



# Herald of HOLINESS

## The True Answer to an Old Question

By General Superintendent Vanderpool

"What must I do to be saved?" is a question that was wrung from the heart and lips of the Philippian jailer nineteen hundred years ago. Since then, this question has been in the minds of millions of sin-burdened people. There is a true answer to this old question, "What must I do to be saved?"

The answer is to be found in two things: first, my attitude and relationship toward sin; and second, my attitude and relationship toward Christ.

Wrong attitudes and relationships toward sin have brought guilt and estrangement from God. Nothing can bring deliverance and salvation from sin but a change in attitude and relationship toward it. Indulgence in sin has driven the sinner from right relationship with Christ, just as Adam's sin drove him from right relationship with God. It is impossible to receive Christ and really love Him and at the same time cling to the sins that crucified Him. When the cherished sin is renounced, the sinful practice is forsaken and the heart is broken in genuine repentance; then, and then only, is the right attitude taken toward sin.

This change in attitude toward sin will enable the individual to take a new attitude and find a new relationship with Christ. The rebellious and disobedient have no soil in the soul from which faith for salvation can spring. The yielded and penitent soul can claim the promise made in I John: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1:9). The individual realizes now that, since he has changed his own attitude toward sin, he is in a position to receive pardon and forgiveness and have a new relationship established with Christ.

The old question, "What must I do to be saved?" can be answered in two short statements: first, forsake sin with all your heart; and second, accept Christ with all your heart, and "thou shalt be saved."

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## TELEGRAMS

**Danville, Illinois**—Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. Harold Reed, Dr. Albert Harper, Dr. T. W. Willingham gave Chicago Central District its best preachers' meeting. Sunday-school drive on, Mary Latham greatly used. New goal set for Home Missions on the district of 200 churches. Organized our first colored church in Chicago. Great blessing on the people.—**E. O. CHALFANT**, *Superintendent of Chicago Central District.*

**Pasadena, California**—One of the greatest revivals in the history of Pasadena closed tonight in the district auditorium with Dr. R. V. DeLong preaching under God's anointing, and Bob and Madge Killion doing superior work with the special music, 200-voice choir, and congregational singing of crowds up to 3,000. Over 1,200 seekers at the altar in this twelve-day union campaign of Pasadena College and ten local Nazarene churches. College chapel services of phenomenal power and blessing; several services running many hours with confessions, happy testimonies, and shouts of praise. Great freedom and spontaneity in night services, making real impact on the community. The meeting was characterized by depth of spirit, miraculous conversions, glorious sanctifications, and definite calls to Christian service. God still gives Pentecostal revivals when His people meet conditions. Without doubt, the Lord is trying to give America and the world a genuine sweeping revival.—**W. T. PURKISER**, *president of Pasadena College.*

**Marion, Indiana**—Pastor Roland, Hartford City church, sponsors new church organization, Upland, Indiana; twenty charter members; purchasing own property. Northeastern Indiana missions for homes in Home Missions.—**PAUL UPDIKE**, *Superintendent of Northeastern Indiana District.*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. R. E. Griffith, for the past nine years the successful pastor of the church at Richmond, California, and recently returned from a round-the-world tour, covering 35,000 miles, is now entering the evangelistic field.

The annual lecture series sponsored by the Student Advisory Council, Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee, will be delivered this year, April 10 to 14, by Dr. V. H. Carmichael, professor of business education at Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, Indiana. Dr. Carmichael is

a member of the General Board, and a very outstanding Sunday-school promoter.

From April 12 through 20, the Canada West District, with Dr. Edward Lawlor, superintendent, will enjoy five district holiness conventions, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool as the special speaker. The conventions will be at Vancouver First, Calgary First, Red Deer, Regina, and Winnipeg churches.

Houston District had a tour in the interest of missions, March 27 through 31, with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wellmon, missionaries from Nicaragua, as special speakers.

Dr. A. L. Parrott is now touring the South Dakota District in the interest of the expansion program of Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing, Nampa, Idaho. His next tours will be Arizona and New Mexico respectively.

Rev. J. L. Longnecker has resigned as pastor of Golden Gate Church, St. Louis, Missouri, as of April 16, and is entering the evangelistic field.

Rev. Robert M. Earle, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, has accepted a call to pastor the Broadway Church, Waterloo, Iowa.

Dr. Mendell Taylor, of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, conducted a good pre-Easter revival at the Rainbow Boulevard Church, Kansas City, Kansas.

Young faith might well be expressed as follows, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee" (Psalms 56:3); while mature faith might better be described thus, "I will trust, and not be afraid" (Isaiah 12:2).—**MARY SANDERS.**

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**Kansas District.** Twenty-three churches have gone "over the top" in their subscription campaign, the Rev. John Brockmueller, campaign manager, reports. Churches winning the district awards are: First prizes to: Augusta, Salina, Hoisington, Junction City, Chautauqua; second prizes to: El Dorado, Meade, Plainville, Larned, Paradise. The Reverend Ray Hance is the district superintendent.

Springfield, Ohio, pastor, George M. Galloway, sent in subscriptions bringing his total to 205. They have 204 members!

Miami, Florida. Rev. Aubrey Ponce, district campaign manager, lists ten churches who went "over the top" in their campaign. He says they will go over their goal of 2,000 subscriptions!

A number of districts closed their campaigns March 31. We are eagerly watching for reports. Everyone is doing a splendid job! Thanks.

## "Over the Top"

	Members	Subs.
Marysville, Washington	22	28
Hoquiam, Washington	22	16
Alum Bank, Ryot, Pa.	16	19
Newark, Delaware	19	20
Rossville, Illinois	14	15
Waukegan, Illinois	49	37
Dallas, Lovedale, Texas	53	37
Grand Saline, Texas	57	40
Atoka, Oklahoma	11	9
Claremore, Oklahoma	21	20
Rushville, Indiana	54	43
Le Mars, Iowa	36	31
Ford, Kansas	58	55
Gilman, Illinois	9	11
Morris, Illinois	21	21
Rankin, Illinois	7	13
Mineola, Texas	15	14
Tyler, Texas	131	182
Pittsburg, Texas	50	41
McAlester, Oklahoma	78	78
Britt, Zion, Iowa	57	55
Marshalltown, Iowa	45	44
Garden City, Kansas	79	83
Coldwater, Missouri	8	11
Cozad, Nebraska	34	45
Farnam, Nebraska	28	34
Hessville, Indiana	19	29
Lafayette, Indiana	101	106
Mitchell, South Dakota	98	131
White River, South Dakota	10	38

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# EDITORIALS

*Stephen S. White, Editor*

## Church Schools Issue

**G**OD is certainly blessing the Department of Church Schools under the leadership of Dr. Albert F. Harper. We appreciate him, Dr. Erwin G. Benson, and every other person connected with this phase of the work of the Church of the Nazarene. It is a pleasure, therefore, to give this arm of our church activity some extra space in this issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**.

## Some Significant Facts!

**T**WO YEARS AGO, I interviewed the chief probation officer of Jackson County, the county in which Kansas City, Missouri, is located. This official, Mr. M. D. Beckwith, had been associated for some time with Judge Ray Cowan, the head of the juvenile court of Jackson County. During fifteen years, Judge Cowan had dealt with more than forty-five thousand cases of delinquent or needy children. He had become famous for his work in this field, and Mr. Beckwith spoke for Judge Cowan as well as for himself.

At that time I also consulted Dr. G. Dewey Smith, who was then head of the problem child division of the school system of Kansas City, Missouri.

I asked Mr. Beckwith and Dr. Smith the same questions and will give their answers to five of them. What they said is significant because they spoke out of years of experience in dealing with youth. The questions and their answers are as follows:

1. *What are the most important years for character development?* One replied, "From six to twelve"; and the other, "From zero to six." Putting the two answers together, we have from zero to twelve. Please notice that it is from zero to twelve, and not one to twelve—the young life is molded from birth on, and the most important years are those from zero to twelve.

2. *What is the worst thing that can happen to a boy or girl during these critical years—zero to twelve?* The two men gave essentially the same answer to this question—a lack of security or a feeling of not being wanted. The greatest cause for this is broken homes, and broken homes are due either to divorce or to death. Mr. Beckwith added that 83 per cent of their juvenile delinquents came from broken homes.

3. *What are the most important influences in character building during these years from zero to twelve?* Again the replies of the two men were practically identical. The home was mentioned first—it surpasses all else in molding young life. Next to the home stands the church. According to Judge Cowan's records, only six out of every

one hundred juvenile delinquents had been to church during the six months prior to their first appearance in court. Judge Cowan believes in the value of the church so much that the paroled delinquent is required to attend church for six months or one year. After the home and the church, the youth's school and recreational groups stand next in importance in his development.

4. *When is social pressure the strongest, or when is it most difficult for a youth to resist the influence of the group?* One of the men declared that it was from the ages of twelve to sixteen, and the other asserted that it was during the teen years or adolescence. For instance, Mr. Beckwith said that a middle-aged woman could go down one of the main streets of Kansas City without the "new look" and not be disturbed much, while the average teen-age girl would feel it very strongly, or be considerably embarrassed thereby. However, teen-agers will withstand this social pressure much more easily if they have been properly trained during the years from zero to twelve.

5. *Why is there so much juvenile delinquency today?* Here again the two men largely agreed, and what they said may be summarized as follows. War always brings a breakdown in morals; home life was disorganized more than usual during the late war; parents ran around more and left their children without proper supervision; and there was a general breakdown in parental authority and responsibility. In addition, both the parents and the children had too much money. Further, the feeling of insecurity which so many had during the war, and still have, has contributed to this delinquency. Finally, one of the men cited a weakened church influence as one of the causes for the present wave of juvenile delinquency.

No Christian can face the facts involved in the answers given above without a feeling of seriousness and responsibility. These facts emphasize the need for Christian homes, and for churches which are on the job. Certainly we should encourage the work of our homes, church schools, and young people's societies as never before. May God help us!

## Invisible Support

**J**OHAN BUCHAN has defined an atheist as a man who has no means of invisible support. Such a person is surely at a disadvantage in this present world. There is nothing that we need more today than a tie with the invisible, a contact with the unseen, or God.

**T**HERE IS little support to be found in the visible, with its change and decay. When all has been done that can be to give us security here, we are still surrounded by that which is ephemeral, or passing. Life itself is very uncertain. Never were we more sure of the truth

that we should not boast of tomorrow. We have never been so conscious of the fact that we do not know what a day may bring forth. This is evident, although the life-span has been lengthened and disease is being more and more controlled. And if life is uncertain, how much more so are the things of life—health, money, and position! Indeed, there is little that we can lean on in this world. The foundations of this present existence do not furnish very firm standing ground.

**P**AUL was aware of the temporal character of the things that are seen. He also knew that the things that are not seen are eternal. He had a means of invisible support after he met Christ on the road to Damascus. **The Visible And Invisible Contrasted** This was his constant source of support during all of the years of his conflict and suffering for his Master.

The Psalmist, as well as Paul, saw this contrast between the visible universe and its invisible Creator. He describes this distinction thus: "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end" (Psalms 102:25-27). The Psalmist not only perceived this difference, but he also took advantage of it. He stayed his soul on the invisible God, and not on the passing things of this world.

Moses endured as seeing Him who is invisible. He was able to make it through and lead a great people out of Egypt—even though his way was beset by seemingly insurmountable difficulties—because he had an invisible support. He was no atheist, either in theory or practice.

**T**HE support which the invisible God provides is limitless in power, as well as eternal. He can supply all of our needs because He has all power in heaven and on earth. Many passages from the Word of God indicate this. We shall mention only two of the most significant. The first is found in II Corinthians 9:8, and is given in these words: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." This refers largely to God's ability to give us all of the spiritual strength that we may need to accomplish what we should for Him in this life. Please notice the wonder and extravagance of this provision which the invisible God makes for us. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." One might well call it a verse of

**The Invisible Support Unlimited**

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## AS I SEE IT!

By General Superintendent Young

**H**ERE are a few simple but fundamental ideas concerning our *half-a-million* goal on April 9 that seem inescapable to me.

1. *The sheer necessity of it.* I have just examined our general treasurer's report on the General Budget for the ten-month period ended February 28, 1950, and the plain mathematical fact faces me, we need *half a million dollars* in the General Budget Easter Offering, April 9, if we are to meet our commitments and close the fiscal year, April 30, in good order.

2. *The challenge of it.* The stated goal is not a ceiling; we could do more than that. I am persuaded that if all our members and friends would do their best our total offering would exceed the goal suggested. It is an opportunity to give extra dollars to missions because the overflow above fixed expenses all goes to missions (home and foreign).

3. *The method involved.* It is an offering from the whole church for the whole world. Everyone should take part. We should give generously and hilariously. Do not block the channel of blessing. Do not let local or district building programs deter you. Do not postpone your devotion to God in sharing our gospel with a needy world. Give on April 9 as you would if the Master himself were here in bodily presence and were the lone Usher in your church gathering up the Easter Offering for missions. Jesus watched the offering in that ancient day when some gave much and some gave little; He commented on the woman who put in two mites, for she had given her all.

## Noble Living Means Generous Giving

By John T. Benson\*

**W**HEN I was a small boy I hid in the corner with my little "sack" of candy. I ate it greedily. In later years I discovered that I enjoyed candy more by sharing it with my brothers and sisters.

Many a man has grown to a ripe old age and never learned this childish lesson. To enjoy what you have means to share it generously with others. To appreciate the residue of a fortune, large or small, means that a generous portion of it must have been previously expended for the benefit of brothers and sisters.

Reader! You live within yourself—away down deep, hidden from every prying eye, you realize your own greed or generosity. You want a noble soul! Then it must be a generous one.

The Easter Offering is just around the corner. I can think of no better way to let that noble soul of yours and mine assert itself than by giv-

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# 1950 and Beyond!

By A. F. Harper\*



**WE ARE** at the turning point of our century. One-half of it is gone but half of it is yet to be. In this special 1950 church schools edition of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* it is fitting that we pause to review the past and to consider the future in all phases of our task of Christian teaching.

Fifty years ago the earliest foundations of the Church of the Nazarene were being laid. However, the work done at that time was all below the surface because no visible structure appeared until 1907 and 1908. In that first visible organization Christian teaching was present but not prominent. Though most of the congregations were small, the Sunday schools were yet smaller. There were 10,414 church members but only 6,756 members of the Sunday school.

Gradually the vision of the importance of Christian teaching dawned on the young church. By 1915 the enrollment of the Sunday schools was almost equal to the membership of the denomination, and in 1919 the Sunday school was 25 per cent larger than the church. Now at this midpoint of the century our Sunday-school enrollment is nearing the half-million mark, almost double our church membership. In addition to the Sunday schools, we enrolled last year 107,469 in vacation Bible schools, held classes in weekday religious education, and were developing summer camps and local weekday activities as means for teaching the Christian faith to our children.

In the 1948 quadrennial address of the general superintendents, the late Dr. H. V. Miller said concerning Christian education: "We must capitalize every agency at hand." As we face the future we must strengthen and expand our existing organizations for Christian teaching; we must have more Sunday schools and better Sunday schools. But we must also find new and effective ways to get the gospel to more people.

One of the most significant trends of the Protestant world today is a re-emphasis upon the home as an instrument of Christian teaching. In that emphasis we must have a share. Every Nazarene parent must feel it his personal responsibility to lead his own children to a saving knowledge of Christ, to help his young people find the experience of entire sanctification, and then to teach them how best to become mature, well-balanced Christians. Our parents must see this responsibility and accept it. Our Department of Church Schools must give major assistance to Christian parents in this strategic undertaking. To this work we pledge our best efforts.

\*Editor in Chief of Church School Periodicals

My prayer for the Church of the Nazarene is twofold. We are a holiness church; I pray that we may continue to preach, teach, and live this glorious experience of grace. But it is not enough that we ourselves live holy lives. We must somehow guide our children and young people into similar lives of heartfelt devotion. That we may be a God-anointed people who raise up a new generation of holy men and women is my prayer for our church in 1950 and beyond.

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Missionary work, at home and abroad, will be advanced or retarded by my generosity, or lack of it, as expressed in the Easter Offering on April 9.

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## The Church Schools at Mid-Century

By Erwin G. Benson\*

**THE STORY** of the growth of the Church of the Nazarene cannot be fully told without recognizing its Sunday-school emphasis. Our leaders early discovered the value and contribution that it made to the evangelistic program of the church.

Careful observation reveals that the trend in church membership has followed the trend in Sunday-school attendance in a period of two to three years. The most noticeable were the losses in Sunday school in 1941, 1942, and 1943. During this time we lost 10,000 in enrollment. By 1945 our activity in church membership felt the impact of those years and we had the smallest gain, in number and percentage, in our history. This means that our Sunday schools of the past one-half century have made a definite contribution to the growth of the church.

Significant figures on our Sunday-school attendance and enrollment for the past years are as follows:

Year	Enrollment	Attendance
1932	225,707	132,606
1933	239,341	141,111
1934	259,985	155,309
1935	270,531	160,631
1936	271,779	158,400
1937	277,250	160,869
1938	307,083	181,343
1939	329,121	198,394
1940	343,146	203,803
1941	342,755	206,412
1942	340,440	202,632
1943	332,753	194,038
1944	337,619	200,594
1945	350,279	213,190
1946	369,726	231,518
1947	398,940	251,655
1948	422,832	269,914
1949	453,413	290,998

Our mid-century position finds us with 72 per cent of our schools with enrollments of less than 150 and average attendance of less than 100. This

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offers our greatest challenge for this time. The increase in the number of schools with higher attendance is the challenge of the years ahead.

Fortunately, mid-century finds us with a growing awareness of what makes Sunday-school increases possible. There must be larger buildings for larger schools, and we are providing them. There must be better literature, and we are providing it. There must be better teaching, and we are working at that in Christian Service Training. There must be more lay visitation; we are getting that too. The increase of 30,000 in enrollment and 20,000 in attendance last year must be attributed largely to increased lay visitation. There must be a great group of new teachers and officers who are filled with the Spirit of God to help; there is a volume of prayer for that.

There can be no retrenchment in our Sunday schools in the next one-half century. The Church of the Nazarene has the message of this day, and our Sunday schools continue to be one of our principal agencies in proclaiming that gospel. We must deepen and grow or die—we are too young to die!

Our highest attendance on any given Sunday was 413,000 on Easter, 1948. We are to be challenged to have 500,000—one-half million—present on Easter, 1952. This then will demonstrate that an average of one-half million should not be too far distant.

## A Dream Come True!

By Norman Oke\*



*gram—a dream come true!*

By 1930 the training program had taken roots and grown till thirteen of our districts were taking part. That year fifty-five classes were held and a little more than one thousand persons received credit. The dream was taking form.

In 1936 R. R. Hodges became the director, and for twelve years he gave capable and energetic leadership to the program and it grew rapidly under his ministry.

Now two brief decades have winged swiftly by: sad years, darkened by a desperate depression and a hideous world war. Still, through it all, Nazarenes have been catching the vision of

\*Director of Christian Service Training

a well-trained laity. Youth and maturity have joined hands in this bold enterprise of organized self-betterment for Christ's service. They wished to be workmen needing not to be ashamed. Dr. Ellyson's dream was steadily pushing up into view: a sturdy and splendid building was rising on Nazarene Avenue.

This leadership training program was rechristened and reorganized in 1940, and now it fairly encompasses the world. In 1949 all of the sixty-two districts took part. Nearly twelve hundred classes were held and over twenty-one thousand individuals were given credits. Check that a moment and you will discover that nearly one-tenth of all Nazarenes enrolled in training classes last year. Hundreds of others attended but were unable to complete the classes.

So Christian Service Training now blankets this continent. It extends its service to Great Britain, South Africa, and the Hawaiian Islands. The Church of the Nazarene is now among the most training-conscious of all denominations. What was a dream in one man's heart twenty-five years ago now is an institution that casts its shadow across the entire church. We are in stride now; what's more, we have our direction set. The best marching lies ahead of us. Hats off to the past; coats off to the future!

It will come to pass in our time—the day when Nazarenes will be the warmest-hearted and best-trained workmen to be found anywhere in the Master's vineyard. Lord, hasten that day!

## Boys' and Girls' Work

By Milton L. Bunker, Director



**D**URING the past four years the Caravan activities for boys and girls have found an increasingly prominent place in the general church school program, not only in the United States and Canada, but also in the British Isles.

At present, sixteen districts have a district director in charge of boys' and girls' work; thirty districts have local churches with organized Caravans, and over 318 different Caravan and Wigwam groups have been registered with the department.

These groups are known as the Indian Braves and Indian Maidens, ages nine through eleven, and the Trailblazers and Pathfinders, ages twelve through sixteen. They meet regularly each week under the supervision of Christian leaders whose purpose it is to help these young people develop spiritually, mentally, socially, and physically. Special emphasis is placed upon their learning more about the Church of the Nazarene, its doctrine, administration, missionary activities,



and schools. They are also taught to attend and to take part in the various services of the church. The entire Caravan program is helping to train our youth to become leaders in the church of tomorrow.

In addition to these local weekday activities, the summer camps are becoming in many places a most vital part of the district program. Last year, according to our present figures, twenty-four districts promoted boys' and girls' camps. Several more districts are making plans for camps this coming summer. Many camp directors are using the Caravan program as a basis for their camp activities.

The goal of the department is to see active Caravans organized on every district.

## The Expanding Home Department

By Fred Parker, Director



**A**LMOST 16 per cent of the adult population today could not attend Sunday school even if they wanted to. A nationwide survey revealed that 8.7 per cent are employed on Sundays or at night in such a way that they could not

be there; 2.6 per cent are in public institutions including jails, hospitals, and county homes; 2.5 per cent are permanent invalids unable to leave their homes. Another 2 per cent are over seventy-five years of age and ordinarily unable to attend church with any regularity.

These people mentioned above constitute the major part of our Home Department potential. They are the ones we should be reaching through this much-neglected branch of the Sunday school. Dr. Earl F. Zeigler, of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, conducting another survey of Home Department work, found that virtually nothing was being done to reach that large percentage of people classified as Sunday workers. Yet here lies the widest field of opportunity. We must also keep in mind that the objective of this department is to reach not only all those who *cannot* but also those who *will not* attend the regular sessions of the Sunday school.



As a denomination we have set a goal for ourselves of Home Department enrollment equal to 10 per cent of the Sunday-school enrollment. According to the figures given above this would mean reaching about two-thirds of our basic potential. At the moment we have reached only 2 per cent. But there are two factors concerning our enrollment which give cause for gratification—one is the large increase in the number of Sunday schools having Home Departments; the other is the sharp rise in enrollment in this branch of the work in recent years. We now have 9,577 members and should top 10,000 in 1950 easily. Will your church be added to the ranks this year?

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The Easter Offering, April 9, is our immediate opportunity to evidence our love for God and earth's millions.

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## The Latest

### On Vacation Bible Schools

By Mary E. Latham\*

**T**HE following excerpt from the annual report of the Department of Church Schools to the 1949 meeting of the General Board would be of interest to everyone.

"Last year we reported 1,325 vacation Bible schools; this year 1,572. Last year we enrolled 85,475 pupils; this year 107,469. In

a 1949 survey of some 250 religious bodies in the United States the Church of the Nazarene ranked thirtieth in church membership, fifteenth in Sunday-school enrollment, but seventh in vacation Bible school enrollment and eighth in number of vacation schools conducted. Only the numerically largest bodies are reaching more children through vacation church schools.

"For the second year we offered to the church a full line of our own teacher manuals and pupil workbooks. Itemized below are the units and sales records showing nearly 30 per cent increase over 1948 figures, which were, in turn, 51 per cent greater than 1947 sales. In two years we have virtually doubled the sale of curriculum materials.

\*Director of Vacation Bible School Work





	<i>Teacher's Manual</i>		<i>Pupil's Workbook</i>	
	1948	1949	1948	1949
Beginner .....	1,370	2,700	12,486	15,305
Primary .....	1,724	3,100	18,494	17,650
Junior .....	1,779	2,800	18,157	26,000
Intermediate ...	1,182	2,167	9,929	14,452

Total .....	6,055	10,767	59,166	73,407
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"In addition to the curriculum materials the Publishing House sold approximately 147,000 pieces of promotional literature (posters, records, post cards, and dodgers) designed by the Department.

"While we have had splendid increases, there were yet Nazarene churches in 1,924 communities that failed to take advantage of the opportunity to use the vacation Bible school as a means of increasing their Christian ministry to children for whom Christ died. There is much land ahead to be possessed."

Although we are glad for an increase of almost 25 per cent in enrollment, we still have no right to rejoice. *We enrolled less than one-half of the boys and girls of our Sunday schools!*

At the conference of January 10, church school board members from every district agreed that our goal for 1950 should be at least equivalent to the enrollment in the children's division of our Sunday school. This is approximately 225,000. This would mean to double our enrollment of last year. We have adopted this slogan:

**DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS  
TO  
DOUBLE THE ENROLLMENT!**

Home mission vacation Bible schools would do this. Let each church give a lift in leadership and finances to a smaller church or unreached community. With some help, many churches could have a vacation Bible school. Will your church help to reach the goal? Can we please God by doing less?

**Make Easter Sunday, April 9, an "all out" effort in sacrifice—service—souls!**

**We are laborers together with God. Our gifts at Easter time bind more firmly that working partnership.**

**Noble Living Means Generous Giving**  
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ing generously to this forthcoming offering. It could be that some of us might be tempted to "hide with our little sacks" in the corner. Let's remember our brothers and sisters, those one hundred and eighty-nine good and faithful missionaries of the Church of the Nazarene. They need our help. Moreover, we can help ourselves by rediscovering that simple and childish lesson that we can enjoy that which is left in "our little sacks" only after it has been generously divided with others!

## Nursery Department— A Great Responsibility!

By Lavaun Tombaugh, Director



**T**HE Nursery Department is usually considered under three divisions:

First of these is the Cradle Roll, with its home visitation work and the enrolling of babies on the Cradle Roll of the Sunday school and the promotion into the Beginner class at the age of three.

Second is the maintenance of a nursery room in the church where children are cared for during the Sunday school and church hour.

Third is a Nursery class—a class for three-year-olds who are still members of the Cradle Roll Department.

Yet, a fourth important part of the work of this department cannot be overlooked. In fact, it is so much a part of the other three that it is not looked upon separately. This is the work of contacting and winning parents. In fact, winning parents might be said to be the first step in Nursery Department work, for in no case does a baby become a member of the Cradle Roll without the consent of its parents or guardians.

Even after the baby becomes a member there is often much work to do, for a child's name on the Cradle Roll does not always mean that the parents are Christians. We want to know with assurance that the parents will provide the proper home in which the child can get his first impressions of Christianity and God's love for him.

The latest records show a total of 44,800 children on the Cradle Roll of the Church of the Nazarene. Conservative estimations would allow for at least 60,000 parents of those children. The Nursery Department and the church are responsible to give them inspiration and direction so that





they, in turn, may give their children Christian homes. We must not fail them. Let us do our best for parents and children.



## Power: Visible and Invisible

By Norman C. Schlichter\*

**A**TOP a Portland, Oregon, high building is a four-sided sign with great, tall letters. Each side has the same word, *power*, which gleams widely and radiantly upon the night. This visible word power really means what it says, since it stands for the electric power that is generated by two great power projects on the Columbia River. Forty miles up this river from Portland are the Bonneville dam and powerhouse. One generator of this dam turns out 54,000 kilowatt-hours of hydroelectric power continuously; and there are ten such generators there.

Several hundred miles upstream is the much larger Grand Coulee Dam in Washington, which generates still more power. Eventually there are to be seven more major dams on this same Columbia River and its main tributary, the Snake River.

*Power!* Electric power. Its possibilities in that Northwest region are almost beyond even this atomic-power-minded time in which we live. And all because man has learned to co-operate with God's physical laws, which is the reason for our newly-found atomic power.

This Portland sign makes me think at Easter time of an invisible sign of power that loomed above the Cross on Calvary. How gloriously visible it must have been in heaven! Of course it was the power of the Resurrection! Beside it, the power signified by this Portland sign is insignificant indeed.

Who can know here on earth, even to a limited degree, the power of faith in a risen Saviour?

In the Book of Acts we are told that "with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Even St. Paul could not fully sense the power of this Resurrection, for he says, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection" (Phil. 3:10).

At Bonneville and Grand Coulee are great transmission lines which carry the electric power for the needs of men; but God's followers are the only transmitters of that eternal and incomprehensible power of Calvary. And how God loves the good and faithful transmitters among us!

\*Annville, Pennsylvania

God does not measure time nor happenings by our own brief life-span. How then can we declare, rightfully, that some personal prayer or aim has been in vain just because it fails to materialize within our own short lifetime?—  
MARY SANDERS.

## TO ITS MASTER!

Christ waits for the church to move more extensively and with steadfast purpose in the direction of the unreached. His voice rings with clarity and decision. "Go ye into ALL the world . . ."

We have the workers to send, the fields to enter, the message to give, and the method to employ. The only lack is for sufficient funds to match the ever-increasing opportunities God is giving the church.

The Master looks upon our round of activities and sees the point of our interest. Our lives must be "Kingdom-centered" if they are Christlike.

To say an effective "Yes" to its Master, the church is depending upon you at Easter.

REMISS REHFELDT,  
Foreign Missions Secretary

## Invisible Support

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superlatives: and certainly it is what we would expect from an invisible Support that is all-powerful.

Another passage, which, if possible, surpasses this one in Corinthians, is found in Ephesians 3:20. It is a part of one of Paul's great benedictions, and is stated thus: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." This is another verse which is full of superlatives and describes the unlimited power of God to help us if we will only rely upon Him. Surely our God is the all-sufficient Support; He is the invisible One upon whom we can depend.

**T**HE HYMN "Abide with Me" so well describes the wonder and greatness of this support which God, the invisible One, provides, that we shall quote from it in closing:

**Abide with Me** *Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide,*

*The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me!*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou, who changest not, abide with me!*

*I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Thro' cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!*

# Home Missions and Evangelism

*Roy J. Smee, Secretary*

**District-wide Visitation**  
**T**HE Northwest Indiana District has organized visitation evangelism over the entire district, with a district chairman (Rev. William D. Eckel) to encourage and promote the effort. Friday afternoons and evenings are set aside for visitation across the district, and more than five hundred workers have enlisted. The program was organized last September, when the average Sunday-school attendance over the district (4,348) was approximately the same as for the previous assembly year (4,391). The first month the program was in operation, October, the attendance jumped to 4,817, and kept climbing through December, when it was 4,923. There was a drop in January and February to 4,680 and 4,626; but visitation is being featured in the district paper, and continued results will without doubt be apparent this spring.

"The most effective and the most permanent method of reaching others is by personal work. This is possible to every Christian, yet there are not many who have the gift of approach to their fellows. Many who love the Lord deeply, and delight to bear witness for Him, are yet not adept in leading those to whom they speak to the acceptance of Jesus as Saviour. But there are others whose hearts are constantly overflowing and the overflow is daily bringing men and women to the feet of the Lord. The work of these counts, on the whole, for more conversions and for truer converts than do the great movements that keep spasmodically rising from time to time. What blessing would result in a doubling or tripling of the numbers of these quiet workers! All of us—by more prayer and love, by the giving of tracts and the witness of spoken words—might greatly increase our personal ministry."—from the *Alliance Weekly*.

The Australian District reports more than a 100 per cent gain in Sunday-school enrollment, the total now amounting to over five hundred. The Nazarenes in Australia are pressing on for another 100 per cent gain this year. They are full of enthusiasm and loyalty to the task.

## NEW CHURCHES

Superintendent Mack Anderson organized a new church on March 1 at Brewton on the Georgia District. They have seventeen charter members

and are raising a fund for a new building, which they expect to begin this spring. Rev. W. B. Maddox is the pastor. This is the fifth church on the Georgia District since the General Assembly.

Superintendent O. J. Finch organized a colored church at Wyandanch on Long Island on March 12 with twenty members, nine of whom are men. This is the first organization on the New York District this quadrennium; but the fine Nazarenes of this district, ably led by their superintendent, Dr. Finch, are backing a great home missionary program that will see other churches organized in the future. It is significant that this church was organized on the closing day of a home missionary tour of

the district by Dr. Smee, during which approximately \$6,000 was pledged for home missions. To this sum will be added \$2,500 from General Home Missions.

The New York District, with its tremendous concentration of population, offers one of the greatest challenges to the Church in America. It is reported that there are at least 3,650,000 persons more than fourteen years old in the city of New York alone who are not accounted for in the organized religious life of the city. New York has been called a pagan city. Home missionary work of all kinds is desperately needed. For example, in some sections of Harlem 40 per cent of the children are receiving no religious instruction whatsoever.

Let us pray for our work and workers on the New York District, that this year there will be a great harvest of souls and advancement in home missions.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

*Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary*

## An Appeal for China

It is the tendency of our people to write China off like a bad debt, to feel that the battle is lost, and that our prayers and tears are useless, that China has fallen behind the "iron curtain" and there is nothing we can do about it.

But not so! It is true that Communism has spread its evil pall over a vast area of Asia and a part of Europe. Its tyranny is marked from Berlin to Hong Kong, and from the Bering Sea almost to Palestine. They have driven out missionaries and destroyed churches. They have murdered native Christians in many places. Even some of our Nazarenes in the old field have fallen. But their excesses have brought reaction to their own ranks, and a milder policy seems to be in force today in China.

We get word from our China Nazarenes that all is well. Other missions are getting encouraging reports too. It heartens us to pray anew that God will bring revivals to the church in China. God cannot be excluded by any "iron curtain." Where sin abounds, God can make grace much more abound. Let us continue to pray for China.—R. G. Fritz, China.

## Pray—Go—Give!

We need to PRAY here, for the powers of darkness seem to be massed against us. We are deeply grateful for the co-operation of you folk at the home base in this aspect of the

fight. Time and again we have been conscious of your prayer help—keep at the praying.

GO—We need also to go. The idea that the heathen just flock to hear the gospel is all "moonshine." But when we go and lovingly compel them to come in, they respond.

GIVE—God has enabled us to give ourselves unstintingly to the work, and has been pleased to own our efforts by blessing many souls.

During the year I conducted about twenty-six campaigns, three preachers' meetings, one Bible conference, and assisted in three camp meetings, preached in many of our schools, sold Bibles and literature.

The two preachers' conventions in Gaza were outstanding. God really gave us a breath of a revival. What blessing and fervor attended these services! There were four meetings daily, starting at 6:30 a.m. and finishing up around 11:00 p.m. After being in church twelve hours one day, someone said he did not want to leave.—JAMES GRAHAM, Africa.

## A Nazarene Bell

February 26, 1950, marked the inauguration of the Republic of India. The day before, the village of Buldana hummed with activity. Sitting at their sewing machines in front of the shops, tailors made many flags for the "Great Day." Young people cut triangular pieces from multicolored tissue paper, which they strung

on ropes in front of government buildings. These bright papers waved an atmosphere of freedom in the breezes of Buldana.

For our village, the day dawned at 6:45 with the pealing of the Church of the Nazarene bell. How fitting that a Christian bell should awaken the community to a "New Day"!

Our own Rev. Leslie Fritzlan graced an evening service on the government school grounds. Here Hindus, Mohammedans, Christians, and representatives from various castes gathered to celebrate the "New Republic." As Mr. Fritzlan arose to speak, we thanked the Lord for him and his leadership.

Yes, India realizes her need of a higher standard of life for her millions. But does she know that this need is Christ? One Hindu made the following statement: "We cannot have honesty in big things and in a nation until dairymen discontinue the adulteration of milk with water, and as long as merchants continue their short weights." Can India have what Mahatma Gandhi in 1922 desired for his people, "Swaraj," freedom, without Christ, the Motivator?

India needs the gospel, and the Church of the Nazarene is located in the heart of this vast country. Could it not be said in the words of the scripture that we have come to the country "for such a time as this"? How we missionaries long to see souls brought into the fold!—GERALDINE CHAPPELL, *India*.

#### NOTICE

Mrs. Myrtle A. Pelley Taylor, retired missionary, is in Florida, recuperating from a recent illness. Her permanent home address is 208 W. Martin Street, East Palestine, Ohio. Mail will be forwarded to Florida.

#### THANKS!

Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hendricks wish to express appreciation to those who sent boxes of used clothing and shoes to Barbados following the tornado and flood which left many destitute.

#### Bible Crusade

So strongly are we personally convinced of the value of the ministry of the printed page that we have made it a point in our traveling over the Texas-Mexican District to give special emphasis to this work. Upon checking the records I find that in the last six months we have distributed 63 Bibles, 236 New Testaments, and 2,073 gospel portions. In addition we have sold several hundred of the ABC booklets on doctrine published by our Spanish Department, *Manuals*, *Showers of Blessing* hymn-books, etc. The number of tracts given out would total many thousands.

We are especially pleased with a recent gift of 350 large, nicely-bound Spanish New Testaments, donated to us by the American Home Bible League of Chicago. These Testaments, in accordance with the League's purpose to place the Scriptures in the Bibleless homes of America, will be distributed free of charge in the homes of those who promise to read them. This Bible Crusade, as it could appropriately be called, offers an opportunity to reach hundreds of new

Mexican homes with the gospel. We hope and pray that this may be only the beginning, and that this good work may go on until thousands of these special New Testaments have been given out, and until the divine Word, that "converteth the soul," "rejoiceth the heart," and "maketh wise the simple," transforms the lives of many who read its sacred pages. We ask your prayers for this work of Scripture distribution.—EDWARD G. WYMAN.

## Religious News and Comments

*Edited by Delbert R. Gish*

TO DATE no successor to Myron Taylor, the former presidential representative to the Vatican, has been appointed. President Truman has been under strong pressure on both sides of the issue, but the *Christian Century* states that the proportion of letters favoring a new appointment has been better than thirty to one over those which oppose it. An Italian source which speaks for the Vatican asks not merely for a personal presidential representative but for an official with the status of an ambassador.

It is understandable that the President should be reluctant to make a decision on a problem so fraught with political consequences as this. He will lose votes from Catholics if he drops this appointment and from Protestants if he continues it. As Protestants see it, such a representative is not only unnecessary but an undemocratic recognition of the world headquarters of a denomination as a state. Why not send presidential representatives to all of the larger denominations?

The trustees of God's Bible School and College, located at Cincinnati, Ohio, have appointed Reverend Lloyd R. Day as acting president of that institution (January 20). Professor Day has practically grown up with the school, having been connected with it for twenty-three years, serving as principal of the high school for twelve and one-half years.

Dr. Billy Graham says of his eight hundred invitations to hold revivals that "for the first time in forty years . . . it is the ministerial associations and church federations that are doing the inviting."

The Pennsylvania State Supreme Court gave the ruling some time ago that Mohammedan children should not be permitted to be absent from public school on Fridays to keep their Sab-

bath. They may attend a private school; but if they choose the public school, complete co-operation is required.

The Jewish Agency gave the figure for Jewish population in Israel as one million, this total having been reached in mid-December. About forty-four thousand of these are said to be Christians.

Cleveland, Ohio, is getting ready for the coming of the eighth world congress of the Baptist World Alliance in July. Seventy-five thousand Baptists are expected from all over the world during the time allotted. President Truman is scheduled for an address at the opening session.

Paul Blanshard, author of the book, *American Freedom and Catholic Power*, is spending Holy Year (the Catholic designation for 1950) in Rome as special correspondent to the *Nation*. Among other things, he will complete work on a sequel to his controversial book.

The case of that Eastland, Texas, minister who declared that he would risk contempt of court rather than betray the confidence of an accused person gave promise of putting the law to a rigorous test. According to the law, if he had been called to the witness chair, he was subject to penalty should he refuse to testify. This is contrary to time-honored ministerial ethics; hence a move has been initiated to have the state legislature revise the law.

Figures from the Office of Vital Statistics show that the average length of life in the United States is still on the increase. It has now reached the record high of 67.2 years, an increase over the 1947 figure of 66.8 years. Males still have a higher death rate than females, and in most age groups nonwhite people die earlier than whites.

# THE QUESTION BOX

*Conducted by Stephen S. White*

**Q.** A friend is letting me have copies of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, which I very much appreciate—particularly the “Question Box,” since I am endeavoring to learn all I can concerning the doctrine of your church. I fully believe that the Church of the Nazarene is one church organization that is still free from modernism, and I praise God for that.

What is bothering me is this: I once attended services in a church of the Nazarene where there was very much confusion. When someone would be leading in prayer, others would be praying aloud, or sort of groaning as if in extreme pain, until it was impossible to follow the one leading in prayer. Also, there was the altar service, with seekers for regeneration, and there were so many Christian people praying aloud and some of the women church members moaning and groaning and loudly crying that an adult seeker told a friend of mine afterward that it distracted her until she could neither think nor pray for herself; and a non-Christian present remarked that walking on their knees, as some did, from one seeker to another, looked very much as if it were only one step from Holy Rollerism.

Now, please don't get me wrong. I have never criticized the Church of the Nazarene myself, and it isn't my intention for this to be destructive criticism, because I'm sure—from reading the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*—that there is so much good in the Church of the Nazarene. Now, the information I should like is this: Does your church approve of all this confusion and, if so, how can you reconcile the same with I Corinthians 14: 33, 40?

**A.** I have given this letter with its question in its completeness because it has the earmarks of sincerity, and because it is interesting and helpful to see ourselves as others see us. The two verses referred to in I Corinthians (33 and 40) should not be taken out of their context. One commentator heads the section in this chapter from verse 26 to 40 thus: “Rules for the Exercise of Gifts in the Congregation.” The reference is to the gifts of the Spirit, especially tongues and prophecy. The Corinthians were a high-strung, emotional company of professing Christians who liked the spectacular and were not very careful about their lives. They all wanted to speak in tongues or prophesy at the same time. Paul especially em-

phasized the fact that tongues, as compared with prophecy, were almost—if not entirely—negative in value. In addition, he urged the Corinthians to prophesy one by one, and not all at the same time (verse 31). I have said all of this in order to emphasize the fact that Paul is not here talking about the same situation that the writer of the question is. Therefore, his words do not strictly apply to the condition described.

Again, there are few of our churches which could be accused of manifesting all of the characteristics pointed out by the person who has asked this question. There are, no doubt, a few of our churches where none of these traits could be found. Such a state of affairs would not be to their credit, according to my way of thinking.

There is still something else which should be said in connection with the criticism before us. Real, heartfelt

religion cannot be regimented. Whenever and whenever it is truly present, there will at times be outbreaks of burden and praying which to the outsider will seem irrational and uncalled for. On the Day of Pentecost, some of the onlookers accused the participants of being drunk; and Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the great English preacher, described the Welsh revival as being a confusion which was divinely ordered; and more than once I have been in situations which could be described only in such a manner. I admit that, as a rule, it is best to have someone lead the prayer and then all of the others follow him; but I would not want to limit all honest and sincere praying to this method. It is natural for men at times to get so under the burden of prayer that they forget about their fellows who are praying and cry aloud to God. Plenty of room must always be left for spontaneity in Christian worship!

**Q.** Should the Communion service be held once a year or four times a year?

**A.** At least four times a year, according to the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene*.

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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Dr. and Mrs. C. Warren Jones write: “*The Ancient City of Amman*. The city was founded at an unknown date and was an important city in the days of Moses. Here was the great bedstead belonging to King Og, which was seventeen and one-half feet in length and nearly eight feet in width. King David captured the city (II Sam. 12:26). The old prophet Amos (chap. 1:4) mentions the imposing palaces and fortifications. The city fell to the Assyrians, Chaldeans, and Persians and was rebuilt in 280 B.C. and named Philadelphia Ammon when it was captured by the Greeks. Later it was conquered by the Romans, who held it at the time of Christ. One can visit the Roman cemetery and see many of the ruins of Roman forts and temples. The Roman open-air amphitheatre, though somewhat in ruins, is still of interest to tourists. Nearly all of the stone seats forming a semicircle and seating 3,500 people are quite well preserved. The main attractions in those far-off days were the combats to the death between the gladiators and the wild beasts. The present-day city has a population of 135,000. There are many beautiful residences and public buildings, modern in every respect. The construction is either of limestone or cement. This is the capital of Trans-Jordan, or, as the Arabs prefer to call it, the Hashamite Jordan Kingdom. It is located sixty miles due east of Jerusalem. Between Amman and Jerusalem one crosses the river Jordan and passes through the city of Jericho.

Near the city is where Joshua led the children of Israel across Jordan, where John the Baptist did much of his preaching, and where Jesus was baptized. In Amman we have two meeting places and a good work begun among the Armenians. The Krikorians live here. Fifteen miles to the northeast we have a work among the Arabs with Rev. and Mrs. William Russell in charge. These young people are from the British Isles District. At present we have a day school with one hundred and fifty students and a Sunday school averaging one hundred. Recently, Rev. and Mrs. Krikorian started a work in Zarka among the Armenian people. We are greatly delighted with our good beginning in Trans-Jordan. The work is only three years old, and we have more than we had any anticipation of seeing. We can reach these Arabs with the gospel, and the future holds real possibilities of doing something worth while. This is Tuesday, February 28. On March 3 we plan to drive to the Arab part of Jerusalem, which is the old city, and spend five days.”

New Brighton, Pennsylvania—Our church has had an outstanding week of meetings with Rev. Elmer Brewer, pastor of the Bolivar Run church, as evangelist. Night after night the church was filled nearly to capacity. Probably the most encouraging feature of the meetings was the fact that literally scores of people who have

lived long in our city attended our church for the first time. On Sunday afternoon nearly two hundred people listened to Brother Brewer tell of his experiences in the South Pacific as an assistant chaplain. The last night saw the altar lined with hungry seekers and all seemed to get clear victory. Two entire families walked out to seek God together. Brother Brewer is a fearless, yet tenderhearted, preacher. Only a few years ago he was superintendent of the local Sunday school here at New Brighton.—A. Alan Gil-mour, Pastor.

Birmingham, Alabama, Cottage Hill Church—Recently we had a very good revival meeting with the Holso Trio. We had the best revival the church has had in some time, with a great many victories. Rev. Jack Holso preached with the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and several souls found peace and pardon at the altar. The Holso Trio sings with the Spirit and also they are chalk artists, give readings, and pray at the altar with the seekers. The people came in from many parts of the city; we had a record Sunday-school attendance for the closing Sunday, and the church gave the pastor a nice love offering. We praise the Lord for the blessing of this revival meeting and all that was accomplished.—G. W. Ball, Pastor.

Vinton, Louisiana—Our church just closed a good revival with Evangelist Winfield A. Mundell and Song Evangelists V. A. Beasler and wife. Fifty-six seekers sought God in these services with many being saved and sanctified. A group was added to the church membership.—W. A. Bruning, Jr., Pastor.

Dinuba, California—Our five-week meeting with Rev. A. S. Howard and Rev. George Pestana as the workers resulted in many wonderful victories. First of all, men were saved who had resisted for years, and backsliders were reclaimed. Even more wonderful was the great awakening that came to this old, faithful church. Without going into detail, on the last Sunday, entirely unexpected, we began to give to God and at one o'clock when the people were through testifying \$4,675 had been given as a love gift to God. And this was at the poorest time of the year, when we had hardly been making running expenses. Beyond that one of the members began a move to provide air time on KRDU for a regular program direct from the church. My prayer as pastor through weeks and months had been: "Lord, give us a new lease on life, a new surge of power, a great release in God." That prayer was answered because the faithful men of the church came for five long weeks every noon-hour and prayed and fasted. Also our evangelists prayed and fasted and waited on God for what we needed here and led us to pray and wait on God. These were God's men for this time.—Kenneth Vogt, Pastor.

## THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

### Topic for April 16: Amos Speaks for God

Scripture: Amos 7:7-15; 8:1-3

**GOLDEN TEXT**—*Seek the Lord, and ye shall live* (Amos 5:6).

The curtains part and Amos strides in. One glance at him tells you that he knows where he is going, he knows what he is going to say, and he intends to stay till he is through. God bless men and women who walk and live as though they were sure of the spiritual score.

Up from the rough Judean hills Amos came, and he thundered through the streets of Samaria. His face was leathery from the desert winds, but his soul was fresh and tender as a rose-petal from long and frequent talks with God. His dress was the rough apparel of the poor, but his soul was richer than anything known

in wealthy, wicked Samaria. Amos went through Samaria like a tornado, and he didn't stop to make any compromising U-turns.

True, he had no pulpit, but that was too trifling a detail to hinder the bright-eyed fruit-picker from Tekoa. His moral and spiritual stature was such that he already was head and shoulders above the ungodly masses of Samaria. So he shouted his message out in jolting, lava-hot torrents. Surely it made the people mad. But what of it? Some people will never be remade till they are first made angry.

(Lessons based on International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education)

Evangelist Dwight D. Berry reports: "Just closed a very fine three-week meeting with the Pierson Church in Flint, Michigan, where Rev. B. H. Dipold and wife are the pastors. God gave a very fine revival with a nice class coming into the church. We were given a call to return next year. Many said this was the best revival the

church had ever enjoyed. We are happy in the service of the Lord, and enjoying old-time salvation. If any of our pastors feel we can be of assistance to them, regardless of the size of the church, we will be glad to come for freewill offerings and entertainment. Write me, Walkerville, Michigan."

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Lynn, Indiana—Recently we closed a good revival with some very good victories. Our fine workers were Evangelist George Brannon and Miss Marjorie Granger, singer. We appreciate what the Lord has permitted us to see accomplished during these days of revival. We appreciated the fine workers and their ministry with us. We appreciate our fine church and its loyal members.—L. D. Lockwood, Pastor.

Bernie, Missouri—The Lord blessed this church in a wonderful way through the God-anointed ministry, in sermon and song, of Evangelist J. W. Burgess and the Gospel Messengers. A great number of souls found the Lord in both pardon and purity. Brother Burgess preaches for the souls of men, and the Gospel Messengers sing songs with a message to the people of our day. The church was greatly helped and strengthened along every line. We received fourteen members into the church, twelve of these by profession of faith. The church gave the pastor and family a

fine love offering of one hundred dollars, which was appreciated above words. Also the church gave the workers a call to return for another engagement. The Bernie church is moving forward for Christ in this Mid-Century Crusade for Souls.—J. E. Palmer, Pastor.

Wabash, Indiana—Last August we came to Wabash and found a people with a mind to work. Our predecessor, Rev. George Christian, had accomplished a fine work in finishing the basement in the church. The Sunday school has grown from an average attendance last year of 83 to an average attendance for the first seven months of this year of 130. Eleven new members have been received into the church. Last November Evangelist and Mrs. George Talbert held us a very gracious revival with a full church every night. A revival meeting has just closed with Evangelist and Mrs. H. W. Cornelius in which over sixty prayed through at the altar, and on the closing Sunday we had 186 in Sunday school. Our people love God, and the spiritual tide is rising.

A fine love offering was given the pastor and family.—E. L. Stafford, Pastor.

Rev. Flora N. Chatfield writes: "Recently I closed an excellent meeting at First Church, Springfield, Illinois, with Rev. Frank Watkin as pastor. God met with us in a very special manner, and a necessary work was done of which only eternity will reveal the value. Never have we served a more appreciative congregation and one which moved forward to meet the will of God more than this one. The Watkins are greatly appreciated, and the church proved it by giving them a splendid love offering of more than one hundred dollars. In addition to my occasional revival campaigns, I am assisting my husband in the pastoral work of our good church in Columbus, Indiana, where we have a most excellent plant and a wonderful people to serve."

Villa Grove, Illinois—We have had a very successful revival meeting with Rev. J. R. Erp, of Harrisburg, as evangelist. Truly Brother Erp is a Spirit-filled man of God and has a message that fits the need of our day. There were twenty-three that found victory at the altar of prayer. A fine class of new members has been added to the church. The church gave Brother Erp a call to return in the spring of 1951. We are glad to report an all-time high record in Sunday-school attendance for this assembly year—average for the year is 110. God is blessing, this our fourth year, with these great people.—J. P. McIntosh, Pastor.

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### Minnesota District

Minnesota has a net increase of 97 members; outstanding is Minneapolis First, Rev. W. F. Clay pastor, who received forty-seven members on March 5, an increase from 176 to 223; Rev. G. Preston Bishop at Rochester, who increased from eleven to twenty-two members; Rev. H. A. Williams at Detroit Lakes, from thirteen to twenty-one members; Rev. Russell Knudson of Hewitt, from sixty to sixty-eight; Minneapolis Russell Avenue, Rev. Walter C. Morris former pastor and Rev. G. C. Morgan present pastor, with an increase from eighty to eighty-eight.

The following have enjoyed a 10 per cent or more increase: Bejou, Rev. Russell Lundry pastor; Lake Beauty, Rev. Don Cozad pastor; Olivia, Rev. David Sullivan pastor. Every phase of the work is most encouraging in Minnesota.

ARTHUR C. MORGAN,  
District Superintendent

### San Antonio Preachers' Convention

The San Antonio District Preachers' Convention was held February 20 to 22, in First Church in Austin. Pastors J. E. Moore, Jr., R. V. Jackson, and Leroy Land were hosts to the convention.

Rev. Hadley A. Hall, district superintendent, very capably presided.

We were honored to have Dr. Orval



J. Nease as our special speaker. His timely and Spirit-anointed messages truly inspired us to undertake and do greater things for God on the San Antonio District. His wonderful spirit of love, his concern for the future of the church, and his compassion for the lost world will not soon be forgotten.

In the Tuesday afternoon service Dr. R. H. Cantrell, president of Bethany-Peniel College, brought greetings from the school and a very helpful message. We always appreciate his presence in our district conventions.

A number of fine papers were presented by the pastors of the district. All departments of the church were well represented in the discussions.

The Church of the Nazarene on the San Antonio District is marching forward under the able leadership of our district superintendent, Rev. Hadley A. Hall.

I. W. JUSTICE, Reporter

## DEATHS

REV. GLENN W. SIEFARTH was born December 8, 1891, in Fall City, Oregon. He attended Pasadena College, Pasadena, California, graduating in 1917. In 1915 he was married to Martha W. Hanscom. He served his first pastorate in 1916, at Alhambra, California, while still in college, and was ordained that year by Dr. R. T. Williams at the district assembly in Pomona. He served two years in Alhambra, building a church and parsonage; then two years in Ontario. Moving to New England, he evangelized until 1921, when he became finance executive for Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts. He later served in the pastorate at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and Ontario, California, where he built a Sunday-school annex and auditorium. During the next four years he served as finance executive of Pasadena College, and while there erected the administration building. Returning to the pastorate, he served at Lincoln, Nebraska, and at Canton, Ohio, where he remodeled the church. In 1937 he came to Nampa, Idaho, as finance executive of Northwest Nazarene College. During the three summer months of 1940 he performed the herculean task of building, furnishing, and financing Morrison Hall. His health broke, and he never fully recovered, though he stayed with the college, supervising the building of the R. T. Williams Library and of Chapman Hall until a severe heart attack in May of 1946 led to his complete resignation. In the summer of '47, he supervised the planning and construction of the faculty homes on the campus. His health became poorer, each heart attack taking its toll, until after a brief stay in the hospital he died February 16, 1950.

He was an able preacher of the Word, an executive of extraordinary force, respected for his skill in business and finance, and a builder who has left monuments of brick and mortar to his boundless energy. He loved the Kingdom work. He was a fond husband and father. He is survived by his wife; his son, Ernest; a grandson, Glenn Scott; his aged mother, Mrs. Jennie Siefarth; and a brother, Chester.

Funeral service was held in the College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, with the pastor, Rev. John E. Riley, officiating and bringing the message. Others assisting in the service were Rev. J. A. McNatt, who read the scripture; Rev. E. H. Edwards, who prayed; Dr. Lewis T. Corlett, Rev. Melza H. Brown, and Rev. M. A. Wilson, each of whom gave tributes to Brother Siefarth's memory; and singing by Professor and Mrs. J. Raymond Knighton, Jr., and Richard Lindbloom, with Mrs. Alline Swann as organist. Telegrams were read from the Nazarene Headquarters staff, the general superintendents, and others. A private committal service was held in the Kohlerlawn Cemetery, Nampa.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Don Irwin of St. Petersburg, Florida, a daughter, Linda Sue, on December 17, 1949.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Roy Green of Port Orchard, Washington, a daughter, Delayne Rae, on January 27.

—to Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Batchelder of Carl Junction, Missouri, a son, Paul Browning, on February 9.

—to Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Joplin of Fairmount, Illinois, a daughter, Ruth Ann, on February 14.

—to Mr. and Mrs. William Baker of Trousdale, Kansas, a son, Gregory Klipp, on February 24.

—to Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Spencer of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a son, John Robert, on February 27.

—to Rev. and Mrs. James V. Taylor of Shreveport, Louisiana, a son, David Alan, on February 28.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. Joseph E. Klemel, who has served our church so acceptably in various connections as pastor, evangelist, and district superintendent, is again available for evangelistic services. After a number of years in the pastorate, he and his wife—who is an efficient pianist and children's worker—will bring to a church the benefit of long experience and true understanding. I want to recommend the Klemels as God-anointed workers who will co-operate in every way to bring about a real, spiritual, Holy Ghost revival. Write them, 631 Walnut St., Ashland, Oregon.—Weaver W. Hess, Superintendent of Oregon Pacific District.

It is with pleasure that I recommend to our people Misses Alpha Hodge and Vera Conner, song evangelists and children's workers. These young ladies are humble, godly, and will be a blessing to any church. They conduct Bible schools, using the flannelgraph, and play guitar and piano, and sing well together. God is blessing their ministry in song and among the children. No church is too small. Address them, 1637 Hoffner St., Cincinnati, Ohio.—C. M. Kelly, Superintendent of South Carolina District.

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Mary Elizabeth Burks and Rev. Charles William Ogden, both of Lincoln, Nebraska, were united in marriage on March 3, in First Church of the Nazarene, Lincoln, with the father of the groom, Rev. L. A. Ogden, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. E. Thompson, local pastor.

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Arizona ..... June 7 and 8  
New Mexico ..... June 14 and 15  
Rocky Mountain ..... June 21 to 23  
Nevada-Utah ..... June 28 and 29  
Canada West ..... July 5 to 7  
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San Antonio ..... August 23 to 25  
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North Carolina ..... September 27 and 28  
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Illinois ..... August 9 to 11  
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## District Assembly Information

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN—Assembly, April 18 and 19, at First Church of the Nazarene, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Pastor: Rev. Ernest Armstrong, 1215 E. Lead, Albuquerque. General Superintendent Nease.

WASHINGTON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 3 to 5, at Church of the Nazarene, Kelso, Washington. Rev. H. S. Palmquist, 714 South 5th Street, Kelso, is the entertaining pastor. General Superintendent Powers.

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