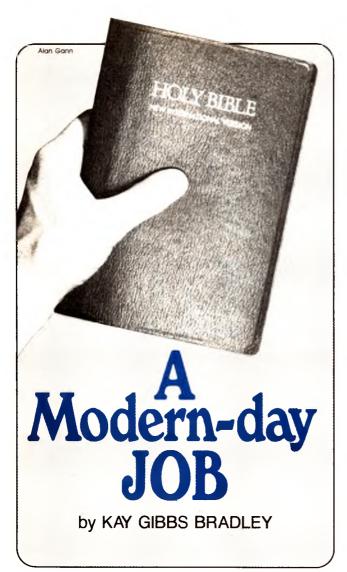
, we are saved by grace through faith. It is not of but is the gift of God, lest any man should boast sians 2:8-9). However, the next verse emphasizes uth that once saved we do not live in sin. The ed Word says: "For we are God's workmanship, ed in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God red in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10,

This implies that when you are a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), when you are created in Him by the new birth, good works are the natural, that is, the supernatural, result. If no good works, then no new birth. No scripture states that one can live in sin and still be born again. The opposite is plainly affirmed by the Word of God: "No one born (begotten) of God [deliberately and knowingly] habitually practices sin, for God's nature abides in him—His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him—and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God" (1 John 3:9, Amp.).

This does not mean "sinless perfection" because the apostle likewise wrote: "If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:1-2, NKJB). So if we sin, we have Jesus to pray for us, to be a place of propitiation, that is a throne of mercy. This is God's throne sprinkled with Jesus' blood. However, this sinning by Christians is not a habit but an accident. We have no known sinful habits. We do not live in sin.

We are saved by faith. But God's Word warns us that faith without good works is dead, and therefore deceptive and damning (James 2:17, 26). All the worthies of Hebrews did things for God by faith. The Bible declares: "We have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end" (Hebrews 3:14, NKJB). Thus there is an if to our salvation. If a person starts with faith in Christ, and then his faith ceases, he is no longer a partaker of Him. If he ceases to have good works, his faith is dead. Such faith cannot save him.

So God's children act like Him. They look like Him. They walk and talk like Him. If we do not live our faith, we do not really believe it. Therefore, if we are Christians, we are like the Lord; and as we walk with Him we become more like Him every day.



OB WAS SUSTAINED through his tribulations by putting his total trust in God. His attitude is expressed in these words: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (1:21-22). Job gave one of the greatest testimonies in the Bible: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God" (19:25-26).

Oh, how sad it is today that we live in a time where "when the going gets tough," there are few "tough to get going." There are some modern-day Jobs, and I want to tell you about one of them.

He was born in 1899. When he was a small child, he saw his only sister die of chicken pox. When he was 16 years old, he was in a dynamite explosion that killed his father, caused him to lose a leg through amputation, and also caused his eardrum to rupture. He was in the hospital for a year, many miles from his family. He had major surgery three times. At home, he had six

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When he left the hospital, a cripple, he got a job with the railroad sorting mail at five o'clock in the morning, and a second job, washing dishes for a boarding house in the evenings, so he could keep his family together. He attended school during the day. He graduated in the top 5 percent of his class, helped his brothers start out in business, and supported his mother until her death at 82 years of age.

He tried wearing an artificial limb until he fell and broke his hip two years in a row. Each incident caused a hospital stay of three months. He was told that he would be better off walking with the aid of crutches, although it left huge sores under his arms.

He married, and his first child, a son, was found dead in the crib at three months of age. The couple had another son and two daughters born to them after that. When the youngest daughter was three, a flood ruined most of their land. He and his wife walked through the mud to the fields to check the crops. At the house, the three-year-old slipped away from the baby-sitter. She saw her parent's footprints in the mud and began to follow them. When she got to the point where they crossed the creek, she tried to jump the creek, too. When her parents returned from the fields, they found her floating facedown in the muddy waters.

Several years later, another flood came and the surviving son, a healthy 16-year-old, contracted typhoid fever. He died after lingering for six weeks. Now only one daughter was left and she was 17 years old and soon would be leaving home to attend college.

In their loneliness, the couple decided to have another baby. But the wife, who was older than most expectant mothers, miscarried after three months. Two lonely years followed, then the mother gave birth to twins, a boy and a girl. But now the father was 47 and had many health problems. However, he knew that with the new family, somehow he would just have to struggle and continue to work to support them. On crutches, and in poor health, he managed to raise the two small ones. He was even able to help pay for their college educations and assisted them financially after they married.

His only remaining son developed a drinking problem which caused him grief and concern. For many years, he could not interest his children, who were now adults, in going to church, although they had been raised in a Christian environment.

He had been in various businesses all of his life, including rental property development, and he had been cheated by many people. Yet, he never gave up on people. He continued to work until he was 75 years old.

At the age of 79, he got cancer. Within six months, he went from a robust 195 pounds to a skeleton of 120 pounds. He was in constant pain until he finally slipped into a coma and died.

Yet, if you were to ask anyone who knew him to tell you something about his life, they probably would not mention any of these things. They would tell you that he was a deacon of his church for over 35 years; that he

taught the men's Bible class for that long; that he served as the church treasurer for many years; and that once he mortgaged his house to help rebuild the church after it burned down. They would tell you that they never heard him complain; that he was always cheerful; that he helped to take care of the needy; that he visited the sick and the elderly; and that he witnessed daily to someone about the goodness of God.

True to the words that his family had engraved on his footstone, he was a "Faithful Servant of God." As he was dying, he raised his hand and praised God. He believed the words that Jesus spoke in Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Yes, we can be modern-day Jobs if we only trust completely in God. I know that this modern-day Job existed—he was my father.

METAMORPHOSIS

There are days when I feel like a creepy, crawly caterpillar— Ready to spin a cocoon around myself and hide

Then I remember that even the ugliest, clumsiest caterpillar Emerges as a beautiful delicate creature. So with a prayer for courage and faith, I turn and face the Son.

> —IUNE WETZEL Nashville, Tennessee

NAZARENE ROOTS



C. W. Ruth and H. G. Trumbauer (l. to r.) about 1920

AT AN ALTAR IN PENNSYLVANIA, **FEBRUARY 4, 1894**

"These meetings brought me to a crisis, convincing me that if I did not now yield, I would be forever lost. This Sunday evening, after a short sermon by the evangelist; Rev. C. W. Ruth of Indianapolis, Indiana, followed with a heart searching exhortation and invitation. . . . Having about decided to go to the altar, I felt as though I were fastened with strong cords to the seat. So real did the devil make it that I actually looked on either side to see if I were not bound with chains; but seeing that I was free I (at 9:30 o'clock) went to the altar.

"For about 15 minutes I cried in great agony to God for deliverance. Just a step before me seemed to be a bottomless pit out of which burst flames of fire that enveloped my body. At first I thought that my deliverance depended upon my tears and screaming which could be heard some distance from the church. When physically exhausted and wondering what I should do next, Satan whispered: 'Your strength is gone, no use to try any further tonight.' When just about to yield to discouragement, a voice so clear and kind, said to me, 'It is not by your struggles, but by simple faith shall you be saved.' I looked up and said, 'Jesus save me now, I know you will.' Believing my prayer heard, instantly a flood of joy like a freshet rushed through my whole being. 'When I gave all trying over, simply trusting, I was blest." (From H. G. Trumbauer diary, February 4, 1894. Diary and photograph recently donated by Mrs. Rhoda Payne, a daughter of Rev. Trumbauer.)

H. G. Trumbauer later became a leader within the Holiness Christian Church and brought their Pennsylvania Conference into the Church of the Nazarene in 1908. This group became the start of our present Philadelphia District, of which Rev. Trumbauer served as the first district superintendent.

STEVE COOLEY. Director of Archives



SOMETHING!"

by RALPH L. MOULTON

F I HAD THE CHOICE of a legacy I could leave my children, perhaps my greatest desire would be to leave them with the feeling of the need of a personal prayer life stamped indelibly upon their lives. I sincerely believe there is no greater heritage parents can leave their children than a strong belief in prayer. Sincere prayer can become a tremendous determining influence in the activities and decisions of life. Wise is the parent who instills the confidence and need for prayer in the minds of his children, and yet still wiser is the parent who teaches his children to pray while they are young. Solomon, the great man of wisdom, admonishes parents, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). I don't believe it would do injustice to this admonition to say that the attitude and importance of prayer would also be included in this discipline. Alfred Lord Tennyson said, "More things are wrought of prayer than this world dreams of."

Easter Sunday was just a week away. My wife and I wanted our three-year-old son, Glyn, and baby daughter, Lynda, to look their best in church. We decided on the little suit my son would wear, but we must get him a tie. Until this moment, Glyn had not expressed himself, but upon mentioning a tie, he emphatically said that he wanted a long tie like Daddy's. His mother told him that being a little boy, he would look better wearing a bow tie. Nothing else was said about his Easter clothes until he began saying his prayer before going to bed that evening. After praying for Mom and Dad, his baby sister, all the people of the church he could call by name, and of course his dog, Tippy, he then closed his prayer by saying, "and Jesus, I want a long tie like Daddy's for Easter." Do you know what type of tie he wore Easter Sunday morning? Yes, you are correct, it was a long tie like Daddy's. No one would ever dare try

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and convince him that it wasn't God who answered his prayer. I would not want it otherwise.

If a child has been taught to pray, and has had his faith strengthened by seeing prayers answered, what a stabilizing force this will become during the frustrating teenage years. Prayer will become an integral part of his everyday life. Gradually, he stops saying prayers and begins to pray. He then begins to realize that from childhood to adulthood when he prays, his whole being relies on God, and within that relationship the Holy Spirit prompts his prayer. Then, as an adult, he learns that prayer is the full acceptance of God's will, that in losing his life he finds it in God.

We were living in Akron, Ohio, where I was pastoring the Akron Trinity Church of the Nazarene. My son had grown from a three-year-old boy to a young man. He had completed his basic training as a helicopter pilot and was home for a few days before going to Texas for advanced training and then to Vietnam.

The day came too quickly for him to leave. There were three young men with whom he had developed friendships during his basic training, one from California, one from New York, and one from Cleveland. All three had arrived at our home to go together to Texas. It was time for them to leave. The four boys, my wife, and I had gathered out in the driveway, waiting for them to leave. We were milling around, making small talk. Hearts were heavy, emotions were strained, none of us could think of much to say. Suddenly, my son said, "Dad, say something!" I knew exactly what he meant, for we had always made it a policy to pray before any major decisions were made, and when any member of the family was going on a trip. That day, we all held hands, bowed our heads, and with a heart that felt like it would break, I called upon God to watch over my son and all our precious men who were leaving for Vietnam.

After my son and his friends had gone, I went to the church and knelt at the altar for prayer. Time slipped by as I wept and prayed. Suddenly a calmness came over me, and I felt that God was saying, "As I have been with your son until this day, so will I be with him in Vietnam." From that moment until Glyn returned home a year later, I had complete confidence that God was watching over him. In the letters we received from him while he was in Vietnam, he would always say, "Don't worry, God is with me." Thank God he learned to pray about a tie for Easter.

In his book, God's New Age, Nels F. S. Ferre says, "Prayer is basically our resting in God. God's rest stimulates the world's work. God's silence speaks potently in the midst of the world's shouting. Prayer is the power of God's presence for the world in the midst of its turmoils, dissolving false tensions and creating constructive endeavor."

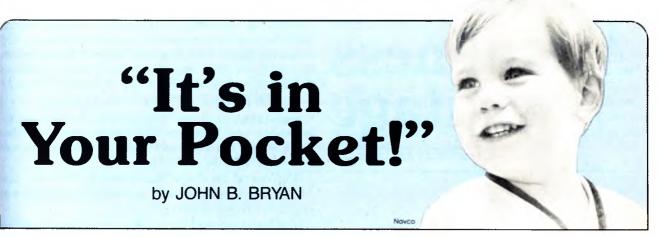
David felt that prayer was so important that he prayed morning, noon, and night (Psalm 44:17). The best way for parents to teach their children the importance of prayer is for those children to hear and see their parents praying.

TRUST

He takes my hand, my little boy, As we begin to stroll and see The world, and talk of many things, And what he will grow up to be.

I take my Father's hand which leads Through changing scenes of mystery, And know that faith supplies the need To trust Him as my child trusts me.

> -WILLIAM WALTER DeBOLT Trenton, Nebraska



FEW DAYS AGO I was in the supermarket with my three-year-old son. He was enjoying his ride down each aisle in the grocery cart. We soon came to the toy section. "Can I have a toy?" he asked. I let him pick out his toy.

A few minutes later, in another section of the store, my son decided it was now time to open the toypackage. I told him that he must wait until he had paid for it before opening the package. Then I asked him if he had money to pay for that toy. With little hesitation, he looked up and said, "Yes!"

That was an intriguing answer. Where did my little three-year-old get his money? Did he really have money to pay for that toy? So I queried, "Where is your money, son?'

With sincerity, he looked into my face and said, "It's in your pocket.'

For a three-year-old, the source of supply was as near as a father's pocket. As I continued down the various aisles of the store, many thoughts flooded my mind. I thought of how much my child depended on his father as the source of his supply. What a tremendous responsibility! I must not only provide funds for the desire to acquire a little toy, but I also need to provide strength for the various other needs of life. Children need proper guidance as well as material substance. Physical needs must be met, but we must not forget the spiritual aspect of a child's life. My job, as a parent, is to provide for all the needs of my children. Before reaching the checkout counter, I breathed a prayer for God to help me to always be able to fulfill the various needs (and sometimes wants!) of my child.

Walking to the car, I continued to reflect on the words of my son: "It's in your pocket!" The Lord seemed to remind me that He would always be my supply. He would be there to help me in the hours of deepest need, in temptation, trials, disappointments, etc. He assured me that He would be more than adequate. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"(4:19).

Throughout the years of walking with the Lord, I have found that He has never failed to be there as the supply-source for my needs. As a pastor, I can assure the most needy individual that nothing is beyond the concern, care, and help of the Lord, our Heavenly Father.

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A Holiness Herita

by STEPHEN G. GREEN

DISCOVERY

God's mercies fresh at daybreak Gleam like the morning dew, Reflecting His rays of promise; Responsive . . . Peaceful . . . New!

It's heaven's revelation When daylight has begun. It lingers on through midday And setting of the sun.

> -JACK M. SCHARN San Diego, California

HE SOUND seemed to engulf the entire sanctuary as the testimony of that grand holiness hymn echoed off the walls. Looking around the congregation, I realized that all were caught up in the truth of that song. Clergy and laity alike were singing with an enthusiasm that has distinguished Nazarenes down through the decades.

With the fervor that was present, one would expect Dad to be singing at the top of his voice, yet this time "Holiness unto the Lord" was being sung without the harmony of his warm voice. It was then, in the midst of his funeral service, that I really heard my family sing. All of us were singing his song as our own. His "call unto holiness" had not ceased in his passing but had been extended to and through his family.

As I later reflected back on that day, the question arose in my mind, "How was this holy heritage transferred to each of us?"

This same question can and must be asked by the church. There is an increased burden in the Church of the Nazarene to keep the holiness fires burning. Many Nazarenes are afraid that we are losing our distinctive doctrine that called us into existence. The call has gone out for ministers to preach and teach Christian holiness more than they ever have. Yet, to simply proclaim the faith of our heritage, without being claimed by that faith, is to "guard the ashes without tending the flame," to borrow a phrase from Helmut Thielicke.

Most of the time, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ does not come to us out of the blue sky, but through the warm bodies of believers. The warm bodies that affect us most are not necessarily church leaders, or even pastors, but moms and dads.

The reason for this affect is seen in Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The verb train and the noun way are the keys to this proverb. When the term "way" is used, in relation to human conduct, it is referring to the "course" one's life takes, not necessarily good and righteous conduct. "To train" a young person is to become a reflective mirror in which our children are being transformed by all that we are. This training that a young person receives is what he has experienced and not so much what he has been told.

Therefore, the course of one's life is, to a great degree, determined by what has claimed one's parents and not what they have proclaimed. Only as genuine Christian holiness, Christlike love, is expressed in the life of a parent, can the child have the opportunity to inherit the flame and not the ashes.

My dad, Rev. Gerald Green, was just that type of holiness minister and parent. He was claimed by the Lordship of Christ, so that a spontaneous love for others was the result. This claim upon his life and ministry was so genuine and real that all four of his sons have rekindled the flame of his faith. So now, the sound of one voice has merged into the harmony of four voices as "holiness unto the Lord" and is sung "now" and, through them, "forever."

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S A SON looks back over 45 years, there is so much about Dad that is worth saying, so much that lives on and adds strength to each day.

Dad never knew a stranger. No matter where he traveled, he found old friends, renewed acquaintances, and made new friends. He taught me to respect each person as an individual, regardless of race or creed, man and woman alike, regardless of background. To Dad the fellowship of family and friends was so very impor-

Dad always worked hard and he taught me the value of good, hard, honest work.

He never did anything halfway. And when he played, he played hard. He taught me the value of sports. There was golf and softball and even horseshoes. For Dad, sports are for exercise, not to put the other person down. In sports one can achieve a sense of doing his best . . . and the fellowship, always the fellowship.

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by LOWELL H. HALL

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind ... and ... thy neighbour as thyself."

sense of humor! He taught me through humor not to take myself too seriously, to see and accept my own To Dad the hymns of the church were precious. How

Dad had such a keen

often we heard him quote several stanzas in praise to God. Dad taught me to love those songs and sing them with joy. And how he loved God's Word. He knew it well and taught me to study Scripture, to learn as much about God's Word as I could.

For 43 years Dad was a beloved classroom teacher, but Dad taught us, not so much by lecture but by the example of his life. Jesus

said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind . . . and . . . thy neighbour as thyself." Dad committed his life to do just that, as his Lord and Master had taught.

Dad died last November but lives forever in heaven and in the hearts of family and friends. Thank you. Dad. Thank you for pointing us to Jesus. I shall always remember you as "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

arrior of the

by DAVID L. McCRACKEN

RECIOUS in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Someone exclaims, "A mighty warrior of the cross has fallen in battle." "No! No! No!" He has not fallen but has received an eternal release from his Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander has declared, "It is enough!" A band of holy angels is commissioned to usher the warrior homeward to receive his

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reward—the trophies for faithful service.

His allegiance and loyalty to "The Captain of his Salvation" is unquestioned. A royal reception awaits him.

The Commander's commendation echoes across the throne room. "Thou hast fought a good fight, finished your course, and kept the faith. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord. Thy works have been tried by fire. Here are your trophies of victory.'

The warrior gathers his reward and beckons his darling mother to his side and together they cast their crowns at Commander Jesus' feet. A great celebration is commenced of hallelujahs and praises unto the Lamb of God. The warrior's desire is fulfilled as he reaches for King David's harp—plays and sings "Amazing Grace" more beautifully than ever heard by mortal ears.

As the celebration concludes, the warrior grasps his mother by the hand-beckons to a fellow warrior, Elmer Lange, saying, "Let's walk over the the River of Life and watch those heavenly fish."

That warrior is my dad, an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, the co-founder with my mother of the Lafayette church (Lexington, Ky.) and their faithful pastor for 23 years—Rev. C. E. McCracken—lovingly known to his flock as Bro. Mac, "The Fishing Preacher."

What a precious warrior, what a man, what a dad! And it is all because of Jesus!

Editor's Note: C. E. McCracken died at age 70 on August 23, 1982. His son, David, preached his funeral, as "Bro. Mac" had requested. David is the pastor of the Lafayette Church of the Nazarene in Lexington, Ky. It was my privilege to meet C. E. McCracken years ago, when he visited some former parishioners in Florida-and did a little fishing, too!

Is There Life After Retirement?

by RUTH ELLIS HOECKLE

URING THE PAST YEAR I have attended four retirement dinners—the fourth was mine. I found it almost impossible, after a lifetime of service in Christian higher education, to realize that my teaching days were over. Later, as I looked around my office on the beautiful Point Loma Nazarene College campus, I was filled with emotions I never knew I had. The shelves were bare. The books that once filled them from floor to ceiling were no longer there. Some had gone to students, some to colleagues and friends, some even to Korea Nazarene Theological College to help build their library, and the rest were boxed and stored because I had no place for them. It was like parting from old friends without the expectation of ever seeing them again.

My file cabinets were empty. As I had made the decision to discard some papers and to keep others, I felt as though I were cutting away part of myself. I had spent many hours carefully preparing notes, lectures, exams, and quizzes, and now they, along with me, were passe. The diplomas no longer hung on the walls to impress the students with my qualifications. The emptiness of the room stifled me. From the office window, I took a long look at the magnificent Pacific Ocean and nearly drowned in a flood of nostalgia.

I remembered the students who dropped by to chat, to ask for help with assignments, to seek encouragement or to give it. Some even dared to challenge grades. But from them I have gained far more than I was ever able to give. Thank you, students, for giving me the challenge that spurred me to work harder than I knew I could. I will miss you. However, I take solace in knowing I have had a small share in the preparation of doctors, teachers, missionaries, and scores of graduates in many places of service. Perhaps a few will even remember not to split an infinitive or that a preposition is something not to end a sentence with!

My colleagues had given me their best wishes, their cards and gifts, and I now realized how deeply entrenched each is in my life. It is hard to think of no more departmental meetings with their lively discussions—sometimes solving problems and sometimes hoping for the problems to disappear. There will be no

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more "jam sessions" over the coffee cup, no more sharing the special inside jokes. These are only a small, special part of the whole that makes up life in the academic community.

As I attended the retirement celebrations, as I cleaned out my office, as I tried to pack away the memories, it was as though these things were happening to someone else, and I was merely an indifferent observer on the sidelines. As much as I had looked forward to this day-no more waking to the alarm clock, no more stacks of term papers to grade, no more committee meetings to attend—when it arrived I found I wasn't emotionally prepared for it. The time between my arrival on and my departure from the campus was too short. The years had sped by too quickly. I suddenly found myself locked in a room of despondency without a key and no way to escape.

As I prayed, "O Lord, is this the way it is? Is there nothing more for me?" He showed me that at each "rite of passage," painful as it was, there was always a higher step and a more beautiful view. He reminded me of other difficult times that never ended in defeat but always in triumph. As one door had closed behind me, a new one had always opened to broader horizons. He told me to rest and allow my body and my nerves to recharge, to wait upon Him for my strength to be renewed so that once again I could run and not be weary, walk and not faint. Even though the mental adjustment is hard and the unwinding hurts, my confidence became resolute.

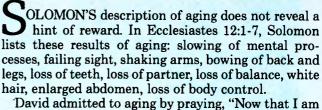
I found comfort and strength in the Word. In Isaiah 30:21 I read, "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left," and I knew I could trust Him who had never failed.

In Psalm 37, as I read, "Fret not thyself . . . Trust in the Lord . . . Delight thyself also in the Lord . . . Commit thy way unto the Lord ... Rest in the Lord," I heard the Psalmist say directly to me, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread . . . Wait on the Lord and keep his way" (37:1-7, 25, 34).

Again I heard the Lord say to me, "Wait and rest in that room until I unlock the door, and unlock it I will; then go through it with confidence, for I am in control. Yes, My child, there is life after retirement."

The Value of Aging

by WILLIAM GOODMAN



old and my hairs are grey, forsake me not, O God" (Psalm 71:18, NEB).

So, what is so great about aging?

The Bible presents aging as a time of respect and even of productivity. Exodus 20:12 commands us to honor the mature so that one might also live long. The command of God is to give honor to those who achieve great age. The fact that a person has lived a long life is an honor. Life presents many and varied problems accidents, illnesses, turmoils, and compounded situations. To master life and join the ranks of the aged calls for honor from all that have not yet arrived at maturity.

Leviticus 19:32 calls for us to rise in the presence of gray hairs and give honor to the aged. Persons who become elderly are to be accorded places of honor and sought out for counsel.

Anyone who has been in the fast pace of the business world, the factory, the school, and the freeway knows that the person who has been there 30 years had had a few bruises, knocks, and experiences. They deserve honor for survival. They also will have a lot of advice on how to avoid the pitfalls.

In this day of mega-marriage counseling, who could give better advice on marriage than those who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary? Many would-be marriage counsellors, who have been married just a few years, would be wise to give honor to those who have been successfully married and have experience and age.

A young married couple were having a difficult time identifying with each other's problems and had decided to end their marriage. One day an elderly couple who had been married 51 years called on them. During the conversation the young couple opened up and point by point explained why they should get a divorce. At each point the elderly couple explained that they had had that problem also. At the conclusion of all negative points, the young woman asked, "But you have been married for so long and still are married, how did you do it?" The elderly man answered: "We just experienced the bumps and grinds of life and took one day at a time, and here we are. You can do it too." The answer seemed so simple coming from the voice of experience.

The reward of aging is the honor established by God to the aged. The reward of aging is the wisdom of life that has been achieved, and that stands ready to be shared with those wise enough to receive it.

The story of life is to be born, to grow wise, and age to the glory of God; there is promise in that.

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by NEIL B. WISEMAN

OST NAZARENE CHURCHES know how to make revival arrangements. The checklist is fairly obvious—call an evangelist, pledge financial support, distribute the advertising, and urge the people to clear their calendars for the prescribed time period. But don't we need something more?

What is the power source for genuine revival? How do we open the floodgate of miraculous transformation for ourselves and others? Where does one discover the wellspring of renewal?

A few months ago, the church I serve as pastor became eager for revival. All human plans were made. But then someone suggested that God might be leading us to try old-fashioned home prayer meetings. We started to call them "cottage prayer meetings" but soon realized most of our new people would be confused by the title and few of our folks live in cottages. But that revival was empowered because of those home prayer meetings that were held for four weeks before the campaign started.

That revival was born in prayer. But it was soon discovered that intercession forces the praying believer to serious spiritual self-examination. Spiritual renewal is intensely personal even though it may come in a

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group of 3 or 50 or 500 people. The needed focus others—the sinner, the backslider, the church, and world—may limit the personal potential of our revi meetings. Perhaps a dual emphasis on others and on is needed. Why not expand our concept to include them and us or you and me? Maybe evangelist P Martin was supremely accurate when he suggested vival meetings were personal spiritual improvement opportunities.

These days a Christian may openly admit to be spiritually weak; but does he admit even to him that the upcoming revival has potential for make him spiritually strong? A board member may expr the opinion that his local church needs a revival, does he say to himself, I need to move up spiritually mother may pray earnestly for the salvation of family; but does she hunger for God to direct provement in her own life? A pastor or evangelist, writer included, may program a revival, but does reach out to God in holy desperation for a rener heart and a revived church? Perhaps the key to revival needed for our world and in our churc should begin with Nazarenes everywhere singing deep conviction, "It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing the need of prayer."

A revival is not something we do; it is something seek. A revival is not man-made; it is God's gift tou revival is not worked up; it is prayed down. A reviva not for everyone else; it is for me. A revival, the kind, deals with my inner life and changes me at deepest levels of my existence. The results will sho my everyday relationships with my spouse, my o dren, my friends, my fellow believers, and my work

Could it be that the sly skill of the devil has foole into believing that revival is only for others? Maybe need to personally put our own name and address. the ancient promise, "If my people, who are called my name, will humble themselves and pray and s my face and turn from their wicked ways, then w



he Revival Personally?

war from heaven and will forgive their sin and will eal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV).

What might be the spiritual discoveries of taking the evival personally? As I empty my hands and heart of my self-sufficiency, the living Christ will give me the romised filling. As I ask God to lead me to the corection of my faults and failures, the Lord of the hurch will direct me to make restitution for pain uflicted by my idle gossip. As I renew my pledge of bedience to God, He may call me to a unique service brwhich I am already gifted. As I seek new power in mayer, perhaps Christ will move me from the kinderparten to the first grade in His school of intercession. As I give up my feelings of inferiority, maybe the oving Jesus will reassure me of my worth as a treawed member of God's family. As I search for new mderstanding of the ways of God, the living Word will lectrify the written word so the Bible becomes a vital wide for my daily conduct. As I pray for new love for cople, even the unlovable ones, perhaps the Author of gape love will enable me to genuinely care for folks on deeper level than I have yet experienced.

Of course, the length of the revival meeting, the style of the evangelist, the advertising, the attendance of ther Christians, the music, and the date plus a hundred other variables impact revival meetings in our churches. But what would be the result, if a few hundred or maybe a thousand or two common folks like us would begin to personalize the revival possibilities? If we begin to think and pray about the personal dimension of revival, renewal would begin in those vast unexplored regions of our inner lives. Unexperienced spiritual adventure would follow. Exciting personal growth possibilities would be discovered. And powerful increased impact would come from the witness of our influence and tongue.

A research scholar discovered a church membership roll from the New England Puritans. There were names like Stand-Fast-in-the-Faith Brown and Hopein-Mercy Martin. But one especially caught his attention—Renewed-in-Christ Robinson. That's what I want to be. Don't we all?

As we yearn for revival the promise of Jesus rings in our hearts, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). The promise is extravagant, the possibilities unlimited, and the satisfaction eternal.

Let us take the revival personally. Real revival always begins and ends with this prayer: "Lord, send a great revival; begin it in me."

Book Brief

WELVE FOR TWELVE





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RON WHEELER cartoonist

HUS BEGINS this discipleship manual for College/Career youth. Look familiar?

Anyone trying to come up with material for a Colcareer class will readily relate to it. Young singles talented, intellectually on top of things, busy, often dle-to-college trained in Christianity, and—somehat in limbo. The past is gone, the future not unveiled. Concerns of the magnitude they face tend to override everything else.

Think, think, think. Pray, pray, pray. Selection of a topnotch teacher is only half the battle. The other half depends on the material used. What will it be?

Twelve for Twelve is a good choice: flexible, but solid. I would like teaching it. Here's why:

The first four lessons, lighthearted in their approach, lay a foundation in heavy doctrine: God, Man, Sin, The Person and Work of Christ. They allow pupils to clarify their beliefs and prompt questions on important issues. Outside influences can be counteracted through frank discussion.

The next four lessons cover personal reaction to what has been learned: Conversion, Maintaining the Spiritual Life, Sanctification, and Faith Under Attack. Lessons 9 and 10 deal with the physical person: as the temple of the Holy Spirit and as a human being living in a sex-oriented society. The last two assume the first 10 lessons have been taken to heart: Knowing and Doing God's Will, and Sharing the Faith.

These lessons lend themselves to lively, pertinent discussion. Suitable for older singles. Buy a book for the teacher and one for each class member.

> —Evelyn Stenbock Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City To order, see page 23.

the editor's

CHRIST AND THE COMMON PEOPLE

Harman Blennerhassett was rich, romantic, and revolutionary. He migrated from Ireland to America in 1796, settled near Marietta, Ohio, and built a mansion on an island to which his name was given. He also got involved with Aaron Burr, giving financial support to Burr's schemes for empire, and lost both health and wealth in the process. Burr's biographer, Milton Lomask, makes an arresting statement about Blennerhassett: "Like many revolutionaries, he liked the common people best in absentia." Fritz Raddatz makes a similar observation concerning Karl Marx and the working people.

By contrast, Mark says of Jesus Christ, "The common people heard him gladly" (12:37). One reason lay in the fact that He was aiming some barbed preaching in the direction of others-"And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes . . ." (v. 38). We tend to hear most gladly the sermons that hit other people. But everything we know about Jesus convinces us that He personally knew and cared about the common people. He loved them, not in absentia, but up close and in In several places the Gospels record the "compassion of Christ for the multitude. The masses of people th crowded temple, market, and streets appealed to Hi "as sheep without a shepherd." He did not write flat ing slogans at a safe distance from their misery. I stead, He was constantly surrounded by them, pour His love out upon them as Teacher, Healer, and Feed Above all else, He offered them a place in His etern kingdom. He was available to them as Savior.

Christ identified with commoners. Reared in a carpe ter's home, He was well acquainted with manual lab As an itinerant rabbi He could say, "Foxes have hol and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of manh nowhere to lay his head" (Luke 9:58). He often ate a slept and prayed under the stars. His closest frier and earliest followers were working people. By nate and through experience He was equipped to sy pathize with and minister to the common folks. That God for such a Christ! He can understand our prolems and we can find welcome to His heart.

RICH WHERE IT MATTERS

I have no reason to say, "Thank you, Paine Webber." Smith Barney isn't working hard for me. When the Merrill Lynch bull strolls the aisles of a glass shop, I have no reason to applaud his agility. Paraphrasing Simon Peter I can say, "Stocks and bonds have I none." Nevertheless, I am rich where it matters most.

In mercies received I am as wealthy as Croesus. Divine grace has saved me from sin and united me to God. In daily fellowship with Him, my soul is constantly exalted and satisfied. His word is a banquet for the mind, His kingdom an arena for exciting tasks, and His people a context for a fulfilling social life.

In friendships I am richer than Midas. Living for Christ, one shares life with the best people on earth. Few of my friends are monied, few of them are famous, but wealth and fame have ruined the capacity of many people for real friendship. My friends are caring people, there when needed to support a troubled heart, a struggling faith, a broken life. Equally important, they

allow me to minister to them when illness, grief, or strikes their lives. They are "the salt of the earth."

In marriage and family I have been enriched beyond deserving. My assets in this area make the Roo fellers look like paupers.

I'm rich, too, in my work. Thousands trudge to tl daily work with no heart in it. They find no citement, no fulfillment in what they do. Such dre existence is unimaginable to me. My work makes wish for days twice as long, and energy 10 times present level.

Wealth counted in gold and goods will be stripped a by death, if not lost before then. Riches of mind spirit endure forever. God called one man "Fool" v was rich in earthly goods but had no spiritual ass He was rich where it mattered least, and pove ridden where it mattered most. A man is truly rich what he can enjoy without money and beyond tim preacher soft on sin is like a doctor soft on cancer or a banker soft on embezzlement. The Bible pulls no punches and minces no words when it deals with sin. ou cannot find on any page of the Bible the faintest notion that God, to spare man's self-esteem, treads ightly on his sins.

THANK GOD FOR OUR MUSICIANS

mely talk about music. I know so little about the which that conversation is difficult at best, imperment at worst. My knowledge of it is almost as ministale as my talent for it. I play no instrument and carry ntune. William Hoffman wrote of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, "Wilhelmina recognized only one ong, the Dutch national anthem, and that only because people stood up when it was played." The good pueen's talent for music was on a par with mine.

Nevertheless, I love music, and I value those who are ble to play and sing, especially those who do so as a ministry to God's people. I have worked with some of urfinest musicians, and I am a richer and better man brhaving heard them. While I cannot make music, I mognize good music when it is made, and it always brings me closer to God.

Mytastes are broad, which is good, for we have such a mide variety of music and musicians. I enjoy everyhing from Charles Wesley to Bill Gaither. As long as the words exalt Jesus Christ and the tunes are merciful to my tympana, I am pleased. Now abide faith, hope, and love, and all three have often been intensified through religious music. I have been uplifted by Jonathan Welch singing "And Can It Be?" and by Jim Bohi singing "I'll Fly Away." Jimmy Dell on the piano, Eleanor Whitsett on the organ, and Orlan Smith on the saxophone have made me want to fling a hat in the air and yell "Hurrah for Jesus!"

Heaven will be filled with music. Perhaps every musical instrument ever invented will pay tribute to the Lord of lords and King of kings. The City of God will be resonant also with that grandest of instruments, the human voice in perfect pitch and tone, hymning the praises of our Redeemer. David Blue, an incurable kidder of tone-deaf preachers, has tried to get me to sing with him. He deserves the embarrassment it would create! But maybe, just maybe, I will be able to join the Blues in a triumphal chorus or two in heaven.

God bless our musicians! The life of our church is infinitely enhanced by their spirit and skill.

ON BEING POSITIVE

Being positive is required of preachers who are "with it today. As one of my seminary professors used to say, That's not all bad." Scripture enjoins positive attitudes. Paul said, "Think on these things," and specified whatever was honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. People habitually negative are usually sour, lonely, and frustrated.

Nevertheless, I think often of our Lord's description of the victim of a mugging on the Jericho road—"half tead." Had Jesus read the reams of positive thinking fuff on today's market, would He have said "halflive"?

The other day I heard a fellow struggling to give an curate account of a bad situation. He prefaced half of is remarks with, "I don't want to sound negative, but ..." He was in such bondage to popular notions about positive thinking that he felt a compulsion to halfway pologize for telling the truth.

In for being positive. I prefer can to can't and do to in't. I've had enough can'ts and don'ts to last a lifetime. At times I've felt like the dog who met another on a street corner.

"My name's Rover," said the strange canine. "What's vours?"

"I don't know," replied the mutt, "but I think it's Down

However, I'm troubled by a concept of positive that ignores or belittles sin. I know "God is love" but His love is not soft. A preacher soft on sin is like a doctor soft on cancer or a banker soft on embezzlement. The Bible pulls no punches and minces no words when it deals with sin. You cannot find on any page of the Bible the faintest notion that God, to spare man's selfesteem, treads lightly on his sins.

Positive preaching too often means preaching that neglects or omits the biblical themes of sin, death, wrath, judgment, and hell. The God it proclaims sounds more like a Grandfather than a Father. Along with soft positive preaching we have lots of divorce, materialism, and worldliness in the churches.

I don't want to sound negative, but I'm against that!

preachers to fail to preach this message of holiness of heart and life to congregations of people who are "hungering and thirsting for righteousness." After trying to preach it for 40 years. I wish I could start over! How happy I am to be a part of a church which proclaims it!

> L. C. Miller Pasadena, California

GOING BEYOND THE COURT

The March 15 "News of Religion" column states that Billy Graham, in conversation with a churchman in the Soviet Union, remarked that the reading of the Bible is prohibited in American schools. He did not say that the Supreme Court banned Bible reading, and I am sure that he is aware that it did not.

The article is clear that erroneous interpretations of federal courts, state and federal office holders, school boards, superintendents, and teachers have gone far beyond anything the Supreme Court ever in-

The question would never have been in the courts had it not been for right wing fundamentalist religionists who wanted to force their beliefs into the schools by law. They did and were challenged in the courts and they lost. The Supreme Court said only that mandatory religious exercises and teacher-led prayers were unconstitutional; they did not say that the Bible could not be read in the schools nor that an individual could not pray any time he or she felt like it. I personally think that religionists are more at fault in this matter than are the courts, as group prayer in the schools where there is more than one religion creates animosity and confusion and the Bible does say, "so far as lieth within you, live at peace with all men."

I personally think the First Amendment was intended to do one thing and one thing only, and that was to keep Patrick Henry and his followers from establishing Christianity as the national tax-supporting religion. Despite the fact that the Puritans came to America seeking religious freedom, state churches were established in most of the colonies in a short period of time.

I would like to see our schools teach the Bible as a book of literature and teach the history of all religions. To continue as we are, we are going to have a nation mostly ignorant of the Bible with hatred and confusion, fighting over religion.

With reference to Mr. Reagan's Bible reading, I don't know whether or not he has ever read it, but when he was running for president in 1980, a newspaper reporter asked him if he was a born-again Christian; his reply was that he had voluntarily submitted to baptism once.

> Thomas G. Carson Decatur, Georgia

GRATEFUL FOR PRESIDENT

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to God that we have a Christian president of the United States of America. In his address to the N.R.B., President Reagan emphasized Christian principles. He is unalterably opposed to the civil religion of humanism and he stands shoulder to shoulder with the Christians. I applaud his courage and determination to do what is right in God's sight no matter how much political pressure is applied to him. We are indeed a fortunate people.

> Dr. Lottie McWherter Mission, Kansas

"I LOVE JESUS, TOO!"

by JAMES A. MAPES

WAS A SAD 11-YEAR OLD that balmy Indiana afternoon. It was June 6, 1949, and our family had gathered for the funeral of my grandfather.

James Edward Mapes had lived for 73 years. He had not lived a Christian life all of those years. He had rather lived a life of sin. Yet he and I were the best of buddies. If I know one thing, I know that he loved me. I remember being about seven years old when Grandpa let me smoke his pipe, until Grandma caught us. Grandma was a Christian and Grandpa was in trouble about that. But still Grandpa persisted in his sinful ways.

The whole Mapes family was shaken when Grandpa

JAMES A. MAPES pastors the Suwannee River Church of the Nazarene in White Springs, Florida.



suffered a severe stroke in 1948. For a long time he was bedfast and couldn't talk. Improvement came slowly, but he began to talk again, though with some degree of difficulty. Later he began walking with the assistance of a cane.

For years, Grandma walked a mile and half to church with her grandchildren. When she finally persuaded Grandpa to come with her, one of the church families faithfully transported them to and from church each Sunday. It was the first time that I had ever seen my grandpa in church.

I can't remember anything that our pastor, Rev. Gail H. Shaffer, said at the funeral except his closing comments. Brother Shaffer said, "Three weeks ago as I was assisting Brother and Sister Mapes down the steps following the morning service, Brother Mapes began to cry. With tears streaming down his face he said, 'Preacher, I love Jesus, too. I love Jesus, too!""

Today, 33 years later, this preacher believes that someday he is going to see his grandpa again. What a great reunion day awaits the redeemed of Jesus. Praise His wonderful name.

PEOPLE OO AND PLACES

Mount Vernon Nazarene College's Dr. Keith Clinker, director of Basic Skills, was honored during the chapel service on May 4 for his 14 years of service at the college. He entered semiretirement after the school year completed.

"We who work most closely with him respect him as one who is a scholar who has many diverse arrangements and who plays an important role not only as a professor in the Education Department but also in all facets of academic life," said Dr. Clifford Anderson, director of Teacher Education at the college.

Clinker earned his bachelor of science and master of arts degrees from Ball State University, and his doctor of education degree from the University of Indiana. Prior to coming to MVNC, he taught at the University of Cincinnati and Eastern Nazarene College.

Verna Frey has completed the doctor of education in business at UCLA. The title of her dissertation is "Word Processing Concepts, Components, and Com-

petencies with Implications for Business and Office Education.'

Dr. Frey is an alumna of Bethany Nazarene and Pasadena colleges and, until recently, was an associate professor of business at Point Loma Nazarene College. She presently resides in New Mexico where her husband, Kenneth, is pastor of the Angus Church of the Nazarene.



ETHNIC/URBAN CONFERENCE HELD

The move among Nazarene churches toward the poor and ethnics in the cities of our nation was highlighted at a recent meeting on the campus of North Park College in Chicago.

This was the first of three such conferences being held this year. They are under the sponsorship of Church Extension Ministries and directed by Ethnic/Urban Missions coordinator, Jerry Appleby. Other conferences are scheduled for Bethany, Okla., in June and Los Angeles in September.

The 140 persons in attendance included district superintendents, college professors, District Advisory Board members, college students, pastors, and laymen from at least 13 different racial groups. The response to this conference exceeded the expectations of conference coordinator, Mike Estep.

Speakers at the conference surveyed the biblical and secular history of the cities. Many present-day role models were presented from across the coun-

The exchange of ideas among the conferees indicated there is no one single way to do the job, but God is at work in miraculous ways reaching people through the Church of the Nazarene in inner cities.



Pictured are the ethnic ministries consultants present in Chicago. Standing (l. to r.) are Filipo Robertson, Samoan; Roland Chopfield, Black; Carlos Gonzzatti, migrant; Johnny Nells, Navajo; Warren Rogers, Sr., Black; and Nancy Clark, Southeast Asian.



The Executive Committee of the Nazarene Multiple Staff Association met in Kansas City April 13-14, to plan seminars for associates at the upcoming regional conferences on evangelism in January. Seated (r. to l.) are: Pastoral Ministries Director Wilbur W. Brannon of Kansas City; President James Sankey of Colorado Springs; Secretary-treasurer Roy Lynn of St. Louis; and Vice-president Herb McMillan of Bradenton, Fla. NMSA membership is open to all involved in associate ministries in the local church and professors of Christian education at the colleges. The purpose of the association is for communication, mutual support, and continuing education.

DISCOVERY TO APPEAR AT WORLD YOUTH **CONGRESS**



The General NYI Council and the staff of Youth Ministries have announced the selection of DISCOVERY. the music group sponsored annually by YOUTH IN MISSION. DISCOVERY is scheduled to appear at WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83. The event is scheduled for June 20-27, 1983.

According to YOUTH IN MISSION director Dale Fallon, the mission of DISCOVERY has again been tailored to meet the needs of the program. From the late '60s until 1977, the group, then known as "Lost and Found," traveled to local churches on a concert itinerary. In 1978, when the name was changed to DISCOVERY, the scope of the group was enlarged. They followed up their appearance at WYC '78 with a series of "Discipleship Days" with district NYI organizations in both the summers of 1978 and 1979. In 1980, DISCOVERY blended their concert schedule with a series of youth rallies called "Mirror-A-Thons." During 1981 and 1982, the group traded in their van for plane tickets, was tailored to seven members. and ministered in inner city and small urban churches which could not normally afford such an outreach effort.

This year, DISCOVERY has been formed from alumni of the group's last five years, coming together to train in both English and Spanish music, for ministry at WORLD YOUTH CON-GRESS. They will be tutored June 15-20 by Jim Van Hook, creator and director of BRIDGE. Then they will perform daily at WYC '83, and also assist in hospitality for the event. After WYC is completed, the group will stay on in Mexico City to do several concerts on the Mexico Central District, coordinated by Enrique Rojas, district NYI president and member of the WYC Advisory Committee. They will return to the U.S.A. and disband on July 1.

Since DISCOVERY is a part of YOUTH IN MISSION, group members will also be involved in raising a ministry donation to cover their expenses at WYC, as well as providing their own travel to and from Dallas. DISCOV-ERY members represent some of the finest musical talent and commitment to ministry among the Church of the Nazarene over the past six years.



THEME FOR YOUTH WEEK ANNOUNCED

Rev. Dan Ketchum, general president of Nazarene Youth International, and Bruce Oldham, director of Teen Ministries, have announced the theme for Youth Week '83, "Walking Worthy of Our Calling." The theme is based on Ephesians 4-5, an important passage this year for NYI. It is the key scripture for WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS '83, and is part of the Bible quizzing material for 1982-83. Youth Week '83 is scheduled for August 28—September 4.

A Youth Week packet has also been prepared for local churches to use in planning their event. The complete packet is the first of its kind since the denominations of the Aldersgate Association ceased producing a joint packet in 1980. The sessions included are based on the new youth book, Walking by Faith in Jesus Alone—Together, by Gary Sivewright. The packet will be made available to local churches through Nazarene Publishing House.

Although August 28-September 4 are the suggested dates for Youth Week, Rev. Oldham notes that churches may schedule this special NYI emphasis at any time throughout the year. The packet will be made available until summer 1984.

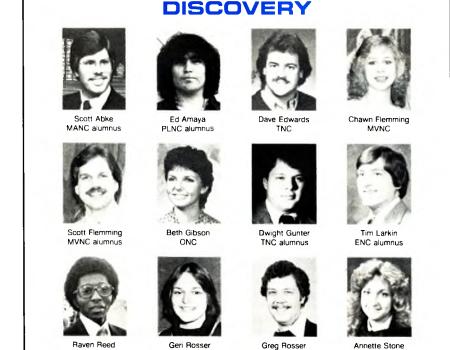


CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETS

A Continuing Education Program Committee met in Kansas City on April 4-5, 1983. Wilbur Brannon, Pastoral Ministries director, chaired the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to set direction for the expansion of the Continuing Education Program for ministers in the Church of the Nazarene.

Participants included Dwight Douglas, associate minister, Portland, Ore.; D. Moody Gunter, superintendent, South Carolina District; William Martin, chaplain, U.S. Army, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Mark R. Moore, director of Education Services; John Nielson, assistant to the president, Eastern Nazarene College; Elwood Self, professor, Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, Mich.; C. Neil Strait, superintendent. Michigan District; and David Wilson, Pastoral Ministries coordinator.

A mission statement was adopted by the group, which reads: "Continuing education is the lifelong unfolding process in personal growth and development and in professional competence through intentional learning beyond one's basic formal education,



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designed to include personal study and group events."

Pastoral Ministries presently offers 11 independent study courses, and grants CEU credit for attending pertinent regional seminars. All Nazarene liberal arts colleges provide summer workshops and many districts are currently involved in continuing education programs for their ministers.

The program committee suggested that Pastoral Ministries' role in the denomination's structure be to help promote events; set standards for nonacademic offerings; recognize those who achieve credit; keep records; and offer district resource by making available models and suggesting facilitators to lead specific events. Pastoral Ministries would also work with colleges and the seminary in communicating needs felt by local pastors and district superintendents.

A catalog of continuing education models is being compiled and will be available to interested parties.

McCULLOUGH ASSUMES POST ON WASHINGTON PACIFIC DISTRICT



Dr. Melvin McCullough, the newly appointed superintendent of the Washington Pacific District, is moving to the Washington area the middle of June.

Dr. McCullough was appointed by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe, in consultation with the District Advisory Board and with the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents. The appointment was made after Rev. Bill Burch, who was elected in the district assembly, declined the election. Dr. McCullough was pastor of the Kankakee, Ill., College Church.

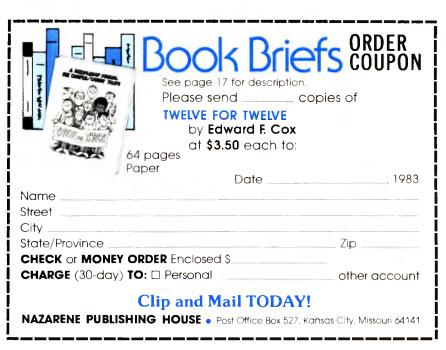
He is an honors graduate of Bethany Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary. He received the doctor of ministry degree at Fuller Theological Seminary in 1981.

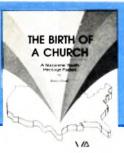
He has pastored churches in Fort Worth, Tex.; Shawnee, Kans.; Seattle: and Colorado Springs. In 1973, he was elected executive director of the Department of Youth Ministries by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene. He has authored a book, The Inevitable Encounter, in the youth guidance series.

Dr. McCullough, a native Texan, is married to the former Geneva Powers. She is active in speaking engagements, especially in women's ministries. They have two children: Ginger, 17, a freshman at Olivet; and Christopher, 14, a freshman in high school.



Psychologist and best-selling author, Dr. James Dobson of Arcadia, Calif., recently urged a gathering of government leaders to keep marital and parental relationships among their highest priorities. Overcommitment, he said, is the greatest threat to the American family today. The remarks came at a formal dinner given in Dobson's honor by White House Chief of Staff James Baker III and his wife, Susan. The 160 guests in attendance at the Hillandale Estate in Washington, D.C., included Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret Heckler; Secretary of Energy Donald Hodel; Secretary of the Interior James Watt; Secretary of Education Terrel Bell; Secretary of Agriculture John Block; Senator Roger Jepsen (R-Iowa); Senator Donald Nickles (R-Oklahoma); Acting White House Press Secretary Larry Speakes; and White House Press Secretary James Brady, who is still recovering from wounds inflicted during the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan in 1981. Introducing Dr. Dobson to the gathering, Congressman Frank Wolf (R-Virginia) said that seeing the psychologist's Focus on the Family film series was a turning point in his life. Since that viewing, the lawmaker said, he has taken steps to make his family a higher priority as well as to influence other members of Congress to do the same. The author of eight books, including Dare to Discipline and Straight Talk to Men and Their Wives, Dr. Dobson is also director of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization that provides broadcast, publications, and counseling support for traditional home values. Dr. Dobson's daily half-hour radio program is heard across the country by an estimated 4 million people. His film series, titled Focus on the Family, has been viewed by more than 20 million people.





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HOLTZ ACCEPTS EVANGELISM POSITION



David W. Holtz has accepted the position of Evangelism Ministries coordinator. He will be working with Bill M. Sullivan, Evangelism Ministries director. The Holtz-

es plan to move to Kansas City by June

Rev. Holtz has been pastoring the

Center for Spiritual Development Church in Toledo, Ohio. Previously he was a church planter in Rocky Mount, N.C., and a home mission pastor in Macungie, Pa.

He served on the District NYI Council and Toledo Urban Ministry Advisory Council. He also has taught evangelism at United Wesleyan College.

David is a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, and Nazarene Theological Seminary, and received the doctor of ministry degree from Drew Univer-

He is married to Lyndell (Hetrick) and they have four children, Chadwick, Vondrea, Ryan, and Jacqueline.

TWO NEW REGIONAL **DIRECTORS NAMED**



Dr. L. Guy Nees, World Mission Division director, has announced the appointment of Rev. Thomas W. Schofield of Worsley, Manchester, England, as acting regional

director of the Europe and Middle East Region of the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Schofield is a graduate of Emmanuel Bible College in England and has served as a visiting lecturer on the staff of British Isles Nazarene College for 10 years.

He was a delegate to the international NYPS Convention in Kansas City in 1960 and has been a delegate to the General Assemblies in 1964, 1968. 1972, 1976, and 1980. Rev. Schofield has served as a member of the General Board for seven years and is currently a member of the World Mission Department of the General Board.

In 1982, Rev. Schofield was appointed regional coordinator for the Europe-Middle East Region. Rev. Schofield pastored in Birmingham, Dewsbury, and Bolton, England, and in Govan and Ardrossan, Scotland, before being elected to the superintendency of the British Isles South District in 1967. He will continue to superintend the British Isles South District as he assumes the assignment as acting regional director of the Europe-Middle East Region.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas (Marion) Schofield have three children: Mrs. Joan Barnes, Mrs. Margaret Singleton, and John.



Rev. Louie Bustle, mission director for the World Mission Division in Peru, has been named to the office of regional director of the South American Region by Dr.

L. Guy Nees, World Mission Division director. Rev. Bustle will assume his new duties July 1, 1983.

FOUNDERS' DAY FESTIVAL

Return to Pilot Point, Texas • Site of Nazarene Beginnings October 13, 1983 Details in July 1 Herald of Holiness

Rev. Bustle is a graduate of Trevecca Nazarene College and was attending Nazarene Theological Seminary when he was called to fill a vacancy in the Virgin Islands on the death of Rev. Lyle Prescott. He has continued his studies at the seminary during his furlough years.

Rev. Bustle was appointed mission director in the Dominican Republic in 1975, where he began the Nazarene work and led its development to 72 organized churches in seven years. He and his co-workers trained pastors for the churches as they preached, to provide leadership for the rapidly expanding work.

In 1982, Rev. Bustle was asked to be the mission director of Peru. He will continue in that assignment while he carries on his new work as director of the South American Region.

Rev. and Mrs. Bustle have two children, Beth Ann, 10; and John Phillip,

The Bustles will continue to reside in Peru.

OUR COLLEGES AND

MVNC JOINS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE COALITION

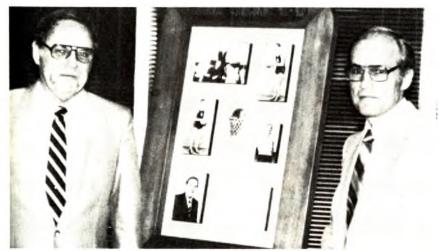
Mount Vernon Nazarene College has joined the Christian College Coalition, based in Washington, D.C.

The Christian College Coalition was founded in 1976 to serve and strengthen Christian liberal arts colleges through a variety of activities and programs. Under the direction of Dr. John Dellenback, president, the coalition is seeking to establish strong support for Christian liberal arts education and to work closely with lawmakers at the state and federal levels.

"The Christian College Coalition provides the strength of a united voice in government and provides participation in the development of educational goals by evangelical Christian colleges," said MVNC President William J. Prince. Prince noted that the strength of the coalition comes from its diversity; 70 member schools, located in 28 states and representing 25 church denominations.

Many primary tasks must be carried on by the individual colleges, but others can be better performed if the colleges and people involved work together. Coalition member colleges are concerned that government regulations would "jeopardize the unique Christcentered purpose and mission of coalition member schools." They use the coalition as a lobbying platform in Washington, D.C.

The coalition also helps the individual colleges improve and strengthen their efforts at integrating faith, learning, and living, at both the student and faculty levels. Helping to achieve that goal is the American Studies Programs, which is available to qualified students from any coalition college. On the faculty level, the coalition coordinates an ongoing series of development seminars for coalition professors in various disciplines.



On November 27, 1982, Morris Chalfant (l.) was honored by Northwest Nazarene College as its first "Hall of Fame" athlete, a new awards program sponsored by NNC's alumni association. Myron Finkbeiner (r.), alumni executive secretary, is also shown at the presentation. Accepting the award, Rev. Chalfant credited his experience at NNC with helping him in three vital areas of living: (1) training and self-discipline; (2) perseverance and self-control; and (3) teamwork. Chalfant also expressed appreciation for the acceptance, freedom, and love he experienced at NNC, which enabled him to resolve the issues of personal identity and God's will for his life. Rev. Chalfant starred at basketball in his student days, and currently pastors the Norwood, Ohio, church.



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ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Asia Regional Conference, first in a series of six such conferences planned for 1983 and 1984, was held in Seoul, Korea, April 12-14, Leaders in the conference were Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent in jurisdiction; Dr. L. Guy Nees, director of the Division of World Mission; and Dr. Donald Owens, director of the Asia

Forty-three delegates from six countries—the Philippine Islands, India, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Korea, and Japan-met during the daytime to discuss the question, "What are the important issues in this region regarding internationalization?" The delegates included mission directors, district superintendents, general board members, institutional heads, and general council members from the Asia Region. Resource people from Kansas City included Mrs. Phyllis Brown, Rev. Phil Riley, Rev. Larry Leonard, Dr. Bennett Dudney, and Mr. Ray Hendrix.

The evening services during the conference were planned by Korean church leaders and were attended by an average of nearly 1,000 people. Dr. Greathouse preached each evening on themes related to entire sanctification.

The regional conferences are being held in response to action taken at the 1980 General Assembly.



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

MINNESOTA-July 20. First Church of the Nazarene, 1501 W. 54th, Minneapolis, MN 55419. Host Pastor: Lee McCleery. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

ILLINOIS-July 20-21. First Church of the Nazarene, 5200 6th St. Road (South), Springfield, IL 62703. Host Pastor: L. Dale Horton. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA-July 20-21. Vanderburgh Auditorium Convention Center, 715 Locust St., Evansville, IN 47708, Host Pastor: Curtis Martin. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins



Pictured (l. to r.) at the New York District Assembly are District Superintendent Dallas Mucci; Mrs. Ann Rearick; Rev. Anderson M. Rearick, ordinand; and Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent.



Pictured are Cale and Betty Rash, Rick and Pam Burlile, Key Kuples from the Northwest Ohio District. They visited the church headquarters subsequent to the Harvest Hands campaign. Accenting their interest in Sunday School, they commented on the size of the printing operation at Nazarene Publishing House and the relatively inexpensive prices in comparison to literature from other companies. Accompanying the couples was Rev. Rodger Atwood (center), pastor of the West Milton, Ohio, church.

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA-July 21-22. District Center, 1950 S. 350 E., Marion, IN 46952. Host Pastor: Mike Brown. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson

EAST TENNESSEE—July 21-22. First Church of the Nazarene, 538 Vanosdale Rd., Knoxville, TN 37919. Host Pastor: Charles Patton. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

PITTSBURGH-July 22-23. Mount Chestnut District Center, 177 North Rd., Butler, PA 16001. Host Pastor: James E. Huggins. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA-July 27-28. First Church of the Nazarene, 6789 N.W. Expressway, Bethany, OK 73008. Host Pastor: Ponder Gilliland. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

NEW YORK

The 76th annual assembly of the New York District met in Danville, N.J. District Superintendent Dallas Mucci, completing the second year of an extended term, reported a new church, New Jersey Haitian.

Presiding General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained Anderson M. Rearick.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders James Baker and Clarence Jacobs, and laymen Ross Miller and Keith Nurse.

Mrs. Sandy Mucci, Albert Schimanski, and Mrs. Ann Rearick were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

HAWAII PACIFIC

The 31st annual assembly of the Hawaii Pacific District met in Honolulu, Hawaii. District Superintendent Darrell Teare, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Dr Orville W. Jenkins was the presiding general superintendent

Elders Gaylord A. Rich and William D. Sever and laymen Miyoji Furusho and Allen Ikeda were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Carlie Sever was elected NWMS president; Spike R. Tanaka was reelected NYI president; and Rev. Larry D. Coen was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS

MISSISSIPPI

The 70th annual assembly of the Mississippi District met at Jackson, Miss. District Superintendent J. W. (Bill) Lancaster, completing the second year of an extended term, reported two new churches, Gautier Metro and Philadelphia.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, presiding general superintendent, ordained Roy L. Childress and recognized the credentials of Paul Ray Looper.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Richard Boone and Hayes Oliver, and laymen Henry Greer and Bob Lancaster.

Retha Lancaster was reelected NWMS president; Terrell D. Farnest was reelected NYI president: and Earl Rowan was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS

SACRAMENTO

The 21st annual assembly of the Sacramento District met at Sacramento, Calif. District Superintendent Walter Hubbard, completing the first year of an extended term, reported a new church in Loomis,

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained Kenneth Ray Downey and Herbert C.

Herbig, and commissioned Aaron Pueschel a minister of Christian education.

Elders Byron Ford, Ray Sanders, and Gerald Woods and laymen N. E. "Bud" Anderson, John Biggers, and Richard Borbe were elected to the Advisory Board.

Beverlee Borbe was reelected NWMS president; Don Nickles was elected NYI president; and Jerry Cordell was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

The 21st annual assembly of the Central California District met at Fresno, Calif. District Superintendent Wil M. Spaite, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained Michael G. Hunt, J. Philip Rohrer, Benjamin Lynn Richie, Sr., and Michael S. Sampson.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Clarence M. Killion, Harold L. Stickney, and Irving E. Sullivan, and laymen Archie Sheldon, Gary Smee, and Joel Warkentin.

Judy Haines was reelected NWMS president; Mark M. Johnson was elected NYI president; and Richard Schlage was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

CENTRAL LATIN AMERICAN

The 37th annual assembly of the Central Latin American District met at San Antonio, Tex. District Superintendent Joe Dimas, currently serving under appointment, was elected to a one-year term. He reported a new church, Oklahoma City La Hermosa.

Dr V. H. Lewis, presiding general superintendent, ordained Lester Lewellyn Anderson, Gabriel Alberto Cuervo, and Adan Rosas.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Jose C. Rodriguez and Daniel Vasquez and laymen Roberto Maldonado, Sr., and Rodolfo Garcia.



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NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

CHICAGO CENTRAL-August 1-7. District Center, near Aroma, ILL. Special workers: Bob Hoots and William Varian, evangelists; Wally and Ginger Laxson, song evangelists. E. Keith Bottles, district superintendent.

NEW MEXICO-August 1-7. District Campground, Alto Rte., Capitan, NM 88316. Special workers: evangelists Gene Fuller and John A. Knight; singers Lewis and Barbara Thompson. Leon F. Wyss, district superintendent.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-August 1-7. Point Loma Nazarene College, San Diego, Calif. Special workers: evangelist, W. E. McCumber; singers, Dave and Dana Blue. Robert H. Scott, district superintendent.

KANSAS-August 3-6, evenings, and Sunday. Wichita First Church, 1400 E. Kellogg, Wichita, KS 67211. Special workers: Mendell Taylor, evangelist; Bill and Terri Cobb, singers. Marselle Knight, district superintendent.

WISCONSIN-August 3-6, evenings, and Sunday. University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, Special workers: Nelson Perdue and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, evangelists; Pat Duncan, singer, J. Ted Holstein, district superintendent.

ARIZONA-August 5-14. Camp Pinerock, 1400

Pine Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301. Special workers: Herbert McGonigle and Dwight Neuenschwander, evangelists; Ron Lush, Sr., song evangelist. Crawford T. Vanderpool, district superintendent.

AKRON-August 7-14. District Nazarene Center. 8020 Nazarene Ave., Louisville, OH 44641. Special workers: Richard L. Strickland and Don Pfeifer, evangelists; Jim Bohi, singer Floyd O. Flemming, district superintendent.

CANADA WEST (Alberta) - August 7-14. Camp Harmattan, 22 km west of Olds, Alberta. Special workers: Charles Shaver and Edward Lawlor, evangelists; DeVerne Mullen, singer. Alexander Ardrey, district superintendent.

WEST VIRGINIA-August 7-14. Nazarene Campgrounds, Summersville, WV 26651. Special workers: Oval Stone and William Prince, evangelists; Roger and Becky Horne, singers. M. E. Clay, district superintendent.

EASTERN MICHIGAN-August 7-14. District Center, 6477 N. Burkhart Rd., Howell, MI 48843. Special workers: P. L. Liddell and Steve Manley, evangelists; Jim and Rosemary Green, singers. Don J. Gibson, district superintendent.

VIRGINIA-August 8-14, evenings and Sunday. District Camp, Star Rte., Buckingham, Va. Special workers: Stuart McWhirter, evangelist; Wally and Ginger Laxson, singers. Reeford L. Chaney, district superintendent.

NEW YORK-August 12-21. Camp Taconic, Red Hook, N.Y. Special workers: Stephen Manley and Lenny Wisehart, evangelists; Lee Everleth, singer. Dallas D. Mucci, district superintendent.



Dr. and Mrs. William M. Greathouse and Dr. Donald Owens visited the Hong Kong District on March 25. At the assembly the first Chinese co-worker from Hong Kong, Brother Samuel L. S. Chung, was ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Chung is the pastor of the highest church in the denomination, on the 20th floor of the Causeway Bay Commercial Building in Hong Kong. Pictured (l. to r.) are General Superintendent Greathouse, Rev. and Mrs. Chung, and Mission Director John H. Holstead.

PHILADELPHIA-August 13-21. North East Nazarene Center, North East, Md. Special workers: C. S. Cowles and Curtis Smith, evangelists, Jonathan and Ilona Welch, singers. Paul D. Mangum, district superintendent.

SACRAMENTO-August 15-28. Diamond Arrow Campground, Nevada City, CA 95959. Special workers: Jim Diehl and William Prince, evangelists: David and Dana Blue, singers. Walter Hubbard, district superintendent.

MOVING MINISTERS

JAMES T. BALDWIN from Fontana (Calif.) to Navy Chaplaincy

MICHAEL E. BANNON to Raymond, Wash.

DAVID E. BOWEN from Washington Grace (Capitol Heights, Md.) to Petersburg, Pa.

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WILLIAM T. COLDIRON from Eaton, Ohio, to Greenfield Ohio

WESLEY DELK from Cambridge City, Ind., to Richmond (Ky.) First

HEYWARD M. EVANS from associate, Bennettsville, S.C., to Ashwood (Bishopville, S.C.)

RICHARD GAMMILL from Stockton (Calif.) First to Redlands, Calif.

DARRELL L. HALL from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to NASA (Webster. Tex.)

JAMES R. HICKS from Decatur (III.) Faries Parkway to East Liverpool (Ohio) First

DENNIS M. JOHNSON from New Ellenton, S.C., to Pelion, S.C.

OSCAR L. PULLUM from associate, Fort Branch, Ind., to Newburgh, Ind.

CLINT SCARBROUGH from student, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Petaluma. Calif.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Alton, III., Hillcrest Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary the week of August 14-21, 1983. The celebration will begin on Sunday morning with Rev John Hancock, district superintendent, speaking. Rev. Gary Pate from New Albany, Ind. will also participate. On Sunday afternoon, 2:30-5 p.m., there will be a wedding reception for all couples who have been married in the church during the 50-year history. Names of couples should be sent to Anniversary Committee, 3316 Hillcrest, Alton, IL 62002. Other activities will include services on Sunday evening with Rev. William B. Kelly, retired pastor of the church, preaching; services on Wednesday evening with Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Raker from Lewiston, III., taking part; fellowship times on Monday, Friday, and Saturday evening; services on Sunday, August 21, with Rev. Robert Weathers of Kansas City, Mo., and Rev. Hardy Weathers, minister of music at Olathe, Kans., College Church. Pastor Daniel League and the congregation invite all members and friends to the services and fellowships

The Decatur, III., West Side Church will celebrate its 65th anniversary during the five Sundays of July. Homecoming Sunday will be July 24 with Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, as the special speaker Pastor Duane Schmidt and the congregation invite all former members and friends to attend. Contact the church at 1224 W. Grand Ave... Decatur, II 62522, for further information

The Palacios, Tex., church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on August 7, 1983. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited. There will be morning, afternoon, and evening services. Dinner will be served at noon. Persons wishing to contact the church should write: Church of the Nazarene, 1800 1st St., Palacios, TX 77465; or call Pastor R. H. Zumwalt, 512-972-3295; Ruth Jendry, 512-972-2032; or Carl Baldwin, 512-972-2098.

Champaign, III., First Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary on August 21, 1983. All former pastors, members, and friends of the church are invited to the anniversary services. The guest speakers for the day will be Rev. John Hancock, superintendent of the Illinois District, speaking in the 10:30 morning worship hour, and Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, who will speak in the 2:30 afternoon service. The Speer Family of Nashville will present an evening concert at 6 p.m.

The Sawyer, N.D. church will celebrate its 75th anniversary August 14. There will be a dinner on the grounds, and District Superintendent Tom Bailey will speak in the 2 p.m. service. All former pastors, memhers, and friends are invited. Write Pastor Paul Rahenkamp, Church of the Nazarene, Box 255, Sawyer, ND 58781.



The Detroit Bethel Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary August 19-21, 1983. Pastor F. Grant Cross and congregation invite all former pastors, members, and friends to attend or to send greetings. A sacred concert will be held Friday, 7:30 p.m., and a banquet will be held Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Dr. William M. Greathouse, general superintendent, will be the quest speaker Sunday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dinner on the grounds will follow the morning service. For further information write Bethel Church of the Nazarene, 21150 Moross, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236, or call 313-884-6648.

The Loudonville, Ohio, church will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 26. Dr. D. E. Clay, district superintendent, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. service. Music will be provided by the Redemption Quartet of Mount Vernon Nazarene College. A church dinner will follow the service. All former pastors, members, and friends are encouraged to attend. For further information, contact Pastor John E. Miller, Jr., 109 W. Loudon Ave., Loudonville, OH 44842, or phone 419-994-3690.

Announcements should reach us three months prior to the date of the event announced.

RECOMMENDATION

I wish to recommend REV. R. V. SCHULTZ, who will be entering the field of evangelism, having completed nine years as pastor of Fresno, Calif., First Church. Rev. Schultz has warmth and compassion for winning people to Christ. Contact Rev. R. V. Schultz at 3644 York Cir., LaVerne, CA 91750; Phone 714-593-7207 -- Wil M. Spaite, Central California district superintendent.

Evangelists may be reached through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

NORMAN CLYDE ADAMS, 46, died Feb. 24 in Laingsburg, Mich. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. George V. Harris. Surviving are his wife, Caroline; two sons, Jeff and Doug; and one daughter, Julie.

JOHN "RAY" CARLTON, 80, died Apr. 13 in Reno, Nev. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ted Allen. He is survived by his wife, Kitty; two sons, Bill and Russell; and five grandchildren.

JAMES DAVID SNYDER, 69, died Feb. 23 in Warren, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bill Sprague. Interment was in Newton Falls, Ohio. Survivors include his wife, Rella; 1 son, James Stanley; 6 daughters, Mrs. Mary Edwards, Mrs. Eloise North, Mrs. Kathleen Pinter, Mrs. Beverly Bishop, Mrs. Gale Booth, and Mrs. Shirley Bates; 1 stepdaughter, Mrs. Jo Ann Neill; 17 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers; and 5 sisters.

WILBERN D. WHITE, 71, died Mar. 7 in Stillwater, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. William Bray and Rev. Doyle Calhoun. He is survived by his wife, Maxine; two sons, Richard and Phil; and one grandson.



June 26 "Invitation to Life"

July 3 "Invitation to Rest"

by W. E. McCumber, speaker

EXECUTE OF RELIGION

NAE PUSHES FOR VOLUNTARY RELIGIOUS MEETINGS IN SCHOOLS.

The National Association of Evangelicals lamented that a public school could post the following sign: "Attention Students-The constitution forbids all voluntary student-initiated religious meetings anywhere on this campus at any time."

Testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 28, Forest Montgomery, counsel to the NAE Office of Public Affairs, said "We do not expect to see such a notice displayed at the local public schools. But it could be—and that is the problem. Our religious liberty, thought to be an inalienable right under the Declaration of Independence and protected by the First Amendment, has been virtually surrendered at the hands of the federal appellate courts."

Senator Denton's "Equal Access Act" and Senator Hatfield's "Religious Speech Protection Act" would rectify the present suppression of religious free speech. As matters stand today, students who wish to meet voluntarily at the school before or after the official school day for religious purposes, on the same basis as other student groups, are denied that fundamental right.

Montgomery told the Judiciary Committee, "As a matter of fundamental fairness, there must be no discrimination against student-initiated meetings because of their religious content."

COMMISSIONER MARSHALL NAMED SALVATION ARMY NATIONAL COMMANDER. Commissioner Normal S. Marshall, commander of the Eastern Territory, with headquarters in New York City, has been named national commander of The Salvation Army in the United States.

He succeeds to the position held by Commissioner John D. Needham, who died April 13.

General Jarl Wahlstrom, international leader in London, announced the appointment via cable on April 28 to a special meeting of top Salvation Army officers and advisory board members in St. Louis.

Commissioner Marshall has had broad experience in both the Eastern and Central Territories of the United States, as well as at International Headquarters in London. He has served as territorial commander of the Eastern Territory since July 1982. Commissioner Marshall began working out of national headquarters at Verona, N.J., on June 1. As national commander, he will head an organization operating more than 11,000 religious and social service centers throughout the United States.

SECRET PRESSES ROLL ON IN SOVIET UNION. Keston College, in London, reports that the underground Christian publishing house in the Soviet Union, "Khristianian," has completed 10 years of operation. When it began, the secret press used a hand-operated printing machine made from old bicycle and washing machine parts. The toughest problems to overcome: finding paper and qualified people, and hiding from the secret police.

Thirty people have been arrested over the years and a number of printing shops closed down by the KGB. Sources say that some presses are still running to provide much-needed Christian literature. Over the last decade, "Khristianian" has printed half a million books—mainly Bibles and New Testaments—in seven languages.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP NOW U.N. MEMBER. Prison Fellowship International, a worldwide network of Christian volunteers ministering to prisoners, ex-offenders, and their families, was recently granted membership in the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

PFI joined the ranks of some 650 nongovernmental organizations that have a voice in the U.N. through the Economic and Social Council. The council, one of the six principal organs of the U.N., deals with international economic, social, cultural, educational, health, scientific, and human rights issues. In conducting research and making recommendations to other U.N. organs, it consults organizations that have expertise in one or more of these areas.

BIRTHS

to JEFF AND SHARON (BROTHERTON) BAUGH-MAN, North Lauderdale, Fla., a girl, Mandi Michele, Apr. 29

to SCOTTY AND DEBBIE (BRANIM) BLAIR, Jamestown, Tenn., a boy, Jonathan Scott, Apr. 26 to JERRY AND MARY JO (JENKINS) BOLER-JACK, Springfield, Mo., a girl, Erin Michelle, Mar. 30 to PAUL AND SUSAN (LUNN) CLEM, Tulsa, Okla., a girl, Crystal Marie, Mar. 29

to GARY AND BEVERLY (HARRISON) HEN-DERSON, Stratton, Neb., a boy, Joseph Leander, Apr.

to WAYNE AND CARLA (PATTON) LEITNER. Shreveport, La., a girl, Erin Michelle, Apr. 15 to TIM AND MARCIA (STEWART) MOSSHART, Bethany, Okla., a girl, Abby LaRee, Feb. 23 to DAVE AND DEBBIE (SELFRIDGE) PERSELL.

Bel Air, Md., a girl, Micah Beth, May 13 to DENNIS AND KAREN (CARTER) SNOD-GRASS, Ashland, Ky., a boy, David Carter, Mar. 11 to WILLIAM AND DEBBIE (SOWERS) THORNE, Salem, Ohio, a girl, Amber Dawn, Feb. 15

to STEVE AND LINDA WEBER, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, a boy, Steven Andrew, May 10

to JIM AND LINDA WILCOX, Yukon, Okla., a boy, Joshua Cole, April 26

to DENNIS AND KATHLEEN (TAYLOR) YAN-CHICK, Lockport, Ill., a boy Stephen Jon, Jan. 29 to RICH AND TERESA (FOSTER) YORK, Mount Vernon, Ohio, a girl, Megan Marie, Mar. 17

by LARRY DEAN AND NANCY KATHLEEN (SMITH) WILMOUTH, Oklahoma City, a girl, Suzanne Rene, born July 17, 1980, adopted Apr. 11,

MARRIAGES

KAREN ARLENE HAZLETT and KEITH ALLEN McLAUGHLIN at Salem, Ohio, Apr. 15

MR. AND MRS. KENT ASKEW celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by reaffirming their wedding vows on May 8, 1983, in the Helena, Okla., church. Dr. Mark R. Moore, Education Services secretary, Nazarene Headquarters, Kansas City, officiated. Dr. Moore was a former pastor of the Harlingen, Tex., First Church, where the Askews were charter members.

The Askews are members of the Helena church, where they serve as teachers, board members, and in other capacities. While residing in Texas during the winter, they attend Harlingen First Church. They are also active members of the Gideon International Society.

A reception followed the service hosted by their children, Mrs. and Mrs. C. A. (Jeanne) Crissup, Helena, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis (Lou) Dennard, Plano, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Llew Askew, Austin, Tex.; and Miss Kay Askew, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The couple has 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS-Office: 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131. Orville W. Jenkins, Chairman; Eugene L. Stowe, Vicechairman; Jerald D. Johnson, Secretary; William M. Greathouse, V. H. Lewis, Charles H. Strickland.

Conducted by W. E. McCumber,

The papers recently carried stories about the discovery of a new comet, which came closer to Earth than any comet has for about 200 years. Is this comet, IRAS-Araki-Alcock, a sign of the coming of Christ?

Isn't everything?

I suspect you are "pulling my leg," but on the offchance that you are serious, I don't know of any scriptural reason to identify this new comet as a sign of the Lord's imminent return. Some may include the comet in the promise, "I will show wonders in heaven above" (Acts 2:19; see also Luke 21:11), which has proven very elastic in the history of the church's efforts to interpret proph-

This particular comet is a sign that telescopes and photography have become much more sophisticated.

We have a new Church of the Nazarene, started one year ago. I would like to know if there is any scripture relating to the fact of whether or not Nazarenes who live in this small town should support this new missionary church or continue to attend the Nazarene church of their choice out of our town. As I said, we are a small town and I feel the Lord would want them to help build and support our church now under construction.

I deeply sympathize with your situation, for I have been the pastor of a home mission church. However, I cannot cite scripture, or even Manual, statements that would require Nazarenes to transfer their membership, attendance, and support from one of our churches to another.

You must adopt a harder but better course of action. Get and keep fires of love, faith, acceptance, and encouragement burning brightly in your worship services and outreach ministries. Increasing numbers of people will be attracted. Nazarenes will transfer. Others will be converted and unite

with you by profession of faith. One of these days there will be a large, strong, and still growing Church of the Nazarene in your town. God is going to reward prayer, sacrifice, patience, and

In every place where we establish healthy churches, my brother, we do it because of some Nazarenes and in spite of some Nazarenes. Don't lose heart! Forced labor is seldom productive and efficient anyhow.

A good question was recently raised during our midweek Bible study. It concerns the power of Satan. Here it is: Does Satan have the power to heal? We know that Satan can do no good, but we also know that Revelation teaches that the Beast will be raised from a fatal head wound. Does Satan heal those who worship him in the Satanic cults?

I believe that he does have the power to heal, but cannot heal Christian people because his power is subject to God who is the supreme

We would certainly appreciate your opinion on the matter. Thank you very much.

The passage you allude to (Revelation 13:1-7) does not identify Satan as the healer of "the beast," though it does clearly teach that Satan delegates to him—or it—the power that he exercises so malevolently and destructively.

But the whole Book of Revelation makes it clear that Satan and the beast have only such authority as the Lord permits them to exercise. Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords (19:6, 16), and therefore the authority of the devil is limited and his doom is sure.

It is the Lord, for reasons hidden in His own wisdom (Romans 11:33-34), who allows the wounded beast to revive and rule. I find no evidence that Satan is a healer, but much that he is an inflicter of suffering. Always, however, according to Scripture, he and every evil ruler are under the almighty authority of the Lord (Matthew 28:18; John 19:10-11; Revelation 17:14). Satan may operate on a long leash, but he is tethered.

NEWS OF EVANGELISM



AN ANNIVERSARY PRESENT

The Bernie, Mo., church had "the most effective and gracious revival." Pastor John Bouldrey said, during his five years at the church. Under the preaching of Evangelist Charles Wylie, and through the moving of the Holy Spirit, the people were revived and challenged. Many brought friends and neighbors who had no church home. Several of these visitors accepted Christ during the week and are currently working on the Basic Bible Stud-

The Sunday morning service was a perfect finish to the revival. A couple were in the service who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The wife had accepted Christ three years before. Since that time she had prayed that God would save her husband and give them a Christian home. She had been praying for months that her husband would accept Christ during the revival. On Saturday night she prayed again. The Lord encouraged her during that prayer time and reminded her that there was one more service.

Sunday morning during the invitation she leaned over to her husband and asked him if he would like to go to the altar. He said, "No," and she told him, "I'm going forward to pray for you, then." Five minutes later her husband joined her at the altar and invited Christ into his life. With tears of joy she cried, "What a wonderful anniversary present; oh, what a wonderful present!"

That afternoon there was a special ceremony at the church. Twenty-five years earlier they had been married by a justice of the peace. But on that day, the wife saw a dream come true as they stood at an altar with the pastor, in a church, before God, and as His children, repeated their marriage vows to one another.

DEATH IN KERMIT. **NEW MEXICO**

There is "new life" in the Kermit, N.M., church. Church members, and new people as well, made decisions for Christ during their Simultaneous Re-

vival with Evangelist Arnold Leidy. LAYMEN'S TAPE **CLUB** Selections Side One: Bible Reading: Psalm 27:1-6—John Corrigan Bible Study: Colossians 1:9-14, Discovering God's Will—C. S. Cowles Helps for Holy Living: Assurance—Albert F. Harper **Devotional Nuggets** Side Two: Devotional Exercise: Make Your Car a Chapel -Mendell Taylor Personal Evangelism Interview—Charles Shaver/ **Encouragement** Robin Brewer "More"-Michael Redman Healing Testimony—Elmer Schmelzenbach Mail today Date Yes! I, too, want to be a member of the LAYMEN'S TAPE CLUB. Unless providentially hindered, I commit myself to a full year's subscription and understand that unless I indicate a cancellation in writing, my subscription will continue indefinitely. Cassette tapes are \$3.98 per month, but will be billed quarterly at \$11.94. All cassettes are guaranteed. SEND TO: ADDRESS: HH683 NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE ● Post Office Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri 64141

One man accepted Christ during the revival and testified in the service, "I've always had religion-my grandmother told me about that as early as I can remember: but tonight I found the Lord." Early in his life, this man said he thought he would die by the time he was 29. Convinced he was to die at an early age, he decided to live his life the way he wanted, to try everything and go for it all.

He had no idea how he would diebut he was right; he did die—he died at an altar so that Christ could live in him. He was 29 years old.

CHRISTIAN HOMES BUILT

The Sutton Family Singers are committed to the belief that Christ is the answer for the family today. They take their message from the Word, and recently they held a week-long revival in Berthoud, Colo.

The Berthoud church prepared for revival through prayer and advertising. Record attendances were reached throughout the week. Two new families accepted Christ and others found help from the Lord. Because of the family emphasis in message and song, hearts were touched and many families grew closer to one another and to the Lord. The church family also responded to God's Word and drew together in love and unity like never before. The revival ended with a special Communion service. Entire families went to the altar together to partake of the Lord's Supper.

THE "OLD TIME" METHOD

Years ago, General Superintendent J. B. Chapman spoke of prayer and fasting for revival. "If the revival did not come readily, we called a fast, and sometimes these fasts lasted for three days on the stretch. One I remember consisted of 3 three-day fasts with a day off for eating in between each one. And I don't need to tell you that the revival broke."

"Revival broke" at the Little Rock, Ark., Westwood Church because people spent months of praying and fasting for revival. In January they started special prayer groups and continued their regular prayer and fasting. Three weeks before the revival they had fast days and prayed for revival.

When Rev. David Myers came to hold the Simultaneous Revival, the Holy Spirit was present. Several people who attended the church accepted Christ. One young lady, who was expecting a baby, testified to God working in her life. She is praying and believing that her husband also will become a Christian. Another young woman who had attended for about a year found Christ. A man 40 years old,

who had attended church with his wife for seven years, finally accepted Christ. Two teenagers were also converted, and the last night of revival a girl invited Christ into her life.

The spirit of the revival was intense and reminiscent of old as people ran the aisles; love and joy flowed freely with people hugging each other. Four people were sanctified wholly during the revival, and many others were helped spiritually.

Pastor David Brantley is starting discipleship classes and training groups for the new Christians.

CHURCH SCENE

The Huntsville, Ala., University Church celebrated a mortgageburning at their church Sunday, March 6, 1983. Pastor Leon Patrick, Rev. J. D. Reid, first pastor; and Mrs. Louise Jordan, charter member; participated in the ceremony.

The Decatur, Ill., Oak Grove

Church recently gave a unanimous extended call to Pastor and Mrs. Leslie Wooten for their 33rd and 34th years. District Superintendent John Hancock officiated the occasion. A generous love offering was given to the Wootens in appreciation for their 32 years of service. Ten new members were received into the church by profession of faith.

The Oak Grove Church was organized in 1951 under the superintendency of Dr. W. S. Purinton. He appointed Rev. Leslie Wooten, who had just graduated from Olivet Nazarene College, as the first pastor.



The Covington, La., First Church was officially organized on March 27 by District Superintendent Ralph E. West. The church was started through the vision of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Crauswell. The first meeting was in August of 1981, with 10 people attending. Rev. Michael C. Hurdman was called as pastor in May of 1982. The church is presently holding services in a dance studio. It was organized with 15 members, 10 by transfer and 5 by profession of faith. The present average attendance in Sunday School is 23. Pictured at the organizational service are: (back row, l. to r.) Ralph E. West, district superintendent; Rev. James Norcross. pastor of the Slidell church (the sponsoring church); (middle row, l. to r.) Georgina Soileau, James Schimpf, Sheila Schimpf, Mylia Schimpf, Lloyd Raguer, Laura Hurdman, Pastor Michael Hurdman, Barbara Hurdman, Marie Crauswell, John Crauswell, Sarah Collins, Howard Collins; (front row) Pamela Hurdman. James D. Schimpf and Norma Raguer were not present.



Sparks, Nev., First Church celebrated its 40th anniversary February 27. The first service of the Sparks church was held in the American Legion Hall on February 28, 1943. Rev. Clarence Burke was the pastor. The church was organized by H. H. Cochran, superintendent of the Nevada-Utah District, and Rev. Wayne Butchart, pastor, on December 10, 1944. Pictured are John and Maurine Irwin, charter members. Also shown is Pastor Theodore L. Allen, who received a plaque for 12 years of service.

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Bradenton, Fla., First Church has relocated to new facilities on 15 acres. The first of four buildings, designed and engineered by principal architect James Keys, includes a 1,200-seat sanctuary with overflow, educational, and office space, totalling 24,750 sq. ft. Cost of this first phase was a little over \$2 million. Senior Pastor Pal L. Wright has led the congregation through this entire relocation effort. Frank E. Kraft was chairman of the building committee. A dedication week of celebration was held in which six former pastors and wives participated, culminating with the dedicatory message by General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe. Former pastors participating were: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Spear (Southern Florida District superintendent); Dr. and Mrs. Charles Oliver (Alabama district superintendent); Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ide; Rev. and Mrs. R. V. Bridges; and Rev. and Mrs. Richard Schumann. Also present was the widow of former pastor Rev. E. Wayne Elliott, Mrs. Maygie Elliott Carlson. Rev. and Mrs. Don Freese began the weeklong celebration with the Speer Family. A new 3-manual Rodgers organ and a Baldwin concert grand piano were dedicated in concerts by Ovid Young and Stephen Nielson.



The Alberta Government offered a grant to senior citizen groups. The first \$1,000 was an outright grant, with another \$3,000 if it was matched by the local group. The Calgary, Alberta, North Hill Church, Senior Adult Ministry group put in for 50 padded chairs, 5 round tables, a portable public address system, movie screen, refrigerator and stove for an amount totalling \$5.067. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mr. Larry Graham, church treasurer; Mrs. Esther Schimp, SAM president; Mr. Ed Oman, MLA, for Calgary North in the provincial government; and Rev. Elwyn Grobe, associate pastor in charge of Senior Adult Ministries, Rev. Dan Derksen is the senior pastor of North Hill Church. They received a cheque for \$3,067. The SAM group averages 31 and meets monthly for a variety of programs, outings, speakers, dinners, etc.



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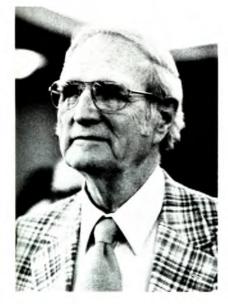
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HAMLIN COMPLETES HIS CHRISTIAN COURSE

Dr. Howard H. Hamlin, member of the General Board, veteran lay leader, and for 10 years missionary to Africa, died at his home in Kansas City, May 24, 1983.

Howard Hamlin was born August 9, 1911, in Lincoln, Neb. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hamlin, were members of the Church of the Nazarene there.

While he was in junior high, his family moved to Colorado, where he completed his high school. He later graduated from the University of Colorado with a bachelor of arts degree in 1935. He taught for one year at Bresee College in Hutchinson, Kans., and one year at Northwest Nazarene College, where he also earned a bachelor of science degree. In 1941 he received the M.D. degree from the University of Colorado. Following a term in the military during World War II, he completed his surgical specialization and was honored as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1952. He was also honored with a doctor of laws degree from Eastern Nazarene College.

Howard Hamlin made church and spiritual ministries central in his life. Converted at the age of 13, he experienced entire sanctification seven years later. He became active in the local church and on the district, serving for four years as president of the Colorado District youth organization.

Feeling a missionary call, Dr. and

Mrs. Hamlin applied and were appointed for missionary service in China. But the doors for mission work in that country closed. At that time the door to missionary work seemed to be through the military. He applied and served in the postwar army in Japan, as chief orthopedic surgeon and consultant in the General Headquarters in Tokyo from 1946 to 1948. He then returned home to private practice in Chicago.

In the summers of 1961 and 1962, Dr. and Mrs. Hamlin spent one month each year in Swaziland, helping to relieve a shortage of doctors in the Nazarene hospital. These special assignments revived the missionary call and the Hamlins once again applied for missionary service. They were appointed to Africa in 1963, where Dr. Hamlin served in hospitals in Swaziland and the Republic of South Africa until 1973. At that time Dr. Hamlin returned to private practice in Kansas City.

Dr. Hamlin's contribution as a churchman included numerous positions of leadership on important boards and committees of the church. He was a member of the General Board from 1952 to 1963 and again from 1976 until his death. He was president of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene in 1978 and 1979 and was at the time of his death the chairman of the World Mission Department. He was the international president of the Christian Medical Society, on the Board of Trustess of Mid-America Nazarene College, the District Advisory Board of the Kansas City District, and on the church board of Kansas City First Church. He was past president of the Board of Pensions, on which he served from 1976 to 1980.

Dr. Hamlin's deep dedication to the church was complemented by love for his family. He was married to the former Maxine Niswender in 1933. Maxine survives her husband, as do their three children: Mrs. Sandra Mucci, wife of the superintendent of the New York District; Mr. Kimber Hamlin of Windham, N.H.; and Mrs. Karen Dever of Brisbane, Australia. The Hamlins also enjoyed six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and many friends in the church and in the community.

Funeral services were held for Dr. Hamlin on May 27 at Kansas City First Church. Rev. Gordon Wetmore officiated. Burial was in the Nazarene section of Green Lawn Cemetery in Kansas City.

A special scholarship fund has been

established in memory of Dr. Hamlin. The Dr. Howard H. Hamlin, M.D., Scholarship Fund will be used to provide scholarships for ministerial/missionary students in colleges throughout the world. Communications regarding this fund should be addressed to:

Dr. Norman O. Miller, General Treasurer 6401 The Paseo Kansas City, MO 64131

ANNOUNCEMENT

With the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents. and in consultation with the District Advisory Board of the Alabama North District, I have appointed Rev. B. J. Garber (now pastor of Carthage, Mo., First Church) as superintendent of the Alabama North District, effective May 19, 1983.

> ORVILLE W. JENKINS General Superintendent

ALABAMA DIVIDES INTO TWO DISTRICTS

Alabama District climaxed its 75th anniversary year of existence by dividing into two new districts, Alabama North and Alabama South, at the district assembly, held May 4-6 in the Cullman, Ala., Convention Center. The division was the result of three years of planning.

The ceremonies were highlighted by the concluding report of Dr. W. Charles Oliver, retiring district superintendent. During his six-year tenure he has seen churches organized at Birmingham Center Point, Huntsville Calvary, Millbrook, Hanceville, Montevallo, and Demopolis. In his last year as superintendent the district raised a total of \$4,293,505 for all purposes and has attained a church membership of 8.643 and 112 organized churches.

In 1980, a District Division Committee was appointed to study the feasibility of a division and report to the 1981 district assembly. That assembly voted to adopt the report to divide the district. As a part of this year's assembly the delegates from the Alabama South District met and elected Dr. Don Jernigan as district superintendent on the fourth ballot. Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, presiding general superintendent of the Alabama North District, appointed Rev. B. J. Garber, pastor of Carthage, Mo., First Church to be district superintendent.



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