Education Issue
Jesus has always and still does pray for His own. He concluded His final discourse with His disciples with His great intercessory prayer as recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John. In this chapter we are brought into the holy of holies as we hear Jesus pray for His disciples and for all who believe on Him.

The high point of His prayer is, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Earlier He said, "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine" (John 17:9). His concern for His disciples was that they might be kept in the world by receiving a further work of cleansing or sanctification in their hearts so that they might be one, that the world might believe, and that God might be glorified in them.

God's sanctifying grace still produces a pure heart of love in us toward God and our fellowman. This grace enables us to witness to everyone in a positive, convincing way, and to glorify God through the consistency of our daily holy living.

One great, encouraging word to every seeker after holiness of heart and life is that Jesus further said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word" (John 17:20). Yes, He prayed then and still intercedes that you, too, might be cleansed from all sin and filled with the fullness of His Spirit in sanctifying grace. As the songwriter says,

You may now receive the Spirit as a sanctifying flame
If with all your heart you seek Him,
having faith in Jesus' name.
On the Cross He bought this blessing; He will never say us nay.
He is waiting now to give it. Why not claim it, friend, today?
Dear David:

Today, as you leave us to go to our church college, it is with mixed feelings that your mother and I bid you good-bye. In times like this it is quite difficult to express adequately all our feelings in words.

Today a new chapter opens in your life and ours. As you speed through the skies, some of the most challenging and promising days and opportunities lie ahead for you!

I am sure you realize that everything will not always be easy or rosy in this life! However, as you leave us and start a new life, I feel confident because of God's presence. After all, God's presence in our lives is what matters most!

Whenever you face any situation in which you don't know what to do, always remember Proverbs 3:5: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding." And verse 6: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

1. Always remember the words of Jesus: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

2. Never underestimate the importance of daily, personal, private devotions.

3. Never doubt God's goodness, wisdom, and love. Trust the Lord and His unerring promises at all times, and especially in times of need. Remember Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

4. There will be people, even some of your very best friends, who may and probably will fail you, but remember—JESUS NEVER FAILS!

5. Ask God to give you wisdom and guidance in the selection of your friends, and the use of your time, opportunities, and money.

6. Honor God and He will honor you!

7. Nothing God does not permit can come into the life of one who trusts and obeys God. As someone has said: "We live charmed lives if we are living in the center of God's will. All the attacks that Satan, through others' sin, can hurl against us are not only powerless to harm us, but are turned into blessings on the way."

8. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Remember, though you do not know the future and all that holds for you, you know the One who holds your future, whom you can fully, completely, and unreservedly trust to take you through.

As long as we live, you can always be sure of our love, interest, and prayers. I believe with God's help you will make it!

Your friend,
Dad
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THE KEY

Prayer is the key
That opens the door
To all of God's
Infinite grace!

But when
Corroded by sin
And the rust of disuse,
It cannot
Turn in its place.

But it can be cleansed
By one simple word,
Forgive—
If it comes from the heart.

Then the key can be used
To open the door,
And the blessings
From heaven
Will start!

—Alice Hansche Mortenson
Racine, Wis.

BLESSSED ASSURANCE

There is within my bursting heart today,
Setting my soul a-song with pure delight,
A knowledge, hard indeed for words to say,
That I have been delivered from sin's plight.

It sings with notes all sweet, and high, and clear,
This song so firm, secure within my breast,
This blest assurance that the Lord draws near,
And brings my troubled heart, at last, to rest.

Fixed by a faith that centers in the Word,
Built on a birth within the royal line,
My soul knows kinship with the living Lord,
Knows sonship to the Father who's divine.

Oh, wondrous knowledge as this earth we trod:
The human spirit knows itself in God!

—J. Melton Thomas
Mount Vernon, Ohio
The meadow was ablaze with the brilliant hue of wild roses and the sun framed a golden picture of glory in the west.

"O John, let's stop," begged the wife, sitting next to her husband in the shiny new car. "Can't," was the short reply. "Got to get back to the city to a meeting."

How many times do we say or hear others say things typical of this? How many of us really take time to live?

Certainly, life cannot be all fun. That could, believe it or not, become quite monotonous. But the same is true of continued hurry and scurry. All work and no play furnishes no one the attraction that living should offer.

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Too many people today are in too much of a hurry to take time to live. Man must work, that is certain. But he may work grudgingly or he may work gratefully; he may work as a man or he may work as a machine.

God's matchless treasures are everywhere about us. It is our privilege to explore and discover.

Wherever one goes in the world, be it the highlands or the lowlands, the woodlands or the open plains, the homelands or faraway places, there is always beauty in abundance—exquisite, intriguing, inspiring—but always different.

I have thought that God made it that way—made it all different to challenge the best in man.

The surrounding landscape, climate, weather, and house affect our minds as well as many of our bodily functions. We become rooted in our surroundings.

To change surroundings is to disrupt our everyday impressions. This may be disturbing; but no change may also have adverse effects.

People living in isolated places are affected by the monotony of the same impressions. They become hypersensitive to all major changes. We are told that in Arctic places, some people go "wild" with the dawn of summer. Evidently some changes of surroundings, compatible with the maturity of the individual, are necessary for normal development and for normal health.

The next time you see a beautiful sunset, or a rainbow of peace after a storm, take time to admire it. Don't fret because there are supper dishes that aren't washed, or tomorrow's business report that has not been made out. Take time to admire the beauty around you for the moment.

Remember, we have only one life to live, and it must be lived moment by moment. So let's take time to live it!

Sometime when you have a vexing problem or are troubled about the chores that must be done, go out and watch the sunset. May it be a day when there are fleecy clouds in the sky, for clouds increase the beauty of the early evening.

Preferably go by yourself. Have a little private prayer service. Ask God for help and guidance. Ask Him for strength and courage. Feel His nearness, His comforting presence as you take time to get alone with Him.

Take your time. Keep your mind on the beauties of nature all about you. Observe the moss on the hollow log; listen to the trickling of the water over the rocks nearby. Know that God made all this and much, much more.

Don't let the stress of everyday living rob you of life!

TAKE TIME TO LIVE!

By Kathryn Bevis

Houston, Tex.
here is abundant reason to be sincerely thankful for the splendid institutions of learning God has raised up in our church. Almost 9,500 students are registered in our colleges this academic year.

The Church Needs Its Colleges. No denomination can accomplish much or long survive without adequate facilities for training its youth. Standards of education that were considered sufficient in earlier years are no longer satisfactory in this enlightened age.

Dr. P. F. Bresee, our honored founder, pressed for a sound and thoroughgoing educational program. Said he: "All branches of knowledge, God helping us, we purpose to teach men and women in order that they may be at their best advantage for God."

Dr. Bresee also said, "Christian faith must be heartfelt as well as intellectual."

The implementation of this dual policy has been one of the secrets for the phenomenal growth of the church since it was organized 65 years ago. There we stand today. Thus let us continue. To do otherwise is unthinkable.

Our colleges, we are agreed, are more necessary today for the training of our youth than at any time in our history. Especially does this apply to prospective ministers. This generation is demanding an intellectually prepared as well as a spiritual ministry in our pulpits. We look to our colleges and seminary to provide this preparation, with a proper balance between spirituality and intellectual attainments.

As Dean Bertha Munro has observed, "There is no conflict between the best in education and the best in Christian faith."

It is estimated that 80 percent of our denominational leaders are alumni of our colleges. That includes general and district superintendents, college administrators, pastors, missionary leaders, and many of our influential laymen. Our colleges are indispensable.

Likewise, Our Colleges Need the Church. They are intimately correlated. They are vitally interdependent. Modern church history indicates the one cannot succeed without the other.

It is common knowledge that church-related colleges have fallen upon difficult days. A letter from the president of one of our colleges states, "A report from Washington, D.C., within recent days declared, "Two hundred and sixty-five private colleges in America are facing possible bankruptcy within a year, and some 300 more will close their doors within the next two years."

We will be well advised to give serious consideration to these disturbing and
prophetic words.

Three things, at least, we must provide for our institutions:

First, moral support. Many of our finest young people today are interested in advanced education. Let us urge our churches, pastors, and parents to do their utmost to persuade prospective students to attend one of our own colleges. Here they will receive basic college training in a distinctly wholesome Christian atmosphere and under orthodox teaching by fully qualified and spiritual professors. Here too there is consistent emphasis on thorough scholarship, so that academic credits are readily recognized by larger institutions of learning for postgraduate study.

In this environment, too, many of our youth become established in Christian experience and settle their plans for future vocation.

Further, Christian companionship and spiritual influences are of inestimable value. Frequently here friendships are formed for life. And that is of vital importance to our young people.

Second, financial assistance. No educational institution is completely self-supporting. Many are subsidized by government grants or by heavy endowments from philanthropic friends. On the contrary, our church schools must be supported by the church. Hence, our educational budgets, to assist with operating costs; and direct appeals for capital expenditures. Our people have done well through the years in this regard. Let us continue as we have begun.

Many of our good laymen have estates of considerable value. If they would remember generously our educational institutions in their wills, it would solve many problems. What better investment can be made than in the Christian education of our wonderful youth?

Thirdly, prayer support. In addition to moral and financial backing, our colleges are in urgent need of our earnest prayers. It is true that educational work can be richly rewarding. Nevertheless, it is one of the most demanding assignments in the service of the church—as only those engaged in it can really know.

Will you not join with us and our college communities in daily supplication in private devotions, at the family altar, and in the church? Let us pray for our dedicated administrators, the sacrificial faculties, and for the respective student bodies. The church of tomorrow will be the product of our colleges and seminary today.

With one accord we would urge that the banner of Bible holiness be kept flying from the masthead of our institutions. To this end let us pray that revival fire shall continue to burn on our altars. This will go a long way in preserving our churches and colleges for future generations. And only thus shall we be able to fulfill our God-ordained mission in the world.

By A. Ernest Collins
Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada

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It smelled strange. Then I smelled it again. Finally I decided it must be the radiator of my car getting too hot.

As the service station attendant checked it over, he found one of the water hoses had a pinlike leak at the very base. It could not be detected by the human eye. It was only when the pressure was applied that the water would pour through that small hole.

A hole the size of a pin in an item as large as a car seemed very insignificant. However, if that pinhole had not been plugged, soon the radiator would have been drained of its water and the cooling system could no longer have cooled the car. As a result the motor would have been so hot it would have stopped.

In our spiritual lives there are sometimes small, pinlike leaks. We may not pay much attention to them at first. But if we are not careful, under pressure that small hole will drain us of all our spiritual reserves. As a matter of fact, it may even bring us to a complete halt.

At first you might not even notice these things. They may seem insignificant to you. But just as the night follows the day they will mushroom into larger and more serious items.

For example: Murder starts with anger. And anger may stem from resentment or a hurt feeling or feeling of injustice. It started small but under pressure enlarged to gigantic proportions.

Then there is robbery. It stems from coveting and simple desire.

Then there is adultery. It stems from lustfulness and a simple glance.

Examine your life closely. Look at it under pressure, and if you discover any points of leakage be sure to correct them with God's help.

By Jim Cummins
Mount Vernon, Ohio
A few months ago the Church of the Nazarene lost one of its best known and most appreciated educators when Dr. A. B. Mackey passed away. For 42 years his life was totally devoted to Nazarene higher education through Trevecca Nazarene College.

Dr. Mackey had in fact become such a significant part of that institution that he became widely known as “Mr. Trevecca.”

He had been made president of the college following bankruptcy when everything in the way of property had been lost. Through his wise fiscal and educational policies he was able to resurrect the dead college and direct its development to the point where it was a widely recognized college, with a student body of more than 500, and property valued at $2,500,000 with only minimal debts.

A. B. Mackey was born in Highway, Ky., in 1897 in a devout Christian home. His father died while he was an infant, but his mother, later known widely through the church as “Mother Mackey,” prayed miracles to pass which, among other things, enabled her son to obtain an education considerably beyond what was usual in the part of southern Kentucky where he lived. At a time when a high school education was far from common, he had the distinction of being the first person to complete requirements for a degree in Eastern Kentucky State Teacher’s College (now Eastern Kentucky State University).

But Mr. Mackey’s interest was not just education but holiness education. He had begun his schooling in a holiness school which had been founded in his community by a Methodist minister, Rev. John S. Keen. Later he had gone to Olivet Nazarene College for his junior college work. He had been sanctified as a teenage boy under the preaching of Rev. L. T. Wells, who later served for 27 years as district superintendent of the Kentucky District of the Church of the Nazarene.

A. B. Mackey had taught elementary school in his home county for 10 years. But he felt led to go to Nashville, Tenn., where he became a teacher at Trevecca College and a graduate student at George Peabody College for Teachers. At Peabody he earned his master’s degree and completed the course requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

By this time his life was being absorbed in Trevecca. At the time of the bankruptcy he had risen to the dual position of vice-president and academic dean.

In the period from 1935 to 1938 he located new property (the present campus), moved the college, raised sufficient funds to rent and then to purchase the property and to establish a growing institution.

By 1938 his vision led him to propose the motto (which later became famous on the educational zone) “Onward to a four-year college and a million-dollar campus.” Within four years he had the four-year college, and in a very few additional years the campus value had risen to more than a million dollars.

A. B. Mackey was a versatile man. He often said, “I have filled every position in Trevecca from janitor down to the presidency.” Many prominent Nazarenes have declared that he was one of the best public speakers they had ever heard. Many of his former students have written the college since his death; and, among other things, they have said that he was one of the best teachers they ever had.

Dr. Mackey’s personal philosophy was that of a layman who felt definitely called of God to do an important work in His kingdom. He felt that every Christian is called of God just as a minister is called, and he felt that it is a great wrong if not a great sin to fail in any calling.

His view of Christian stewardship included the idea that God not only holds us responsible for the way we spend the money we make, but He also holds us responsible for what we could have made—what our God-given talents would have enabled us to do if we had been sufficiently
diligent. He often made the statement that “money in the hands of sanctified people means souls in the kingdom of God.”

This divinely called layman was totally committed to his calling. He never for a moment forgot his mission, and he never permitted anything, however legitimate, to turn him even briefly from his task.

Dr. Mackey’s educational philosophy, like his religious philosophy, placed emphasis on eternal issues. In his teaching he did not neglect subject matter. But his students were always aware that the real burden of his teaching was the great issues of life—those things which really matter for time and for eternity. He often said to his faculty that the true value of a teacher’s work could only be tested 10 years after the student’s graduation.

A. B. Mackey had a way of impressing his philosophy of life on his students to such an extent that while his ministerial students became conscious to the highest degree that they were God-called men, his lay students also developed a sense of mission and of stewardship that made them feel that they too were “workers together with God.”

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**BECOMING MATURE:**

**TOWARD CHRISTIAN SELF-ACTUALIZATION**

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**SOCIAL MATURITY**

Central idea: In general, people have greater success in developing mature social reactions than in other phases of growing up.

How do we know when a person is acting maturely from a social standpoint? He has made meaningful adjustments in a number of different areas.

1. He has achieved independence from his home. Striving for autonomy begins early in the child but the chief bid for independence comes in late adolescence. Even here, the adolescent has no desire for a deliberate or violent breach with his parents. He only wants to be as independent of them as he is of others. He wants to be treated as an equal.

2. He has found security in friendships among his age-mates. He has developed a circle of intimates among whom he holds a secure and established place. Probably the greatest opportunity for such relationships exists in the fellowship among Christians in the local church.

3. He has learned to accept customs, conventions, traditions, and manners. In a word, he has become socialized. The social world is held together by customs and conventions and traditions. While inhibiting one’s personal liberty, they compensate by giving order, dignity, and safety.

4. He has learned how to maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships. Few activities are without some social involvement. Such interaction can be pleasant and rewarding or it can be a serious source of conflict.

   Some people seem to be at odds with too many other persons. On the other hand, the socially mature person learns to adjust to others, to heal wounds, and to breach gaps between persons. “Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

5. He has made satisfactory adjustment in his work. Ideally, he has found work that interests and satisfies him. At the very least, he has accepted and adjusted to his vocational choice as meaningful.

6. The ultimately socially mature person has also entered into a personal and adequate relationship to God through Christ. God in Christ is the ultimate Person to whom we must make meaningful response. “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:1).

Point to Ponder: Would I not get along better with others if I had a closer relationship with Christ?
When I think of those who have influenced my life the most, I think not of the great but of the good.
—John Knox

Joanna Morrison Crane

A GRANDMOTHER’S GIFT

What a gift my grandmother gave me! Actually, she died before I was born but I feel I knew her personally. How? By the gift of a handwritten testimony that tells of her extraordinary Christian life.

Joanna Morrison was born of Scottish parents in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada, in 1857. Five weeks after her birth, her father passed away, leaving a grief-stricken mother with seven children.

Joanna loved God from her earliest recollections. She never tired of sitting on her mother’s lap hearing Bible stories and singing the old Scotch Presbyterian hymns. She loved to hide and listen to her mother’s personal prayers. On her way to school, Joanna had her own private prayer place behind a big maple tree, where she felt God’s presence each day.

While still a young girl, Joanna was walking behind some Christian ladies, one of whom was her mother. They were talking about the spiritual defeats of the children of Israel in the wilderness.

One of the ladies remarked, “Well, that’s a true picture of the Christian life while we are here in this world. It’s full of doubts and fears, and ups and downs. It’s a constant struggle.”

Overhearing that dreary testimony, Joanna thought to herself, I don’t believe it! There is something better than that. Why wander in the wilderness, when you can go in and possess the promised land? From that time forward, she began to search for a victorious Christian life.

After moving to Boston, she attended a little church and heard holiness preaching for the first time. She asked a girl who did housework for the parsonage family if what the pastor preached was the way he really lived at home. The girl replied, “It surely is.”

One Sunday night, Joanna was leaving church with a heavy heart, for she was still seeking to be sanctified. As she stood in line to shake hands with her pastor, she expected he would say something profound, but he shook her hand and simply advised, “Trust Jesus.”

She thought to herself, Is that all? But those two words, Trust Jesus, kept returning to her mind.

As she knelt at her bed she asked herself, “Am I really trusting Him?” Instead of struggling as usual, she prayed, “Lord, there is nothing more I can do. I’m simply going to trust You.” She crawled into bed, and went to sleep.

As the first rays of morning sun filled her room, her soul was flooded with a divine love. She found herself repeating the words from Isaiah 60:19, “The sun shall be no more thy light by day . . . but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light . . .”

She testified, “Christ’s Spirit had sanctified, my struggle ceased. Jesus enthroned himself within me. Since that day, Jesus has become my constant Light. Oh, I have made many mistakes and been conscious at times of grieving the Spirit, but as quickly as I realized, I fled to Jesus for forgiveness—claimed His blood and went on my way rejoicing.”

When Joanna was in her early twenties she met a young man named Charles Crane, who had been helping in a mission near Boston. They were married when the Lord made it plain
that he was to be her chosen companion.

After several fruitful years serving God, Charles and Joanna took their three young daughters to have them dedicated by Dr. A. B. Simpson, who was the founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. What did it really mean to dedicate children to God?

Joanna testified, “I so fully gave my children to the Lord, that I never felt they were mine, only to train them for Him. The peace of mind that God gave me when I committed them could never be fully explained to anyone. What rest to know that God was caring for them with a love that was beyond even their mother’s love!”

Eighteen years after they were married, Charles heard of a gold rush and traveled to western Canada. Near Edmonton he took a homestead, and wrote back to Boston instructing his wife and girls to join him. She sold all their earthly belongings, said good-bye to family and friends, and boarded a train for the 4,000-mile trip.

When they arrived, she found their cabin in a lonely wilderness with the nearest neighbor four miles away. No church! No school! What an adjustment—from busy Boston, helping in churches and missions, to a life of isolation!

She began to ask God, “Why?” One crystal-clear day she took a walk in the hills. She came upon a meadow carpeted with the most beautiful wild flowers—vivid yellow, orange, and purple. Joanna stood in awe at the glorious display of nature before her.

She questioned, “Why are these beautiful flowers growing here where few would ever see them?”

Word seemed to come down from the sky: “They are here to please God!”

Joanna echoed back to heaven: “Then, so am I!” She had learned contentment in her situation.

A lesson on Christ’s power to heal came after the Cranes moved to Los Angeles. Olive, their youngest child, had a painful earache. In the midnight hours as the throbbing pain intensified, little Olive cried out, “Mama, nothing will do any good but Jesus.”

Joanna recalls how she took her daughter into her arms, and said, “Olive, we will unite in faith and claim victory in Jesus. Jesus is stronger than Satan. When the pain comes to your ear, say, ‘Jesus heals me now.’”

Olive repeated the words and made a song out of it, “Je-sus heals me now, yes, now.”

Joanna could feel the power of that child’s faith raising hers. In a few minutes Olive raised up smiling, “Mama, it’s all gone. Jesus has healed me now.”

Joanna believed in miracles! She testified, “I never needed proof that Jesus performed miracles, for I saw more of them in my own home than anywhere else. For 36 years, I’ve proved that His promises are a sure foundation to real faith in any test. I would seek to convince each soul who ever started on the way to take God at His Word with humility and simplicity of faith, and never look back, however dark the way. Believe God! The weakest one can learn at last the daily triumph song.”

Twenty years after Joanna Morrison Crane passed away, I was a teen-ager reading her handwritten story for the first time. Her words of concern that the gospel be preached seemed to penetrate into my mind. She said, “If one word I have written can be a blessing to my own loved ones or to any other, to Him be all the glory.” I began to open my own heart to God’s will, which eventually led to my call to preach.

Through Joanna’s Christian influence, her oldest daughter, Deborah, married an early Nazarene pastor, Alpin M. Bowes, whose son, Rev. Alpin P. Bowes of Kansas City, now has two sons in the full-time ministry. Her second child, Ruth, is my mother. Her youngest, Olive, became an effective missionary to Guatemala.

The closing words of Joanna’s testimony still speak: “I am writing this in January, 1923, near the beginning of this new year. Jesus was never so real to my heart. I share with you a golden text for the new year, ‘For me to live is Christ.’” This scripture inspired her to write these concluding lines:

No more for self I am living,
    For One has charmed my soul;
Not I, but Christ within me
    Doth all my life control.

Lord, thank You for grandmothers and mothers who have more influence than they know. Are You also speaking to me through Joanna’s life? Do I regard my experience in Jesus Christ real enough to write it? Don’t let me be satisfied with a constant struggle when I can place You on the throne and experience a sanctified life of victory. Help me to remember Joanna’s secret to surrender and simply “trust Jesus.” Amen.

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The Church and Ministerial Education

By John E. Riley
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There were marked differences in the amount of formal training or education early Nazarenes had. Many of them came directly from the farm or factory. Many of them had not even a high school education. Some were college graduates. Some were seminary graduates. Some had master's degrees. A few had earned doctorates or were approaching such degrees.

Probably most Nazarene ministers, at least into or through the 1920s, received most of their theological education through the program of the Ministers' Course of Study under the direction of fellow ministers who had been educated in the same way, i.e., grade school, high school, Ministers' Course of Study.

All of this, however, was but a temporary expedient set against the basic plan of the church to provide a sound higher education program for its ministry. One of the first institutions established in virtually every section of the church across the country was a liberal arts college (sometimes even called a university, a term which revealed the high aspirations of some of the early church leaders).

Then at what probably was the appropriate stage in the church's growth, in 1944, the Board of General Superintendents, through its key spokesman, Dr. James B. Chapman, called for the establishing of a graduate theological seminary. Nazarene Theological Seminary has achieved and maintained quality educational service.

Through the decades in step with the advances of higher education in general, the Church of the Nazarene has seen the level of education advance across the whole spectrum of her membership. Her colleges have grown in size, in general strength, and in academic quality. Great numbers of both laymen and ministers in the church have earned baccalaureate, master's, and doctor's degrees. The general level of formal training across the church has risen markedly. In all the professions, in business, industry, and in the social services, Nazarenes have had and are having successful careers.

But the constant evaluation of growth and change is necessary everywhere in life, both in the church and out. So it probably has been healthy for the church to study her educational program for ministers, among other things.

At the 1964 General Assembly in Portland, Ore., there was authorized the establishing of two new liberal arts colleges (at the start to be just two-year colleges), and a Bible College. The questions discussed at that time concerning the colleges related primarily to size, fiscal practicability, and other practical matters. The questions raised concerning the Bible College included the above, but more especially related to the whole philosophy of Nazarene ministerial training.

The success of Nazarene Bible College to the present seems to indicate at least a partial answer to a sense of need in the church. This significant change in our program of ministerial education, together with other changes in our church, call for at least a partial analysis.

The church, as do all persons and organizations, has gone through alternating periods of growth and assimilation. The pattern has been mixed at any one moment with some local congregations or areas growing and others assimilating. The denomination as a whole has had its alternating rhythms, too.

It probably is true that the increasing size of the church has posed special kinds of problems. When the church reached a membership of 100,000 and then 200,000, it seemed to take relatively greater force to motivate and move it. As church buildings became larger, as church institutions became more complex or even genuinely impressive, as the possible dangers of institutionalism became more evident, and as the rate of growth in membership slowed perceptibly, the call for evangelism became widespread.

Then there came, and still moves on today, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, worldwide and quite diverse, both inside and outside the organized church. Throughout the Church of the Nazarene a new, refreshing spirit and a healthy, happy growth are found. Many marks of genuineness and depth are present, among them a new love for the Bible as God's Word. To God be the glory!

There is evidence, however, of certain points of under-emphasis at which some care must be exercised. The free and happy emotional emphasis of today ("We are one in the Spirit") must be kept wedded to a disciplined New Testament ethic and to a vigorous scholarly approach to "the whole counsel of God."

It is at the point of scholarship, the intellectual content of the Christian faith, that the education of the Nazarene minister is acutely involved. The present trend toward ministers who are "doers," who get things done, whose education may be more on "how to" than on the content of the Bible and the Christian faith, is
something we should look at.

Perhaps we should ask ourselves such questions as:

1. What would be the long-range effect of shortening the educational process for ministers? Of major emphasis on methodological studies? Of neglecting scholarly studies in the Bible, linguistics, history, science, social studies, etc.? Dilution!

2. Could we see and strive for a better balance in the educating of ministers so that the church may, as Jesus tarries, become in the long run what God wants her to be, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners"? Yes!

3. Do we need the best possible education for both ministers and laymen so that we may keep our charge to "serve the present age," to fulfill our calling? Yes! These questions and answers deserve consideration.

The story told in the June 20, 1973, issue of the Herald of Holiness in the editorial "As Others See Us" pointedly illustrates the need for a new look at our intellectual approach to the education of the Nazarene minister.

According to this editorial, Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, asked Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of historical theology at Southern Methodist University, "... if John Wesley were alive today, would he be a Nazarene?"

Dr. Outler’s reply was, “Probably not... The Nazarenes are authentic, Spirit-filled, heart warmed Christians; but Wesley insisted that intellect is the governing, guiding power that God gives man to compensate for the turmoil of his feelings. If he were a Nazarene he would make great trouble for them. Wesley would insist on theological scholarship.”

Loving God with all the “mind” calls for genuine scholarship in the Nazarene minister along with all the other qualifications he must have. This means better preparation both before he begins his ministry (whether through a longer or shorter route as determined by his age when he is called) and lifelong throughout his ministry, following the example of Wesley, whose saddlebags were always full of books.


THROUGH AN OPEN DOOR

M y husband and I have attended the Los Angeles District Assembly a number of times. But this year the pastors’ reports, especially from the smaller churches, were so replete with thrilling human interest that we listened with smiles and tears. The reports struck a responsive chord in our hearts, for we belong to a small church.

We entered our church for the first time about 18 years ago. The pews were uncomfortable folding chairs. The floor was bare, the veneer peeling on the old piano.

But the warmth of the small congregation overwhelmed us. There was a smile and a handshake from everyone. We knew at once that we had found our church home. Here we were needed; here we could serve.

Being a member of a small, struggling church is never humdrum. The story is often a real cliff-hanger. Will the income be sufficient to pay the pastor, to meet the mortgage payments? How about the budgets?

The church members did not often appear in new clothes, but virtually all over-tithed.

There was the young couple who left for Kansas City, he to continue his ministerial studies. They had a small child, they both worked, yet their tithes came back. Once having been a part of a small church, how can the heart forget?

During those first lean years the pastor would sometimes lend from his meager salary part of the mortgage payment.

When it seemed that the courage of all momentarily failed, God would send a miracle. One Sunday a folded $100 bill was found in the offering. It was not in a signed envelope. Although the pastor mentioned from the pulpit that the treasurer would like to give the donor credit for it, it was never claimed.

There were the happy times to make it all worthwhile: the seekers at the altar, the young couple bringing their baby for baptism, accepting new members, the choir walking out in their new robes.

For several years a prayer group has met on Sunday nights a half hour before the service. Many prayers have been answered: Loved ones have been saved, attendance and income have wonderfully improved, the folding chairs have been replaced with lovely pews, the floor is carpeted, the church air-conditioned. We are making a little progress in repaying the pastor for the money he lent the church years ago.

This is not to say that we believe all the blessings came solely because of the prayer group. The pews were paid for with pledges before the prayer group began and there were prayers by the minister and congregation from the beginning. But we believe that God has sent added blessings because of the faithfulness of a few who have come out before the Sunday evening service to commune with Him.

We are proud that two young pastors have gone out from our church. One received his call here.

Every year spent in our little church has been immeasurably rewarding: the victories, the fellowship with those devoted Christians who have stood shoulder to shoulder to keep the doors open.

We have a message from Christ himself sent to the church at Smyrna—but we believe meant for small churches like ours everywhere: "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich)" (Revelation 2:9).

By Blanche Goode
Azusa, Calif.
Congressional Resolution
Proclaiming April 30, 1974 A National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer

Whereas it is the duty of nations, as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions; in humble reliance on His mercy, with assurance of His pardon and reconciliation; and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proclaimed by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is Lord, and

Whereas we know that we have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power, no other nation has ever grown, but we have forgotten God, and

Whereas we have forgotten the gracious hand which prospered us in peace, and multiplied and enriched us, and we have greatly erred in the decrees of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and power of our own, and

Whereas, in humility of heart, we recognize the necessity of acknowledging and prostrating ourselves before Him, the God that made us, and

Whereas we have made such an idol out of our pursuit of national security that we have forgotten that only God can be the ultimate guardian of our true livelihood and safety, and

Whereas we have failed to respond personally and collectively, with our offices and our uncommitted commitment to the unmet needs of our fellow man, both at home and abroad, as a people, we have become obsessed with the selfish pursuits of pleasure and profit, that we have blinded ourselves to God’s standard of justice and righteousness for this society, and

Whereas it therefore behooves us to humble our selves before the Mighty God, to confess our national sins, and to pray to Him for wisdom and understanding, there therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that the Congress hereby proclaims that April 30, 1974, be a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer, and calls upon the people of our nation to humble our selves as we see fit, before our God to acknowledge our final dependence upon Him and to repent of our national sins.

Remember to Pray April 30, 1974
The following dialogue is part of an interview held by H. B. London, Jr., pastor at Salem (Ore.) First Church, with Mark O. Hatfield, senior senator, state of Oregon. Excerpts center on a resolution that Mr. Hatfield introduced in the Senate concerning a National Day of Humiliation—Fasting and Prayer (see report of proceedings and debates from the "Congressional Record" on opposite page).

PASTOR LONDON: I change the subject just a little bit now to talk about the news reports and the resolution that you introduced in the Senate concerning the National Day of Humiliation—Fasting and Prayer. Could you tell us a bit more?

SENATOR HATFIELD: This is patterned after Abraham Lincoln's proclamation for a Day of Humiliation—Fasting and Prayer.

It was issued and signed April 30, 1863, at a time during the Civil War when no one knew which way it was going to come out. We were involved in a battle of major proportions.

This was three months after the Emancipation Proclamation, which injected a new dimension into the whole civil strife. Where the war had been solely and primarily fought up to that point on the question of maintaining the Union, it now had very definitely committed itself to freeing the slaves in the southern states. So consequently this was a very, very difficult period. We are told that about 600 troops per day were deserting. The Army of the Potomac was in shambles; the credit of the nation was under great stress. Horace Greeley, as one very influential journalist, was demanding peace at any price.

All of these things were, you might say, closing in on Abraham Lincoln; and therefore, with the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring, Abraham Lincoln issued this proclamation.

Now this was not a proclamation to implore God to give victory to the North. This was not a proclamation to ask God to ratify President Lincoln's war policy or any other political policy. This was not a proclamation to try again to create in the public mind a ritual or a religious ceremony or some kind of public-relations program that was going to somehow solve their difficult problems.

It was simply a matter of saying to the people that we have received many blessings and that we have come to believe that perhaps all of these blessings and this wealth and this progress and this power that we have was of our own making. It was to call the people's attention to the fact that what we had as blessings were from God, and that we had become a people too proud to pray—we had forgotten God.

Lincoln was attempting to relate again the human need, the individual need, and society's need—to relate them to divine wisdom.

Lincoln asked God's judgment and God's blessings. But bear in mind he stood accountable to God in terms of judgment as he asked for blessings. Unlike religious ceremonies or religious activities in the public arena that ask God to ratify or to support what we have determined as our own political policies, and in stark contrast, is Lincoln's simple proposal that the people get on their knees, ask God to forgive their individual sins, their corporate sin as a nation; and to give them purpose, to give reconciliation, to shower upon them the capacity to love and to have compassion.

These were in effect the purposes of that proclamation then. We have asked to set aside the same day, April 30, 1974, and have used primarily the same wording as Lincoln's proclamation in 1863.

PASTOR LONDON: Now for this to take place, what happens next?

SENATOR HATFIELD: This is not a law. This is not an imposition upon the people. This is not a compulsory act. This is purely a public announcement, so to speak, that we in public office today cannot solve many of these deep problems that beset this nation, but rather are in effect saying to the people, Let us together and individually implore God through repentance, turning from our wicked ways, turning from sin, turning from injustice—which after all is what repentance means, "turning around." To confess our sin and to ask God's mercy, His pardon, can become then the triggering agent that can free the human heart to really reconcile itself to its fellowman, and in so doing, strengthen this nation's purpose, its sense of unity, and its sense of mission to relieve the suffering of this world.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRINK

Back in the old saloon days and during prohibition, drinking had a social stigma attached to it. Today the situation is reversed. The drinking of whiskey and gin cocktails is not only socially accepted, it seems to be socially demanded.

Everyone agrees that alcoholism and drunkenness are bad. Current statistics showing the ravages of alcohol in our homes and on our highways are widespread and deplored by Christians and non-Christians alike. But social drinking "in moderation" seems to be a different matter.

It is true that not everyone who drinks is going to end up an alcoholic or in divorce or traffic courts; but it is also true that none of them who do ever thought they would. It appears people are willing to flirt with the very things they deplore.

I am continually thankful that salvation and God's acceptance are not dependent on keeping a list of rules: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Yet I have observed the transforming power of God in people's lives and in their life-styles. Even though we are powerless to make ourselves good enough for heaven and God, somehow when we realize that fact and surrender ourselves to Him in repentance and commitment—paradoxically He comes into our lives and makes us better people and gives us the power to resist evil.

I do not drink because I consider it unbecoming to my Christian life-style. I do not drink because I do not believe God wants me to flirt with the evils of drunkenness and alcoholism. I do not drink because I am convinced that the present trend in America toward more and more consumption of liquor will be halted only by those who refuse to be intimidated and refuse to drink it.

"Don't let anyone tell you that you have to drink to be sociable," says Glenn D. Everett, Washington correspondent for Religious News Service. "You don't. . . . Nobody shuns you. You don't lose friends—and you definitely gain influence. I don't care what the drinker says to cover up. He has an inner respect for the man who doesn't drink and who won't compromise on the issue. The man who won't yield to pressure on that issue isn't likely to yield to temptation or mob pressure on others, and people know it.

"The young professional or business man, no matter what field he's in, can build respect and prestige faster by refusing to drink than through all the sociable cocktails he can possibly imbibe. And young wives when entertaining need make no apology for refusing to serve alcohol. You make a fatal mistake the minute you apologize for taking the abstinence stand."

IS ALCOHOLISM A DISEASE?

If alcoholism is a disease, then it is the only disease that is bottled and sold; And it is the only disease that is contracted by the will of man; It is the only disease that requires a license to propagate it; It is the only disease that requires outlets to spread it.

If alcoholism is a disease . . . Then it is the only disease that produces revenue for the government; And it is the only disease that provokes crime; It is the only disease that is habit forming; It is the only disease that brings violent death on the highways; It is the only disease that is spread by advertising.

And it is the only disease without a germ, or virus cause. . . . It just might be, that it's not a disease at all.

—Author unknown
Linking Life with Love

“Linking life with love” is the emphasis in Nazarene church schools for the period between Easter and Pentecost this year. Plans have been made to enlist the total resources of each local church toward a great climax of holiness evangelism on Pentecost Sunday, June 2.

Few of us would have difficulty recognizing that life is the inner meaning of Easter. Behind all the seasonal and commercial aspects of the day stand the empty tomb and the vision of the living Lord.

It was essentially the resurrection of Jesus that guaranteed newness of life to His disciples. What was purchased at Calvary was delivered in the risen Redeemer and at Pentecost.

It has often been said that Calvary without Easter would have been unfinished, more defeat than victory. It is also true that Pentecost without Easter would have been impossible. It is the exalted Christ, raised to the right hand of the Father, who, as Peter puts it, pours forth His Spirit upon His people (Acts 2:33).

But if Calvary without Easter would have been unfinished and Pentecost without Easter impossible, the Resurrection without Pentecost would never have been known beyond the narrow limits of that far-off time and place—the world’s best-kept secret.

Life—even resurrection life—can become an inner and personal reality without really affecting those around. It is when life is linked with love—“the love of God ... shed abroad in our hearts” by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5)—that it reaches out to touch a dying world.

Redpath noted favorably the evangelistic outreach and the missionary giving characteristic of American Evangelicals. But he said something very significant:

“I have observed a very real hunger of heart among a great number of Christians in this land for the fullness of the blessing that God has for them in Jesus Christ. Many Christians are highly dissatisfied with their lives; are conscious of defeat and frustration and long to enter into a deeper experience of what union with Christ in life really means in terms of practical daily conduct.”

Dr. Redpath continued: “Far too many Christians have lived exceedingly long on the right side of Easter but on the wrong side of Pentecost, on the right side of forgiveness but on the wrong side of fellowship, on the right side of pardon but on the wrong side of power.

“To use an Old Testament allegory, they are ‘out of Egypt’ but not yet in the ‘land of full salvation.’ Many have wandered in the wilderness—in the carnality of Romans 7 instead of in the conquest of Romans 8.”

These are words to heed. The challenge of our times is to move beyond Easter to the spiritual realities of Pentecost—to “link life with love” both in the interest of personal spiritual victory and in outreach toward a dying and loveless world.

The Pastor’s Plight

Very few people in our economy have been spared the ravages of inflation. A fact of life in lesser degree for a long while, the rate of inflation has increased sharply just within the last year.

This is true not only abroad but more recently and conspicuously in the United States. The February, 1974, U.S. Government report shows the Consumer Price Index at 141.5 of its 1967 average. This means that it now costs $141.50 to buy the same retail goods and services that $100 bought just six years ago.

Caught in the squeeze between fixed incomes and soaring food and fuel prices are a great variety of persons and professions.

Some are protected to a degree by cost-of-living increases in income. Others have taken or are threatening recourse to pressure tactics to increase their income.

Particularly affected are the pastors and evangelists of the Church of the Nazarene. Always
underpaid by professional standards, ministers face the pressures of inflation from an already low economic level.

This fact was vividly brought to mind by the strike of public school teachers in the Kansas City school district. The school administration frankly admits that the teachers are pitifully underpaid. The crunch comes in public reluctance to vote additional tax levies to support the public schools adequately.

Yet public school teachers right out of college start at salaries of $808 per month for nine months in the Kansas City system. With only bachelor's degrees, they earn $1,280 per month for nine months after 12 years in the system.

With a master's degree, normally one year of training beyond the bachelor’s, a teacher starts at $855 per month and with 15 years' experience can earn $1,517 per month for 12 months.

In comparison, Nazarene pastors on the Kansas City District averaged $509 per month salary and cash allowances for 12 months during the last assembly year. Parsonage and utilities, normally valued at approximately 30 percent of the total income, would raise the total to $688 per month for 12 months.

One difference is, of course, the difference between 9 months' and 12 months' pay. But however one figures, the average pastor in our church with years of experience works for less than a grade school teacher right out of college.

Other factors must be taken into consideration. A substantial portion of the cash allowances figured into a pastor’s total remuneration is actually reimbursed expenses for the automobile used in the pastor's work.

Studies have shown that the average pastor drives between 20,000 and 30,000 miles per year in the course of his pastoral duties. Gasoline alone for such driving now would run almost $40.00 per month more than a year ago—in addition to the regular cost of operating a car.

Without betraying a confidence, I may share part of a letter received from one of our pastors:

“I love my denomination and my local church and her leaders from the top to the bottom. I am in full agreement with all her doctrines and policies. I do not desire a move at this time, for I feel definitely that God has called me to this place for this time.

“My problem is in the area of being able to finance my personal and family needs on the current salary being paid by my church. At this time we are putting $26.50 out of $120 a week back into the church, not counting anything for the gasoline that it takes to carry on the work. No consideration is given for books, travel allowance to and from district, local, zone, or general meetings and a multitude of other ministerial duties.

“We have three little guys who eat like big men and they help to run the grocery bill to $35.00 per week; gas for the car costs $10.00 (that is the limit we have set); $35.23 weekly for bank payments on loans; $13.35 a week on insurance for life and auto; and that leaves 92¢ for incidentals.”

For some smaller congregations, this pastor’s salary might represent the best the church could do. But the church this man pastors has increased its total annual giving from $12,000 per year to $25,000 during his ministry there, while his salary has been increased $10.00 per week.

The pastor continues: “I am called of God. He has never failed me yet! However, I do not feel that I am able to give my very best under such tight financial straits.

“I guess I am wanting you to write something in the Herald or to each of our church secretaries pointing out this matter once again. Thanks for listening. I’m not too sure you can do anything about it, but it has helped to tell you.”

Yet this man and a great many others are going to need more help than can be had by telling the problem to a sympathetic friend. His church board should give serious consideration to the need for more adequate support for their pastor.

What is true of support for pastors is also true of evangelists. Some churches still give the same amount to the evangelists who serve them that they gave years ago. These amounts ought to be increased at least in proportion to the cost of living.

The demands upon church treasuries seem to be almost without end. But none is more pressing than consideration for human needs in the parsonage.

Everybody’s business quickly becomes nobody’s business. But each church steward and each trustee should look into the matter of the pastor's salary. Unless your pastor's support has been increased by 41 percent in the last six years, he and his family are actually living on less than they were six years ago.
Q. Wes, we've been talking about "Probe," the new young adult Sunday school curriculum coming out September 1, 1974. Last time we talked about the philosophy of "Probe." I want to ask you now about "teaching strategies." What teaching strategies are used in "Probe"?

A. We approach every Probe lesson realizing that our teaching strategies must do four things.

1. We must have an exercise that presents and clarifies the content of the lesson. Such an exercise must help the student at the cognitive, or understanding, level.

2. Next we must have a learning activity that helps the student identify where he is on the feeling level.

3. Third, we plan an exercise by which the learner can compare where he is with where he ought to be or would like to be.

4. Then we use an exercise devised to help the student plan what he is going to do about that gap between where he is and where he wants to be.

Q. What teaching methods are used most in "Probe"?

A. We call Probe a discovery-learning curriculum. By discovery learning we simply mean that the student is exposed to learning activities where he discovers for himself what the Bible says, he discovers for himself how it applies to his life, etc.

Q. What does this do to the role of the teacher?

A. The teacher becomes a facilitator of learning experiences rather than an authoritarian lecturer. In short, he becomes a playing coach rather than an instructor.

Q. What can the users of "Probe" look forward to in the September—October—November, 1974, quarter?

A. They can look forward to using their Bibles in class more than ever before. They can look forward to discovering that Sunday school can be informative, inspirational, and—fun. They will see Joshua speaking at a local PTA meeting. Jonah in the newspaper. Jeremiah on television. They will meet a frog that got kissed; devise a coat of arms for Samuel; play an exciting game called The Life Situation Shuffle, and see a holy prophet fall head over heels in love with a woman of the streets. Also the users of Probe will discover four or five methods of creative Bible study. And I believe that, by the end of the quarter, the class will know each other better and love each other more.
NAZARENE HIGHER EDUCATION—NEVER A BIGGER BARGAIN!

Recent headlines tell us that college tuitions are surging up again. Colleges are faced with the current energy crisis, with higher salaries and maintenance cost. With the price of fuel oil and butter continuing to rise, it is hardly to be expected that college fees should decrease. But Nazarene higher education was never a bigger bargain than it is today.

Some Nazarene educators have been comparing today's costs with those of 20 or 25 years ago and have come up with some startling results.

At one Nazarene college, statisticians figured out that, whereas 25 years ago a student would have to work 1,582 hours to earn enough to pay tuition, fees, board, and room for the academic year, today it takes only 1,460 hours to earn his entire way through one year of college.

At another Nazarene college a student needs to work 1,537 hours today to cover total costs compared with 1,565 hours 25 years ago.

A 20-year comparison of costs at a Nazarene college shows that, while total costs have increased 3.30 times, on-campus employment rates are up 3.20 times and off-campus employment rates 3.33 times.

In addition to the simple arithmetic of the situation, consider the following:

- All Nazarene colleges today have proportionately greater funds for student aid. In addition, federal aid was nonexistent 25 years ago. Basic Educational Opportunity grants averaged $450 this year and, according to a recent conversation with a federal spokesman on student aid, should go up to $800 next year and even higher the year following.

- The value of campus facilities to serve students is from 10 to 15 times greater than it was a generation ago. Obviously, the campus facilities investment per student have increased far more than student costs.

Only a few Nazarene college professors had doctors' degrees 25 years ago. Today as many as 50 percent of the faculty members on a Nazarene campus may have earned doctorates.

In recent years Nazarene higher education has come of age. Nazarene educators are on the boards of state and national educational associations and are invited to participate in both state and national educational conferences.

Graduate schools are aware of the caliber of Nazarene college graduates. Thousands of Nazarene college alumni with doctorates and other graduate degrees are participating actively in Nazarene churches everywhere.

Although about as many Nazarene young people are attending secular institutions as are in Nazarene colleges, a recent study reveals that 82 percent of the leadership of our church is the product of our own Nazarene institutions. And Nazarene colleges have never had as large a number or as high a percentage of students interested in evangelistic outreach as today!

Yes, despite soaring costs and tight budgets, Nazarene higher education is still a real bargain. Its impact on the Church of the Nazarene thus far has been most impressive. Its potential for the future . . . unlimited.

—E. S. Mann, Executive Secretary, Department of Education and the Ministry

“LOST AND FOUND” TO MINISTER ABROAD

After visiting all Nazarene college campuses, Lane Zachary, director of special ministries for the Department of Youth, has announced membership in “Lost and Found” for summer, 1974.

The following students were selected:

- Patrice Taylor, (Bethany) first soprano, Fairfax, Va.
- Bette Dale, (Northwest) second soprano, Hunter, Wash.
- Terry Estabrook, (Point Loma) first alto, Porterville, Calif.
- Cheryl Coulter, (Canadian) second alto, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- Phil Budd, (Mount Vernon) first tenor, Reynoldsburg, Ohio
- Tom Dale, (Northwest) second tenor, Hunter, Wash.
- Dean Fleming, (Mid-America) baritone, Louisville, Ohio
- Rick Eastman, (Olivet) bass, Eureka, Ill.
- Jaleen Scharn, (Point Loma) keyboard, Kansas City
- Terry Langford, (Trevecca) drums, Lakeland, Fla.
- Larry Hauser, (Northwest) bass guitar, Mountain View, Calif.
- Mark Williams, (Eastern) lead guitar, Manchester, Conn.

These students were picked out of over 500 who auditioned during the months of January and February.

“Lost and Found” is a 12-member music and evangelistic team. In the past, groups have toured only in the continental United States and Canada. This summer, they will be visiting Europe for the International Institute at Fiesch, Switzerland, and will travel to Italy, Germany, and the Republic of South Africa for crusades, concerts, workshops, and one-to-one encounters with youth.

The team will be featuring a variety of music styles. Included in their repertoire will be a new musical by Paul Johnson entitled There Is Life in the Son. The group will present the world premiere of Johnson’s musical at the International Institute in Fiesch, Switzerland.

They will also introduce a number of songs from the new chorus book to be used for the first time at International Institute, entitled He Is Lord. This new songbook will be the same general format as the Reasons to Sing book, which has been so popular the last several
years among youth groups.

Lane Zachary stated, “Since much of this ministry is a new departure from previous programming, the ‘Lost and Found’ team will appreciate the prayers of the body of Christ for success in sharing the gospel musically and in personal encounters.”

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gresham, members for 61 years of the Altus, Okla., church, recently celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary. For over 50 years, Mr. Gresham has served his local church in a variety of assignments—Sunday school superintendent, choir director, Sunday school teacher, and board member.

The Greshams have four children—Eunice, Josephine, and Luke of Altus; and Dr. L. Paul, dean at Point Loma College, San Diego, Calif. Two grandchildren are Dr. Loren P. Gresham, professor of political science at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Okla.; and Daniel K. Gresham, assistant professor of English at Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Gresham

Rev. and Mrs. Marcellus Crider celebrated their golden wedding anniversary—January 20. An afternoon reception was held in the fellowship hall at Shelbyville (Ind.) First Church.

The reception was attended by 250 guests. The couple’s 3 children and all but one of their 13 grandchildren were present.

January 20 was designated “Crider Sunday” at Shelbyville First Church and the couple’s son, Jim, and family participated in special music. Notes and messages were recognized.

Rev. and Mrs. Crider

COMMENDABLE CAMPAIGN COMPUTATIONS

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT CHURCH TOPS RECORD

An all-time high in percentage of Herald of Holiness subscriptions from a local church was reached by the California, Pa., church in the recent Pittsburgh District Herald drive.

Rev. Daniel B. Kunselman and his congregation, with a subscription quota of 10, secured a total of 509 Herald subscriptions, 1,272.5 percent of quota.

The church took the project as an outreach measure, first securing the names and addresses of all they thought would profit by receiving the magazine. Raising necessary funds for additional complimentary subscriptions was the final step.

The California church has registered outstanding gains in attendance and finances under Pastor Kunselman’s leadership.

KEY TO SUCCESSFUL S.W. INDIANA CAMPAIGN

The Southwest Indiana District surpassed all of its previous records during the 1973 Herald drive. The district campaign manager, James V. Cook, Seymour (Ind.) First Church, claimed cooperation as the key to the success of the campaign.

Charles Parsons of Linton, Ind., personally received 101 subscriptions. His enthusiasm added inspiration to the combined efforts. A total of 4,776 subscriptions was reached—representing 120 percent of the district’s goal. S.W. Indiana came in second place in group one. Rev. W. Charles Oliver is district superintendent.
WINNSBORO (LA.) FIRST CHURCH REACHES BLUE-RIBBON STATUS

The Louisiana District's highest Herald of Holiness campaign status was received by Winnsboro, La.'s First Church during February. The church reached 261 percent of its subscription goal.

A capable campaign director was selected. A renewal from each one who had subscribed the previous year assured the quota. Next, a "Buy One, Give One" Sunday was observed. New subscriptions were received from the congregation and gift subscriptions were purchased.

One Sunday, the church conducted a special emphasis to place the Herald in every Sunday school home. The Sunday school offering was used to underwrite this project. Donations were later received to place subscriptions in the hospital and nursing homes. Members contributed also to place the Herald in the homes of new contacts and to purchase a small bundle to use in community calling.

In response to a note of thanks from the Herald office in Kansas City, Pastor William D. Breech wrote: "I have read and enjoyed the Herald for many years. I believe in the Herald of Holiness. I believe that it should be in every home, hospital, doctor's office, and wherever people have the opportunity to read it. I believe that the current issues are the best ever. It is easy to sell something you believe in."

TEXAS CHURCH SURPASSES "HERALD" GOAL FOR FIRST TIME

Wichita Falls, Tex. University Park Church topped its Herald of Holiness subscription goal of 16

with a total of 67 during the West Texas District's February campaign. A trophy was presented to Nancy and Raymond Burton, local church winners in subscription sales.

The Burtons along with another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cawthon, sold over half of the subscrip-

MOTHER CELEBRATES NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. William Lambert recently celebrated her ninetieth birthday. Better known to many friends in the church as "Mommie" Lambert, she now makes her home in Cheyenne, Wyo., where her husband pastored the First Church of the Nazarene from 1936 to 1942.

Mrs. Lambert has three children, all active in the church. Her daughter, Esther, is the wife of General Superintendent V. H. Lewis. Her son Wilmer is district superintendent of the New York District. A second son, Willis, is a mortician in Dallas.

NANCE SPEAKS TO SEMINARIANS

Earlier this year, Mr. Wendell Nance, Nazarene layman from Long Beach, Calif., spoke to students and faculty at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. Nance is a vice-president for an insurance company and a consultant to numerous large corporations. He discussed areas that concern ministers—how to secure church growth; wise expenditure of time, money, and effort (three ingredients of almost equal importance); and the expectancy of trust.

Sometimes called "Mr. Enthusiasm," Nance interlaced his talk with personal testimony to God's grace in his life. He quoted scriptures freely.

As a new Nazarene, Mr. Nance expressed his exuberance and optimism about the denomination's doctrine and organizational structure.

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NEW CHURCH TOTAL REACHES 102!

Churches in Western Samoa and Los Angeles have brought the total for new church organizations this quadrennium to 102. In Western Samoa, Rev. Aliano Oosoo is pastor of a new church at Neitalu, Savaii. Organization of this church means that Samoa is the first district to achieve its assigned quadrennial goal of new churches.

Rev. Soogoon Hearn is pastor of the new Los Angeles Korean Church, which was organized February 21. This church uses facilities of Los Angeles First Church.

Plans have been made across the denomination to organize 200 churches between Easter and Christmas, 1974. This will bring the total of new churches this quadrennium to 302, which would leave just 98 churches to be organized during the final year of the quadrennium in order to reach the goal of 400.

The Los Angeles Korean Church was organized by Dr. Lee Gay Nee, district superintendent, on Sunday, February 21. Along with their pastor, Rev. Soogoon Hearn, 15 members were received as the church was organized.

This Korean congregation is one of the largest new churches ever organized in our denomination. The group started two years ago with 16 persons present. It has made steady progress.

Los Angeles First Church has provided facilities for the new congregation, first under the leadership of Rev. James Ingalls and later continuing under the leadership of Rev. Paul Benefield.

This is the second new church on the Los Angeles District this assembly year. Carpinteria was organized by District Superintendent Nee last August.

SEVENTEEN SEMINARIANS PLAN TO SERVE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES

Miss Odette Pinheiro, a medical doctor of Cape Verde Islands, who plans to return to her country as a teacher in the Nazarene Bible school, is one of 17 students from other countries enrolled this semester at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City. Five are from Canada. There are 2 from Cape Verde Islands and two from South Africa, and 1 each from India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Scotland and Syria.

All of the foreign students plan to return to their own countries for ministerial work. Nine plan to pastor, 6 to teach, and 1 to evangelize. One plans a vocation in public relations and radio preaching. Eleven of the 17 are married.

One of them writes, "I had and still have the privilege of sitting in the feet of God's greatest men." Another says, "I am thrilled to be at seminary. I enjoy every class session. ... I sense God's presence in the life of every professor. I am gaining new and stimulating concepts of my church that I love. I am anticipating to enlarge my vision as well as increase my capacity of love for others while here."

ARGENTINA DISTRICT ASSEMBLY


A special offering was received for Santiago del Estero Province, one of the northern states, declared a disaster zone after recent rains and floods. Several Nazarene laymen lost their homes and personal belongings. Clothing, food, and other needed items were collected to assist those affected.

Rev. Alejandro Medina, district superintendent, reported gains in church membership, finances, and in various departments of the work. He received a vote of confidence in his reelection for the coming year.

A number of young people were given district licenses for the first time. Dr. Ines Echeverria, recently graduated medical doctor and a graduate of the Bible school, offered her services for the opening of a medical dispensary among the Indians in northern Argentina.

Rev. and Mrs. George Galloway were assembly guests. Rev. Galloway challenged the delegates and friends to an "All Out for Souls" evangelistic program during 1974. A group of young people under 30 years of age joined hands and formed a circle reaching around the entire sanctuary as they pledged allegiance to God and the church for an evangelistic thrust.

ARGENTINA DISTRICT NWMS CONVENTION

The Argentina District NWMS convention held in Buenos Aires Central Church this year was well attended by pastors, delegates, and laymen. One of the convention highlights was a presentation with slides and cassette tape from Drs. Albert and Rose Ainscough, sharing their welcome as missionaries to India. The Ainscoughs are new missionaries from Argentina.

Reporter Dorothy Ahlemann stated, "God blessed during the reports of the district council members and during the special musical numbers. Plans for 1974 were presented. Mrs. Medina was reelected for another year."

"We were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. George Galloway as special guests from the U.S.A. Rev. Galloway brought the evening message. Young people responded. They came forward to pray and consecrate their lives for Christian service."
FELTER: Monongahela, Pa., May 7-12; Durand, Mich., May 21-26; Cleverdale, Ind., May 28—June 2.


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“LIBERAL NAZARENES”

“Liberal Nazarenes.” A statement like that usually raises several eyebrows when mentioned in a Nazarene meeting. Often when introducing myself as the pastor of the Liberal Church of the Nazarene, one could hear an undercurrent of comment, giggling, and sometimes outright laughter. But before you leap to any far-out conclusion, let’s look at the reason for this Kansas community having the name Liberal.

It was during the early days when men were moving west and cattle were driven from west Texas to the railroad shipping points in western Kansas. Water was a precious item. So short was it in supply that at most stopping points along the trail, water was sold.

But there was a small settlement north of the Oklahoma border where a rancher freely gave anyone passing all the water he needed. The fame of this little settlement began to spread as cowboy and traveler alike would look forward to arriving at the liberal rancher’s place. They knew their thirst from the hot, dry wind and boiling sun could be satisfied.

And so the name was given. LIBERAL was known because of the generosity of people who lived here on the open plains.

The spirit of that early rancher did not die. Each week during the summer vacation season, some out-of-state traveler is approached by a police car, and the patrolman informs him that he has been chosen Liberal’s guest of the week. Free meals, lodging, car wash, fuel for the car are all included. The spirit of generosity has been kept alive.

LIBERAL is a fitting name for the local Church of the Nazarene. Their missionary giving has more than tripled in the last few years. The Thanksgiving offering is a good example. After completing a new church valued at $250,000, the congregation was challenged to increase their missionary giving.

In 1970 the Thanksgiving offering was $414,60. A goal of $2,000 was set for 1973. The people were urged to pray about their challenge. Over $2,000 was received.

The church has expressed its liberal spirit in several ways. It has helped support a home mission pastor and given to several missionary specials. The pastor has been the recipient of many gifts from the Liberal Nazarenes.

“Liberal Nazarenes!” Yes, in the fine tradition of the community in which they live.

—Robert Aldrich, pastor

At the thirty-first annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters Association, Rev. Stanley Whitcanack (center) received a citation of “special recognition and life membership for dedicated and faithful service as treasurer and esteemed leader in the field of gospel broadcasting.” The award was presented by the NRB president, Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, as Mrs. Whitcanack looked on.

Rev. Whitcanack, administrative assistant for the Nazarene Communications Commission, served as assistant treasurer of NRB for 15 years and as treasurer for the past 9 years. He has also served as a member of the board of directors and on the executive committee of the NRB. Since 1945, Whitcanack has been associated with religious broadcasting.
The annual Laymen's Retreat on the Virginia District held earlier this year was attended by 390. Laymen from 30 of the district churches participated in the activities held at Massanutta Springs in the Shenandoah Valley.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard H. Hamlin were special workers. Bob and Marty Rodgers, district directors, were responsible for organization and promotion. Rev. Gene Fuller is district superintendent.

The first retreat on the district was held in 1969 with an attendance of 75. Each succeeding year has seen a marked increase in attendance, a trend that is expected to continue.

**VICTORIOUS SPIRIT NOTED IN SOUTH AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE**

Eight new students and a victorious spirit in the opening convention were reported by Rev. David Whitelaw, principal of the South African Bible College.

Rev. Whitelaw reports a total enrollment now of 20.

South African Bible College is anticipating moving to its new campus located between Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Pictured is the newly completed sanctuary of Richardson (Tex.) First Church. The sanctuary will seat 150. Educational space was doubled at a cost of $215,000. The total value of the Richardson property is appraised in excess of $100,000. General Superintendent V. H. Lewis was speaker for the dedication service. Rev. J. Endel Stroud has been pastor since 1971.

Oklahoma City Western Oaks Church completed a new facility during its eighth anniversary year. The new sanctuary seats 625 people.

The present Sunday school enrollment has reached 125. The membership stands at 255. The Sunday school is averaging almost 300 in weekly attendance. The church raised $140,000 for all purposes last year.

Talmadge Johnson is pastor; Larry Ryan is minister of youth and education; and Bill Green is minister of music and visitation.

Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent emeritus, presented the dedicatory address for the Sumter (S.C.) First Church. Pastor Carl C. Pratt led the act of dedication and District Superintendent Otto Stucki prayed the prayer of dedication. The new facility along with parsonage and equipment is valued at $395,165. Rev. W. T. White is associate pastor.
The transportation outreach of the Phoenix Billmore Church was inspired when a layman, Mr. Tom Yivard, leased a van for church use. Tom is now superintendent of transportation ministries for the church.

To expand the ministry, the church raised over $8,000 and purchased a bus. The bus was dedicated debt free following a recent Sunday morning worship service. The church theme for its transportation outreach is “Come Ride with Us.” Crawford T. Vanderpool is pastor; Daniel Vanderpool is minister of Christian education; and Paul A. Robbins is minister of youth and music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Robert L. Newbury, P.O. Box 1196, Gainesville, Fla. 32601, is entering the field of evangelism. For 18 years he served as pastor in Ohio, Michigan, and Georgia.

Rev. T. T. McCord, who served for 14 years as superintendent of the Louisiana District, has taken residence in our area. He is available for evangelistic services, week-end meetings, Bible conventions, and other special ministries. He is a man of high integrity and will prove to be very helpful to any church which engages him. —James E. Hunton, Illinois district superintendent

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LEWIS E. CUMMINS, 76, and March 5 in Capitalist, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Harold Cartwright. He is survived by his wife, Bessie (Delmar); 2 sons, Mike and Tommy Line, 1 daughter, Mrs. Don (Jean), 1 brother, and 11 grandchildren.

MRS. MARGARET MARIE DURK, 49, died Jan. 10 in Mexico, Mo. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Victor R. Clark and Rev. Clarence Mclarran. She is survived by her husband, Charles, one son, Gary, three daughters Mrs. Janet DeOrelli, Mrs. Judy Bennett, and Mrs. Linda Reed, her mother, Mrs. Bessie Ankrom, two brothers, five sisters, and six grandchildren.

ELIJAH E. DUSTIN 56, died March 1 in Grand Island, Neb. Funeral services were conducted by Chaplain August Mommens and Rev. Sam Becker. He is survived by his wife, Louise, a son, Kenneth, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Dustin, and three brothers, Edwin, Emmett, and Eugene.

MR. HAROLD V. HUSTON, 71, died Feb. 19 in Pappataki, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Ted Martin and Rev. John Yarbrough. He is survived by his wife, Milou, two sons, 1 Col. H. Vance and Rob; one daughter, Elaine Peterson; seven grandchildren, two brothers and six grandchildren.

AUGNE'S LOLA KERN 98, died March 12 in Burson, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Daniel Hasselrode. She is survived by a son, Mrs. Mike, and six grandchildren.

ROBERT KIRGBAUM 96, died March 13 in Evergreen Park, III. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. J. W. Markle. He is survived by 2 sons, 3 daughters, 2 sisters, and 26 grandchildren.

REV. KENNETH McLAIN died of a massive heart attack on March 9 in Tuscaloosa.
MINISTER PRERECORDS MESSAGE TO BE PLAYED FOLLOWING THE RAPTURE. "This is a chaotic and confusing time. Millions of people have mysteriously disappeared, and I am one of them."

So states Pastor Vernon C. Lyons, pastor of Ashburn Baptist Church, Chicago, in a prerecorded videotape to be televised after the rapture of the Church.

Titled "Millions Are Missing," the 13-minute tape has been delivered to representatives of NBC, CBS, and ABC in Chicago with instructions for use after the cataclysmic prophetic event occurs, described by the Baptist preacher. Pastor Lyons appears weekly on the "New Life" telecast in Chicago and other cities.

DEATH PENALTY RESTORED BY U.S., PENNSYLVANIA, SENATES. The U.S. Senate voted 54 to 33 to restore the death penalty for certain federal crimes. The bill now goes to the House.

Legislation to restore the death penalty in Pennsylvania for certain types of murder has also been passed, this vote by a margin of 44 to 4. The bill was sent to Governor Milton J. Shapp. Supported by President Nixon and the Department of Justice, the federal measure would make execution mandatory for treason and espionage and when death results from such crimes as kidnapping, hijacking, escape from custody, and blowing up of government buildings.

However, defendants might not be executed under certain "mitigating circumstances," such as being "significantly impaired" in ability to discern wrong action, and being under "unusual and substantial duress."

EVANGELIST AT "VOLUNTARY" ASSEMBLY WARNED NOT TO MENTION JESUS. Before addressing a "voluntary assembly" at the Saguaro High School, Scottsdale, Ariz., the evangelist Freddie Gage was told by a school official that he must not mention the name of Jesus during his talk.

The talk was basically about the evils of drugs. Mr. Gage noted that, since he had been invited to the campus, he agreed with the request and urged the students to "live for God and to serve Him."

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PAGANS PROTEST IMPROPER PRESS TREATMENT. Members of 13 pagan religious traditions met in the Los Angeles suburb of Pacoima to discuss the problem of mistaken images created by the press.

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Churches are distinguished by their theological commitments: their ethical ideals; their openness to the Holy Spirit; and their evangelistic, missionary, and social concerns. In addition, there is a somewhat indefinable aspect called "spirit" or "morale."

I want a church that has unswerving commitment to biblical theology; high ethical ideals; the dynamic of the Holy Spirit; and strong evangelistic, missionary, and social concerns.

Such a church is a visible embodiment of the Church Christ loved and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Of such, Jesus said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

I've been taught it's sinful to gamble, bet, or buy a chance on any lottery or the like or any get-rich game of chance. Still, how about the man with the 10 talents?

You have been taught well. Gambling is sinful, and I trust you will live by the instructions of your youth.

The doubling of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) or pounds (Luke 19:11-27) in the parables of Jesus was the result of legitimate commercial activity (Matthew 25:27; Luke 19:23) such as a capital gain on an investment or interest from a bank.

Investments are sometimes called "a gamble." But unless the investment is sheer speculation, something of value is given for what is received.

This would be a question. I would think, of distinguishing things that are different.

Please answer the statement, "It doesn't matter what church you attend as long as you go."

One could wish it were true. But it isn't. It makes about as much sense as saying, "It doesn't matter what you read as long as you read."

If all you want to do is learn to read, then what you read might not make much difference. If all you want to do is go somewhere, then where you go might not matter.

But if your concern is truth and value, then where you go to church and what you read become vitally important.

Admitting, as Mr. Wesley once said, that "one can be saved in any church, or lost in any church," the probabilities of one or the other vary with the commitment of the church to a full-orbed gospel.
OHIO CHURCH CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Dresden (Ohio) Cooperdale Church celebrated its golden anniversary with a series of holiness revival services, February 27 through March 3. Dr. John L. Knight was evangelist.

On Friday evening, March 1, a mortgage-burning ceremony was included in the revival service. The debt incurred from remodeling of the sanctuary and parsonage has been paid in full. It was a happy celebration, according to Pastor Herb Zuereher.

Eighteen charter members joined the church when it was founded on March 1, 1921. Five of the original group are still living.

(L. to r.) Pastor Herb Zuereher; District Superintendent Don J. Gibson (Central Ohio District); Mr. Don Galt, chairman of the board of trustees; Dr. John L. Knight, evangelist; and Mrs. Dwight Price, treasurer, participate in mortgage-burning ceremony.

KENTUCKY CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

Lexington (Ky.) Bethel Church held a dedication service and mortgage-burning ceremony on March 10. Its new sanctuary was ready for occupancy one year ago. The joint celebration was made possible through the faithfulness of members, the liberality of friends, and a special bequest by Mrs. Nancy Yocum. Rev. Robert P. McKenney is pastor.

District Superintendent Aleck G. Ulmer (Kentucky District) presented the dedicatory message at the special afternoon service.

The church also celebrated the eighty-first birthday of Rev. Hugh S. Clark, who has sponsored and worked with this group since it was first organized.

OF PEOPLE AND PLACES

Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Rushing retired from active service on March 24. Their most recent pastorate was at the Clarksville (Tenn.) Park Lane Church. The couple are completing 39 years of ministerial services.

Rev. Rushing has been involved in pastoral work, revivals, and radio ministry on several districts. He served on the district advisory board and in other district offices.

The Rushings have eight children. Four daughters are married to Nazarene ministers—Mrs. Jay Bybee, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. Jack Archer, Mount Vernon, Ohio; Mrs. James Bearden, Ashland, Ky.; and Mrs. John A. Knight, Mount Vernon, Ohio. Another daughter, Mrs. David Baker, teaches in the Putnam City School System, Bethany, Okla.; and a daughter, Mrs. Everett Barber, is affiliated with a business in Birmingham, Ala. One son, O. C. Rushing, Jr., is vice-president and general manager of a tire company in Odessa, Tex.; and another son, Dorsey, is a principal in the public school system of the Greater Baltimore area.

Upon retirement, Rev. and Mrs. Rushing moved to Nashville.

Rev. and Mrs. Freeman A. Brunson, presently pastoring the Grover City, Calif., church, plan retirement May 20. They will conclude their pastoral ministry with farewell services at Grover City on Sunday, May 19.

The Brunsons, concluding 40 years of active ministry, have served the following pastorates—Mount Pleasant, Port Huron, and Midland, Mich.; Canton, Ohio; Rantoul, Ill.; and in California at
Torrance, Lynwood, Long Beach, Westside, and Grover City.

Recently, the Brunsons traveled to Peru to visit their son Robert and his family, who are serving as missionaries. They also have a son serving with the armed forces in Japan and a married daughter who is working in special education.

Rev. and Mrs. Brunson

Rev. Ralph West, former pastor at Arlington (Tex.) First Church, was recently honored by the Arlington Kiwanis Club as “Minister of the Year.” West was selected for the honor by fellow colleagues of the Arlington Ministerial Association.

West has served as chaplain of the police department in his community and has been president of the Arlington Ministerial Association. His church has shown substantial growth during his ministry and has relocated on a new site in the city.

Rev. West assumed the responsibility of a new assignment as district superintendent of the Louisiana District on April 1. The announcement of his appointment appeared in the March 27 Herald.

Miss Myrtle Hall, soloist for the Billy Graham Crusades, presented a gospel concert at the Fishkill, N.Y., church where J. Grant Swank, Jr., is pastor. Miss Hall sings for the Graham Association in crusade meetings around the world. She is scheduled to appear with the Association in London this spring.

Prescott L. Beals, missionary-evangelist, recently returned from a five-month tour abroad. He visited New Zealand, Australia, New Guinea, Indonesia, the Island of Samoa, and Hawaii.

Mr. Beals is available for missionary conventions, faith-promise conventions, youth camps, and full-week holiness revival meetings or weekend holiness conventions.

Mr. Beals holds a cuddly koala in Australia.

Dr. Karl W. Hattler, member of the Albuquerque Sandia Church, was elected to the Legislative Council of the American Speech and Hearing Association. The organization fosters high standards of patient care for people with hearing, speech, language, and learning disorders.

Hattler was recognized in the New Mexico District as “Sunday School Teacher of the Year.” His Sunday school class gained in attendance over a two-year period from 6 to almost 60. Over 150 adults have experienced spiritual help during the two years he has taught. One family was called into a full-time youth ministry and a medical doctor was called to missions.

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A few weeks ago one of my members came to the office. Immediately I detected something was wrong. He could hardly speak, and when he did, it was with a broken voice. Tears flowed freely down his cheeks. Finally he was able to compose himself enough to tell the purpose of his coming and to share with me the burden on his heart.

"Pastor, my older son is near death's door and I have only found out today."

Because of the distance involved he was unable to visit his son. There had been a continuous flow of letters urging his backsliding boy to turn to God. But this result had not happened. Now he was at death's door.

"Pastor, help me pray that, even yet, he might come to Christ."

As I prayed throughout the day for this man, whom I had not met, I felt led to call a pastor friend, Dan Penn, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, Medford, Ore., requesting that he make contact with the one so seriously ill and needing God. Because of a pastor's interest in the soul of a man and his willingness to cooperate with his Christian brother's request, Dan followed through. The letter below gives the results:

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your recent letter and your inquiry regarding Ron Castro. I had the opportunity of visiting him several times in the hospital. We spoke regarding salvation on several of these occasions. However, his wife was always present and he seemed to be rather reticent to talk.

The last time I saw him there was no one in his room. He seemed to be really interested in the way of salvation and mentioned that he had prayed constantly while he had been in the hospital. It was my privilege to pray with him and I believe he did find peace of heart. He was released from the hospital the next day and returned again a few days later. I dropped in to see him and was shocked to be informed that he had passed away. Even though I was not able to see him during the last couple of days of his life, I'm sure that my visits and our prayers were a real help to him.

Blessings on you in your work there.

Cordially,

Daniel H. Penn

I wish you could have seen the expression and heard the testimonies of praise to God that came from the lips of a "dear old dad" when Rev. Penn's letter was read. It came to pass because someone cared.

May God help us to join hands, recognizing that the mission we are on can only be accomplished as we work together as team members in the interest of souls.

By Paul R. Nesmith
Sacramento, Calif.
PASTOR’S WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. Charlotte Warren and two children, ages one-and-a-half years and a few months, were killed when their car driven by her husband, Rev. Jerry Warren, blew a tire and crashed in a river alongside an Idaho highway. Rev. Warren and two teens, who were also in the car, were able to get to the bank. Mrs. Warren died instantly from a broken neck. The children presumably drowned.

Jerry Warren graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1972. He has pastored in Troy, Ida., since.

TORNADO DAMAGE

A series of killer tornadoes swept through the Midwest, Wednesday, April 3. They have been described as the worst since the Palm Sunday storms of 1965. Immediate reports did not include Nazarenes among the estimated 300 who lost their lives.

The Xenia, Ohio, church sustained major damage. Its parsonage and an educational building were completely destroyed. The sanctuary was left standing, but was severely damaged. Estimated losses on the property were set at more than $250,000.

Members of the pastor’s family found shelter in the basement. The home and its contents were swept away.

Rev. Howard Rickey, pastor, was in the educational building, where the church-sponsored Kids’ Kollege was in session. Seeing the funnel, he was successful in getting the 160 children into the basement. No one was hurt. Parents of two children at the school did not come after them and are presumed dead.

Pastor Rickey was seeking a place to hold services. Eight of the 11 school buildings in town were damaged beyond use. Xenia church had planned to have 1,000 in Sun- day school on Easter. District Superintendent Dr. Dallas Baggett says, “They would have made it, I believe.”

MANC AND MVNC RECEIVE ACCREDITATION

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools meeting in Chicago on March 27 announced accreditation approval for two Nazarene colleges—Mid-

America Nazarene College, Olalla, Kans., and Mount Vernon Nazarene College, Mount Vernon, Ohio, were officially announced.

MANC President B. Carl Smith and A. B. Peterson from Mid America Nazarene College were in Chicago to receive the notification of the association’s approval. The Kansas Board of Education had previously predicted that by 1975, MANC would be the largest part of the association.

Dr. Donald S. Metz Jr., and President R. Jerry Smith, stand to enhance the Accreditation celebration.

MVNC The accreditation announcement for MVNC was received by President John A. Knight and Dr. W. Lloyd Taylor, dean of the college. The accrediting association has granted extension of MVNC’s accreditation to include a bachelor’s degree program. The authorization allows the college to add a junior class in the fall of 1978 and a senior class the following year. Since 1953, the college has been accredited at the associate degree level.

Full four-year operation has been a major goal since the founding of MVNC in 1968. Dr. Stephen W. Nease served as the first president. The first commencement was held in May, 1978, and member of the “Pioneer Class” that had arrived on campus in 1968 were graduated with associate in arts or associate in science degrees.

The accreditation for bachelor’s degree work is the culmination of a long search. The institution is one of 117 in the association that have worked toward this level of approval.

Looking over the MVNC self-study booklet prepared for accreditation evaluation are Dr. W. Lloyd Taylor (left) and President John A. Knight.
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