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THE CHURCH of the Nazarene owes a great debt of gratitude to the fine corps of dedicated laymen who make up our local churches around the world. From our very inception, God has given the church wonderful men and women totally dedicated to His cause and kingdom.

The great company of laypeople who serve Christ and His Church in many ways can be compared with faithful Moses who lived for God in the distant past. After his initial failure, Moses returned 40 years later under God's leadership to liberate his people from Egyptian bondage. He served God and achieved success under very difficult circumstances. The pharaoh and his army pursued them, and the people blamed Moses all the more for their plight. In the wilderness they complained about the monotony of the diet of manna.

But through it all Moses never wavered and learned through prayer to depend upon God all the more. God's Word says, "For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible" (Hebrews 11:27). Like many of our good laymen today, Moses knew God was with him, giving him vision, faith, hope, and purpose beyond all the obstacles and barriers Satan erected. He believed that God would lead him and his people through victoriously.

Without a lot of fanfare and

without the praise of the world, we have faithful laypeople who are serving in quiet and many times unnoticed places in scores of churches. God does not always give recognition and honor to the swift and strong, the glamorous and the gifted, but He does give victory and grace to the faithful. We thank God for you!

On the afternoon of November 19, 1863, two men delivered speeches at the dedication of a battlefield in a small town in Pennsylvania. The first was a highly educated, gifted orator. He had served as president of Harvard and had been secretary of state from 1852 to 1853. That afternoon he spoke for an hour and one-half and gave an address that was called a masterpiece.

The second speaker was a homely politician from Illinois who was largely self-educated—a man without many benefits and formal training. His speech was barely four and one-half minutes long

and followed an outline taken from scribbled notes on the back of an envelope. Yet, President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address will be remembered as long as the English language is spoken. Few, if any, can recall even one word from the hour and one-half speech of Edward Everett, the silver-tongued orator who also spoke that afternoon. No doubt President Lincoln never realized the powerful impact and influence of his brief address, but all men of the free world know.

Laymen of the church, as we approach "Laymen's Sunday," October 10, we salute and honor you. Perhaps the church cannot say in proper ways how much we appreciate you and your faithful service. Nevertheless, we thank God for you and pray that you may continue to be the tower of strength in your home, your local church, and the church worldwide. □

LOYAL LAYMAN

"WE THANK GOD FOR YOU!"



by General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins

A PLACE TO SERVE

by MARILYN SUSURAS

NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE is a training ground for people searching for "a place to serve." It trains pastors, missionaries, evangelists, church staff personnel, singers, musicians, Sunday School teachers, and laypersons. The classes are taught by professors who not only have the educational background to properly instruct those eager to learn but who also have a practical knowl-



edge of the work of the church through years of ministry throughout the world. The students come from all parts of the United States and other countries and from all different backgrounds. NBC becomes a melting pot. While all students have come with a desire and need for becoming more like Christ, some need to learn to be more outgoing, some need to learn to be a part of a team, and some need to learn to communicate with others. They come to learn how to let God use their lives and talents to reach others for Him. The Church of the Nazarene can be very proud of Nazarene Bible College and the work that is being accomplished here.

When I came to NBC, I, too, was looking for a place to serve, but in a different sense than most. My oldest daughter had just left for her first year at college, and one look at the budget revealed it was time for me to seek a job. This was rather frightening for me, because I had not worked outside the home since I had been married. As a Nazarene, I was acquainted with NBC. In fact, my husband, Sam, had attended classes at night for a full year. It was very helpful to him as a layman. A friend of mine who was working at the college called me one day to say there was an opening for a secretary in one of the departments. That day I put in an application. I am

sure it was viewed with apprehension since I had no work experience to record for the past 20 years. However, two weeks later I had the job. I was pleased to see how the Lord used my past experiences to prepare me for the work assigned me.

My work started in the registrar's office where I met each one of the students. I enjoyed getting acquainted with them. I have always been blessed

with a healthy curiosity regarding people. I want to know who they are and where they are going. Sam's work had occasioned many moves through the years, so meeting new people had become a way of life, and remembering names had been an interesting part of it. Now I had a job where this was not just a courtesy but a necessity. Each phase of the job was a continuation of something from the past. The Lord had this planned all along.

For over four years I have served in different departments at NBC—viewing the work from different vantage points. I began to see the whole picture fitting together. God, throughout the course of history, always prepared someone to "stand in the gap." We today are following His example. The general church has placed colleges such as NBC throughout the world to prepare men and women to be God's leaders. His voice, His channel through which love can flow.

Students at NBC are reminded that living close to the heart of God must take precedence over all else. It is through communion with God that wisdom is obtained. Knowledge, leadership, caring, practicality, and tact must somehow be blended to get the message of salvation to a needy world. Nazarene Bible College has accepted this challenge and provides persons the opportunity to do this.

I came to NBC looking for a job but found a place to serve. I came to minister but have been ministered to. □

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PRISONER WRITES

I've recently read a November 1981 issue of *Herald of Holiness* here at the prison library. Since my incarceration I've reverted permanently to my Christian faith. I'm aware that letters for this column must be brief, therefore, I find it difficult to totally express the experience I underwent while in jail awaiting trial.

My daughter, at 13 months old, suffered second- and third-degree burns over 82 percent of her body; injuries were caused by a house fire. Her miraculous recovery has given me a much better perspective on life in general. Since my stay here, I've been divorced; as of today, I haven't the slightest idea of my daughter's whereabouts or physical or mental conditions. I'm without a family to turn to in times of despair.

Without my faith in Christ, I would be lost.

My time is spent studying. I've taken advantage of the opportunity to strengthen my educational background. Upon my release, I intend to have my daughter undergo further corrective surgery. I find it exceptionally hard that I presently can't help her; skin from my thighs was grafted on her. I am in need of spiritual aid and guidance. I committed a crime against property which has caused me to lose everything. I'm young, with a future that's destined to correct my past.

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CAUSE FOR TEARS

I just finished reading "Men Cry Too" by Jerry W. McCant in the June 15 and was very moved

by it. I appreciate his dealing so openly and frankly with the "other" side of these all too prevalent divorce cases. We know by experience how men can suffer. Our son, an evangelist in our church, went through this two years ago and it nearly ruined his life. There were no big accusations by his wife—just that she "didn't love him any more," and "wanted her freedom." Brokenhearted and crushed, he left her, his home, and daughter, at her insistence, just as the article describes, and came home to live with us for a year. We suffered with him, and know what trauma, what total discouragement, low self-esteem, the sobbing and crying, the total feeling that there is nothing in life left to live for, can do to a young man's life. Months later.

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Our Date with Destiny

by L. S. OLIVER

THE DEATH-DEALING DECREE had been signed and delivered. All Jews in the entire kingdom now had a date with destiny. The foreboding shadow of doom and death hung heavily over each one. The words of Mordecai burned in the brain of Esther, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Queen Esther knew well the consequences of appearing in the presence of the king uninvited. His failure to extend the golden scepter meant death for her. Calling upon her people to pray and saying, "If I perish, I perish," she took the risk. She confronted her date with destiny and saved her people.

The evangelical church as a whole, and the Church of the Nazarene in particular, faces a similar crisis. We have our own date with destiny. Our own survival, the moral values upon which our nation was founded, and the salvation of the people of our generation hang precariously in the balance. The call to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land and around the world is not diminished. A fresh breeze of revival is beginning to blow across the church, quickening and enlivening its life and spirit. May it increase to tornadic force!

As we face our date with destiny, we, like Queen Esther, occupy a privileged position. The apostle Paul declared that we are workers together with Him (2 Corinthians 6:1-2). Thank God, we are not alone!

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This statement has both vertical and horizontal dimensions. We are not forced to do battle in our own strength and with our own integrity. We are working together with Him! The battle is the Lord's. We are His co-workers. We are working according to His strategy, in His strength, for His success. It is "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord . . ." (Zechariah 4:6).

On the horizontal level we are members of the Body of Christ on earth. We have leadership that is both godly and aggressive. We share cooperatively in the work of the Lord with many thousands of dedicated Christians who possess Spirit-bestowed gifts, making us adequate for whatever tasks He calls us to perform. "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). We have an organizational structure through which our wisdom, our wealth, and our will to work can be channeled most effectively. We are motivated, as was the apostle Paul, by "the love of Christ [which] constraineth us."

We must be aware of the fact that we are threatened by a *perilous possibility*. We might "receive the grace of God in vain." The grace of God can be frustrated in our lives, both individually and corporately, in many different ways. From the Old Testament days until the present time God's people have been plagued by what is now known as "peer pressure." In Samuel's day they were not satisfied with a

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theocracy. They wanted a monarchy. They desired a king because all of the heathen nations around them had one. Such illustrations could be multiplied throughout biblical history.

We have not been entirely immune from these influences in our day. There are certain standards, or characteristics, that are always found in the life-style of one who is seriously endeavoring to live the holy life. There is a biblical call for separation from "things of the world." "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). To ignore, or to make light of, such clear biblical teaching can only lead to the path of peril.

The holiness movement from its beginning has placed great emphasis upon education. We have steadfastly insisted on the importance of training our youth for leadership roles in ministry and secular vocations. This emphasis has made an incalculable contribution to the growth and development of the church. Liberal arts colleges, seminaries, and Bible colleges throughout the United States and around the world have fed a continuous stream of talented and trained persons into the lifeblood of the Church across the years. Continued support of these institutions is imperative.

Services in our holiness churches have been attractive because of their spirited singing, their spontaneity in expressing the joy of salvation and the blessing of the Spirit, and their evangelistic appeals. We are at our best in this kind of an atmosphere. We need to guard against losing these distinctives that have brought us to where we are today.

In order to fulfill our destiny, we must remember that *we are entrusted with, and possess, a persuasive and powerful proclamation*. We are to announce and proclaim with a fiery passion and the anointing of the Holy Spirit that "Now is the accepted time . . . now is the day of salvation." The urgency of this proclamation increases in intensity as we draw nearer to the time for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Now* is the time and the day of salvation. As individuals and as a denomination we dare not fail of the grace of God if we are to keep our date with destiny. □

MY FATHER was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene. He was ordained in the Congregational Methodist Church in 1906. From his library I acquired the first 17 issues of the *Preacher's Magazine*, dated 1926 and 1927. Dr. J. B. Chapman was the editor. I was skimming through these issues recently and a statement caught my attention. "It is better to be on the third rung going up than to be on the 10th rung coming down" (Vol. 1, No. 11, p. 2).

As I mulled this thought over, it occurred to me that, perhaps more than any other factor, a person's attitude and basic concepts determine the direction he goes in life. Some people relate success to good luck, influence, chance, money, or other uncontrollable factors. While I do not minimize the power of people and money in accomplishing worthwhile things in life, it would seem that many people program their own failures because of self-defeating attitudes and concepts.

There are many ways a person can make himself unpleasant and unpopular with potential friends and benefactors. There are certain attitudes and practices that will insure a defeated and miserable life. This type of person is the one who is on his way down the ladder, if he got beyond the first rung at all. When I stop to think about it, most people I find difficult to be around are those who practice some of these attitudes and concepts.

1. The place to start down is to feel sorry for yourself. This is sure to make you feel miserable. It will make other people walk off and leave you alone with your self-pity. Then you can feel sorry about not having friends, too.

2. Then try worrying about things that might happen but probably will not. You will wear yourself out faster if you do this just as you go to bed. There are all sorts of "what ifs" to worry about in the future if you will just look for them. With a little practice you can work up a big worry this way and be really miserable. Besides, this will keep you from thinking up solutions and answers to your problems.

3. Complain a lot. This is excellent for helping you down the ladder. Look around you to find someone who has done something you don't agree with. Then find fault with them. There is something that ought to be changed about everyone and everything. Let them know you disagree with them. Find lots of little things to pick on. It will wear them out just trying to correct all the things you complain about. Don't express your appreciation to anyone. Concentrate on complaining and finding fault.

4. Another way to take a step down is to demand your rights. You have them, you know. Insist on having your own way. Never think for a moment that you could be wrong. The other person's point of view isn't as good as your idea anyway. Don't listen to them. Then if you don't get your way, put your foot down and refuse to cooperate. Don't play their game. Just walk off and quit. Intimidate or manipulate others. They'll dislike you even more.

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5. Make someone look bad. You can do this effectively with a little ridicule in front of their friends. Mix in some sarcasm and you can get a good laugh. Don't let yourself see how embarrassed or hurt they feel. Just keep yourself in the center of attention by putting them down. Make it personal if you want it to really work. If people don't notice you, then say it louder.

6. If you really want to be miserable, don't pay attention to the Scriptures. Ignore the teachings of Jesus. Don't listen to your conscience. After all, it may tell you to live differently than other people live. Others violate moral and ethical laws and seem to get by with it. Why not you? Don't give any thought to feelings of regret, remorse, or guilt. You might not have as much fun if you think about the wages of sin. This one is sure to let you down.

7. Since you are the most important person around, don't be concerned about others. Think about yourself first and foremost. Let someone else contribute their time and money to the church. They probably have more of it than you do. If you are

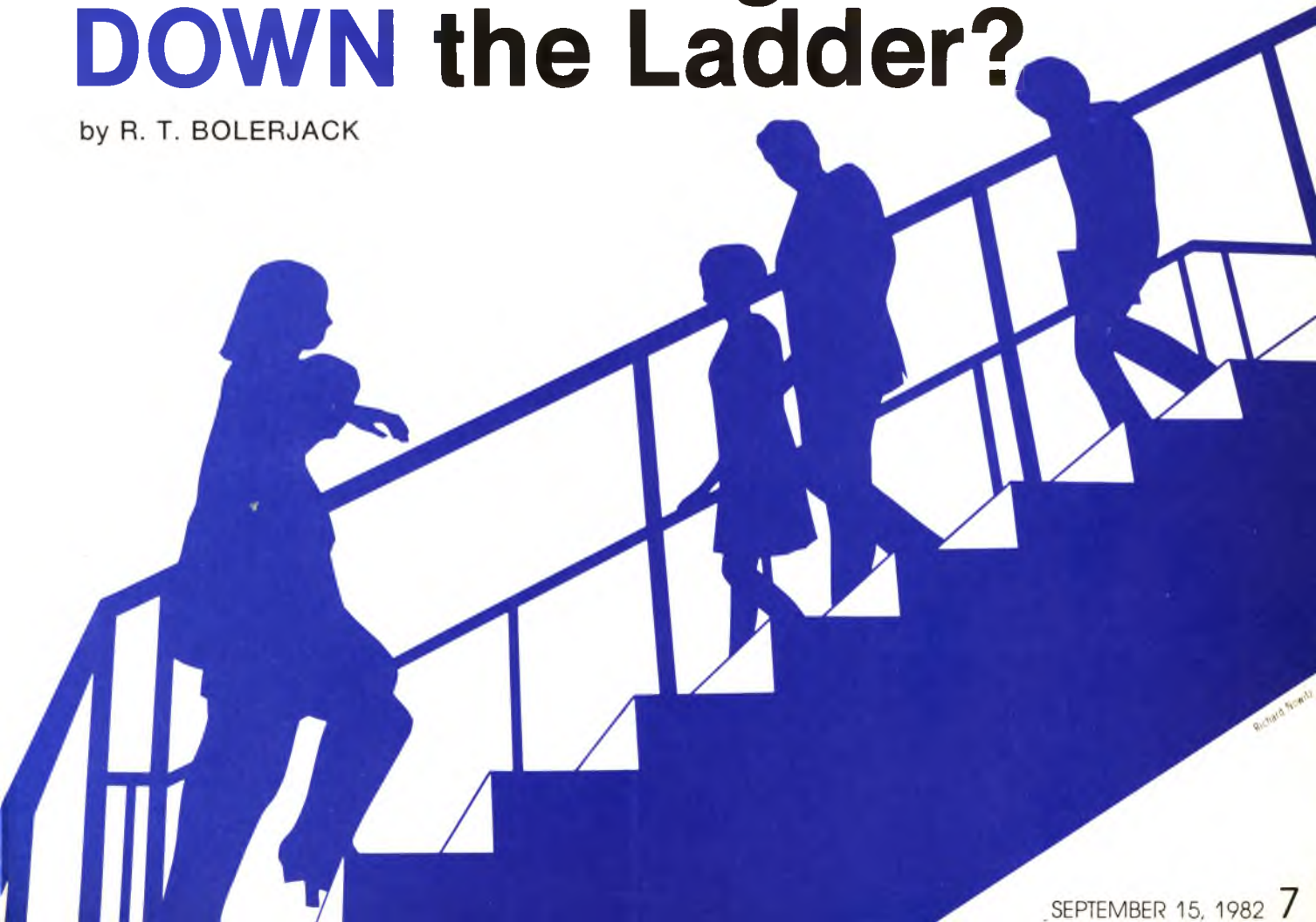
going to serve or give at all, be sure to plan it so you get something out of it. At least be recognized. The more self-centered you are, the more you'll dislike yourself. So will others.

8. Forget about praying, worshiping with others, or reading the Bible. These all take time and effort away from the things you need to be doing for yourself. Mental and spiritual growth requires discipline and, after all, you want to do your own thing. Don't consider for a moment the strength, comfort, and support these means of grace can bring into your life. Do it your way now. Wait until you are in difficulty to use spiritual resources. In the meantime neglect them.

There are many other attitudes and concepts that will make you miserable and unhappy. Others around you will feel that way about you, too. With effort and help you can change your attitudes and concepts, and thus change the direction you are going. You can have some successes. The important thing is not how high you are on your life's ladder today, but which direction you are moving. □

Are You Going **UP** or **DOWN** the Ladder?

by R. T. BOLERJACK





JESUS, the Children's Friend

by MIRIAM J. HALL

WHILE doing some cleaning and sorting at home recently, I ran across the box in which I had stored some of my daughter's baby clothes. I began showing the dainty things to a visiting friend, exclaiming with delight: "Here's what we brought her home in!" "Oh, look! I knitted this little coat for her. It had 220 stitches and was done on size two needles." "We had her dedicated in this!" "See these tiny shoes? They were her first pair."

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To most of us, children—particularly our own children—are very precious. We expend time, effort and money to provide the best we can for them. We treasure memories of their first words and steps, chuckle at their childish antics, carefully save their pictures, and worry if there is anything at all amiss in their lives. We view as tragic any child's failure to develop as he should physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, or spiritually.

Children are of inestimable value not only to parents and families, but to God and the church. Because this is so, the Church of the Nazarene has declared September 1982 through August 1983 as the Year of the Young. During this year, emphasis will be placed upon the importance of children, teens, and college youth and on our ministry to them.

The Year of the Young is a new, exciting event for the church. But the concept of spiritual ministry to children is a very old one indeed.

Of particular interest to me are the eight stories, recorded in the four Gospels, in which Jesus encountered children. In some of these stories, Jesus interacted directly with the children. In others, He responded to parents who made requests on behalf of their children.

There is no record of Jesus actually teaching children. Children were sometimes present when Jesus taught adults; but the Gospels do not record any instance when He sat down with children and presented the gospel to them in a form specifically designed for their understanding. However, a careful study of these stories reveals some interesting facts about Jesus' attitude toward children, and some principles that are important to those who want to minister to children today.

One story in particular, "The Healing of Jairus' Daughter," is full of rich meaning. Before going further, please take time to read this story for yourself. It is found in Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26; Mark 5:21-24, 35-43; and Luke 8:40-43, 49-56. This story strongly emphasizes two important concepts: (1) the importance of children and children's ministry; and (2) the potential impact upon parents when we minister successfully to children.

Jesus placed high value upon children and upon meeting their needs. This is shown both by His reaction when He was asked to help Jairus' daughter and by the way He interacted with her.

Jesus had just returned to Capernaum from a teaching and preaching ministry in the Decapolis. When He arrived, a large crowd of people was waiting for Him. As He taught them, Jairus arrived, and asked Jesus to come to his house and lay His hands on his daughter. Jesus *immediately* stopped what He was doing and went with Jairus.

This action is striking when we consider the society of that day. Although the Jews loved and appreciated children, Jewish society was by no means "child centered," as is ours today. Children, along with women, were considered far less important than adult males. But Jesus interrupted an important ministry to adults to attend to the needs of a child.

When Jesus arrived at Jairus' home, professional

mourners were expressing grief over the child's death. Families hired these mourners out of feelings of true grief and "the more noise they made at the funeral, the better they were paid."¹

In contrast to the mercenary mourners, Jesus was genuinely concerned for the child and her parents. He urged the distraught parents to maintain their faith for the child's recovery. His words to the girl show His tender regard for her. According to G. Campbell Morgan, the literal meaning of the Aramic phrase, "Talitha Koum," is "Little lamb, I say unto thee, arise."²

Another detail shows Jesus' consideration for a child. Immediately after she had been raised, He commanded her parents to give her something to eat. Morgan comments:

We talk about the Man Jesus, and blessed be His humanity; but this is God, and He robs death of its prey, and thinks about the meal of a little maiden.³

What does this suggest to those of us who minister to children today?

First of all, ministry to children *is* important and should receive top priority in the church. We make a serious mistake when we give children the least attractive rooms in the church; when we stress ministry to teens, singles, or senior adults as more important than ministry to children; or when we cut corners in the children's ministry budget so that we can use the money for other purposes. Jesus did not treat children like second-class citizens, and neither should we.

Second, we need to follow Jesus' example in making time for children. Teaching a Sunday School class, having children into our homes for times of informal fun, counseling those who have problems, or praying for boys and girls takes time. But if Jesus was not too busy for children, certainly we ought not to be.

Third, we need to treat children with loving consideration. In *Living with Children*, Jean Wellington tells about a family whose second child had quite a behavior problem. Upon examination, Jean discovered that most of the statements directed to this child were negative—"Pay attention," "Stop squirming," "Don't!" She urged the family to play a game in which these statements were directed by the children to the adults. It didn't take long for the family to recognize their mistake and begin treating the second child with greater dignity and respect.⁴

It is easy for us to think that children are "just children"—young, immature, demanding. But, as Jesus shows us, we need to treat them with loving consideration.

Fourth, children come to us with varied needs—large and small. Children's ministry should meet as many of these needs as possible. Are there children who need a friend? who need someone to help them get ready for church on Sunday morning? who need feeding and clothing? Meeting these needs is im-

portant, just as it is important to meet the deeper needs for a new life.

Finally, Jesus' attitude shows that we should "expect the best of and for children." The professional mourners saw only a hopeless situation; Jesus saw possibilities for the future. In any group of children some appear to be hopeless cases. They are not cute or attractive; their behavior is atrocious; they come from broken homes; they don't seem to respond to our efforts—and on and on. Yet every child has potential if we will just explore it. Jesus' example says to us, "Keep at the job! Don't give up on any child."

The story of Jairus contains another important idea. Children's workers are sometimes tempted to feel that their ministry is less worthy than ministry to adults. This is entirely wrong. The value of a child is as great as the value of an adult. And effective ministry to a child can sometimes result in ministry to his parents.

Jairus was the ruler of the synagogue, an important man in the community. Scripture shows that synagogue rulers often strongly opposed Jesus. When his little daughter was dying, however, Jairus forgot his prejudices, his pride, and the opinions of others. "He . . . cast aside his rank, his prestige, in falling at the feet of an unauthorized, itinerant teacher" to ask for help.⁵

This is an important point to remember. A parent who loves his child suffers when that child suffers. In a real emergency, he may be driven beyond his usual resources, be driven to Jesus. When this happens, we must be ready to offer our help and demonstrate Christ's love and concern.

What was the impact upon Jairus of Jesus' ministry to his child? It is safe to assume that he helped to spread the story of this miracle throughout the region (Mark 5:43). Some think he was among the "elders of the Jews" who asked Jesus to heal the servant of the centurion in Capernaum (Luke 7:2-5). So, we see that an effective ministry to children may be the means of winning their parents. As Christian workers, we must be alert to the special needs of the children. If we fail to meet the child's need, we may turn both him and his parents away.

The Year of the Young is an opportune time for all of us—parents, pastors, teachers, and concerned laypersons—to take a fresh look at children and find ways to minister to them. It is my deepest hope and prayer that, like the Lord Jesus, each person in our church will take every opportunity this year to be a "Friend of Children." □

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BOOK OF LIFE

by IVAN A. BEALS

ONE of the first choruses I remember singing as a child was:

The B-I-B-L-E,

Yes, that's the Book for me;

I stand alone on the Word of God;

The B-I-B-L-E!

Some might wonder to what extent a small child can understand the meaning of those words. At least, I got the message that the Bible was important to me. The chorus became one of my favorites in Sunday School. I put my whole heart and voice into singing it whenever it was used.

I was taught to revere the Bible at home as well as at Sunday School and church. I soon came to know the Bible was the Book of books. The constant impression was that the Bible was more than a book to be read. It was the Book by which to live.

At first, the Bible for me was the big leather bound and gold embossed Family Bible passed on to us by Grandpa Smith. I was thrilled whenever my mother allowed me to look at it. She would sit with me at the dining room table, and let me carefully turn the pages. Then she would ask me what stories the pictures represented. Thus, early in life, the Bible began to make a lasting impact on me.

The Bible was clearly of utmost importance to my parents. My mother taught me the memory verses from Sunday School. Dad regularly read from the Bible during family altar. He also had a time of private Bible study. After he came home from work, Dad would read from his Greek Interlinear New Testament. He stretched his sixth grade education well beyond all expectations to learn all he could about the Scripture.

After I learned to read, it wasn't long until I was given my own Bible. My parents encouraged me to read some verses every day. When I was around 10 years old, they offered the ultimate challenge. Read the Bible through—from Genesis to Revelation. I already knew I liked the Psalms, Proverbs, and the Gospel of John. I bravely set out on the long journey.

It seemed that the Old Testament was tied together

with an interminable number of "begats." Kings, peoples, and battles were named that made little difference to me. I eventually learned that their dealings with God and His chosen people contained vital lessons for me. The outstanding characters of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and David were examples of faith.

The New Testament was much easier reading. In the Gospels, the stories of Jesus' life and ministry focused my mind on the Savior. His teachings and miracles could not be dismissed. I never doubted that God's salvation included me. Paul's letters were helpful because he spoke to some problems in Christian living, about which I was already aware.

After a little over a year, feeling much wiser, I finished reading the Bible through. My life had come through many stages of accountability. What did my mother or dad say? What did my schoolteacher say? What did the preacher say? Now, it was: What does the Bible say? Ultimately, this latter question was perceived as—What is God saying to me?

I never seriously questioned whether the Bible is the Word of God. It seemed so obvious. Answers given to the questions and needs of life jibed in a supernatural manner. I often sensed the faithful Holy Spirit applying the truth to my child relationships.

In my early teen years, I became confronted with the issues of living a holy life, beyond simple obedience to verbal commands. More and more, my personal faith depended upon divine revelation by the Holy Spirit through the Word. I sought direction for my life-decisions, about going to college, about my life's work, and about the one I should marry.

I remain amazed at the manner in which God speaks to His people through His Word. As individuals seek God's will for their lives, they ought also to read their Bibles. Divine truth is made known for people in all sorts of circumstances—even yours and mine—although the last book of the Bible was written almost 1,900 years ago.

The Bible is called the Book of Life because it is a life-supporting book. Those who would share the life of God must keep vital connection with His life-giving Word. Neglect of God's Word is like a starving man turning his back on a banquet table laden with food. It is like one who is lost refusing a compass to find the right direction.

The conversion of Martin Luther is a classic example of the power and guidance of the Scripture. Through his ardent study of the Word, particularly Romans 1:17, he was struck by the truth. "The just shall live by faith."

John Wesley, in the preface of his first volume of sermons, declared his reliance on the Scripture:

I want to know one thing,—the way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way: For this very end he came from heaven. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be *homo unius libri* (a man of one book). (*The Works of John Wesley*, vol. 5, p. 3).

The divinely inspired advice that worked the con-

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version of Augustine, Early Church father, must resound today. As he struggled against sinful passions, he heard the voice of a child singing, "Tolle lege, tolle lege" (take up and read, take up and read). He took up the Bible and it fell open to Romans 13:13-14: "Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature" (NIV).

If people would only take up the Bible and read! Sinners would be led to repentance, and believers

would be called unto holiness. Nowhere is the sinfulness of man and the holiness of God more clearly described. Nowhere is the salvation of God and His love for lost humanity more plainly revealed. Nowhere is the nectar of life more available.

When we allow the Spirit to apply God's Word to our lives, the Bible indeed becomes the Book of Life. The divine Word is life-giving, life-transforming, and life-sustaining. The difference scriptural truth makes as it is lived out in our lives confounds the world. The Book of God is the faithful guide to the righteousness and peace this world needs. Take it up and read! □

NAZARENE ROOTS



R. T. Williams at the time of his conversion at age 15; in the early years of his ministry, 1906; at the 1928 general assembly; and in the early 1940s.

R. T. WILLIAMS, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT 1916-1946

"I have known Roy T. Williams since he was a student in Peniel College, and have been associated with him in close fellowship and service for close to forty years . . . Dr. Williams' great contribution to the Church of the Nazarene was that of giving true place to caliber. This he did indirectly and unconsciously. . . He was at home with a small crowd, and was never enslaved to the masses nor impressed by the colossal. . . Somehow one always felt that Dr. Williams could not be attached to any thing small or unimportant. I know he deplored littleness" (from J. B.

Chapman's address at the funeral of R. T. Williams).

"He had more to do with forming the policies [of the Church of the Nazarene] than any other man. The span of his leadership covering more than 30 years enabled him to make a unique contribution to our beloved Zion. It is difficult for us, his contemporaries, to obtain a full appraisal of his contribution to our church, but observers and historians of the future will do that" (from D. Shelby Corlett editorial, *Herald of Holiness*, May 6, 1946). □

STEVE COOLEY, Director of Archives

by MARK C. SHENISE

Second-Mile Layman

IT WAS an unusually warm day for the end of February in New Jersey. This Sunday seemed special to me, although it started out like any other. I worked all morning in the butcher shop, where I was serving my apprenticeship, but before the day was over my life was completely changed.

I had been living with my Aunt Ruth and Uncle Bud for two and a half months. They were both active in the local Nazarene church. Their life-style was an attractive advertisement for the Lord; they demonstrated what entirely sanctified Christians are like. When I walked through their door, I felt the peace of God that I've since discovered may be found in any home where Christ is Lord. But their witnessing to me started long before that.

Shortly after I graduated from high school my car developed engine trouble. Since I had just started working, I did not have the money to fix the car. My uncle volunteered to help me make the necessary repairs. When we rolled the car down his driveway, I had no idea that this would be the beginning of something that would completely alter my life. He and a young man from their church worked on my car for several months, although I never came around to offer them any help.

While they were working on the car, my parents finalized their divorce and I moved out, taking a room with a family in the community. By the time my uncle had finished, he had completely overhauled the engine. When I asked him how I could repay him, he said simply, "Just drive the car slowly for a while," and he handed me the keys.

After a few months the place where I boarded became as intolerable as my home situation had been. As I lay awake one night trying to figure out what to do, I did something I had not done since I was six; I asked God for His help. Suddenly a thought came to me. "Why don't I see if Aunt Ruth and Uncle Bud would let me live with them? After all, they're Christians and doesn't it say somewhere in the Bible that they should help?"

When they came home from church the following night, they found me sitting on their porch. Once



Cameron

inside I explained my predicament to them. They were more than happy to have me live with them on a permanent basis. Their life-style, their deep love for Christ, their prayers and love for me began to have effect. I really could not comprehend how they tolerated me, since my life-style was so contrary to theirs.

At first I did not attend church with them, though they invited me every

Sunday. But the longer I lived there, the more the Holy Spirit convicted me. After two and a half months I realized that there was something more to life than my empty existence and artificial highs.

On that eventful February Sunday, Brother Walter McPhearson, a retired Nazarene elder, ate dinner with us. He was ordained in 1928 and seemed to be as full of the Spirit as the day he was sanctified. I went to church with them that night to hear him preach. When he finished preaching I went to the altar and received Jesus Christ into my heart. The overpowering urge to get drunk and stoned were gone. It seemed that God had given me a clean slate to start life all over again. The next day, when I told my father what had happened to me, he literally jumped into the air. In all my life I never saw Dad so happy over anything I had done.

I discovered later what it was about my Aunt Ruth's and Uncle Bud's lives that influenced me so profoundly. They were just ordinary "second-mile" Christian laymen. In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He describes the influence of His disciples as salt and light (Matthew 5:13-16). Their righteousness far surpasses the practitioners of merely up-front religion (Matthew 5:17-20). The gospel Jesus preached demanded more, not less, than Judaism (Matthew 5:21-48). He called for a total commitment that set His disciples apart from imitation religion. The lives He called for could only come as the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

For authentic disciples of Jesus, living this way is not a performance. Their lives are rather a demonstration of the reign of God within. Thus Jesus teaches that Christianity is not a "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" religion. When Christians are hurt, they go the second mile to help out. They do this even when it is not convenient. They usually do this without even thinking about the cost. This spontaneous concern for others is what separates the sheep from the goats. In other

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words, it separates the genuine Christian from the frauds (Matthew 7:15-23; 25:32-33).

The righteousness of Jesus' disciples exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees in that it affects both their behavior and their attitudes (Matthew 5:20). Motivated by love, Christians go the second mile. In this they are like Christ whose second mile took Him to the Cross. If Christians expect to win the unbelieving world to Christ, they must go the second mile and truly be Christian.

As I reflect on the influences that led to my conversion, most important among them were the lives of Aunt Ruth and Uncle Bud. They were not ministers, just Christian disciples, laymen. But it is laymen like

these that make the difference in the Church of Jesus Christ and have kept it alive through the centuries. I doubt that Brother McPhearson's sermon would have had the effect it did without the "living sermons" of my aunt and uncle.

If they had not gone the second mile with me, although I certainly did not deserve it, I probably would never have become a Christian. But because of their commitment to the Lord, not only am I now a Christian, I am also currently preparing for the ministry. If laymen in the church I pastor someday go the second mile, I am sure that the number of "ministers" in the church will be multiplied and its witness to the unbelieving world will be enhanced. □

THE RESCUE TEAMS

by C. C. FULTON

THE TORNADO had done its deadly destruction as we had watched it from a distant vantage point. One thousand, three hundred and fifty homes had been destroyed or badly damaged; 9 people had lost their lives and over 200 had been injured during the 10 minutes it took the tornado to cross our city.

We rushed to see if damage had been done to the church and parsonage, and found that we were about four blocks from the path of the tornado. Our buildings were unharmed.

Quickly we set out to see if there was anything we could do to help others. Rushing to a member's house, who lived just beside the parking lot of a church that had been destroyed, we found her very frightened, but not injured. Mrs. Fulton and I rushed on to the hospital where electricity was off and the hospital was operating on emergency lights. There we saw rescue workers bringing in the injured and the dead. The hospital foyer and halls were full of people looking for their loved ones among those injured or dead. People lost all sight of color or creed, as they tried to help in any way they could to relieve the suffering, or to comfort bereaved families.

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After about an hour and 30 minutes we went to the other hospital in our city and found the same thing. Emergency beds and cots were throughout the hospital. Looking at the list of the injured we discovered the name of one of our new Sunday School members. We immediately went to search for her and upon finding her, discovered that her daughter was also in the hospital. After praying with her, and learning from the nurse that her injury consisted of broken ribs, we went in search of her parents. We met them later that evening in her room.

We arrived home about 10:30 that night, tired and weary. It was then I looked out and saw some bright lights and a group of people gathered in the parking lot of another church, about a block from our parsonage. I hastened to see if I might help. Arriving at the scene I saw ambulances, fire trucks, other rescue equipment, and about 150 people who were organizing a disaster rescue unit to search the area for more victims who might still be in the wreckage. They organized into teams of about 10 people; each team had a walkie-talkie radio to report back to the main unit, and lights for the search. The commander of the unit was urging them to listen closely for groans or noise of any kind that would tell them where an injured person might be under the wreckage, and to report it or call for help from the other teams. Later that night I learned that they found a lady about two blocks from where the search began. She was buried under the wreckage, and had died from the blow.

Today, as I thought back on the event, my mind turned to the fact that our world is suffering from the devastation and wreckage wrought by sin. There are many out there who suffer from its terrible blow. Some are moaning for help, some have been almost buried under its terrible wreckage. As a church, we need to band together and organize our rescue teams to listen to their cries and rescue them from sin's ruin. There is no time to waste. Many are on the verge of tragedy and ruin. If we fail to rescue them, it will mean eternal death. May God help each of us to become a part of the rescue team. □



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TRIUMPHS OF FAITH

by JOYCE McWHORTER

A FEW YEARS AGO, Susan and her three children began attending our church as a result of our bus outreach ministries and the faithful calling of our minister of visitation, Ernest Bauman. Shortly afterwards, Susan knelt at the altar and was gloriously saved, and sometime later was sanctified wholly.

As we came to know Susan, we found she had been a battered wife and her children also had been abused by their father. They lived on welfare in a government-subsidized housing project. Pastor Ted Holstein counseled Susan and helped provide special care for the children. Steven, the oldest boy, went to a school for emotionally disturbed children about 75 miles away, and Pastor Holstein helped to provide transportation on a weekly basis. We came to realize that Susan was a very intelligent and educated lady. Although living in difficult circumstances, she was becoming a Christian of tremendous faith.

Susan's health was precarious. In the fall of 1980, she was diagnosed as having a congenital heart disease which was progressive and incurable. For many people with the responsibility of three children and no help in sight, this would have been an insurmountable blow. Not for Susan; she began to pray. With her prayers came new dimensions of trust in God. One day, when Susan was in her kitchen

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praying, the Lord totally healed her heart, as was later confirmed by the doctors.

Prior to this, her daughter Melinda had been diagnosed as having cerebral palsy. The doctors had told Susan that Melinda would be totally incapacitated and in a wheelchair within a year. However, Susan again prayed in faith, and God granted Melinda healing. Today, she runs and plays like most children.

Susan's younger son, Daniel, had suffered from a severe, chronic form of epilepsy for months with no relief available to him. His medication was described by doctors as potentially lethal, but without it Daniel had daily seizures. In time, the medicine became ineffective, and Daniel became worse. Other medicines were tried, but nothing helped. By this time our pastor was Fran Ketner, and our associate pastor was Leon Armstrong, who both worked closely with and counseled Susan. One day, after much prayer, Rev. Armstrong came to pray for Daniel's healing with Susan. Susan poured the expensive medication down the drain before the prayer for healing. No seizures were forthcoming! On a subsequent visit, the doctor confirmed that all symptoms of epilepsy were gone. Daniel is now completely well, an active, normal boy.

Approximately a month after this, Steven was diagnosed as having a tumor in his parotid gland. Surgery was scheduled. However, after much prayer and faith, Susan asked the doctors to take another X-ray before operating; result—the tumor was gone!

Not long after this, Susan developed a chronic throat condition that greatly impaired her ability to speak. By this time, she was beginning to feel like "Mrs. Job," but her faith never wavered. Once again she prayed, and God touched her throat with total healing.

In the spring of 1981, Susan was beginning to talk enthusiastically about furthering her education so that she could better her station in life, become self-supporting, and be able to reach more people for the Lord. Through an amazing process, arrangements were made for her to visit one of our colleges to explore the possibilities of attending. Although the college was several hundred miles from our city, every need was met. Friends provided a round-trip bus ticket. Meals and lodging were provided by the school. Within hours of her arrival on campus, a job had been found, an apartment was located that was adequate for her family, and curriculum determined. A grant and other student aids supplied tuition, with a little left over for pencils and materials.

Funds began to come in, and ladies in the church raised additional amounts needed to move Susan to the campus. However, a major setback arose. On a routine visit to the eye doctor, Susan found that she was going blind! Once again, her faith persevered, and when prayer was offered by the pastors for her healing, total healing came. Her vision tested normal and the doctor was amazed. In tears, he refused to charge her for the visits and told her he had no explanation. She witnessed to him of God's healing touch.

The time came for Susan and her family to leave

for school. On her last Sunday in our church, Susan was given time to share her story with the congregation. There were very few dry eyes as her message came in a wonderful way.

Arrival on campus and moving into her apartment was exciting! Friends from our church volunteered to move them, so the cost was minimal. Susan began her new job, having arrived a month before school began.

Once again, there was a major setback. While helping a patient, Susan injured her lower back. She was unable to work, and the pain was excruciating. How could she possibly make it without any income? She had relinquished all claims to welfare payments and government housing by leaving her former state. In addition, the medication given her for pain brought on a slight stroke which impaired her movement. She found herself in a strange city, miles from friends and loved ones, three children entirely dependent upon her, and she was incapacitated! But this woman of faith did not despair. By long distance, she contacted her friend, Leon Armstrong. They prayed and God healed her. She was able to enroll for the fall quarter!

Letters to her friends "back home" glorified God for His blessings. Then came reports of pain in her cervical spine and other physical problems. Through prayer and sheer determination, Susan finished the first quarter of school. After an examination, the doctor put her in the hospital for numerous tests. This time, Susan was found to have an inoperable

tumor which was causing tremendous pain. In addition, her carotid artery was found to be seriously blocked, as well as other arteries. Susan had lost some use of her limbs because of the tumor. During this hospitalization, many tests were run. Susan was in traction much of the time. Before entering the hospital, all three children had been placed in a foster home for the duration. The doctors told her there was no hope.

The first person Susan called when she came home from the hospital was Rev. Armstrong. God had assured her that she would be healed. Rev. Armstrong prayed with her, and expressed his belief that God would heal her. Later that evening, Rev. Armstrong called Susan, and once again prayer was offered for the healing of Susan's total body. In a matter of seconds, Susan felt a sweet peace and an absolute cessation of pain! God had granted complete healing.

Upon a visit to the doctor a few days later, Susan was told there was no sign of a tumor; her carotid artery was clear, and blood could be heard flowing freely! The doctors shook their heads and expressed their inability to explain. Susan was released for school and work.

Susan is presently attending classes daily. She never had to miss a day of school because of her physical problems—God's timing was just right. She still relies on the Lord to meet her needs and to keep her little family. And God is proving faithful to them through all circumstances. □

Book Brief

YOUTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED



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Lee writes with a facile pen, and covers the following general topics: Anger, Christ's Coming, Cults, Death, Family Relationships, God and His Will, Human Nature, Sanctification, Sex, Dating, and Marriage, and much more.

Youth and adults alike will find satisfaction in Fisher's answers to such questions as:

- What can strengthen a Christian young person in a non-Christian home?
- What if you should care about Christ, but don't, and you really don't want to care?
- How important is sex in the life of a Christian?
- How can we be assured that the person we choose to marry will be able to meet our changing needs the rest of our lives? Can we fall out of love?
- Since I can go to heaven by being only saved, why be sanctified or filled with the Holy Spirit?

As you can see, these questions are not of the usual "What's wrong with shows and dancing?" variety. They are from real people and cover the most pressing issues that the young are facing today. Our reviewers feel that it's an important book and needs to be in every home and church. □

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
To order, see page 23.

QUESTIONS! They start as soon as a child talks; *How come? . . . Why? . . . Well, when?* And do the questions cease when the child reaches adolescence? Hardly, but the source for answers generally shifts from parents to "experts" outside the home. It's those so-called experts that have parents and Christian leaders concerned.

This is why **YOUTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED** is such a welcome volume. It is exactly what parents, youth workers, and pastors are looking for. The author is Lee Fisher, director of the Counseling Center

the editor's STANDPOINT

REVIVALS—LET'S HAVE THEM!

Our church has a rich heritage of aggressive revivalism. In the past, pastors, evangelists, and people united in special prayer, sacrificial giving, faithful attendance, and simple obedience in order to have revivals.

Such revivals kindled new zeal, inspired more witnessing, and kept worship services aglow with God's presence and power. As a result, altars were frequented by penitents, who sought and found pardon and purity as the gifts of God.

The altar of prayer became a most important furnishing in our sanctuaries. Critics scoffed, referring to our "mourner's benches" in perjurious terms. One preacher, from a church given to the use of blackboards to outline sermons, asked a pioneer Nazarene evangelist, "Where did you get your mourner's bench?" He meant, of course, what biblical sanction do you have for its use? The answer was a good-natured squelch: "From the same log used for your blackboard."

A friend of mine, R. J. Essary, told me of an unusual altar service he experienced years ago in a small Florida church. A 16-year-old girl came forward to be saved. She was followed within moments by her mother and father, her mother's parents, her father's parents, an uncle and aunt from her mother's side of the family, an uncle and aunt from her father's side of the family, and the young man who later married that girl!

I pray God we shall never cease to have such services. A fellow told me, "Revivals are just methods. We have new and better methods for meeting today's needs." I'm not convinced. Seminars, workshops, retreats, conventions—I've been to all of them and appreciate what can be achieved for Christ through them. But none of them do what revivals did—and still do. They may be worthy complements to revivals, but they are not substitutes for revivals.

Let's have revivals, whatever their cost. They will keep growing edges on our souls and on our churches. □

TROUBLES IN BUNCHES

A friend of mine often says (probably quoting someone), "Troubles are like bananas, they come in bunches." Not many people among the hundreds I've counseled with would disagree. Life has a way of bringing, not single punches, but combinations of jabs, hooks, uppercuts, crosses, and haymakers that keep us reeling, staggering, and falling.

The Christian, under a barrage of blows, may be knocked down but he won't be knocked out. He will keep answering the bell for another round, which Gene Tunney described as the secret of being a champion.

The first two chapters of Job may describe tragedies more intense than many suffer. But the rapidity with which they fell is a familiar experience. Nevertheless, Job endured *and triumphed* by faith, and so can we.

Thomas Brooks, a 17th-century preacher, wrote: "As our mercies, so our crosses seldom come single; they usually come treading one upon the heels of another. They are like April showers—no sooner is one over, but another comes. And yet, Christians, it is mercy,

it is rich mercy, that every affliction is not an execution, that every correction is not damnation. The higher the waters rose, the nearer Noah's ark was lifted up to heaven: the more thy afflictions are increased, the more thy heart shall be raised heavenward."

Paul said it even better: "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:16-17). The Christian is like one of these weighted punching targets. No matter how hard or often it is hit, it comes back to an upright position. Faith and hope sustain us in the midst of life's hardest blows.

When adversity comes we are like the frogs who fell into the crock of milk. One gave up, sank, and drowned. The other just kept paddling about, refusing to despair. His efforts churned the milk and after a while he was safe on a big lump of butter. By the grace of God within, and the hope of glory beyond, we don't have to be quitters, not even when troubles come like bananas. □

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THINKING COMPUTERS

A friend of mine, quoting a friend of his, told me that thinking computers will soon be developed. I find that unthinkable. His friend, who works in the computer field, says tomorrow's computers will make, program, and repair computers. And they will not simply print out what people have fed in. They will think independently and perhaps more accurately than humans.

Self-originating thought from computers? I can't believe it. But if it happens, I will still expect man to outfox the machine. I'm convinced that computers will always be inferior to, and subject to, the minds that design, build, and program them.

If I'm wrong, computers are in for big trouble. If they do their own thinking they can't blame their errors on people. We know what it's like for people to hide behind computers. When an irate customer calls about a mistake in his account, he is told, "It's a computer error." Everyone knows it's really a people error, a designer's flaw, an engineer's goof, a programmer's boner, or an operator's mistake. If a com-

puter prints a check for \$1,000,000 that should have read \$10.00, the boss fires the programmer, not the computer.

Well, when computers have to answer for their own mistakes, they stand a good chance of getting their screens punched out and their circuits zapped by revolting people.

If they think independently, will they be *morally* liable for damaging results? Maybe the day will come when computers are called to repentance by zealous evangelists. Imagine computers flashing on their screens confessions of wrongdoing and pleas for forgiveness! Stiffnecked and impenitent computers could be banished to Kansas City.

Let me prophesy. If human life disappears from earth, computers won't survive 10 years. They won't want to. After all, they get their jollies harrassing people.

Computers will never replace or conquer people. Prophets will arise to pull out their plugs. □

LEADERSHIP PARADOXES

Some months ago I was attracted to a newspaper article featuring a man named Howard Ferguson, who is a high school wrestling coach. The article listed his "10 commandments," and the oftener I read them the better I like them.

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Do good anyway.
3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.
6. The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.
7. People favor underdogs, but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.

9. People really need help, but may attack you if you do help them. Help them anyway.

10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

The news article called these Howard Ferguson's "Paradoxical Commandments of Leadership." They form, in my opinion, an interesting commentary upon our Lord's words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The value of an action lies, not in the response it will receive, but in the quality of the action itself. Doing what is right, because it is right and honors God, is abundantly worthwhile, whether or not it is understood, appreciated, or reciprocated.

These are good rules for anyone saddled with leadership responsibility in the church—such as pastors, superintendents, teachers, and even editors. They demand loyal love to people, expressed in faithful service, even when love is unrequited, even when service is unrewarded. Love and service are always worthwhile, and never overlooked or unrewarded by God. □

a fine Christian young woman, a Nazarene, came into his life, and he remarried. He is happy again, finally, and has picked up the broken pieces, with God's help, including a better relationship with his daughter. But in the process, he had to return his credentials, and distorted and untrue rumors have destroyed any further work in our church. Former friends and pastors have turned their backs on him. He is ready to join another denomination, and his father and I don't blame him one bit. The Church of the Nazarene is losing a talented young preacher, because they didn't understand or care.

You can see why I relate to this article!

Name withheld by request

RESPECTFUL DISAGREEMENT

This is in response to Jerry W. McCant's article, "Men Cry Too!" (June 15), in which he describes

the situation of the divorced father. Certainly, all parties to a divorce—man, woman, and children—suffer. However, McCant's article gives the impression that divorce is usually a case of a woman kicking a loving husband and father out of his home, making ugly accusations, and soon acquiring a boyfriend. With that I respectfully disagree. There are many divorced mothers who do *not* have boyfriends, who receive little or no child support money, and who have not only the company and comfort that children give, but also the discipline to manage alone. In many cases, the man has been physically abusive, or has left his wife and children for a girl friend, or has manifested some other problem that seriously disrupts family life.

I realize that there are a few self-centered and irresponsible women. However, I believe that these are far outnumbered by the self-centered and irresponsi-

ble men. What sensible wife and mother would divorce a man who was seriously assuming his God-given role as loving leader of his family?

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MILESTONE REACHED

My parents, Willard and Laura Haselton of Wilmington, N.Y., just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 21, 1982.

What an impressive milestone to reach in their married life! It was truly a remarkable event for their 7 children, 16 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren to acknowledge.

My parents are longtime Nazarenes, have been avid workers in the Wilmington Church of the Nazarene, and have supported the colleges. Three of us graduated from Nazarene colleges, Eastern, Olivet, and Bethany.

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WHEN A PASTOR OBEYED

by CINDY MIHELICH

ON A RAINY NIGHT in March 1976, the van pulled up in front of our house. My husband had gone out for a walk and as he came back up our steps, the man from the van followed. He had noticed the man earlier, during his walk, leaning over the steering wheel of his van parked in front of our house. Now he was coming up to our door! Who was this skinny, short-haired guy? He certainly wasn't one of our friends!

As he came in the front door he was greeted by marijuana smoke and loud, hard rock music. We said hello and sat down for what was to be one of the most important visits of my life.

There was something different about this man. I saw in him something special, and I knew that he had what I had been looking for. I didn't even know exactly what it was yet, a peace, a glow, I guess.

CINDY MIHELICH is the pastor's wife at the Uvalde, Texas, Church of the Nazarene.

**"By ALL MEANS...
Save Some"**

He came to us and proceeded to teach us about Jesus Christ, about His love, mercy, and care. Jeff and I were in church that next Sunday—a little home mission Church of the Nazarene in Herrin, Ill. The man got up and began to preach about the life-changing power of the Lord. Our lives were changed! Praise God!

We found out later that the Lord had sent Rev. Mike Curtis to us. Pastor Mike had been out calling on that rainy March evening and had not had any successful calls. So he stopped his van, leaned over his steering wheel and began to pray. He prayed for the Lord to send him to someone who wanted to hear the Word. And the Lord told him to get out of his van and go to the house that he was parked in front of. How glad I am that he obeyed!

Two years later, God called my husband Jeff to preach. We went to Nazarene Bible College to prepare and are now pastoring the Church of the Nazarene in Uvalde, Texas.

Mike and Cathy Curtis are still our dearest friends in this world, and we thank the Lord for sending them to us when we needed them. How important it is for us to listen to what the Lord tells us to do and to be obedient when He speaks. □



THE TORONTO Connection

Church of the Nazarene Fifth INTERNATIONAL LAYMEN'S RETREAT

Special HERALD OF HOLINESS Report

"Laity — Uniquely Called"

Retreat Week at the Top of America

IT WAS A TRUE INTERNATIONAL EVENT FOR 1,750 NAZARENE LAYPERSONS IN TORONTO.

A near-capacity crowd was on its feet in recognition of the scarlet maple leaf ensign and the star-spangled banner that were carried by honor guard escorts and put in place on the stage of the elegant Sheraton Centre ballroom. And then a melody filled the room — a tune well known to almost everyone present, "God Save the Queen" or "My Country 'Tis of Thee." With one voice Nazarene laymen and church

leaders from around the world sang,

*Two nations, side by side,
Neighbors in peace abide,
and liberty.*

*Sprung from one ancient
line,*

*Serving one God divine;
Two flags as one entwine,
Two nations free.*

This event was neither a political nor a patriotic rally, but a coming together of Nazarene laypersons from across North America, and from spots as distant as Britain, Republic of South

Africa, Australia, and the Caribbean.

The common denominator that drew this group together and that melted 1,700 hearts into one, was expressed in the retreat theme, "Laity — Uniquely Called." Those words were spiritually imprinted upon nearly everything that transpired in public services... seminars... Bible studies... praise and prayer meetings. Even mealtimes gave opportunity for men and women to be faithful to this calling, as they fanned out across downtown Toronto. More than one waitress and taxi driver commented on the uniqueness of these customers



Vernon E. Lunn
General Chairman



[Top l.] Early registrant checks out program, while (above) other retreaters receive Sheraton room keys. [Top r.] Ron Mercer, Canadian coordinator.

who courteously exemplified the Christ they serve.

Sponsored by the church's Adult Ministries office, Dr. Kenneth S. Rice, director, the quadrennial retreat tapped the creative resources of Nazarenes from across the continent: Vernon E. Lunn, vice-president of the Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co., completed his 12th year as general chairman and inspirational leader of the event. Recognition was given Vernon and his wife, Carolyn, for the service they have given the cause of lay ministry throughout the church. Other leadership included Canadian coordinator Ron Mercer, president of Xerox of Canada; Bud Tollie, president of Tollie Truck Lines, retreat coordinator.

Serving on the General Retreat Committee were Howard Hamlin, Otto Theel, Bud Tollie, Phyllis Brown, Miriam Hall, M.A. (Bud) Lunn, Thane Minor, Norman Miller, Paul Skiles, and Paul Spear.

“That Bob Benson is something else...”



(Above, far l.) Bob Benson (r.), featured speaker Harold Ivan Smith (middle), program co-chairman; Speakers (clockwise from top): L. Parrott, Z. Ziglar, D. Seamands. (Above) Carolyn Lunn presents Audrey Williamson with a birthday bouquet. (l.) A crowd of called lay men and women.

Great Evening Sessions

The first evening session with the inimitable Bob Benson of Nashville was a bell-ringing curtain raiser for a week of nightly blessings and surprises, which included:

- Leslie Parrott, president of ONC and Nazarene author of note, who keenly presented the experience of perfect love in the light of human personality.
- Motivational expert Zig Ziglar exemplified the enthusiasm he “preached” as he testified to God’s good provisions in his personal life.
- Asbury’s United Methodist pastor David Seamands shared from his heart in discussing the healing that is available for damaged emotions.

Saturday night featured D. Paul Thomas’s one-man interpretation of Phineas F. Bresee in “The Sun Never

Sets in the Morning.” The ONC Concert Singers and a brass instrumental ensemble, led by Janet Thomas, provided the musical setting for this moving dramatic monolog.

An intermission feature was the testimony of new Christian Janine Tartaglia, a TV news reporter who was saved while covering the Rev. Earl Lees during the hostage crises.

And There Was Music

Larry Patterson, Nazarene faculty member at the University of Manitoba, served as the week’s music coordinator. He directed choral groups, congregational singing, and coordinated the roster of outstanding guest artists: Stephen Nielson, Ovid Young, the Speers, David and Dana Blue, Jonathan and Ilona Welch, Robert Hale and Dean

“Dr. Seamands and God spoke to my need.”

Wilder, and Shirley Close, accompanied by Eleanor Whitsett.

Reactions to the week’s music were compliments for Patterson and his committee. The quality and variety were unbeatable. A late Night Musicales spotlighted artists in concert.

While not a musical feature, an eagerly anticipated spot in every evening service were the moments spent with Stephen Hicks and Jerry



Toronto (l.) was an ideal setting for the anointed singing of The Speers (above). In a different mode, Robert Hale and Dean Wilder shared the joy of serving God, as did concert instrumentalists and retreat accompanists Stephen Nielson and Ovid Young (below). Another team was busy too, Hicks and Cohagan (above r.). Workshop speakers (bottom, l. to r.) Garlow, Bredholt, Watson, Dickey, Ream, and Ladd.



“What a week! My husband and I will never be the same. Thanks.”

Cohagan, pointed interpreters of the retreat theme. Retreaters are still chuckling over the dynamic duo's humor and ability to hold up a mirror to our religious foibles.

Seminars for Living

At the heart of each morning's Program was Audrey J. Williamson's Bible study, based on the Frances Havergal hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be." As in past years, this 8:30 a.m. study was the program favorite.

In the capable hands of Harold Ivan Smith and James Garlow, seminars completed the morning schedule, Wednesday through Friday. These workshops focused on such concerns as ministry, personality, finances, mid-life adjustments, parenting, singleness, and marriage. Seminar speakers and





chairpersons were selected with an eye to expertise and ability to communicate.

Sunday Communion

For many retreat attenders, Sunday's climactic observance of the Lord's Supper provided a worship memory that will not soon be forgotten. Planned and conducted by the Board of General Superintendents, the service featured a Communion sermon by Eugene L. Stowe.

The sacrament was presented by Jerald D. Johnson and Canada Central Superintendent Lorne MacMillan.

As each lay retreat and leader packed his or her bag of memories, tucked away are some wonderful recollections of people and happenings that provided so much joy. Who will ever forget the first night reception provided by Harry Dickerson and Victory Films...the red-gowned ladies from Detroit First, under the direction of Carolyn Lunn, who served as hostesses...the helpful Canadian Retreat Committee, led by Bruce McKay and Diane Young...the all-day trip to Niagara Falls, or the quick run to Eaton's Centre for lunch, or breakfast muffins in the mall...the fantastic decorations provided by Ruth Clement and Jane Staten...Charles Wesley,

as interpreted by Jonathan Welch...the Hicks family in the NPH bookstand...and a few hundred other highlights that may be too personal and precious to put on paper.

Thank you, Church of the Nazarene, for the Year of the Layman, and for making all of this possible.



"We Canadians are proud of our church and nation. Thanks for coming."



"Cornerstone" singers from Canadian Nazarene College (above). Sunday morning crowd and the retreat choir (above, l). Larry Patterson (far l), retreat music director. Speaker for the Sunday Communion service, General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe (l).

HOW REVIVAL CAME TO ONE CHURCH

by BILL M. SULLIVAN

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, First Church of the Nazarene recently extended a Tuesday-over-Sunday revival to 14 services when an unusual movement of the Holy Spirit took control of the meeting. Rev. Bill M. Sullivan, director of Evangelism Ministries, called the pastor, Rev. Bruce Peterson, and the evangelist, Rev. Lenny Wischart, to learn more about the revival. What follows is an abbreviated transcript of the three-way conversation.

Sullivan: Hello, Bruce. I understand you have just completed a really outstanding meeting.

Peterson: Yes, Bill. I have never before experienced the moving of the Holy Spirit as I did during these two weeks of revival meetings.

Sullivan: What was it like?

Peterson: There was great obedience. Even before altar calls were given, people would come to the altar. There was a feeling of expectancy each night and the Spirit of God was at work.

Sullivan: Bruce, about what size is your church?

Peterson: Our membership is about 300. Approximately 270 attend on Sunday mornings, about 175 on Sunday evening.

Sullivan: How did your attendance range during the revival?

Peterson: We started a little slow, around 140 the first night, but the crowds began to build, and we averaged 230 a service.

Sullivan: What was the length of this revival?

Peterson: We planned a Tuesday-over-Sunday revival, but it seemed plain that God wasn't finished. Some of the laymen began to speak to me about the possibility of going beyond Sunday. We prayed, and it turned out to be a two-Sunday, two-week revival.

Sullivan: Lenny, did this create a scheduling conflict for you?

Wischart: Yes, Bill. I had scheduled another meeting in Cincinnati to start on Tuesday following the first week of the meeting here.

Sullivan: Was the other pastor willing to have you cancel his revival?

Wischart: He wanted to pray about it first, and to meet with his board. After he did that, he called and told us to stay in Springfield as long as we wanted. They went ahead with their meeting. He preached for it himself.

Sullivan: Bruce, you mentioned the obedience of people. Could you elaborate a little?

Peterson: It really began before the first service. People were praying for revival, and one particular situation, I think, characterized the attitude of the people. One of our fellows who has a successful flower business has a serious eye problem. He was becoming more and more aware of the fact that he could not see well enough to drive. He had become a Christian about five years ago, but when it came up to surrendering all to God and being sanctified, he always backed off because he felt it would mean giving up his driver's license. His wife was fasting for the revival and for him to be sanctified. The day before the revival began he decided to surrender his driver's license to the state.

That first night of the revival, he came to the altar and was gloriously sanctified. For Bill, that surrender meant a total change of life-style since his business involves a lot of travel and delivery work. Yet he said later, "I have never experienced such peace and joy as I have experienced these last two weeks."

Sullivan: Do you think his experience, then, was the turning point of that revival?

Peterson: I really do. His example became the standard for other people to begin their acts of obedience to the Lord.

Sullivan: Lenny, you have been an evangelist seven years. Why would you count this meeting outstanding?

Wischart: Well, there was no hilarious service. There was no time when we got so carried away in the music there was no preaching. But there was a wonderful feeder cycle; one person would find spiritual victory, and the next night he or she would bring a friend to service. Within the atmosphere of obedience that was going on, people were being born again in every service.

Sullivan: What was your role in this revival, Lenny? How did it differ from typical situations?

Wischart: My role was to get out of the way and let it happen. Seriously, I preached more on the Holy Spirit and His fullness in our lives than I have in other meetings. The Spirit of God was working in my own life, and when something is happening to you, it seems to affect others.

Sullivan: Bruce, was special preparation made for this revival?

Peterson: Yes. We began having Saturday night prayer times about a month before. Wednesday noons were times of fasting for revival. We really prayed for the church. Another thing that contributed greatly was a sense of unity in the church that was missing before. As it says in Acts 4, "All believers were one in heart and mind." I think that really characterized our church. We also began thinking about others and took on a project of helping fi-

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BILL M. SULLIVAN is director of Evangelism Ministries at the International Headquarters for the Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri.

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nancially a home mission church in town. I really believe that this has also been a contributing factor.

Sullivan: So you feel that recovering a sense of mission through sponsoring a new home mission church, the emphasis on prayer, and becoming obedient to the Holy Spirit were the things that began to precipitate revival in the church?

Peterson: I really believe those are the main things.

Sullivan: Lenny, could you comment on the *quality* of the religious experience that people received?

Wisehart: Yes, Bill. The specific testimonies thrilled me. I don't remember anyone testifying, "I just wanted to feel better." On the first Sunday night Mary, about 35, came to the altar to be filled with the Spirit. She prayed and felt that she had met the scriptural conditions of commitment and surrender, but still *felt* no different. On Monday, at a noon prayer meeting, I felt a tap on my shoulder. I looked up and it was Mary. She was so excited. She said, "I know what my problem is. I know why I couldn't get the witness. It's my family."

You see, she loves her family very dearly and she didn't want to do anything to alienate them. So we all gathered around Mary and prayed that she could surrender her family to God. We prayed a good while, then Mary stopped, looked up, and said, "Oh, it's my brother." She loves her brother so much, and that was the focal point of her commitment: "Can I surrender my brother? Take a chance that he might not understand why I have gone this direction?" Well, we prayed again and Mary made a complete and specific surrender. Soon the light came on and Mary had the witness of the Spirit of God. So that kind of specific prayer seeking brought many specific results. That was a very exciting thing to me.

Sullivan: Bruce, I understand that you had prayer and fasting meetings each day of that second week. Was there anything special about those meetings?

Peterson: I think the noon prayer meetings were more blessed than the evening services. The crowds averaged around 30. We would pray in unison for about 45 minutes, then we would deal with specific prayer needs. We would focus on a specific request and all of us would pray for that. We saw some rather drastic answers to prayer, and the Spirit of God came upon the group. Some of the people have said, "We want to continue this on Saturday evenings for our services on Sunday." We have been doing that since the revival ended.

Sullivan: Lenny, how do you see those prayer and fasting services? Were they special times from the evangelist's point of view?

Wisehart: Ah, yes. I have never found it so easy to pray. The Holy Spirit helped us to pray. As we called upon the Lord there was an excitement, almost a worship, in our praying.

Sullivan: Bruce, how many people received definite spiritual help during the revival?

Peterson: As nearly as I could tell, there were 226 at the altar. A number of these were brand-new people. A large number of people from our church were sanctified. This was exciting, seeing our own

people really enter into the experience of entire sanctification.

Sullivan: Did some new people get saved?

Peterson: Yes. A teenage boy, whose parents are Buddhist, was saved. We also had a family of Catholics who did not know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The wife was saved the first night of the revival, the husband the next night, a married son and a married daughter the next night, and then a teenage boy. This characterized the meetings.

Sullivan: Has the revival made an impact on the community in specific ways?

Peterson: I believe it has. Several pastors have since told me that people from their churches who came to the revival have testified that God had worked miracles in their own lives. It has been a contagious thing. The Christian school, which is housed in our church building, has been experiencing revival.

Sullivan: Do you have any evidence that the revival is continuing, Bruce?

Peterson: Some of these brand-new Christians who were Sunday morning attenders at best are now in prayer meetings and Sunday evening services. Some of the church people sense a new joy since they have allowed the Holy Spirit to fill their lives. Two groups of men will be meeting early in the morning once a week for Bible study and prayer and accountability. We are also doing follow-up work with Chic Shaver's *Basic Bible Studies*, and I have had good reports from some of our new converts who are going through the *Basic Bible Studies*.

Sullivan: Thank you, gentlemen, for taking this time to talk to us. I am thrilled to get the report of this wonderful and outstanding revival. I know we will all be praying that this will be repeated many, many times throughout the churches of our denomination. □

EARTH'S LABOR

*Witness a world in distress!
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of God's plan,
bringing forth new heavens,
a new earth, and
the full glory of
the sons of God!*

—STAN MEEK
Pittsburg, Kansas

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Gwen Hendricks has been elected to the European Council, Protestant Women of the Chapel, United States Forces, Europe. In addition to serving on the Executive Council for one year, she is the Training Conference chairperson. The Training Conference is held each May in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

The European Council encompasses the Benelux (Belgium, Holland), Hellenic (Turkey, Greece, Crete), Italy, Middle East, Spain, United Kingdom (England, Iceland, Norway) areas and seven districts in Germany. During the past year she served as vice-president of the Benelux area.

Her husband is assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Brussels. The family has lived in Belgium two years. They attend the Military Chapel at Brunnsom, Holland. They are members of the Manchester, Conn., church. □



Roger Harden of Valparaiso, Ind., was recently selected as "Mr. Basketball 1982" for the state of Indiana. Sports writers and coaches in the state cast their ballot to select the top all-around player in the state. Roger broke all scoring records for Valparaiso High School, including those set the previous year by his older brother, Rob. Many other honors have been given Roger on the local, state, and national levels. He will be continuing his education and basketball career this fall at the University of Kentucky.

Roger and his parents, Al and Myrna Harden, and brothers, Rob and Rodny, are all members of the Valparaiso church. □

Stephen D. Ketner, son of Rev. and Mrs. Francis D. Ketner, Jr., pastor of Roanoke, Va., First Church, received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Kansas Medical College on May 16. Dr. Ketner will begin his residency in pediatrics at the Uni-

versity of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kans. Dr. Ketner graduated from Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans., in 1978. □

Rev. William Randall Crisp was recently elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Crisp of Ashland, Ky., and a 1982 honor graduate of Circleville Bible College.

Rev. Crisp is a licensed minister on the Central Ohio District and is a member of Chillicothe, Ohio, First Church. He is husband to Melissa Jayne, and father of two children: George, age six, and Rebecca, age two. □



The California Graduate School of Theology has announced the conferring of the degree Doctor of Philosophy in pastoral ministry on **Rev. John M. Sweeney**, pastor of the Idaho Falls, Ida., church. Rev. Sweeney completed the classwork for the degree prior to moving to Idaho Falls in 1976. His dissertation was titled "The Time Element in Sanctification: A Discussion of the Wesleyan Position."

Dr. Sweeney also holds the Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary (1971) and the Bachelor of Arts (1966) and Master of Arts (1968) degrees from Pasadena College. □

Paced by a women's team that broke 10 school records and captured a national title in a relay event, the Northwest Nazarene College track and field teams posted one of the most successful campaigns in recent years, under Coach Paul Taylor.

Antonette Blythe won the national title last year in the long jump to become NNC's first female All-American. While she was unable to defend her title this year at the AIAW Division III Nationals, Blythe was able to take second in the 100-meter event to become an All-American yet again, and then anchor a 4 x 100 relay team to the national crown. Blythe was joined by **Robin Johnson**, **Shana Galloway**, and **Kellie Bohannon** in winning the crown at Bloomsburg, Pa.

That foursome had reestablished the school record in the event for the fourth time this season during the semifinal heats, turning in a 48.7 performance. □



Kenna Denise Williams was recently selected as one of the *Outstanding Young Women of America* for 1981. She was selected for this award in recognition of her outstanding ability, accomplishments, and service to the community. She is a 1977 graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene College.

Her husband, Michael, is also a 1977 graduate of MVNC, and is presently serving as pastor of the Elyria, Ohio, First Church. The Williamses have one son, Benjamin. Mrs. Williams is an accomplished musician and teaches piano. □

Nazarene educator **Dr. Samuel Dunn**, dean of Graduate, Professional, and Continuing Studies at Seattle Pacific University, recently completed a year-long Management Training Program at the University of Washington. The Management Training Program is an intensive program for executives focusing on strategic planning, organizational behavior, and decision-making. Admission to the program is limited and is on a competitive basis.

Dunn is a member of Seattle First Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife, Lois, are both graduates of Olivet Nazarene College. Dunn is one of the authors of the book *Opportunity Unlimited*, recently published by the Nazarene Publishing House. Co-authors were psychologist, Dr. Ray Reglin; sociologist, Dr. Joseph Nielson; and theologian, Dr. Alex Deasley. □



After serving as superintendent of the Chicago Central District for 14 years, **Dr. Forrest Nash** retired at the recent assembly. His wife, Mrs. Belle Nash, served as district NWMS president over that span. The Nashes went to the Chicago Central District to pastor the College Church in Bourbonnais, Ill., in 1957. Dr. Nash was elected superintendent in 1968.

Under his leadership the Chicago Central District has grown from a membership of 6,246 to a current membership of 7,500. Thirty-seven parsonages and 28 major buildings have been completed during his superintendency.

Dr. and Mrs. Nash are now living in Olathe, Kans. He is engaged in holding conventions and revivals. □



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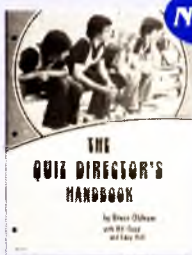
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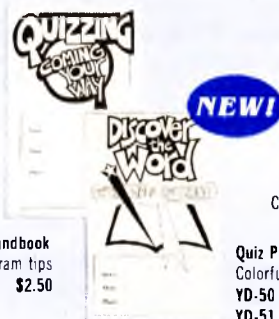
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Randy L. Maddox, a 1978 graduate of NTS and a member of the Georgia District, completed his Ph.D. in systematic theology at Emory University, Atlanta, in June 1982. His dissertation was on "An Ecumenical Fundamental Theology."

Randy has accepted a position as assistant professor of religion at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S.D., an evangelical Christian college. □

Amy and Lisa Keen, twin daughters of Nancy and David Keen, members of Vineland, N.J., First Church, were selected as poster children for the

Arthritis Foundation this year. The girls, afflicted with juvenile arthritis, represented New Jersey the past two years. This year they are the national representatives.

Amy and Lisa were guests of President Ronald Reagan at the Oval Office, where they shared jelly beans with President Reagan, touching off the National campaign for the Arthritis Foundation. Governor Kean also entertained the girls for the New Jersey Campaign.

They appeared on the NBC "Today Show" and the Arthritis Telethon the past two years. Their pictures were circulated through Associated Press to a wide area. Clippings from 300 to 350 newspapers were received, including

some from Saudi Arabia and Australia. □



Donald LeRoy Stults, missionary to Korea and teacher of theology at Korea Nazarene Theological College, received a Doctor of Missiology degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill., on June 11, 1982. Stults is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College (B.A. in religion in 1968, an M.A. in theology in 1976) and of Nazarene Theological Seminary (M.Div. in 1977). Prior to serving in Korea, he pastored in Virginia, Florida, and Missouri. The Stults' stateside residence is in Lakeland, Fla. □

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Recently, **Rev. Fredrick Grossmith**, pastor of Glasgow, Scotland, Hart Memorial Church, conducted revival services at the invitation of

American Nazarene servicemen stationed in Frankfurt, West Germany. Staff Sgt. Lee White serves as pastor of the small congregation.

An Englishman, Rev. Grossmith is author of *The Bottomless Pit* and *Dunkirk: A Miracle of Deliverance*. So far in 1982, he has made seven TV appearances for Scottish Television. □



Dr. Robert A. Walter, pastor of the Frederick, Md., church, recently represented the Church of the Nazarene in the Defense Forum for Religious Leaders, at the

Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

The forum centered around the defense posture of the United States, and its moral, ethical, and spiritual implications. Participating in the forum were the secretary of defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, general grade officers, senior chaplains, and 48 representatives of the major denominations and religious organizations from across the country. □

Dr. Gordon V. Woods, of Nashville, chaplain with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, recently attended the ninth annual seminar sponsored by the International Conference of Police Chaplains. For the first time, the seminar was held in Canada, at St. Augustine's Seminary on the shores of Lake Ontario, in Metropolitan Toronto.

The hosts for the seminar were the Metropolitan Toronto Police Association, the Police Department, the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Among the 150 attending were chaplains from Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, continental U.S., and from Canada.

Workshops explored such questions as stress in police management, alcoholism, domestic relations, crisis situations, police and minority groups. Social experts from the U.S. and Canada participated. □



On Sunday, July 11, the Frankfort, Ky., Capital Church held an "I Love America" celebration in the morning service. This gave opportunity for attenders to praise God for the freedom and blessings enjoyed in this country, and time to pray for the leaders in every area of government. Pictured is U.S. Congressman Larry Hopkins speaking. Other special guests included: the 113 U.S. Army Band from Fort Knox, Ky.; the Kentucky National Guard; area law enforcement representatives; Frankfort Mayor John Sower, Kentucky Senator Fred Bradley, Franklin County Attorney Jim Boyd; and Major General Billy G. Wellman. District Superintendent Aleck Ulmet brought a timely devotional, and the event was covered by regional television stations and newspapers. Rev. Mike Clyburn is the pastor.



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RETREAT RESPONSE

The following letter from George G. Jetter, chairman of Fort Recovery (Ohio) Industries, Inc., speaks for the majority of persons attending the Fifth International Laymen's Retreat in Toronto, July 6 to 11.

"I have attended all but one of the Laymen's Retreats and this past one was the best. The speakers were well



Owensboro, Ky., First Church presented a "Layman of the Year" plaque to Roger Lee Carraway. He has been treasurer of the church for some 30 years and is active in the local Laymen's League. Presenting the award to Roger is Aretta L. West, Laymen's League president, along with Rev. Coolidge Grant (r.), pastor of the church, and Roger's wife, Nellie (l.). The Daviess County Judge, Bill Froehlich, also presented Roger with the "Kentucky Colonel" award.



The "Foundation Singers" of Olathe, Kans., College Church filled a chartered bus and two vans and traveled to Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Okla. Seventy teens and sponsors involved themselves in ministry at the Nazarene Student Center on the campus of OSU. Besides giving an outdoor concert in a nearby park, the choir also assisted in a work day on the grounds.

chosen. The music was by far the finest I have heard. It was good to see young men and women in leadership positions during the seminars, giving their ideas of what is the answer to our world's needs. Thanks for a job well done."

Jetter is an active layman who supports Nazarene enterprises around the world. □

MID-AMERICA NAZARENE COLLEGE OFFERS NEW WORD PROCESSING COURSE

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this area was offered in the 1982 spring term.

Ten students enrolled and completed the course in "Information Processing Concepts." Several group projects included a field trip to the Word Processing Center at International Headquarters of the Church of the Nazarene, demonstrations of several manufacturers' word processing equipment, and interviews with numerous companies having word processing centers. Class members prepared research papers on word processing and demonstration packets on the selection of WP equipment. Each student was required to prepare a procedures manual for use in a WP center.

One of the highlights of the term was a panel consisting of four highly qualified Word Processing professionals who presented information on WP management, employee opportunities, equipment evaluation, and future WP technology. Serving on the panel were: Mrs. Pam Stelting, Word Processing manager, International Headquarters, Church of the Nazarene; Mrs. Danielle Barr, director, Information Services, Research Health Services, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Maridene Arndt, director, Word Processing, Farmland Industries, Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. Kristi Allen, an A.A. graduate from MANC who is employed at an Olathe, Kans., law firm.

In addition to the Information Processing Concepts course and other WP courses being offered at MANC, the 1982 fall term offers a course in "keyboarding." This course is required of all business majors if they do not have typing skills. □

NORTHWEST INDIANA DISTRICT GOES EVANGELISTIC—TO CANADA

This year Superintendent and Mrs. Tom Hermon, along with 25 pastors and laypeople of the Northwest Indiana District, volunteered to sweep across the Canada Atlantic District, holding revival meetings in every church. The lay volunteers will provide special music.

Because of the remoteness of the

Maritime Provinces: Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and New Brunswick, it is difficult for the smaller churches to obtain or maintain evangelistic personnel. This concern has followed Superintendent Hermon and Canada Atlantic Superintendent William F. Bahan since the two men attended Canadian Nazarene College together.

But from September 19 to October 5, 1982, the most inaccessible of these churches will enjoy, along with the more thriving, the benefits of revival meetings without the concern of over-extended budgets.

The Indiana volunteers will be divided into groups, with Rev. and Mrs. Hermon "taking on" Newfoundland alone. Each of the other groups will

hold two revivals. Convening in St. John, New Brunswick, on Tuesday evening, September 21, the groups will scatter throughout the provinces, starting the first series of revivals on Wednesday, continuing through Sunday. A second series of revivals will be held in other areas the following Wednesday through the second Sunday.

Monday, October 4, the groups will again convene at St. John to begin their journey back to Indiana.

Though both pastors and laymen have volunteered their time and payment of their own expenses, part of the transportation expense has come in unsolicited by people who wanted to have a part in the project. Retired men are filling the pulpits of the absent pastors. □



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October Selections

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Bible Study: Fellowship in the Christian Life... Romans 12:3-9
—Audrey J. Williamson
Nazarene Past: No, Yes, Do It Now—Paul Martin
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Side Two:

Getting from Paycheck to Paycheck—Simply—Barbara Horak
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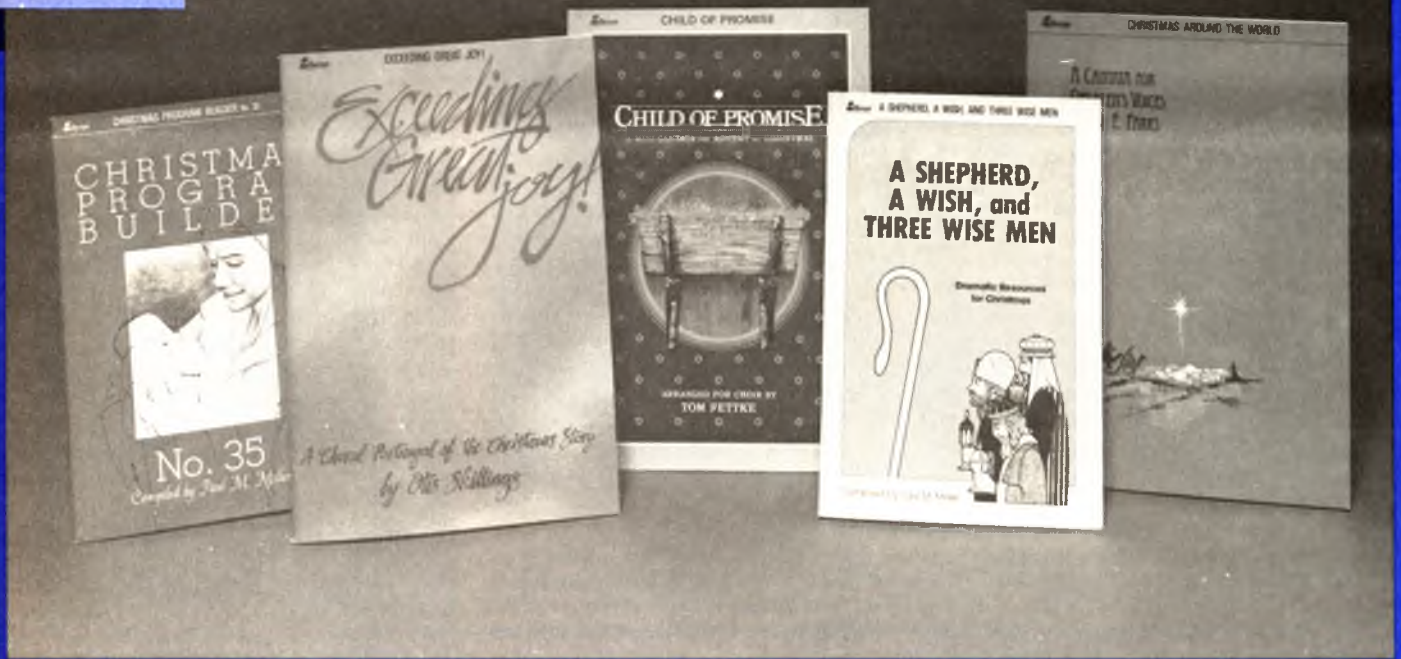
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Rev. and Mrs. Henry B. Hughes were recently honored by Roswell, N.M., First Church for having completed 50 years of pastoral ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. Pastor N. Douglas Halsted (l.) and his wife, Sharon (r.), presented them with a plaque. Rev. Hughes began his ministry May 30, 1932, in Bloomfield, Ia. Other pastorates include San Angelo, Tex.; Clovis, N.M.; Springfield, Ohio; Twin Falls, Ida.; and North Little Rock, Ark. For the past eight years Rev. Hughes has been serving as a part-time associate at Roswell First Church.

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

INDIANAPOLIS

The 57th annual assembly of the Indianapolis District met at Indianapolis, Ind. District Superintendent John F. Hay, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, presiding general superintendent, ordained Russtom G. Ghebremichael, Carol Ann Martin, and David Wayne Stewart.

Elders Garland Johnson, Wesley Delk, and William Griffin, and laymen Ralph Fox, Ray Marlin, and Clayton Lewis were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Harry Hardin was reelected NWMS president; David Garner was reelected NYI president; and Vernon Corzine was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA

The 40th annual assembly of the Northeastern Indiana District met at Marion, Ind. District Superintendent Bruce T. Taylor, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained William H. Hanes, Daryl E. Johnson, Terry M. Johnson, G. Joy Taylor, and Daniel J. Werner.

Elders Carl E. Greek, Verdean F. Owens, and Chester F. Pasko, and laymen Elmer Pasko, Jack Snowden, and Fred Wenger were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Bruce T. Taylor, Dale Hawkins, and Verdean F. Owens were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

CANADA PACIFIC

The 27th annual assembly of the Canada Pacific District met at Abbotsford, B.C. District Superintendent Charles Muxworthy, currently

servng under appointment, reported. He was elected to a one-year term.

Dr. Jerald D. Johnson was the presiding general superintendent.

Elders Wesley G. Campbell and John McKnight, and laymen Robert Collier and Kenneth Harter were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. Cathy Soutar, Barry McLeod, and Donald Nicholas were elected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

WISCONSIN

The 47th annual assembly of the Wisconsin District met at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wis. District Superintendent J. Ted Holstein, completing the second year of an extended term, reported two new churches: Madison, Wis., Community of Hope and Onalaska, Wis.

Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, presiding general superintendent, ordained John Joseph Snyder and Keith Douglas Stuck.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Laurel Matson and Richard Brunner, and laymen Alton Goerlitz and John Woodruff.

Mrs. Ruth Degner, Greg Mason, and Laurel Matson were elected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

PITTSBURGH

The 75th annual assembly of the Pittsburgh District met at Butler, Pa. District Superinten-

dent Jerry Lambert, completing the first year of an extended term, reported a new church, Greensburg, Pa.

Presiding General Superintendent William M. Greathouse ordained H. Robert Flick, Herbert W. Hall, Wayne C. Hennen, William C. Hopkins, Gregory G. Jack, Richard R. Reese, and Robert B. Sipe.

Elders Luther S. Watson, Mayne Minich, and Gien Eagle, and laymen Willis Whitting, Ronald Rieder, and Lauren Cousins were elected to the Advisory Board.

Verla Lambert, Terry Sowden, and Deane Hardy were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

The 23rd annual assembly of the Southwestern Ohio District met at Middletown, Ohio. District Superintendent Harold B. Graves, completing the first year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained James F. Bateson, William T. Coldiron, T. J. Jacob, James L. Johnson, Steve C. Mitchem, Cliff D. Myers, Barney T. Richardson, Jr., Ralph E. Rolfe II, Gene F. Tanner, and Dan Walters, and recognized the credentials of Lloyd J. Maish.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Virgil Applegate, Don King, Harold J. Maish, and Gerald Vaught, and laymen Marvin Beam, Lewis Curtiss, Wayne Reno, and Tom Waddell.

Mrs. Harold B. Graves was reelected NWMS



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president, Bill Kirby was reelected NYI president, and Larry Dennis was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA

The 34th annual assembly of the Northwest Oklahoma District met at Bethany, Okla. District Superintendent Bill E. Burch, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Dr. V. H. Lewis, presiding general superintendent, ordained Randy William Garner, Jerry E. Hunter, Richard David Hutchison, Donald Eugene Nichols, Sr., and K. Lindell Watson, and recognized the credentials of Louis B. Headman.

Elders Jerry Baker, Ponder Gilliland, Gary Powell, and Hardy Powers, and laymen Bill Campbell, Harold Mullins, Dudley Powers, and Don Schuneman were elected to the Advisory Board.

Philip Heap was elected NWMS president; Jim Russom was reelected NYI president; and A. B. "Bud" LeCrone was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA

The 34th annual assembly of the Southwest Indiana District met at Vanderburgh Convention Center, Evansville, Ind. District Superintendent B. G. Wiggs, reelected to a four-year term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Paul Daniel Buchanan, Robert Lot King, Ervin Lee Robison, and Wayne Allen Rose.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Paul Byrns, Ron Freeland, Larry Mathias, and Darrell Wineinger, and laymen Byron Buker,

Edward Mason, Jesse Pitts, and Jerome Richardson.

Mrs. Darrell (Barbara) Wineinger was reelected NWMS president; Mark D. Spangler was reelected NYI president; and Bill W. Lewis was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

CENTRAL OHIO

The 39th annual assembly of the Central Ohio District met at the district center, Columbus, Ohio. District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert, reelected to a four-year term, reported a new church, Columbus, Ohio, Mifflin church.

Presiding General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins ordained Stanley G. Johnson, George Joseph Leatherwood, and Timothy Lynn Riggs.

Elders Kenneth D. Ellis, William G. Hill, Bobby G. Madison, and Robert F. Styers, and laymen Paul W. Gamertsfelder, Jack C. Hansher, Roger D. Hobbie, and Homer R. McKnight were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. J. Wilmer Lambert was reelected NWMS president; Cecil A. Jones was elected NYI president; and Bobby G. Madison was reelected chairman of the Board of CL/SS.

KANSAS

The 73rd annual assembly of the Kansas District met at Wichita, Kans. District Superintendent C. Marselle Knight, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

Presiding General Superintendent Jerald D. Johnson ordained Clinton Ferguson, Steven Gillihan, David L. Jennings, and Michael L. Parks, and recognized the credentials of Kenneth Burnham.

Elected to the Advisory Board were elders Lyle Curtis, Gene Williams, Charles Pickens,

and Ray Lunn Hance, and laymen Dwight Saner, Don Bird, Marvin Snowbarger, and Ray Cook.

Mrs. Marselle Knight, William Bland, and Rene Colaw were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

WEST VIRGINIA

The 43rd annual assembly of the West Virginia District met in Summersville, W. Va. District Superintendent M. E. Clay, completing the third year of an extended term, reported.

Dr. Charles H. Strickland, presiding general superintendent, ordained Curtis F. Blake, Charles A. Bledsoe, Keith W. Carr, Everett E. Clay, and Gary E. Haynes.

Elders Russell Downs, W. Dayton Lockard, Kenneth Maze, Merlin E. Provance, and C. Harold Smith, and laymen Russell "Mack" Bailey, Donald L. Estep, Jan R. Forman, Orville Jones, and Elmer Snodgrass were elected to the Advisory Board.

Mrs. M. E. Clay, Terry G. Solina, and Jan R. Forman were reelected NWMS president, NYI president, and chairman of the Board of CL/SS, respectively.

MOVING MINISTERS

ROBERT A. ALLEN to Vancouver (Wash.) Cascade Heights

BEN J. BIXBY to Orlando (Fla.) Pinecastle

RAY L. BOOTON to Valentine, Neb.

MEL L. BROWN to Gothenburg, Neb.

WILLIAM W. COLE from Elgin, Ill., to Danville (Ill.) First

ALBERT GARRICK from Uddingston (British Isles) to Belfast First

DENNIS KRUMLAUF to Ann Arbor (Mich.) University

JOHN LAMBERT to Marshall (Tex.) First

DAVID W. LAPP to Albany, N.Y.

THOMAS MAITLAND to Beulah, Mich.

LEONARD J. MILLER to Beatrice, Neb.

DAVID J. MYERS from Obetz, Ohio, to evangelism

PAUL M. PHIPPS from Odon, Ind., to Mitchell, Ind.

FREDERICK PRINCE to Marlette, Mich.

JIM L. SANDERS from Conway (Ark.) College Avenue to York, Neb.

GALEN SKINNER from York, Neb., to Lincoln (Neb.) First

DAVID A. SLAMP from El Paso (Tex.) First to Vancouver (Wash.) Hillcrest

CLAUDE L. SMITH from Georgetown, Ill., to Falls City, Neb.

ROBERT D. SMITH to Cleveland, Okla.

DAVID W. SPAULDING from associate, North Ridgeville (Ohio) Calvary Ridge, to Columbus (Ohio) Southwest Community

DAVID L. WEITZ from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., to Chicago (Ill.) Calvary

G. W. WILLIAMS from associate, Seymour, Ind., to Roxana, Ill.

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Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent; the 1982 Southwest Indiana District ordinands and wives; Rev. and Mrs. Paul D. Buchanan, Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. King, Rev. and Mrs. Ervin L. Robison, and Rev. and Mrs. Wayne A. Rose; and Dr. B. G. Wiggs, district superintendent.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

San Diego, Calif., First Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, October 16-17, 1982. Dr. Paul Orjala will be the special speaker. First Church was organized in 1907 by Dr. P. F. Bresee with Dr. John W. Goodwin as the first pastor.

All former pastors, pastors' families, members, and friends are invited to attend this Diamond Jubilee on the campus of Point Loma College. For more information, please contact the church office at: 2990 Euclid Ave., San Diego, CA 92105 (714-283-6234) or 3900 Lomaland Dr., San Diego, CA 92106 (714-223-6008).

The Gladewater, Tex., church will celebrate its 50th anniversary October 22-24, 1982. All former pastors, members, and friends of the church are invited to attend. Among special speakers will be Dr. W. M. Lynch, superintendent of the Dallas District, and Dr. Paul Gray, Bethany, Okla., who will present "Pioneer Days of the Holiness Movement in the Southwest," 150 slides on the early days of the Church of the Nazarene. Correspondence is invited, and the mailing address is at the church, P.O. Box 1306, Gladewater, TX 75647. Phone 214-845-4425 or 845-3848.

The Greeley, Colo., First Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary October 27-31 with Dr. Harold Daniels as special speaker and Jim Bohi and Co. as singers. Homecoming Sunday will be October 31. All former pastors, members, and friends of the church are cordially invited to participate in these special activities. For further information, please contact Pastor Roy Pedersen, 2515 16th St., Greeley, CO 80631.

Orlando, Fla., First Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, October 31. All former pastors, district superintendents, members, and friends are invited to attend or send greetings to be read. Services will be held Sunday at 10:45 a.m., and a potluck dinner will follow the morning service. Also, a 3 p.m. "Precious Memories" service will be held. Address all correspondence to First Church of the Nazarene, 1030 W. Kaley Ave., Orlando, FL 32805, or call 305-841-8846.

Joplin, Mo., First Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary on October 17, 1982. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend. Speakers will be former pastors. Noon meal will be served in the fellowship hall. For more information contact: Rev. Larry Holmes, 2120 Utica, Joplin, MO 64801; or Charles R. Boyd, P.O. Box 493, Webb City, MO 64870.

The Whittier, Calif., College Avenue Church (formerly First Church) will celebrate its 75th anniversary on October 16-17, 1982. There will be a banquet on Saturday evening and services of celebration on Sunday. Former members and pastors are invited. For further information

write to Pastor Charles W. Ogden, 8221 S. College Ave., Whittier, CA 90605.

Ashland, Ky., Summit Church will celebrate its 40th anniversary, Sunday, October 24. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited. We welcome memorabilia and updated family information by letter, picture, or tape. The present pastor is Rev. Norman K. Phillips, Rte. 4, Box 402, Ashland, KY 41101.

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

RECOMMENDATION

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

VITAL STATISTICS

DEATHS

MRS. ANNIE ARDREY CROCKER died May

27 in Toronto, Ont. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ken Ardrey and Rev. Harold Sukhraj. She is survived by 4 sons, Jacob, William, and Alexander Ardrey, and Jack Crocker; 2 daughters, Belle Sider and Olive Wicks; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

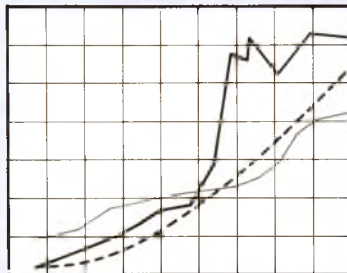
WINSTON K. GARRETT, 70, died May 21 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marvin Powers and Rev. L. A. Beasler. He is survived by his wife, Rossella; one son, J. Rendall; one daughter, Jackie Stafford; and four grandchildren.

EMMA C. HAMMERSTROM, 96, died July 21 in Omaha, Neb. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul W. Marshall. She is survived by 3 sons, Milton, Arthur, and LeRoy; 2 daughters, Mrs. George (Myrtle) DeVore and Lillie Hammerstrom; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

ALTA E. HOBBS, 71, died July 18 in Terre Haute, Ind. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Lewie L. Watters. Interment was in Otumwa, Ia. She is survived by one son, Edward Annis; two daughters, Alice Palmer and Beverly Reese; four grandchildren; one brother; and two sisters.

REV. HOMER LEVERETT died July 23 in Lamar, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Carl Selfridge. Rev. Leverett had been an evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include his brother, Wilbur Leverett.

DELBERT K. QUILLEN, 74, died Apr. 30 in Newcomerstown, Ohio. Funeral services were



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REV. FRED SARTIN, 88, died Aug. 8 in McComb, Miss. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bill Lancaster and Rev. Talmadge Johnson. Interment was in Sartintown, Miss. Rev. Sartin pastored churches on the Mississippi District. He is survived by his wife, Nell; one son, John; five daughters, Luella Reinstra, Ardella Sartin, Winifred Price, Edna Earl Lind, and Nellie Neff; and one brother.

REV. B. H. WOOTON, 78, died July 24 in Pasadena, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Earl Lee and Rev. Larry Bone. Rev. Wooton pastored churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, and Indiana, and had served as an evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by his wife, Anna; three daughters, Dorothy Jean Harrell, Charlene Wooton, and Shirley Ann Forney; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one brother; and one sister.

BIRTHS

to REV. ROBERT AND MARILYN (RINGHISER) ANDERSON, Blue Island, Ill., a girl, Jennifer Marie, Feb. 15

to DON AND JUDY (MILBURN) BLAIR, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Jennifer Dawn, July 17

to REV. GREG AND SUE BULLOCK, Rupert, Ida., a boy, Dustin John, July 16

to REV. H. MARK AND PAULA (DAYHOFF) ELSE, Hastings, Neb., a boy, Anthony Brian, June 15

to J. PAUL AND CAROLYN (REINBOLD) GIBSON, Tucson, Ariz., a boy, Eric Bryan, Aug. 9

to BOB AND ANNETTE (HAMPTON) HARMON, Oklahoma City, Okla., a boy, Timothy Robert, June 8

to WAYNE AND JUDY (HILL) HENRICHSON, Colona, Ill., a girl, Rebecca Lynn, July 5

to TERRY AND LYNN (BLACK) HOGUE, New Albany, Miss., a girl, Allison Marie, March 25

to PAUL E. AND CHERYL (SHINABERRY) NICHOLSON, Columbus, Ohio, a girl, Jennifer Lynne, July 26

to MICHAEL W. AND LISA (DEMPSEY) OWENS, Paragould, Ark., a girl, Natalie Gail, July 24

to REV. DANIEL E. AND JUDY (SEAL) PIERCE, Farmer City, Ill., a boy, Caleb Edward, Apr. 20

to JEFF AND KATHY (KENNEDY) SABINE, Galveston, Tex., a girl, Jenny Marie, July 12

to HOMER AND GRACE SMITH, Springfield, Ohio, a boy, Thomas Avram, June 17

to REV. JIM AND LEAH (HEINCKER) SUK-

TEMPORARY RATE REDUCTION SET FOR NONPROFIT MAIL.

A temporary postal rate reduction for nonprofit mailers began July 28 as the result of an amendment to a recently enacted urgent supplemental appropriations bill.

The \$42 million added to the emergency appropriations measure by Senate and House conferees partially rescinded the large increases which doubled postage costs for most preferred-rate mailers last January. A Postal Service spokesman estimated the extra funding would reduce rates about 25 percent for most second-class mailers through the current fiscal year which ends September 30, 1982.

Technically, the new appropriation moved these mailers to step 13 of a 16-year phasing process Congress initiated in 1970 to adjust preferred rates toward full attributable costs in gradual increments. That phasing process was short-circuited last January after Congress sharply reduced funding for the subsidy, requiring an immediate jump in the rates from step 10 to step 16.

The rate reduction will be short-lived unless Congress elects to fund the subsidy at a figure higher than that contained in its preliminary budget for fiscal 1983. That budget, which set nonbinding spending targets, recommended \$400 million for the revenue foregone subsidy, an amount which would require additional rate hikes beyond those put in place last January. □

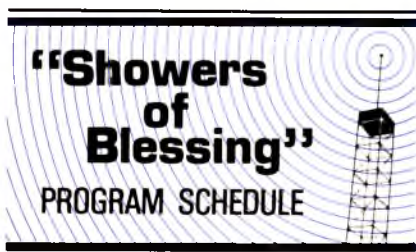
FORMER HOMOSEXUALS GATHER. Former homosexuals from all over the United States and Canada attended the seventh annual Exodus International conference in Vancouver, B.C., the last week of June. The annual conference was geared to teaching pastors, lay leaders, and Christian counselors how to minister freedom to the homosexual. Exodus affiliates believe that homosexuals can change, and much time is given in the conference for testimonies of those who have experienced that change because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

Exodus International is a coalition of Christian ministries working with men and women struggling with homosexuality, their families, as well as the church. The June conference followed the first European Exodus conference which was held in May, in Holland. □

SWEDISH GROUP FOSTERS EVANGELISM. The Swedish Lausanne Committee, the national arm of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, is giving evangelization information and tools to ministers and other church workers in both the state church and the free churches, according to Dr. Agne Nordlander, the committee's chairman.

Nordlander, who is principal of Johannelunds Teologiska Institut in Uppsala, Sweden, stated there was a new awareness in the churches of the need for personal evangelism. He pointed out that the Church of Sweden, the state church, was increasingly involved in evangelistic initiatives. The church's Department of Evangelism, he added, was providing leadership and resources, and one diocese had adapted a Campus Crusade for Christ program for its use.

Nordlander said about 6 percent of Sweden's 8 million people attended church on a weekly basis. Over 90 percent of the population were affiliated with the Church of Sweden. Also, about 130,000 were Roman Catholic, 100,000 were Pentecostals, 80,000 belonged to the Swedish Covenant Church, and 80,000 were Orthodox Church members. □



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DEANNA JANTZ and PAUL NAUMANN at Pueblo, Colo., July 23

SANDY BETZ and JEFFREY Y. JOHNSON at Salinas, Calif., July 24

RONDA ROBBINS and TIM SEDORY at Westminster, Calif., July 31

ANNIVERSARIES

MR. AND MRS. SEYMOUR BOEL celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 18 at the Northfield, N.J., Community Church of the Nazarene. The surprise reception was given by their children. Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Masterman of Emmaus, Pa.; and Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Boel of Birdsboro, Pa.; along with grandchildren, Rev. and Mrs. James Chappell of Covington, Va.; and Rev. and Mrs. David Griffin of West Chester, Pa. Pastor and Mrs. William

Knudsen assisted in the celebration festivities. Mr. and Mrs. Boel have four children, eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. One of their children and two grandchildren are in pastoral ministry. Their son-in-law and daughter, Ken and Betty Masterman, are in Christian education and music ministry.

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THE ANSWER CORNER

Conducted
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Editor

What is it that is "as a mountain," in Revelation 8:8, that was burning with fire and cast into the sea? Is this mountain the false doctrines that are in the world? I have read that wherever the word "sea" is used in prophecy it refers to people. Is this true? Are false doctrines consuming one-third of the people?

I don't know. Some commentators think John is describing volcanic action. Another thinks the "mountain" represents a fallen angel who, booted out of heaven, takes vengeance on the earth, an idea picked up from the apocryphal book of *1 Enoch*. Some interpret the fiery mass as false doctrine.

The sea sometimes represents people in political and social chaos, occasioned by sin. However, reference to the destruction of ships, in v. 9, would seem to point to a literal sea in this passage, which describes a terrible eschatological judgment.

However this portion of *Revelation* is to be understood, it is certainly true that masses are being confused and destroyed by false teachings. □

In our young adult class we were discussing the second coming of Christ. I was stating the truths my mother had taught me from the Word, and a visiting department head indignantly stated that we should not get too excited about the second coming. To me, Christ may come any moment and I was a little saddened by his comment. What is the standing of the Nazarene church on His coming? No one seems to want to discuss it.

The only official "stand" of the Church of the Nazarene is contained in article XI of the Articles of Faith: "We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come again; that we who are alive at His coming shall precede them that are asleep in Christ Jesus; but that, if we are abiding in Him, we shall be caught up with the risen saints to meet the Lord in the air, so that we shall ever be with the Lord."

As you can see, the article does not commit the church to any one of the various positions taken

by believers with regard to the *order* of the rapture, tribulation, and millennium. Our viewpoints and convictions on these matters should not become barriers to love, respect, and fellowship.

While differences of opinion do obtain, I find as I travel and correspond, that most of our people think the Lord is coming soon. I hope they are right!

As for getting excited about it, how can we not? The second coming of Christ is a *purifying* hope (1 John 3:2-3) and a *blessed* hope (Titus 2:13). For many of us it is also an exciting hope. □

Our Sunday School teacher recently made the statement that "some of us commit worse sins than others." Our pastor has said, "A half truth is as much of a sin as any other." Which is correct? Does it state in the Bible that some commandment is worse to break than another? Isn't the only unforgivable sin that of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? Comment, please!

Sin is sin, and all sin separates from God and damages the sinner. Jesus speaks of the commandment to love God wholeheartedly as "the first and great commandment," followed by the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself as "the second." There is a sense in which these are greater than others, for the others depend on them, and to love is to fulfill the law (Matthew 22:35-40; Romans 13:8-10). James teaches that to "offend in one" commandment is to be "guilty of all" the law. This is so because the same God spoke each commandment, and because each breach of the law is a violation of love. In this sense, one sin is as bad as another.

If we view sin from its consequences, however, we may say that some are worse than others. Lusting after a woman in one's heart is adultery, but it does not involve in its guilt another person. Hating another in your heart is wicked, but killing another in fact is worse for its damage is more widespread. Robbing a bank hurts more people than stealing from your mother's purse, though both are thefts.

Scripture does teach that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the only unforgivable sin (Matthew 12:31). □

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**NEWS OF
 EVANGELISM** 

Monroe, La.: First Church recently had a revival during which services were held over two extra days. *Evangelists Thurl and Mary Kay Mann* conducted services in which entire families were saved, and people of the church were sanctified. Physical as well as spiritual healings were reported throughout the week. □

—Joseph L. Predaina, pastor

Fredericksburg, Va.: The church recently had a very successful revival with *Rev. Richard Shomo*, of Vienna, Va. The revival attendance was about 80 percent of the Sunday School attendance. There were 14 definite decisions, with seekers finding salvation and entire sanctification. □

—C. S. Fender, pastor

Parkersburg, W.Va.: Broadway Church recently had a wonderful revival meeting with *Rev. John Cayton* as the evangelist. God honored His Word! Many definite victories were experienced and backsliders were reclaimed, sinners converted, and believers sanctified wholly. The church was awakened to its privileges and responsibilities in evangelism—mass and personal—through a soul-winning seminar conducted by *Rev. Cayton*. □

—T. James Boshell, pastor

Myrtle Creek, Ore.: The church recently experienced a five-week revival with the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit and blessing. The evangelist for this protracted meeting was *Rev. George Schriber* of California.

Many people of the church forsook their lukewarmness, received forgiveness of their sins, and made restitution. A number went on into the experience of entire sanctification.

The Sunday after revival, eight people were seeking to be sanctified. □

—Eldon Rayborn, pastor

Jackson, Miss.: The **Bethany Church** (organized August 16, 1980)

was recently blessed by the anointed preaching and singing of Official Church Planters, *Warren and Lillian Rogers, Sr.* In each revival service the church was filled with excitement—as its choir sang and visiting churches contributed with delegations and special music. A number of people sought salvation and sanctification.

Pastor *Warren Rogers, Jr.*, received 2 new members into the fellowship during the revival, making a total of 10 new members for the assembly year. □

—Warren Rogers, Jr., pastor

Powhatan Point, Ohio, church recently had a revival with *Evangelist Dorman Patterson*. There was evidence of genuine revival from the very first service as Spirit-filled singing and straightforward preaching resulted in salvation, sanctification, and victory. There were 11 new converts, and 8 sanctified wholly, with a total of 25 responding by coming to the altar. The entire church is still experiencing a reviving of the Holy Spirit. □

—Rev. James R. Lanham, pastor

Winslow, Ind., church recently had three altar services with 11 teens finding definite victory. The Spirit-anointed preaching of *Evangelist Mickey G. Smith* and the inspired singing of *Larry and Phyllis Richards* attracted record crowds each evening. □

—Phillip C. Jones, pastor

Moultrie, Ga.: First Church recently had a wonderful revival with *Rev. and Mrs. Charles Haynes* as evangelists. Every service was blessed of the Lord as Brother Haynes ministered to the congregation with the Word and as he and Sister Haynes sang under the anointing of the blessed Holy Spirit. The spiritual needs of many were met. Some were saved and some were sanctified. At the close of the last service, God used Sister Haynes in a special way to minister to those who had need of healing of broken hearts. □

—Harold Mills, pastor

Harrisonburg, Va.: The church recently closed a wonderful revival with *Rev. John Cayton*. There was much

prayer and fasting. Many definite victories were won with people getting saved, believers sanctified, and backsliders reclaimed. □

—Clark Langford, pastor

College Park, Md.: The church recently had a revival with *Gary Haines*, evangelist from Colorado Springs. Beginning 40 days before the meetings, the church entered into a continuous 24-hour prayer chain for specific spiritual needs. There was fasting and prayer, along with an all night of prayer at the church altar. The people prayed specifically for revival throughout the active congregation, those who had fallen away, those who were having difficulties in interpersonal relationships, for the salvation of unconverted, the entire sanctification of believers, and a renewed vision for the church.

During the days of the revival meetings, there were at least 123 seekers at the altar. The people witnessed God's moving and direct answers for specific prayers. □

—Donald R. King, pastor

Salisbury, Md.: The church recently closed a week of revival with *Calvin and Marjorie Jantz*. The preaching was excellent and the music was inspirational. The crowds increased each night.

Over 100 seekers sought and found spiritual help. The last night closed with the altar being filled three times. □

—William Ballew, pastor

Ontario, Ore.: The church recently had *Evangelist Dr. C. William Fisher* for a five-day revival. Literally scores of seekers were around the altar, especially the last Sunday. No count was possible.

However, one could count the 22 persons who were received into membership by profession of faith after the revival services were over. □

—Harold M. Sanner, pastor

Lebanon, Tenn., West View Church experienced the warmth of revival fires, led by retired *Evangelist Asa Sparks*. The clear concise preaching of Dr. Sparks was powerfully used of the Lord, and many friends of the

church found Jesus Christ as personal Savior. In addition, many Christians were filled with the Spirit of God during this time of refreshing. □

—Ron Dalton, pastor

Garfield Heights, Ohio: The church recently had a revival with *Evangelist John Cayton*. The people had already been in prayer, and the floodgates of victory were opened.

Over 120 seekers received help at the altar for salvation, entire sanctification, or to be reclaimed. Persons having attended the church for years without making a profession, were gloriously transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and the anointed preaching of Brother Cayton. □

—Kenneth A. Donley, pastor

Tipton County, Tenn.: This "little country church" recently had a "landslide" revival with *Evangelist Don Ballard*. The church people had been praying at home and at specially called prayer meetings for revival.

There were seekers at the altar every service. The church leaders were revived, and some of the young people received definite spiritual victory.

Three days after the revival closed,

the church board voted to increase the pastor's salary \$45.00 a week, so he could be more of a full-time pastor.

—Dwayne A. Hood, pastor

New Windsor, N.Y., Community Church recently had a good revival with *Rev. John Cayton*. There were new people in the service each evening. Seekers found help at the altar in every service. People were saved and sanctified. One teenage boy, who had never heard the gospel, was saved one night and sanctified two nights later. □

—Oliver Wirth, pastor

Longwood, Fla.: The church recently had an extended weekend revival with *Evangelist L. H. Roebuck* and singers, *the Trissel family* and *the Pickering family*. God moved in such a way that the meetings were extended for six additional services. Over 60 people received help through salvation, sanctification, and God's healing power. Revival fires are still burning! □

—Tal Denny, pastor

Long Beach, Calif., First Church recently had a great revival meeting with *Rev. Jim Bond* preaching on en-

tire sanctification. Many people received help at the altar.

The weeknight crowds, reported to be the "largest to be remembered in the past 40 years," continued to grow each night. A spirit of revival continues to prevail. □

—Jerry W. White, pastor

Wichita, Kans., West Side Church recently had an outstanding revival with *Dr. Larry Fine* as evangelist, and *Bill and Terri Cobb* and *Dr. and Mrs. James Main* as song evangelists. The results of many weeks of cottage prayer meetings and fasting were evident as 68 people sought salvation and entire sanctification. All of the workers were used of God. □

—Leon Hendrix, pastor

Petersburg, Pa.: The church recently had a great revival with *Evangelist John Cayton*. Eight new people were born into the kingdom of God. Many backsliders returned to the fellowship. □

—Clifford Chew, Jr., pastor



A 13-day Greater Lake Charles, La., Crusade was held in the Civic Center with the Beatty Family as special workers. Pictured (l. to r.) are some of the sponsors of the crusade: Rev. Ralph West, district superintendent; John Hazelton, Lake Charles First Church pastor; Arlie Kyzer, Lake Charles College Park Church pastor; A. H. Hoffpauir, Moss Bluff Church pastor; Walter Hoffpauir, Vinton church pastor; and Darwin Enick, Westlake Church pastor. Not pictured is Billy Jordan, Sulphur church pastor. This venture had never been tried before in the area but as Lake Charles First Church and College Park Church members met together and began to explore the possibilities, excitement began to grow. The committees from these two churches unanimously decided to sponsor the crusade and encourage the other area Nazarene churches to participate. Even facing a \$6,500 budget, they felt confident the Lord would meet the need. As excitement began to grow, the other churches, Westlake, Sulphur, Moss Bluff, and Vinton joined in five weeks of prayer meetings. The Spirit of the Lord came and people were touched physically, spiritually, and financially. As the revival began, every service was filled with the presence of the Lord. Many nights there was no preaching, but only spontaneous altar services. Every day during the noon-hour prayer times people gathered to pray for needs with confidence that the Lord was hearing and working.



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Winchester, Va.: The church recently completed a weekend revival with *Wes and Mary Fader* as singers and evangelists. Many persons found much spiritual help, including salvation and sanctification. Some were anointed with oil for healing. One man with a withered hand all his life was healed. He is now able to use it normally. □

—Lee Storey, pastor

Pennsville, N.J., Glenside Church recently had a revival with *Rev. and Mrs. Ottis E. Smith*. They were greatly used of God. Twenty-four hours of

prayer preceded the opening service, as well as many weeks of prayer cells. Each service was one of victory as people responded to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. □

—Dale R. Ames, pastor

Green Bay, Wis.: The church had a revival with *Rev. Paul Lloyd* as evangelist. There were powerful, Spirit-filled services each night. Sunday's service, eight seekers lined the altar seeking salvation and sanctification. It was a wonderful way to begin worshipping in the new church. □

—Errol Webb, pastor

Crowley, La., Ebenezer Church recently had a good revival with *Evangelist Dale Martin*. He presented insights into the Word of God which touched the needs of day-by-day living. The Holy Spirit's presence was felt in every service and under His anointing many found help at the altar. □

—Glenn Messer, pastor

Thaxton, Miss., Union Church just closed a revival with *Evangelist Don Ballard*, of Memphis, Tenn. Brother Ballard preached "old-time" Spirit-filled messages. There were seekers every service except one, and a young man answered the call to the ministry. □

—J. W. Sheron, pastor



The Spencerville, Ohio, church recently dedicated their new facilities, completing a relocation project. District Superintendent M. V. Scutt brought the dedicatory message. The new building of 6,200 sq. ft., air-conditioned, was constructed by Rudy Moore, member of ANBP. Rev. James Moss is the pastor.



The dedication of the new sanctuary of Orangeburg, S.C., First Church took place on Sunday, June 27, 1982. The dedicatory message was delivered by Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent. D. Moody Gunter, district superintendent, led the congregation in the Act of Dedication. This new structure is the final phase of construction in relocating the church on a five-acre tract of land. The addition included 4,368 sq. ft. with a sanctuary seating 300, a baptistry area, bridal room, small foyer, and a drive-through offload area. It was built at the cost of \$83,000 (\$20.00/sq. ft.) with a debt of only \$45,000. The total value of the First Church properties is now over \$325,000. Pastor Greg Keller contracted this new addition with the congregation donating all the labor to finish the inside.

MEMO

to church board members:

Pastors who are provided with a parsonage by the church may also be eligible for housing allowance. Generally, churches that provide a parsonage also provide all utilities. However, if utilities are not paid directly by the church, part of salary can be designated as housing allowance for utilities. Such a designation can also be used for parsonage furnishings provided by the pastor, or other costs of providing a home that are not paid by the congregation.

The pastor's housing allowance is not subject to U.S. Federal income tax if: (1) the amount is designated in advance by the church board; (2) it is actually used to provide a home (such provision includes furnishings, utilities, yard care, etc.); (3) the amount spent does not exceed the fair rental value of such items. Although the housing allowance may be exempt from Federal income taxes, it is taxable for Social Security purposes.

The housing allowance should be reported under Column 1B, "Pastor's Housing," in the church's annual financial report to the district, rather than as a part of pastor's salary.

A 32 page booklet, "Minister's Parsonage Allowance and Social Security," offers answers to frequently asked questions about this matter. It is available without cost from Pensions and Benefits Services, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131.

—Pensions and Benefits Services

(Since this information is of a general nature, each church and individual should evaluate their own situation in consultation with their personal legal and tax advisors.)

PIONEER MISSIONARY TO JAMAICA DIES



Funeral services were held August 18 for Rev. Ralph A. Cook, former missionary to India, Trinidad, and Jamaica.

He passed away on Monday, August 16. Services were held at the Lambs Funeral Home, Pasadena, Calif., with Dr. Earl Lee and Rev. Herman Rouse officiating.

Born January 13, 1902, Rev. Cook graduated from Pasadena College and took additional studies at Northwest Nazarene College and Western Evangelical Seminary. He was ordained in 1931 and pastored several churches in the northwest before being appointed to India as a missionary in 1935.

Rev. and Mrs. (Orpha) Cook served 15 years in India, from 1958 to 1966 in Trinidad, and then as pioneer missionaries in Jamaica. Mrs. Orpha Cook passed away in 1967. Rev. Cook retired from missionary service in 1973.

In 1975 he married Dorothy Davis, who had been a missionary in Swaziland for 32 years.

Rev. Cook is survived by his wife, Dorothy; one son, R. Franklin, of Mesa, Ariz.; and two grandchildren. □

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PAUL SODOWSKY RETIRES FROM HEADQUARTERS AFTER 22 YEARS



Rev. Paul Sodowsky was honored in Kansas City recently for his years of service to the Church of the Nazarene.

He retired August 31, 1982, after 22 years at International Headquarters, where he served as administrative assistant in the office of Pensions and Benefits Services.

Rev. Sodowsky came to Nazarene Headquarters in 1960 to assist Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions. They have worked together since that time, ministering to the needs of well over 11,000 Nazarene ministers, in addition to a host of local church staff, spouses, dependents, and widows.

Besides his ministry to the church in the area of pensions and insurance,

Rev. Sodowsky has maintained a pastor's heart. He was ordained in 1941 on the West Texas District, and has pastored for 19 years, including pastorates at Dumas, Tex.; Iola, Kans.; Independence, Kans.; and Carthage, Mo. During his Kansas City assignment, he has been used extensively by the Kansas City District as a supply pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Sodowsky are moving to the Oklahoma City area where he plans to continue to be available for pulpit supply and other ministries on both the local church and district levels. □

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IMPROVED INTEREST RATE ANNOUNCED

Pensions and Benefits Services has just announced an improved interest rate for the Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program.

Effective July 1, 1982, all new deposits will be credited 14½ percent from the date the carrier receives the funds!

Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, indicates that as negotiations continue with the insurance carrier, anticipation is high that additional improvements can be announced in the near future.

The Nazarene Supplemental Retirement Program consists of three plans: TSA, KEOGH, and IRA. All church employees and evangelists are eligible to participate. □

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PHILIPPINE LEADERSHIP AND STRATEGY CONFERENCE

The campus of the Far East Nazarene Theological Seminary in Manila was the site for the All-Philippine Leadership and Strategy Conference August 2-4, 1982.

Those attending the conference

were: Rev. Roy Copelin, Luzon Mission Council director; Rev. Bill Fowler, Visayan Mission Council director and superintendent of the Mindanao District; Luzon District Superintendent Meliton Bernabe; Luzon Bicol District Superintendent Pete Burkhardt; Metro Manila District Superintendent Andres Valenzuela; Western Visayan District Superintendent Jose Causing, Jr.; Central Visayan District Superintendent Honorio C. Mateo, Sr.; Baguio Nazarene Bible College director Rev. Carlino Fontanilla; and Visayan Nazarene Bible College director Rev. Alvin Orchard. The group was hosted by the Asia/South Pacific Regional director, Dr. Donald D. Owens.

Such issues as the role of the district superintendents, the objectives of educational institutions, evangelism and church planting, continuing education, boundaries and creation of new districts, statistics and reporting procedures, and goals for the Church of the Nazarene in the Philippines were discussed in an atmosphere of candor and fellowship.

There are currently six districts throughout the Philippines with 89 churches and 3,865 full members. The districts have set goals of an annual 20 percent growth throughout this quinquennium. □



Dr. Donald D. Owens, Asia/South Pacific Region director, studies Philippine map for district boundaries.



Some of the participants at the Philippine Leadership and Strategy Conference are pictured (l. to r.): Rev. William Fowler, Rev. Alvin Orchard, Rev. Roy Copelin, Rev. Carlino Fontanilla, Rev. Honorio C. Mateo, Rev. Jose Causing, Jr., Rev. Meliton Bernabe, and Rev. Andres Valenzuela.

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