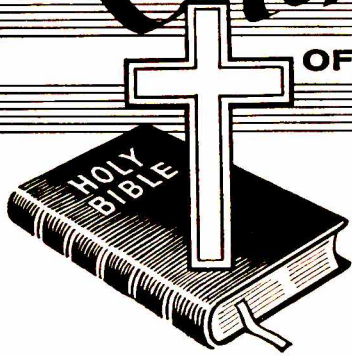


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The time and place of the birth of Jesus were not accidental. That humble and surprising setting prophesied the purpose of His advent. He came to be the Saviour, identified with all classes—shepherds as well as wise men, peasants as well as kings. There were no barriers of race or color, age or climate. A universal Saviour was born. He is the ageless and dateless One. “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”

The announcement of the Saviour’s nativity was made by an angel standing on a space ship. He was joined by a celestial choir singing,

“Good Tidings to All People”

General Superintendent Williamson

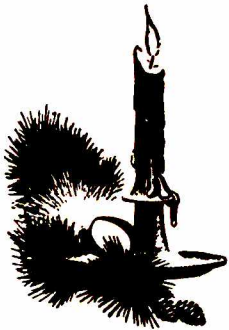
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Only a few shepherds heard the proclamation and saw the soul-thrilling sight. Wise men who joined scientific knowledge with divine revelation saw His star in the east and came to worship Him.

The angel said, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to *all* people.” Those who heard and understood were to tell everyone. By telling, the story grows ever more meaningful and inspiring. Fear gives place to faith. Sorrow is dispelled by joy that is full and abiding. Peace of God that passes understanding keeps the hearts of those who publish the glad tidings. Obedience to the impulse to share the message glorious brings greater capacity for love of God and men. Hope is more securely anchored to that within the veil. The promise of life everlasting is confirmed.

Reluctance and hesitation to share the good news discount the meaning and power of the gospel to those who have heard. At the same time, the door of hope is closed to others for whom the good tidings were intended. Failure to proclaim that Christ is the Saviour for all people turns faith to fear, joy to sorrow, peace to strife, love to hate, and the promise of life to a sentence of death.

The good news will not keep sealed up. The story of Jesus must be told.

*While sin lives unvanquished
And death rules the world,
The story of Jesus
Will never grow old.*



LATE NEWS

Dr. Lawrence B. Hicks has resigned as pastor of First Church in Ashland, Kentucky, to accept a call to pastor Central Church in Orlando, Florida.

Rev. H. Ralph Davis, who resigned his pastorate on the Kansas City District about eight months ago because of very serious illness, has now fully recovered, and is accepting the pastorate of the church in Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

Rev. G. Franklin Allee and Rev. Wilbur W. Morgan, Nazarene evangelists, were seriously injured in an automobile accident while en route from the Northwest District Preachers' Convention on November 13. Brother Allee suffered a crushed shoulder and Brother Morgan a crushed chest. While they were traveling on U.S. Hi-way 10, a car drove onto the highway at high speed from a country road, striking their car broadside. Their car was wrecked and completely destroyed by fire. The driver of the other car was fatally injured. Both ministers are recovering satisfactorily in the hospital at Moses Lake, Washington, and plan to resume their slate of revival meetings within a few weeks.

Rev. Ralph G. Jared has resigned as pastor of Central Church in Coffeyville to accept the call to pastor First Church in Topeka, Kansas.

"The Pasadena College expansion program was presented for the first time to any of the 436 churches of the Southwest Educational Zone Sunday morning, November 17, at Los Angeles First Church. Dr. L. Guy Nees and his people hilariously and sacrificially subscribed a total of \$19,262. This, with previous subscriptions from the Board of Trustees, Development Council members, and faculty and students, puts the campaign up over the \$80,000 mark. We are hoping and praying to exceed \$100,000 before Christmas and go over the top, Sunday, March 16, with the entire \$180,000 underwritten.—RUSSELL V. DE LONG, President."

Pastor C. E. Fleshman sends word from Peoria, Illinois: "First Church amidst waves of glory and rejoicing gave \$2,800 in Thanksgiving Offering; goal of two thousand dollars surpassed—possibly will reach three thousand. A new record for the church and district. Church on fire for God."

Pastor Earl Marvel sends word from Martinsville, Indiana: "This church cli-

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maxed a great revival with the Keller-York Party on Sunday, November 24, with record-breaking attendance of 830 in Sunday school, and one thousand dollars in the Thanksgiving Offering."

Rev. Donald K. Ballard, pastor, writes from Lanett, Alabama: "First Church sets Sunday school record for new building with 514 in attendance on November 24."

Pastor D. F. Hail sends word from Council Bluffs, Iowa: "First Church enjoying spirit of revival. Great Thanksgiving Sunday with 376 in Sunday school, and \$2,083 given for worldwide missions."

What Is
Your Purpose When

GIVING?

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:16-17).

Shortly before Thanksgiving season, and before annual pledging for the work of the church, a minister was summing up talks just given by two laymen. Said he: "To give thanks—and pledges to God—merely because we feel glad and grateful to Him for His material gifts to us doesn't seem to me to be the highest motive. We thank Him and make pledges for the work of the church because *we are servants* of His, and because our purpose in that office is to *do His will in this world*. That purpose must be sharp, well defined. We cannot be lax, and loaf. The Sword of the Spirit must be kept *sharp*—not unused, dull, nor rusty.

"In this day when confusion and fear are rampant, be assured that—at least with our denomination—it is not just a case of 'business as usual'—merely *continuing*. Instead, we are *expanding*, actually furthering His kingdom. We can do no less!"

Shall we remember this—when planning our Christmas giving also?

—FLORA E. BRECK, Portland, Oregon

THE RIVER

By COLIEN LONG

Salvation's like a river

*Flowing deep within my soul
Since the day that Jesus found me,
Cleansed my heart, and made me whole.*

I am riding on the river

*High above the waves of sin,
Holding fast to God, the Pilot,
While He gives me peace within.*

My desire is to be like Him

*Until time on earth is o'er;
Then to dwell up there in heaven
With my Pilot evermore.*

There we'll have no disappointment;

*Sin will have no power to tempt
While we walk the shores of glory,
Evermore from pain exempt.*

Happiness will reign eternal;

*Songs will be in major key,
While we praise our loving Saviour
And His shining face we see.*



A Visitor from Outer Space

Sputnik, Muttnik, and "Whatnik" have aroused the world's imagination to mysteries that lie beyond our little planet. Are there people out there? If so, what are they like? Could we be visited by folk from outer space? In the rash of speculation, it is interesting to note that sacred history records actual incidents of such visitation.

Christmas is the anniversary of the greatest of all such events. Jesus Christ was a Visitor from outer space. In John 14 He predicted His return to that mysterious place He called the "Father's house," and that a later visit was scheduled to our planet, at which time He is to conduct the saved of earth to a place in outer space that He has personally prepared for them. I'm a little skeptical of "flying saucers," but I am expecting to participate in "operation flying saints."

Astronomers believe there is a star occupying the center of gravity around which revolves the astral system to which earth belongs. This star is believed to be Alcyone, principal star in the Pleiades. The enormous distances involved can be seen in the fact that it takes light, traveling 12 million miles a minute, 537 years to make the journey to Alcyone. It takes our sun 18,200,000 years to make one revolution around this center!

Science conjectures that, just as there is a center to our system, so there is hid away in infinite space a gravity center of the whole universe. This is another scientific theory you and I will yet see proved to be fact. This super-Alcyone could very well be heaven, the center of all, capital of creation, the one spot that knows no motion, basking in majestic and perfect repose while the whole of ponderous materialism rotates about it. *Heaven*: God's headquarters, from whence Jesus came and to which He returned, the central abiding

place of His redeemed through countless ages ahead.

There is a universal feeling that God dwells out there in eternity, but it remained for the advent of Emmanuel, Jesus, to clearly inform us of what God is like. Jesus said, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." The first part of that statement is of universal application, for humanity intuitively believes in God. But such belief, in itself, fails to bring peace to man-soul; it leaves God wrapped in mystery. The last part of His statement is vital, "Believe also in me." Jesus was God stepping from eternity into time. He was a Visitor from outer space, come to remove the wrappings of mystery from the Creator, and to bring God into a realm we can understand.

An acquaintance with Jesus throws light on such questions as: What is God like? What does He require of me? What is His attitude toward me?

Christ in the Temple, with blazing eyes and bared arm, depicts the anger of God. God is not a sentimental softie; divine love doesn't eliminate divine sense and judgment. Curious sky watchers today would do well to take another look at Jesus with a whip in His hand and be reminded that God is angry with those who deliberately do wrong when they know better.

The compassion of Jesus reflected the great compassion that fills the heart of God. The father running to meet the returning prodigal pictured the love of God. We see God with a whip in His hand twice in the Gospels, but we see Him many times with arms outstretched in compassion.

Jesus revealed that God loves children, that His heart is touched by our troubles, that His sympathy flows out to us when bereaved. Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus. In this we get another revelation of

By R. B. ACHESON, Superintendent of Pittsburgh District

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God's interest in man. The greatest manifestation God ever made through Christ was that on Calvary. There we see His infinite concern for us. A visit to Calvary should settle forever two things: (1) Sin is too terrible for any of us to take lightly; and (2) God's love, impossible of expression in earthly language, finds expression in His Son's unutterable suffering on the middle Cross.

Strange things are happening in our world today, and we must confess our technological know-how has advanced far beyond our spiritual attainments. Certainly we are interested in Sputnik and what it represents, but God grant that our interest shall not wane in the revelations already made to us by God's Son. Many things indicate that His return trip may be almost due. Space travel for the Christian may be very near.

**MAGIC
OF**

Christmas

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

Christmas! Time of mystery and memories and magic! Our world lies hushed, perhaps beneath a fall of snow, perhaps beneath the quiet awe in our hearts. We close our eyes. Last Christmas, Christmas before the last, even many before that, re-enact themselves on the black screen of our eyelids; relive themselves in the stirrings of happiness—gone, yet not lost because they are still within our hearts.

These are the memories of Christmas. The mystery deals with that rush of good fellowship that, reaching out to others, catches us up as a wave catches a drifting spar and bears it along high and buoyant on its crest. The world is ours at Christmas time because we make it so. We call out, "Merry Christmas," grab a stranger's hand and shake it. We give of smiles, give of ourselves, give of our possessions. Why do we not do these things all the year? That is the mystery, the beautiful mystery of Christmas.

And the magic? It is not confined to Christmas alone. But it is intensified at this time because we are more interested in our fellow men, more eager to experience with them the wonder of the season. So the magic is that no matter where you live you can, figuratively, enter the fourth dimension, and look in on other people as they too express the mystery of Christmas.

Here in the United States we celebrate Christmas rather uniformly. Christmas trees, indoors and out, glow with colored lights. Wreaths grace our windows. We sing carols. We have parties. We

send thousands of cards, give gifts. We go to church even if we have not been doing so regularly before. We have a big Christmas dinner to which many of us invite people who would not have so good a dinner otherwise. So it does not take much magic to know what our neighbor is doing for Christmas. We need but look to what we ourselves are doing.

But to know how Christmas goes in other lands we mount our mystic carpet and, lo, we are over Lima, Peru, the day before Christmas. No snow, no need of fires. But the palms in the plaza echo and re-echo to the songs of the people gathered there to express their happiness, their good will to one another. Patient men come down from the mountains urging evergreen-loaded donkeys before them. Everyone shouts, laughs, greets everyone else as friend. Here there are no foes at Christmas time.

Night, like a black hen spreading her wings, covers the town. The celebrants who had gone home, or who had entered cafes to eat their evening meal, emerge upon the streets again. But what a change! Brother does not know brother, friend does not know friend. Masks and costumes conceal face and figure. People frolic, sing, play guitars, rattle castanets. Laughter rings out. Everything is forgotten save the gladness of the hour. Many people recite the Christmas story, making it a joyous thing in the ending.

The night wears on. A sense of solemnity steals over the merrymakers. In long, quiet processions they wind through the streets, not going to their homes, but to the great cathedral with its flaming candles, its beautifully decorated shrines. Midnight rolls upon a town of deserted streets. The cathedral bells pour forth their haunting music. The revelers

True reverence in the house of God calls for a driving out of all worldly thoughts and a hushing of hearts into solemn attention.—Mary L. Scott.

of the early evening bow their heads in humility and prayer.

Our carpet waits. Being in the fourth dimension, we are soon over Paris on Christmas Eve. We blink our eyes. We might think we were still over Lima, Peru, of the earlier evening. The city is in carnival dress, carnival mood. The boulevards are a mass of crowding, shoving, laughing, rollicking people. Lights, evergreens, decorations set off the cafes more than the homes. Midnight comes. Carillons chime. *Revellion* or Christmas Eve suppertime has come. This to the French takes precedence over Christmas dinner. No turkey, no goose here as the main course, but oysters and crawfish cooked only as the French can cook them. We leave them at their feasting, which will last several hours, and are whisked over the border into Germany.

Here the home is the center of the Christmas Eve festivities, with the mother the ruler supreme of the celebration. She and she alone decorates the room with evergreens and mistletoe. She prepares the meal, a cold supper. She decorates the tree, which stands in a room apart. At exactly six o'clock the tree room doors are thrown open. The family and friends see the tinsel and candle-decorated tree for the first time. Gifts are presented, carols sung. Everyone blesses everyone else. Then off to bed in an aura of quiet happiness.

Scandinavia now, and the huge yule log is being drawn down from the forest to a hall called the *Schloss*. There is much shouting, much merriment as the log moves slowly along. Once it is in the *Schloss*, musicians play, people sit on the log and sing. Everywhere there is revelry. Windows display lighted candles to guide Kristine, bringer of gifts. In homes the shoes of the family are placed together, signifying harmony in the household during the coming year. Sheaves of wheat are hung on trees or poles for the birds. Carol-singing boys dressed in white go from door to door. These boys carry star-shaped lanterns and glass boxes holding two dolls—the Virgin and the Child.

Time runs out. Our magic carpet shows signs of fraying at the edges. But one more country must be seen. "O Little Town of Bethlehem!" The Judean hills are quiet under the star-shot night. Sheep wander through the narrow streets or lie at rest at their sides. Women come to the well for jugs of water, which they carry away on their heads. Mule-drawn carts and expensive automobiles share the roads. People on horseback jostle the hundreds who trudge the dusty ways on foot.

And Bethlehem is again as it was on that first Christmas night. There is no room at the inn for anyone unless he has made reservations. But in other respects this little town, which isn't a little town any more, is ready for the crowds. Ushers welcome the people, lead them to the Church of the Nativity, which stands where Jesus was born. They

THE GIFT OF GOD

*Because God loved, He gave;
And what a Gift—His Son!
No human eloquence can tell the worth
Of that divinest Gift, whose lowly birth
Through all the ages glorifies the earth,
Makes all believers one!
No mysticism, this—
No legendary tale;
A virgin mother and an angel choir;
A star that glistened with supernal fire,
Announcing to the nations their Desire
Whose Kingdom shall not fail!
What though agnostics doubt?
What though the skeptics sneer?
His lifted cross will light the Christian's
way
When Buddha's image falls to dust away,
And all the pagan shrines lie in decay
With those who worshiped there!
Rejoice, O Bethlehem,
Thou city set apart!
Miraculous God's Gift to all our race;
Miraculous the measure of His grace
That caused the sinless One to take my
place,
Cleansing my sinful heart!
Ring out, O Christmas bells!
Extol Christ's matchless birth!
His mission to the world was not in vain.
He conquered sin! He conquered death
and pain!
And He shall come in majesty again;
Proclaim it to the earth!*

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

point out the little door which used to be the entrance to the church up until A.D. 330.

Inside the church oil lamps guide the pilgrims across the marble floor of the chancel. Incense perfumes the air. Rude steps take the whispering feet down to the Grotto of the Manger, lighted by fifteen hanging lamps. Deep-set in the floor a silver star marks the birthplace of Christ. Let us kneel with the others and allow our hearts to rise up in a prayer of thankfulness for all our blessings. Let us rededicate ourselves to peace on earth, good will toward men. Then let us come home uplifted, chastened, and with a new beauty in our lives.

THE PURPOSE OF THE APPEARANCE OF CHRIST

But now . . . hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself (Hebrews 9:26).

Christmas is the time when God in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ was incarnate among men. However incredible it may seem, the Lord of glory became a Child of earth! This tiny, chubby-fisted, dimple-cheeked Child is the One upon whom the entire universe depends and by whom it is sustained!

We have read that Jesus caused the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, and the lame to leap as an hart. He cleansed the leper, cast the demons from the devil-possessed, and called forth Lazarus from the dead. We have seen Him quelling the tempestuous tides and making a sidewalk of the sea to get to His troubled disciples in time, and we have exclaimed, "Miraculous!" But the miracle of miracles is that He should appear to be "God with us." Dr. J. B. Chapman said, "He was himself a miracle and the supernatural was the atmosphere in which He lived. Consequently miracles issued from Him as naturally as the sparkling waters spring from the fountain."

His coming had long been anticipated. Men of God had in the distant past focused the telescope of prophecy upon the Daystar from on high and had seen Him in His various aspects. Isaiah picking up the telescope exclaimed, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (9:6). He focused it once again and murmured with pathos in his voice, "When we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men: a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him: he was despised, and we esteemed him not" (3:2-3).

Jeremiah cried out, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a

righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper" (23:5).

Micah's vision enabled him to exclaim, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel" (5:2).



He had been glimpsed through the telescope of prophecy, but never yet had He been seen with the literal eye. "But now . . . hath he appeared." This is the Christmas story—Christ, the Saviour, is born! His birth is an event that has thrilled the universe with excitement and wonder. A star, exceeding all others in brilliance and beauty, is pointing the way to the stable manger with silvery beams of glory. Startled shepherds hear the angelic message as it sounds over the Judean

hills, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). A choir from the land where everybody sings is serenading our discordant world with celestial music, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). Wise men from afar are following the pointing finger of the star, and will soon come to offer their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All of these things attest the fact that Jesus has appeared. His coming is a historic reality.

At the Christmas season, it is appropriate that we emphasize the fact of the appearance of Jesus by meditating upon His birth. However, we often forget the purpose of that appearance. The scripture reminds us that Jesus appeared "to put away sin." Was that not the content of the angel's message to Joseph? He said, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The genuineness of any religious system or teaching is revealed in how it handles the sin problem. Christ alone brings

By L. S. OLIVER, Superintendent of Alabama District

Two Kings

By WANDA MILNER

According to Gospel writers and historians it came to pass in those days that the mighty Caesar Augustus demanded obeisance of sturdy Galileans, unaware that someday he would be unworthy to unloose the shoe latchet of the Stranger of Galilee.

A comparison of these two kings, Caesar and Christ, is of special interest during Advent.

CAESAR AUGUSTUS, *Emperor of Rome*
Great-nephew of Julius Caesar.

Fostered in the lavish court at the nation's capital.

Served a vast empire.

Used his power to call attention to himself.

Rebuilt ruined temples.

Distinguished for constructing good roads.

Bestowed honor and riches to a select few.

Talked only of a national republic.

Promoted loyalty to Rome.

His name occurs only once in the Bible
(Luke 2:1).

He reigned forty-one years.

His kingdom crumbled and fell.

JESUS CHRIST, *King of Kings*

Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary.

Fostered in a humble home in an obscure village.

Served an area smaller than Massachusetts.

Used His power to perform acts of service in humility.

Rebuilt shattered lives.

Distinguished for radiating good will.

Offered salvation to all that believe in Him.

Proclaimed the brotherhood of man.

Promoted loyalty to God.

Sixty-six Bible books dedicated to Him.

He "shall reign for ever and ever."

His "dominion endureth throughout all generations."

complete deliverance from the guilt, power, and being of sin. While this problem of sin is basic, some systems evade it, some deny its existence, and still others embrace it and make allowance for it. But Christ is a Saviour with power to lift the stumbling sinner from the uttermost depths of degradation to the uttermost heights of salvation. He can "save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him," for He came "to put away sin."

In the midst of our joyous festivities, let us remember not only the purpose for which He came, but also the method by which He chose to accomplish that purpose. He chose to "put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." How transcendent was that choice!

Christ's love was manifested in that, "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). This same Jesus, still as spotless and pure and sinless as when He lay a Babe in the manger, allowed himself to be led to Golgotha's brow. His humiliating, excruciating death, His shed blood and broken heart were all endured voluntarily because He "died for us."

The birth of the Babe of Bethlehem's manger made possible the Christ of the Cross and the redemption of the race.

Bethlehem

By E. W. SUDLOW

Most of us have expressed a desire, particularly as the Christmas season approaches, that we might visit Bethlehem and actually see the place where Jesus was born. We may have rather vague ideas as to what the place looks like today and perhaps wonder whether or not it is possible to actually locate the old Bethlehem. How fortunate it is for us that some world travelers can bring us accurate descriptions of the scenes in and around Bethlehem as it is today! In my own school the teacher of the Bible class has made several trips to the Holy Land and has shared his discoveries with members of the class. He says that, while there are many disappointments connected with any visit to the Holy Land because so many places have been commercialized and others falsely labeled, no one will ever be disappointed in Bethlehem.

He said, "It perfectly fits into any preconceived impression of the place—it is a beautiful little city nestling among the hills." Then he went on to

JOY TO THE WORLD



Christmas elevates the human race. Although it does not bring universal salvation, it does help to remove the stigma of the Fall in Eden: "Far as the curse is found."

Since Christ, the Son of God, was born of woman, no man need be ashamed of his parental origin. Through the first "Silent Night," human birth and motherhood are lifted to exultant heights. Even the lowliest of birthplaces, such as a manger, bears the coat of arms of divine royalty and presents a vanguard of angels.

Because of Christmas, the coming of a child into the world is an occurrence both sacred and wonderful.

—C. B. McCaull, *Pastor, Columbus, Kansas*

say, "Bethlehem is friendly. Here one has no fear of lurking evil such as is common in the dark, narrow streets of so many Eastern towns. May this not be due to the fact that Bethlehem is a Christian town; and this in spite of the fact that it is in the midst of a country that has been Mohammedan for over twelve hundred years?" Today there are very few Mohammedans in Bethlehem. Years ago the Mohammedans revolted against the Turks and the Sultan banished them from the city to other parts of the world, forbidding them to return to Bethlehem. For a time there were no Mohammedans in the city, but today a few have returned.

At the present time three groups of Christians live in Bethlehem—Roman Catholic, and Greek Orthodox, and Armenians. A fine example of Christian unity is manifest here. The beautiful Church of the Nativity is not set aside for any one sect, but one section of the church is set apart for each group.

While Bethlehem is only a short five miles distant from Jerusalem, travelers today are obliged to drive twenty-five miles through the surrounding hills in order to reach the city. This is because of the war between the Jews and the Arabs. Along a ridge overlooking a valley are large cornfields. Bethlehem means literally "The House of Bread," and it is these grainfields which gave the city its name. All over the hillsides are convents, orphanages, and monasteries, and it seems as though there is always to be heard the faint chiming of bells from the many bell towers.

The oldest church in all the world which is still used for worship is the Church of the Nativity. It is said to have been built by Queen Helena, mother of Constantine, the first Christian emperor of Rome, about the year A.D. 330. Many interesting

events have transpired in and close to the church. In the fourth century St. Jerome visited the church, and while here made his translation of the Bible into Latin, the Vulgate, which even today is the standard version of the Catholic church.

The church is entered through a miniature doorway only four feet high. This is the "Door of Humility," made low so that one is forced to bow his head in adoration as he enters.

The interior of the church is of studied simplicity—so unlike many of the churches in our own and other lands. From either side of the elevated transept is a circular staircase leading down into the Chapel of Nativity. Beneath the high altar is the cave which authorities indicate as the place where Jesus was born. A large silver cross set in the floor marks the spot. And yet, here in this most sacred spot, Christmas is not celebrated at the same time or on the same date. The Roman Catholics observe December 25 as the day of Christ's birth, the Greek Orthodox church celebrates on January 6, while the Armenians hold their celebration on January 18.

Lying between Bethlehem and Jerusalem is "The Field of the Shepherds," now owned by the Y.M.C.A. and used as a summer camp. Each year on Christmas Eve there is a great gathering on this spot of local and visiting Christians as well as Roman Catholics. A lamb is roasted in the same manner as it was in ancient times, and a simple meal is eaten. There is a brief address by some visiting minister or layman, then the Christmas story is read from the Scriptures. It is read in

Divine concern is love in gear.—Norman R. Oke.

Arabic, Hebrew, and English. At the conclusion all proceed along the rough pathway to the Church of the Nativity, to offer praise to the Child.

Bethlehem is a beautiful spot, hallowed by so many associations. We recall stories of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob with this locale in mind. We remember that it was on the road between Jerusalem and Bethlehem that Rachel, beloved wife of Jacob, died. A little white-domed tomb now marks her grave. Along this road is the Well of the Magi. Tradition gives several interesting stories about this well. One is that Mary rested here and drank of its sweet waters. Another concerns the Magi seeking Him "that is born King of the Jews." They too rested here. They had lost the guiding star which was to lead them to where the young Child lay, and while at this spot, asking one another, "What shall be done now?" went to the well to slake their thirst, and there found the reflection of the star on the surface of the water.

We can better understand the emotions of Phillips Brooks as he gazed upon the little city and then penned his immortal hymn:

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

. . . *Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea . . .* (Matthew 2:1).

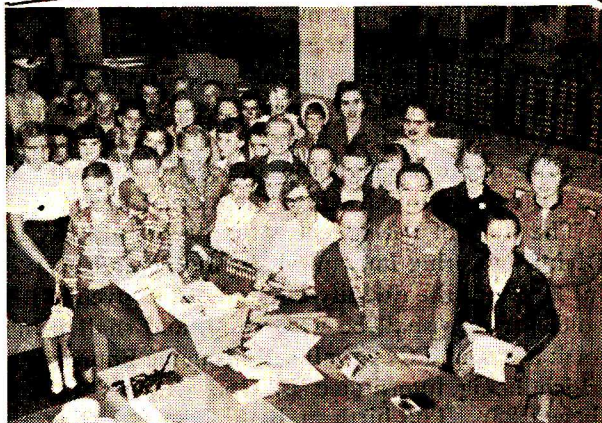
The Story of Bethlehem

By C. E. SHUMAKE, Superintendent of Tennessee District

Today our thoughts turn back to Bethlehem! Our hearts are strangely warmed as we read again the startling events which happened in this little, obscure village nestled among the Judean hills. We thrill again at the simple beauty of the story of the Nativity, and our hearts beat with great joy as we remind ourselves of this sublime story that is always new. Bethlehem had been the home of other illustrious persons, among whom were Boaz, Saul, and David, the shepherd king. But today our thoughts are not of Boaz, or of Saul, or of David, but of Jesus. The name Bethlehem means "the house of bread," and it was here that the Bread of Life, Jesus, was born.

The story of Bethlehem is that the Dayspring from on High has visited a poor and needy world.

NEWS in PICTURE



PUBLIC SCHOOL MAKES INDUSTRIAL TOUR of the Nazarene Publishing House. Accompanying the thirty-three sixth grade students of one of greater Kansas City's schools was their teacher, Miss Dorothy Mann, and two mothers, Mrs. May and Mrs. Patterson.

The privilege of visiting these sacred spots is not given to all; but we can be thankful that Christian men and women are still traveling the Holy Land, and through their eyes showing us the beauties of the ancient cities, and through their descriptive word pictures making them come alive for our edification.

Into the dark streets of this little town has shone the Everlasting Light! Little did vain Augustus realize, as he sat in his gilded palace as master of the world—so he thought—that in a little town in faraway, despised Judea a King was born; a King whose dominion would extend from sea to sea, and whose light would shine after all other lights had faded, enduring long after the vaunted glory of the Roman Empire had perished! The Light that came into the world at Bethlehem shines today against the background of sin and spiritual darkness, and will continue to shine more and more toward the perfect day.

Bethlehem means that the Daystar has come. Peter said, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed,

as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (II Peter 1:19). Stars have been used from time immemorial as a means to guide the wayward traveler on his journey; over desolate deserts, across trackless seas, through the silent, shadowy skies. The navigator must have a guiding star. And those who follow this guiding star have hope of coming at last into their desired haven. Here at Bethlehem the Star of Hope shines to guide the weary pilgrim on his earthly sojourn into the eternal haven.

The story of Bethlehem is the profound story of Divinity meeting humanity! In simple and beautiful language the divinity of our Lord is given. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23). The birth at Bethlehem is unlike all other births of human history! His coming was an advent! Jesus is the Word, who was in the beginning. This Word "was with God, and the Word was God. . . . All things were made by him; . . . In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:1-4).

Bethlehem is the story that a Saviour has come! "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Little, obscure Bethlehem, now the limelight of the whole world! The greatest announcement ever made to the world first reverberated along the quiet streets of Bethlehem! What an announcement: *A Saviour is born!* Before, many announcements had been made to the world. There had been announcements by the Pharaohs, by Cyrus, Darius, Alexander the Great, Caesar, all affecting mankind in some degree. Yet all of these imperial announcements, made by man, dealt in matters which were only earthly and temporal. But at Bethlehem heaven makes an announcement that has the ring of eternity about it! *A Saviour is born!* All other proclamations of men have never dimmed it; all of the proclamations of men have never voided it. It is still the greatest announcement of all time, *A Saviour is born!* A bright and glowing hope against the dark background of sin and death!

I come again to Bethlehem to thank God for His great Gift. I worship the Christ child, as did the shepherds and the wise men; my Saviour and my Lord!

MUSIC MEMOETTES by OVELLA S. SHAFER

Christmas Carols

Truly there are "songs in the air" at Christmas time and our hearts thrill at the memory of the old, familiar carols pealing forth from home, church, radio, television, and street corners in this festive season. But whence have come these carols—and caroling? The derivation seems to have originated from the angel host that caroled above the fields of Bethlehem on that night about two thousand years ago when "Glory to God in the highest" rang out across the steel-blue, star-studded heavens.

Later, this beautiful custom of singing Christmas carols was propagated by wandering minstrels. Francis of Assisi and his friars are responsible for composing songs about the birth of Jesus and singing them around a crudely constructed manger scene. In the time of the Protestant Reformation, Martin Luther wrote a charming lullaby, "Away in a Manger," for his little son, John, that has become a carol classic.

Perhaps the greatest favorite the world over is "Silent Night," written first in the German language by Vicar Joseph Mohr. No Christmastide would be complete without the singing of the Wesley-Mendelssohn collaboration in "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," or without the combination

of Edmund Sears's poetry joined to the melody of Richard Willis to form the unforgettable "It Came upon the Midnight Clear." Another name for "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" is "Portuguese Hymn," thought to have originated at the Portuguese Chapel in London.

A minister who had walked "where Jesus walked" in Palestine was inspired to write "O Little Town of Bethlehem" after his visit to the Holy Land, as he recalled the Biblical incidents that surrounded the birth of Christ.

A traditional carol handed down by the French—originating in the sixteenth century, but first printed in 1835—is the ever popular "The First Noel," in which the stanzas tell about the shepherds, the wise men, and the star, with the angels answering the responsive refrain in the chorus: "Noel, Noel." What Christmas program or caroling would be complete without the enacting and singing of "We Three Kings . . .?"

The Biblical Nativity story does not record the number or names of the wise men who came to pay their homage to the Baby Jesus. But tradition says that Melchior, a small man, and king of Nubia, brought gold representing royalty; that Caspar,

king of Chaldea, a man of medium build, brought frankincense for divinity; and that Balthazar, a tall Negro man, king of Tarshish, brought myrrh to represent Christ's suffering.

Space will not permit us to recount all the carols, but our own Dr. Haldor Lillenas has written words to a Norwegian folk tune that is fast becoming a favorite carol:

*We come to Thee this happy time,
While silv'ry bells of Christmas chime.
Unto Thy manger we would go
To worship One who loved us so.*

*We come to Thee, our newborn King,
We come tho' little we may bring;
Our life, our love, our service true
To do what Thou would'st have us do. Amen.**

Yes, these carols, so much an integral part of Christmas time, belong to our great Christian heritage. They have survived through the centuries and will never lose their charm to those who love to sing of the birth of the Christ child, Jesus, our Saviour, and coming King!

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Christmas Night

By EDNA HAMILTON

*Each Christmas night
The miracle star
Proclaims the holy birth.
Small children sing
Of the heavenly King
And blessed peace on earth!*

Crowded Out—?

By OVELLA SATRE SHAFER

*Christ "crowded out" in this nation of ours,
Filled with debauchery, wickedness—sin!
Christ "crowded out" at this Christmas
season;
"No room again"—as it was in the inn.
Christ "crowded out" in the homes of the
people!
Here we find vanity, luxury—ease.
Christ "crowded out" with selfish indul-
gence;
"No room again"—in the inn, if you
please.
Christ "crowded out"—in some churches—
not welcome,
Feasting, backslidden, and harboring sin!
Christ "crowded out" with foolishness, jest-
ing;
"No room again"—as it was in the inn.
Christ crowded out? May it not be this
Christmas!
Let's crowd out all else. Crowning Christ,
we can win
Pardon from sin—joy—peace—precious puri-
ty—
With room in the heart and room in
the inn!*

"Home for Christmas" Heart

By CHRISTINE WHITE

*Home for Christmas! Happy thought,
That makes the teardrops start!
Home—and Christmas—heavenly words
That cheer the lonely heart!
As the family gather 'round,
Bring out the choice and best;
But may we ever mindful be
Of our silent, unseen Guest.
Hang the holly, ring the bells,
Deck the tall green tree;
But let the "home for Christmas" heart
Give thanks on bended knee!*

Beautiful Bethlehem

By LYLE PRESCOTT

*Beautiful Bethlehem, town of the Lord,
Where God came down as the personal
Word!
Birthplace so poor there was given to
Thee,
Bringing eternal treasure to me.
Blind were the people who stayed in the
inn,
Not seeing King David's Lord and his Kin.
Yet in the present so many walk blind;
Closed to Lord Jesus both heart and
mind!
O Jesus, Saviour, my heavenly King,
A humble dwelling to Thee do I bring.
Take Thou my heart as Thy temple and
throne;
Reign Thou within, for it is Thine own!*

A Night in a Cemetery

During World War II, hotels, motels, and trains were crowded. More than once I sat all night on my suitcase in the aisle of a train coach. One night I spent in the baggage car, sitting on some luggage. Often there were soldiers sleeping in the aisles and in the entrance platforms to the coaches; we got by them or over them as best we could if we had to go from one coach to another.

I also recall that one night Mrs. White and I drove on and on, and still found no place to stop. Finally we secured permission to stay on the grounds where a motel was and sleep as best we could in the car. But the strangest experience was the night we spent in a cemetery. Our whole family and another small family were in the car. It was a dark, dreary, stormy night, with threatening clouds hanging low. We were looking for the place where some relatives lived, and, after trying here and there without success, we finally ended up in a cemetery. We drove into the yard, beside a little church—a country cemetery; and there we got what rest we could in the crowded car until daybreak.

More often than not, during those war years, if we were traveling by automobile, we were met at night with “No Vacancy” signs. There was no room in the motels or hotels.

Almost twenty centuries ago Joseph and Mary faced much the same situation. It wasn't in time of war, but it was one of those taxing, or enrollment, occasions when Bethlehem was crowded with Jews from many parts of the world. Mary especially needed a room that night; she was ready to bring forth her First-born. A crowd-packed inn paid no attention to these lowly people from Nazareth. There was “*no room in the inn*” by the time Joseph and Mary arrived. They spent the night in a stable. Here Mary brought forth her First-born and laid Him in a manger. If it had been a cemetery, or the grounds of a motel, it would have made little difference. They were crowded out; there was no room, no vacancy. No one would ever have known about our night in a cemetery if we hadn't told it. There were no singing angels, no heavenly chorus, no shepherds who found their way to us. We were not making history; we were just living.

But when Mary's Son was born and laid in a manger, the central event of history happened. A new era began with that birth; a new world was made possible with the coming of that Baby. No wonder we sing, “Joy to the world! the Lord is come”; for out of those lowly surroundings came the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Lord of earth and heaven, the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, the Everlasting Father. He came to bring hope, life, peace, singing, and glory. He came to build a highway from earth to heaven, a highway of salvation and triumph. He was called “JESUS: for he”

was to “save his people from their sins.” He was also named “Emmanuel,” for He was “God with us.”

Not only were the shepherds to come and minister to Him, but also the wise men from the East. All men can find blessing through Him.

But let's look at it from another angle: The Christ of Christmas can be crowded out of our lives. We can refuse to give Him any thought, time, or obedience and crowd Him out. It is not enough for Him to be born; we must make a place for Him in our hearts and lives. We must come to know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal. “Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. . . . Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:11-14).

Editorials

The Editor Is Thrilled!

The editor is thrilled as he thinks of the activities of our church during 1958—the fiftieth anniversary year. We start off with a watch-night service. What better way could we close the old year and begin the special anniversary year! Above everything else, we must make 1958 a year of prayer. Without God we can do nothing, and it is only as we pray that we can get Him on the scene. The slogan for the watch-night service should be “**The Church on Its Knees.**” A church on its knees is a spiritual church, a growing church, a church that, by the help and grace of God, is going to move ahead.

In addition to the watch-night service, and this time of prayer that is to be church-wide, we think of the revivals and the holiness conventions which we plan to have in every church during 1958. In this connection, Pentecost Week, May 18 to 25, with its holiness emphasis, comes to mind.

March 17 to 21, the Nazarene Servicemen's Institute will convene in the Bavarian Alps, Berchtesgaden, Germany. This will be for “all Nazarene service personnel and dependents in Europe.” Nothing that is planned for next year thrills me any more than this. We can't work too much for and with our servicemen. We must encourage them as they serve their country and also make a big place for God in their hearts and lives.

Then there are the two great offerings of the year—the Easter Offering, Sunday, April 6, when,

by the help and grace of God, we plan to lay one million dollars on His altars for world evangelism. On Sunday, November 23, with divine aid, we expect to duplicate the Easter Offering—that is, bring another million dollars to God for world evangelism. A praying church is a giving church.

Also, there will be the International Teen-age Institute, July 15 to 21, at Estes Park, Colorado. A host of teen-agers will be there from all parts of the Church of the Nazarene. If you have doubts about our young people and their stand for the right, attend this institute and those doubts will disappear. God is going to be there and bless the leaders of this work and the teen-agers themselves in an unusual way.

Next is the Week of Witnessing, October 5 to 12.

STEPHEN S. WHITE

We must not forget it. Certainly a sanctified church is a witnessing church. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This week of witnessing closes with the Golden Anniversary service on Sunday, October 12.

But the end is not yet! Time fails us to tell of all the various emphases which our different departments are arranging for during 1958. Every department and activity of the church will make it its business to stimulate spirituality and expansion during 1958.

An important medium which will help to further all of the objectives of our church is the "Showers of Blessing" program, which reaches around the world.

Remember, please, that all of these interests and activities will find publicity and expression through the *Herald of Holiness*. If you, your relatives, and your friends ever needed the *Herald of Holiness* in order to keep up with the Church of the Nazarene, it will be during 1958.

We thank God for our general superintendents, General Board, executive officers, Anniversary Commission, college presidents and the men and women who work with them, our district superintendents, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and the host of dedicated laymen. Yes, we thank God for all of these and look forward to 1958 as a time of united action on the part of all of them—not just

for the sake of the Church of the Nazarene, but for the sake of the kingdom of God and its outreach in the world.

Goals have been set for the different departments. People who aim at nothing do nothing. We must set our goals and then by prayer, the help of God, and honest effort on our part reach these goals.

The year 1958 will undoubtedly be a singing year. We'll sing and shout and praise God during this jubilee year—for what He has done for us and for what we believe He is going to do. And, punctuating all of our notes of victory, there will be the singing of our official anniversary song, written by Dr. Haldor Lillenas. The title of the song is "The Sun Never Sets in the Morning." From nation to nation, and from continent to continent, around the world, this song will be sung to the glory of God.

Subscribe for the "Herald of Holiness" Now!

If you subscribe now, you will receive the *Herald of Holiness* during the anniversary year—1958. There has never been a twelve-month period like it in our church before, and there will not be another like it until 2008. However little you may have kept up with the Church of the Nazarene in the past, you'll want to follow its activities during 1958. The *Herald of Holiness*, our official organ, will best enable you to do this. Subscribe for the *Herald of Holiness*, not only for yourself, but also for your relatives and friends. During the anniversary year, it will especially interest and inform them.

The Golden Anniversary issue of the *Herald of Holiness*, coming out early in March, will be three times the size of our usual annual special issue. It will review the last fifty years of the Church of the Nazarene and outline its plans for the future. You will be especially proud to have your relatives and friends read this anniversary issue. In fact, this number alone will have enough in it to almost pay for the year's subscription. In addition, you will receive fifty-one other issues, many of which will be like special numbers. They will report outstanding events and feature significant articles.

Subscribe for the *Herald of Holiness* for yourself, if you are not a subscriber, and then send as many subscriptions as you can to your relatives and friends. This suggestion is not only for new subscribers but also for those who have been receiving the paper and want to introduce the Church of the Nazarene to their relatives and friends. Yes, 1958 is the year! Let's make it all that it ought to be; and we can do that only as we read the *Herald of Holiness* and get everybody we can to read it also. Send in these subscriptions at once. What better Christmas present could you make to yourself, your relatives, and your friends!

A Visit with the King of Glory

*The home-going of a veteran, pioneer
preacher of Michigan, Rev. C. L. Bradley*

"I just had a visit with the King of Glory." It was Rev. C. L. Bradley speaking. He and I were alone in his upstairs study and he was weeping and rejoicing as he told me about it. Brother Bradley, who stepped out and organized the first Church of the Nazarene ever started in Michigan—June 17, 1910, in Grand Rapids—and who pioneered a great part of our work in this area, lived to be ninety-six years of age. Like many of those who live to a great age, at times he became a bit confused in his thinking, and his whereabouts. Sometimes he even failed to recognize the members of his own family, but he never lost his way when it came to spiritual things. His wife told me that morning, "He has been having a wonderful time. You can just go on upstairs and see him."

What a beautiful experience he had that morning, and what a treasure to share with his loved ones and friends! He said, "I was praying; then I looked up and someone was standing in the door. I said, 'I know who You are. You are the King of Glory.'" Then he said, "We went that way. [He pointed upward toward a corner of the room.] We came to a place where there was the biggest crowd I ever saw in my life—and they were so happy! I never saw anything like it. Then the King of Glory said, 'It won't be long.'"

It was not long—just a few months later (October 29) early on Tuesday morning when he slipped away to be with his Lord, whom he loved so dearly and had served so faithfully during a long and fruitful life. He and Rev. I. G. Martin were close friends and corresponded with one another almost to the last. Brother Martin had written him a few months ago and said, "I think I am going first but 'I will meet you in the morning, just inside the Eastern Gate.'"

One of the songs sung at Brother Bradley's funeral was "After," written by N. B. Vandall, and inspired by a sermon he preached many years ago. N. B. Vandall sat on the front seat in the service and was gripped so by the message that he took an old envelope from his pocket and wrote on the back of it most of the words of this famous song, and dedicated it to Brother Bradley.

Not only were songs born, but redeemed souls were born, whole churches were born, and in a large measure the entire Michigan District was born, out of the Holy Spirit-inspired ministry of Charles L. Bradley. Other men have labored well

and have made their contribution but the foundations were laid by C. L. Bradley. More than 160 churches in the state of Michigan today stand as a monument to the faith and courage and sacrificial devotion of this good, godly man. His wife, Loma, and his sons, Floyd and Verne, and his daughter, Velma (Mrs. Velma Clinton), have a priceless heritage.

—FLETCHER GALLOWAY

Our Star of Hope

By F. W. DAVIS

*O morning Star that came to bless,
To lift a world from sin's distress—
God's Gift to man, and heaven's best;
Our Star of hope and love!*

*Shine on, Thou Star of Bethlehem,
From heaven's glory on all men,
Arrayed in royal diadem,
Enthroned supreme above!*

*O wondrous Star displayed that night,
To bring the world eternal Light,
To set the wrongs of men aright,
And bring them joy and peace!
Thou precious, holy Gift divine,
Awaken men to needs sublime.
Yea, even in this heart of mine
Thy brilliance never cease!*

More than Snow

By LYLE PRESCOTT

*Fair Christmas comes in varied garb
Throughout this varied globe;
Only on Mount Hermon's peak
Does Israel find snow's robe.*

*Where Bethlehem, of Christmas fame,
Beholds no Christmas snow,
America and Europe too
No other Christmas know.*

*And what of those at Arctic pole
And far Antarctic waste?
Their June and weary summer months
With snow are ever faced.*

*And what of the half of earth's domain
That south of the equator lies,
Where Christmas comes in summer warmth,
And the land repines and sighs?*

*But Christmas keeps its annual joy
And sense of infinite worth,
Because its secret is not snow,
But Christ, who came to earth.*

The Sunday School Lesson

MELZA H.
BROWN



Topic for
December 22:

The Wonder of the Incarnation

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2; Luke 2:8-20
(Printed: Philippians 2:1-11)

GOLDEN TEXT: *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons* (Galatians 4:4-5).

The first portion of our lesson deals with the means of unity in the Spirit for the Church. Paul's desire was always that the Christians live in harmony and accord. This church at Philippi had pleased him in many ways. They were a spiritual and a generous group of Christians. The one thing now they could do to make his joy full was to be like-minded, being of one accord.

This scripture also gives us the hindrances to unity of the Spirit or that which causes divisions and strife in the church. Vainglory or self-exaltation, seeking leadership or personal honor, has no place in the church, as it is directly opposed to the spirit and teachings of Christ. Pride and selfishness are at the root of trouble in any church. Humility and Christ-mindedness are essential for Christian unity. The motivation of our actions must always be love for Christ and love for others.

The latter portion of the lesson gives us a wonderful description of the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ, the eternal Son of God, came into the world as the man Jesus, born of a woman, and subject to the law. Thus as Jesus Christ, a Person both human and divine, He became our Lord. This coming of Christ was voluntary; He made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant. Then as a man He became obedient even unto the death of the Cross. This many reject. They refuse to believe upon a God who could be put to death by mere man. However, the glorious truth is that the confession of this Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross, as Lord, becomes the foundation of Christian faith.

The self-humiliation of Christ resulted in His high exaltation. God did not forsake His Son, but raised Him from the dead and hath lifted the name of Jesus above every name. Christ's full glory is yet future. Every being, of all creation, shall yet acknowledge Jesus Christ is Lord, and He shall be crowned *King of Kings and Lord of Lords*.

"Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the

dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (Revelation 1:5-6).

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Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

SPECIAL NOTICE

Rev. Donald Ault has been forced to return home to the States because of ill health. His doctor in British Guiana ordered him to come home immediately. Please pray that God will touch this good missionary and restore him to perfect health and strength again.

British Guiana

We had a very wonderful Mission Council, with a beautiful spirit of harmony and fellowship throughout. We have designated "Operation Essequibo" as our Golden Anniversary project for our field, hoping to raise funds on the field to open work in Essequibo, the oldest and largest county of our field.—DONALD AULT, *British Guiana*.

Notice

DO NOT SEND USED CLOTHING TO NYASALAND. Government authorities have requested that the missionaries not import used clothing.

Romans 8:28 Still Holds

Thank you for your sympathy and your prayers.

Mother and I had agreed that we would rather be separated on earth and do the will of God than to be separated through all eternity. We had hoped for another meeting on earth if it were in God's will. God has seen otherwise and I do not question His will. Romans 8:28 still holds.—ELIZABETH COLE, *Africa*.

Back to India

We are on our way back to our field of service once more. We feel very unworthy of the trust and the investment the church has in us, but we promise to do our best at the task to which you have assigned us. We earnestly request the prayers of our people as we begin again our task where the problems are new and changing. We need heavenly wisdom.—CLARENCE AND MARJORIE CARTER, *India*.

Waiting

About seven weeks ago I made the formal application for our visa to Portuguese East Africa. As of yet, nothing has been heard from it; but this is not at all unusual, for visa applicants often wait for at least three months before receiving word. We pray that there will be no abnormal delay, but it is possible that we may be here until the

end of the year.—WILLIAM MOON, *Portugal*.

(Note: Mr. Moon's Portugal address is Avenida Infante Santo, 368 2º Esq., Lisbon, Portugal. If you are sending Christmas greetings, it might be well to use that address instead of the one in Portuguese East Africa.—Ed.)

New Work Among Swazis on Reef

By ERIC COURTNEY-SMITH
Africa

The work among the Swazis here is a great challenge, as there is no other missionary or church doing work among them here on the reef. We would covet your special prayers that God will give us all the needed wisdom that we might open up this work in a way which will best glorify His name; also that He will give us traveling mercies, as we have to travel at hours when the traffic is at its peak and roads are most dangerous.

This past week we have had some good services. On Tuesday evening we were at City Deep "A" Compound—our first visit there. About eighty men were in the service. God spoke to hearts and one man came forward for prayer. We have arranged to hold a service in this compound again on Sunday. We feel that this new work under the blessing of God can greatly enrich the Swazi church.

We are temporarily living at P.O. Box

Servicemen's Corner



Words of Appreciation:

"Just a word of thanks for the wonderful service given me while in the military. Many times I was unable to attend services on Sunday and received much of my spiritual food from material received from the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission. I do thank God for the work you are doing as I think of the many fellows in the service who rely on your periodicals for spiritual guidance.

"During the latter part of '56 and the first part of '57 we were overseas for seven months taking part in operations in the Mediterranean and the mid-East. During this time I was able to get to a church or chapel twice, for we had no chaplain on board. I spent much of my free time reading the *Herald of Holiness* and *Conquest*. It was through these and reading my Bible that I was able to continue to stand for Christ. I still love my Lord today and look forward someday to serving Him as a missionary. He is a wonderful Saviour and the best Friend I ever had.

"Once again I want to say a hearty thank-you for the periodicals I received while in the navy. May God richly bless you as you continue in His service.—DAVE L. THATCHER."

From Japan:

"I would like to express my appreciation to you for the literature that you are sending our servicemen. I have my family with me here in Japan and we look forward to receiving the church literature.

"Since being here in Japan, it has been my privilege to tour the northern island of Hokkaido with our missionaries. This week we have had Dr. W. A. Eckel and Rev. McKay in our home for about five days, as they are on a tour of Hokkaido. We drove about one hundred miles over gravel road to see about property to build a Church of the Nazarene. After a tour of the island, Mrs. Eckel and Mrs. McKay will join their husbands here for a much-needed vacation.

"I had the opportunity to visit our church headquarters in Tokyo and meet our missionaries. As I read our literature and fellowship with our missionaries, I thank God for the Church of the Nazarene.—S/SGT. THOMAS L. BLAXTON."

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

London W. Gilliland DIRECTOR

58, Westonaria, Transvaal, Union of South Africa, but may move nearer to the center of Johannesburg after our Council Meeting in October.

Report from India

Mrs. Lee is feeling better after her month's stay in the Vellore Hospital. In time we feel she will be active again.

Mrs. Pease and her husband had to

rush to Miraj hospital just recently, a trip of four hundred miles from here, where she underwent emergency treatment for a kidney infection. So you can see we do need your prayers for our missionaries here, as well as for our Indian Christians.

Dr. Speicher and Miss Esther Howard sailed for furlough October 13. We will miss them.—EARL LEE, *India*.

organized in 1945 by the German churches to keep up contact with congregations in the occupied areas.

Evangelicals Must Be Alert

At a recent monthly meeting of evangelical ministers in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Dr. Clyde Taylor, Washington, D.C., director of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, pointed out several current areas of concern for evangelical Christians. He suggested the need for alertness in the matter of locating evangelical churches in new housing areas. Builders and even city planning committees are not making provision for evangelical churches in some instances, as they are making lots available only to "approved" church groups. He also pointed out the need for co-operative efforts on the part of parents and churches to clean up the newsstands of obscene literature. National movements working in this direction are making some impact on the problem but there is still need for local pressure on newsstand operators. Now is the time for all who are concerned to make their influence felt. He also pointed to the present trends in the world "problem" areas



By L. J. DU BOIS

German-Polish Protestants Dwindling

Protestants in the area of eastern Germany now occupied by Poland are a "dying body," a German church meeting was told. Professor Harald Kruska, president of Church Service East, said at Hamelin in October that only 100,000 were left of the former 3,000,000 mem-

bers of the church. There is little pastoral leadership and only a "primitive religious life" existing in the area, he reported. Small groups of laymen continue to meet for services and religious classes. Many of the church members have fled into western Europe. Others were moved from the area by the Polish government in its repatriation program, Kruska said. Church Service East was

of evangelical missionary work and called on the group to pray earnestly during these days of uncertainty.

Nine Church Fires Tomorrow

According to the annual report of the National Fire Protection Association,

9 church fires can be expected to break out tomorrow somewhere in the U.S.A. At least that is the average per day that prevailed during the past year. The Association's chief engineer said there were 3,200 church fires last year which caused damage totaling nearly twenty-one million dollars. The fire of-

icial warned all churches to check their premises for defective heating systems, faulty electrical equipment, and overloaded wires which might cause short circuits. Each church should invite their local fire department to inspect their building for fire hazards before cold weather sets in.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CRUSADE 1956-60

Department of Evangelism

V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

Evangelistic Honor Roll

The Crusade for Souls Commission is continuing the publishing of the list of churches, by district, who qualified during their last assembly year for the Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate. The group qualification standards were published in the October 22 issue of the *Herald*.

We congratulate the following, who have obtained certificates:

Church	Pastor	Present Membership	Gain
FLORIDA DISTRICT			
Wauchula	J. Watson	17	6
Cocoa	R. L. Hale	18	8
St. Petersburg Lealman	C. Lybrand	18	9
West Palm Beach	C. V. Holstein	19	6
Ft. Lauderdale Riverland	Wm. E. Wineberg	25	20
Orlando Fern Park	J. Fisher	25	10
Gainesville Trinity	E. Simpson	33	13
Orlando Lawndale	B. Benson	34	12
West Hollywood	N. R. Buss	38	15
Lake City	P. Bickes	55	10
Zephyrhills	P. L. Wright	55	12
Homestead	W. L. Chambers, Jr.	60	9
North Miami	E. Blythe	65	9
Ocala	B. S. Najarian	68	18
Melbourne	C. E. Weller	72	26
Jacksonville Murray Hill	R. A. Buckley	74	9
Kissimmee	F. Toms	79	21
Lakeland S. Fla. Hgts.	H. Warwick	88	16
Lake Worth	C. R. Moore	90	20
Tampa First	R. E. Elzey	132	19
Gainesville First	C. Blanchard	143	15
Ft. Lauderdale First	B. F. Marlin	160	21
Orlando First	J. D. Freese	176	30
Lakeland First	I. W. Justice	182	23
GEORGIA DISTRICT			
Calhoun	S. P. Mingleddorf	12	6
Athens	S. W. Osborne	18	5
Wrightsville	T. Carter	39	13
Columbus Grace	R. L. Pitts	42	9
Tennille	J. E. Lindsey	57	9
Albany	H. G. Snellgrove	62	10
Bainbridge	L. D. Foster	64	17
Gainesville	P. E. Barnes	66	11
Valdosta First	G. McRae	77	15
Fort Valley	B. B. Hall	81	12
Jackson	R. Goodwin	89	13
Rossville First	H. Mincey	103	12
Dublin First	W. P. Smithson	127	17
East Point	P. M. Lawrence	127	14
Mt. Olive	H. Gillespie	135	14
Atlanta First	W. Wellman	284	24

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT			
Indpls. 29th St.	C. E. Patterson	18	7
Carthage	O. Hisle	30	11
Vevay	L. L. Dennis	31	8
Lewisville	C. Grecne	42	10
Indpls. S. Meridian	E. L. Bryant	57	11
Laurel	W. Polston	61	9
Fortville	W. Miracle	65	9
Greensboro	B. Lewis	70	9
Franklin	M. Deckard	125	21
Indpls. East Side	E. Short	134	18
Martinsville	E. Marvel	155	34
Shelbyville	E. Gold	160	18
IOWA DISTRICT			
Red Oak	G. A. Parker	17	6
Estherville	K. Loutzenhiser	23	8
Sioux City Highland Pk.	M. A. Schmidt	31	20
Council Bluffs Comm.	H. L. Max	37	9
Bussey	G. F. Branson	43	11
Waterloo Broadway	I. Beals	44	9
Cedar Falls	W. Huffman	48	9
Missouri Valley	J. Friend	52	14
Ames	R. V. Schultz	56	20
Marengo	M. S. Wilson	56	21
Indianola	H. L. Keeney	70	12
Knoxville	J. C. Leonard	77	17
Centerville	R. Swanson	106	15
Cedar Rapids	F. E. Whitlatch	210	18
Des Moines First	C. E. Stanley	235	28
KANSAS DISTRICT			
Russell	D. S. McKay	29	12
Herington	L. D. Hess	37	14
Wichita Park City	D. Neuenschwander	45	11
Larned	V. E. Bridgwater	70	13
Elkhart	B. Johnson	78	23
Wichita Eureka Gardens	J. W. Youngman	107	16
Hutchinson Peniel	C. White	144	21
Great Bend	H. Merritt	154	21
Dodge City	M. Arnold	201	18
Wichita First	G. A. Gough	555	40
KENTUCKY DISTRICT			
Stanford	C. W. Wiley	13	5
Elizabethtown	J. O. Brown	18	16
Lexington Immanuel	R. Hayse	31	11
Danville	W. Estep	33	11
Louisville Lynnhurst	W. Kerrick	46	16
Versailles	D. Middleton	50	20
Monticello	C. O. Switzer	67	12
Louisville Penile	J. R. Raymer	71	15
Naomi	O. Lobb	72	24
Louisville Trinity	S. R. Brown	76	12
Somerset	J. B. Root	93	13
Louisville Greenwood	A. Goodwin	120	26
Lancaster	C. Haselwood	121	12
Louisville Southside	O. D. Thrasher	132	15
Henderson	R. Altman	133	25
Louisville Camp Taylor	O. C. Huff	141	16
Bowling Green	R. Wells	157	30
Louisville Broadway	D. Wyrick	347	41

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

One of the Ten Commandments is to keep the Sabbath day holy. Is it all right for a Christian to go for a ride in the afternoon, as long as he attends services morning and night?

I believe it is. Sunday is a day of rest, relaxation, and worship. However, I am glad you said, "As long as he attends services morning and night."

Could you please explain tithing and social security? Some people say you should tithe your social security check, and others say that you shouldn't. My social security checks are the only income I have.

One authority has said that we should tithe social security checks after we have been paid back what we have put into it. I am also told that the government will tell you exactly what you have paid into social security. This means that you can know what you or your relatives who make it possible for you to get what you do, have put into this fund. What you get over and above this should be tithed. Of course, I think it is nice wherever possible for a person to tithe his social security from the first, regardless of what he has paid into it.

Do you think it grieves God for a church to have food sales to buy a new piano? Could this in any way tell the world that we do not believe that tithes and offerings are God's way of supporting the church?

I answer, "Yes," to both of your questions.

I know what the postmillennial belief is, but what does the Bible say on it? I have found nothing bearing on it directly. I am acquainted with the teaching on the second coming of Christ, but that does not establish postmillennialism.

I am inclined to take the position which you do in your question. On the other hand, the postmillennialist who is really sold on his belief would disagree with us. He would say that he is the one who has the Bible on his side, and not you and I. He would hold that there is only one word in the Bible which can be thought of as teaching premillennialism. Further, it is found, as one of their authorities says, "only six times in six verses in the beginning of the twentieth chapter of Revelation." Then he adds: "This is one of the most figurative and symbolical passages in the most figurative and symbolical book in the whole Bible." Over against this, the same writer sets dozens of scripture verses. Among them I mention just a few: "The Scriptures warrant us in saying that that blessed period will have the following characteristics [please remember that this writer is talking here about the millennium according to the postmillennial view]: (1) It will be characterized by the universal spread of the gospel (Isaiah 11:9; 25:7). (2) By the universal sway of Christianity and Christian principles in the govern-

ment of mankind (Psalm 2:8-11; Zechariah 9:10; Matthew 28:19). (3) By universal peace (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3; Isaiah 11:6-9). (4) By great spiritual power and glory (Isaiah 66:8; 60:22). (5) By the return to Christ of Israel (Romans 11:26-29; Zechariah 12:10; 13:1). (6) The ascendancy of truth and righteousness in human affairs (Revelation 20:4-6; Psalm 72:11, 17; Zechariah 14:9; Isaiah 60:12). (7) There will be a great increase in the population of the globe. (8) There will be an increase in the diffusion of intelligence (Daniel 11:4). (9) There will be great temporal prosperity."

Now the Church of the Nazarene permits its members, ministers or laymen, to be either pre- or postmillennialists, and I certainly believe that is as it should be. Nevertheless, you wanted to know what the postmillennial exponents offer as proofs for their position, from the Bible, and I have given you some, although I do not think that they are convincing, especially in the light of what is going on in the world today.

If entire sanctification destroys the sin nature, where does the thing come from that causes the recipient to backslide? Further, if the old man of sin is annihilated, it is gone and is no more.

First, one does not have to have the carnal mind in order to backslide. Adam was holy and he backslid. Second, the sin nature, or carnal mind, is not a thing; it is a condition, or state, which when it is gone isn't anywhere. On the other hand, the condition can come back when the laws of spiritual life are violated. Fever is a condition of the body and not a thing, and it comes and goes according as the laws of health are or are not obeyed.

Thought for the Day



by BERTHA MUNRO

Emmanuel

... Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23). "And, lo, I am with you alway" (Matthew 28:20b).

Monday:

Lo! Stop! Pay attention. Like the peal of the bells ringing out far above our heads at the busiest city corner, "Joy to the world! the Lord is come." Christ's "Lo" catches our ears. Look above the crowd. Remember your riches.

Tuesday:

I—the many-sided, all-understanding, never-refusing, infinite Christ, who undertook humanity's needs as His peculiar interest. Think of His names: Bread, Water, Light; Shepherd, Counselor, Friend; Resurrection and Life, Alpha and Omega. And here words fail.

Christ is a path—if any be misled;

He is a robe—if any naked be;

If any chance to hunger—He is bread;

If any be a bondman—He is free;

If any be but weak—how strong is He!

—GILES FLETCHER, 17th century

Wednesday:

Am—positive voice, positive personality, positive force. This voice will reach you wherever you are, this personality make itself felt, this force be stronger than all the dead weight of Satan's downward pull. This quiet word has in it the potential of the eternal I AM.

Thursday:

With—by your side, and closer; on your side; eager to be admitted into every phase of your living, shut out from no plan or action. Walking with you as Guide on the "uneven journey of life"; as Companion—if you can keep in step. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

Friday:

You—for your needs, not your good neighbor's only. You as you are, not as you hope you might be in some ideal tomorrow. You as you face your ugly or disheartening facts. He does not deal in vague abstractions; He came to earth to earn the right to your specific problems—your sin first, then all the rest.

Saturday:

Always—every day, every hour. For every situation He will find a new, surprising, unthought-of way through. You cannot forecast His method nor predict by what word He will speak deliverance. His methods are never cut-and-dried; His techniques are never boring. But He is always there, and

Master; He cannot disappoint you.

Sunday:

To the end—nameless dangers and fears, numberless possibilities of evil yet to come, but every one to be met as in the past, the last enemy to be destroyed as the first was put to flight. "He never has failed me yet"—all the

Christmas bells are singing it—"He will not fail me now," nor ever.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee"—even in this new, strange, untried, frightening year of 1958.

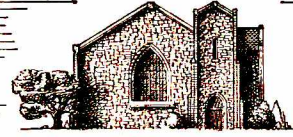
"And out beyond."

I shall see and know Him there

Because I have known Him here.

(Hebrews 13:5c.)

NEWS of the Churches



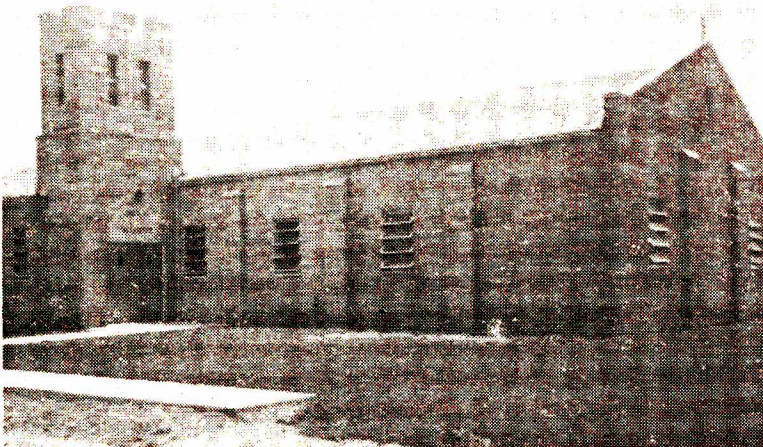
Belfast First Church, Northern Ireland—What a joy it was to have Evangelists Harry and Esther Carlsen, from the States, to be in our church! They packed the place so that we had to borrow 100 chairs, and still did not have enough. Best of all, we saw the altar lined with souls weeping their way to Calvary. The Carlsons' musical program is unique, of a high order, and was fully appreciated by our music-loving people. We had literally hundreds of strangers in the services during the week, and once they were in, they were greatly stirred by the dynamic preaching of Brother Carlsen. Also we were glad to see the American Second Fleet come into our waters here at Belfast,

with some naval men in the group. On Sunday night, September 15, in walked Chief Signalman "Bill" Ballew, S.M.C. of the destroyer "Massey." His cook was with him, his black, smiling face shining with the glory of God; also two other boys of the ship. Sam, the cook, sang Negro spirituals; both he and Chief Ballew testified; and the two unsaved naval boys made their way to an old-fashioned altar and found the Saviour. In an after-service conducted by Chief Ballew, more souls sought God at the altar for second-blessing holiness. We thank God for the visit of our American Nazarenes from time to time—they are a blessing to us.—LESLIE ROBERTS, *Pastor.*

Wellston, Ohio—In October we had a good meeting with Rev. W. T. Elkins, evangelist, and the Jeffery Sisters as singers. Brother Elkins is a preacher of the Word, and his ministry surely is needed in our day. The Jeffery Sisters not only carried on the musical program, but also were wonderful altar workers. We greatly appreciated the ministry of these workers, and the spirit of the revival continues. A fine love offering was given to the pastor so he might take a much-needed rest.—J. N. LAKIN, *Pastor.*

Wrens, Georgia—In October our church had a wonderful revival with Rev. Henry Miller, Sr., as the evangelist, and Henry Miller, Jr., and wife in charge of the music and special singing. We had large crowds each night, God manifested His presence in the services, and Brother Miller's messages were anointed of the Spirit. Seekers prayed through at the altar and shouted the praises of God. Many said it was the best revival here in years.—MRS. OBED ARRINGTON, *Secretary.*

Calvary Church, Danville, Indiana



On August 18, 1956, a group of 28 persons met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon McRoberts for the purpose of organizing a Church of the Nazarene. District Superintendent Luther Cantwell organized the group and helped to make plans for the future. A hall was rented, and soon a two-acre plot of ground in a new section of the town was purchased. Ground-breaking ceremony was held on October 14. Services were held in the church a short time before Christmas. The people worked hard, gave liberally, and the church was completely finished on September 18 of

this year. The church and property are valued at \$37,500. The building has five classrooms, plus the pastor's study. An impressive dedicatory service was conducted on September 22, with District Superintendent Cantwell present, and Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, secretary of the Department of Foreign Missions, bringing the dedicatory message. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Maddox were in charge of the special singing and music along with the church choir. The church is functioning in all departments, and cooperating with the district and general programs.—RICHARD B. GRUBBS, *Pastor.*

Evangelist W. T. Elkins reports: "These are wonderful days; the Lord is blessing our efforts and giving many souls. We go next to Chesapeake, Ohio, with Pastor Templeton; in January we go to Tampa, Florida, for two meetings. I appreciate the fine pastors and laymen with whom I have labored during the past year. I have two good spring dates open—February 12 to 23, and March 11 to 23. I'll be glad to slate these as the Lord may lead. I thank God for His help and blessings. Write me, Wurtland, Kentucky."

Grand Saline, Texas—Recently our church had a good revival with Evangelist D. C. Van Slyke. He did some splendid preaching and sixteen souls prayed through to God for pardon or heart purity. The attendance was good, with many visitors in the services, and the church was greatly benefited. A nice love offering was given to the pastor. We love the church and lost souls and press forward for God.—FLOYD AKIN, *Pastor.*

Rev. Ernie Moore writes: "As I complete graduate studies at the University of Texas, I have time for a limited number of revival meetings. Write me, 419 E. Vestal, San Antonio, Texas."

Chicago, Illinois—Austin Church recently had the best meeting in years, according to one of the long-time members. Evangelist and Mrs. H. F. Crews were used of the Lord, souls were saved and sanctified, and ten new members were added to the church. During our fifteen months with this church we have received forty-six members, realized gains in every department of the work, and we gave nearly \$6,000 to general interests last year, making us a 11.3 per cent church. We love and appreciate our people and it is a pleasure to serve with District Superintendent Mark Moore and the other Chicago pastors and laymen.—JAMES C. HESTER, *Pastor*.

Watska, Illinois—Since our coming here three years ago these months have been a time of blessing and victory. Last year we were able to construct a masonry annex to the existing small brick chapel. This extends the auditorium to nearly double its original size, besides adding Sunday school rooms, pastor's study, etc. God helped us to make this all possible with less than eight thousand dollars' debt on the building. On November 3 we closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Fred Wright. The services were crowned with victory, and God gave seekers in response to Brother Wright's masterful presentation of gospel truths and the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit. It seemed easy for people to pray through to victory. We greatly appreciated Brother Wright's ministry.—JOE BRIGHT, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Marvin S. Cooper writes: "Due to circumstances which necessitated my being within easy reach of home, I have not been able to carry my full slate. The Lord willing, however, I will resume my slate as of January 1. I shall be glad to assist pastors who may have need of my services, and also will conduct Christian Service Training classes as the Lord may lead. Write me, 1514 N. Wakefield Street, Arlington 7, Virginia."

Columbia, South Carolina—Grace Church is making the greatest progress of its history. Closing our third year as pastor, we appreciate the co-operation of these good people. All budgets were paid for the first time in the church's history, and gains were made in all departments, with the Sunday school averaging 108 for the year. Our recent one-week revival was an uplift to the church. Rev. David Erickson, pastor of Grace Church in Rock Hill, was the evangelist. He is a dynamic young preacher and God blessed and gave fourteen seekers at the altar. We are now engaged in a revival at Eastview Acres, a new section of Columbia. A branch Sunday school was organized there about nine months ago, the district has built a nice brick church, and following this meeting District Superintendent Thaxton will come to organize the church. We appreciate the leadership of our district superintendent.—H. G. CLAYTON, *Pastor*.

El Verano, California—The Sonoma Valley Church is having a grand revival time. Evangelist Norvic Clift was greatly used of the Lord in a twelve-day meeting in which we had more than fifty seekers at the altar; most of these were teen-agers and adults. Two weeks ago we baptized ten candidates and received eight new members into the church by profession of faith. The spirit of revival continues with us, the fire of heaven is on the church, and conviction is moving seekers to the Lord in a miraculous way. Surely this spirit will help us as we begin the building of a new sanctuary.—LOWELL W. COEY, *Pastor*.

Little Rock, Arkansas—Westwood Church recently had an unusual revival—unusual because of the great number of people who found spiritual help in their homes or at their work during the day. Added to this was a great number of people who found the needs of their hearts met by God at the altar of prayer. We had a real revival. The presence of God was very near as a result of the exceptional messages by Evangelist Thomas Hayes. Jim Lee made a fine contribution also with his singing and piano playing. Sick bodies were healed, sinful souls were forgiven, believers were sanctified, the church was edified, the pastor was encouraged, and God was glorified through the Spirit-anointed ministry of these excellent workers.—BOB LINDLEY, *Pastor*.

Third Regional Church Schools Convention

The third regional church schools convention was held October 14 and 15, in Nashville, Tennessee. Tennessee District was the entertaining district, with Nashville First Church as the host church. Dr. Cecil Ewell, pastor, and the people of First Church made the convention most welcome.

Rev. Paul McGrady, district church schools chairman, and the district church school board worked faithfully, along with the leaders of the convention. Mr. John T. Benson, of Nashville, had charge of the music for the convention.

All of the superintendents of the participating districts were present, along with many pastors and visitors from other districts. Rev. D. D. Lewis, superintendent of the Kentucky District, brought the message on Monday night, and Dr. A. F. Harper brought the closing message Tuesday night.

Dr. A. F. Harper, editor in chief, and his staff of workers did an amazing amount of work in the time allowed. His staff of workers included Dr. Erwin G. Benson, Dr. Roy E. Swim, Miss Edith Lantz, Rev. Earl C. Wolf, Dr. Kenneth S. Rice, Mrs. J. Milton Wienecke, Miss Lavaun Tombaugh, Rev. Franklyn Wise, Rev. Phil Storey, Rev. Paul McGrady, and Rev. Asa Sparks.

The workshop periods in the mornings and the afternoons were well attended, as were the dinner meetings for the special groups. Dr. Harper reported that the attendance was the largest of any convention held to date.

We feel that the convention was high-

ly successful. The information and inspiration derived from it will be of valuable assistance as we face the responsibilities of evangelization through the church schools. We are grateful to God for the leaders of our Church Schools Department; they are efficient and responsible, and carry a genuine burden for the work of reaching the lost.—C. E. SHUMAKE, *Superintendent of Tennessee District*.

Fourth Regional Church Schools Convention

The fourth regional church schools convention, sponsored by the general Department of Church Schools, was held in Jacksonville, Florida, October 17 and 18. Under the efficient direction of Dr. Albert F. Harper and Dr. Erwin G. Benson the convention was well planned and organized. The Jacksonville pastors and Nazarenes, represented by Rev. W. T. Dougharty, were wonderful hosts.

Dr. L. B. Hicks, chairman of the Department of Church Schools, and pastor of First Church, Ashland, Kentucky, was the special speaker. We appreciated his soul-stirring messages.

Workshops were conducted for all ages and guided by trained and helpful directors as follows: Dr. Kenneth S. Rice, Dr. A. F. Harper, Dr. Roy E. Swim, Dr. Erwin G. Benson, Rev. Earl Wolf, Rev. Phil Storey, Rev. Wm. O. Blue, Rev. Don Freese, Miss Edith Lantz, Miss Lavaun Tombaugh, Mrs. J. M. Wienecke, and Mrs. Tom Goble.

The attendance was good, with 340 present the first afternoon, and 500 in the night services. The coming together of the 3 districts—Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida—was a time of fellowship and blessing.

Rev. Mack Anderson, superintendent of Georgia District, and Rev. D. W. Thaxton, superintendent of South Carolina District, were presented; each made a definite contribution to the convention.

Mr. Orain Osborne, the blind musician, inspired us with his excellent organ music.

The writer delivered the keynote address on "The Quantity and the Quality" of our Sunday school work and made an appeal for all to work for "One Million by 1960."

The convention concluded on a high note with a masterful address by Dr. Albert F. Harper.—JOHN L. KNIGHT, *Superintendent of Florida District*.

Evangelist Bernice L. Roedel reports: "During the past year I have worked on five different districts, having conducted fifteen revival meetings, supervised five vacation Bible schools, and served as youth and/or children's worker in three camps. In many respects this has been the best of my ten years in evangelistic work. I count it a privilege to labor with our fine pastors and laymen, as well as our general and district leaders. Also, I have served as teen-age supervisor on my own district (Southwest Indiana) and as president of the Evansville Zone N.Y.P.S. I shall be glad to accept calls as they come in, and go as the Lord may lead, for freewill offering and entertainment. Write me, 423 East Maple Street, Boonville, Indiana."

Song Evangelist Harold E. Bomgardner writes: "Praise God for His wonderful goodness and mercy to me! I am now back in the field full time as a song evangelist. My first meeting was with Rev. M. R. Fitch and people at Midland, Michigan, with Rev. John Swearngen as evangelist; God blessed with some wonderful victories. Then I went to Lansing First Church, with Pastor Fred Hawk, and Rev. J. E. Williams as evangelist. Again God gave souls praying through, with shouts of victory. At this writing I am closing a revival in Milford and go from here to West Side Church in Decatur, Illinois; then to my home church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I have some open time after December 1. Write me, 3522 N. Cascade, Colorado Springs, Colorado."

Evangelist Dewey Mounts and wife write: "At this time we are in a revival meeting at Mount Erie, Illinois, and God is blessing in every service. We have two open dates early in 1958, and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead—February 12 to 23, and March 12 to 23. Write us, 123rd Street and Ridgeland Avenue, Worth, Illinois."

Evangelist Alvin D. Richards writes: "I have one week open, January 28 to February 2; also two weeks, February 19 to March 2 (1958). Any church wishing to use us at this time, please write us at Linden, Michigan."

Rev. T. O. Weatherby writes: "After pastoring for five years, I am re-entering the evangelistic field. I am slated through the middle of January, 1958, and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. In October, I had a very fine meeting with Pastor Vern Martin and the church in Sweet Home, Oregon; at this writing I am in a splendid revival with Brother Peter Burkhardt and his people in Wapato, Washington. I thank God for His rich blessings. I have some meetings slated for the fall of '58, also some open dates. I'll be glad to come for a revival, holiness convention, or youth convention; write me, Box 314, Connell, Washington."

Jacksonville, Florida—Panama Park Church had a good youth revival, September 29 to October 6, with many souls saved, some backsliders reclaimed, all our hearts blessed and encouraged, and others sanctified wholly. The young evangelist preached with the unction of God, and people carried a burden for souls, and God met with us in a special way. We are purchasing the building next door to our church to use for Sunday school rooms, as we have to expand. Our good pastor, Rev. Craig Wyant, has been given an increase in salary. We thank God for His helping and blessing.—DOROTHY T. SMITH, *Secretary*.

Evangelist Ralph C. Wynkoop writes: "I will be attending the Evangelists' Conference in Kansas City early in January, and have some open dates in January and February I'd like to fill in the Midwest. Write me, 6120 S.E. Knapp, Portland 6, Oregon."

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Olive Hill, Kentucky—First Church recently had a three-week evangelistic campaign with Rev. Jim Flannery as the special worker. God's Spirit was manifested in the services, and new people prayed through at the altar. Many of our folks prayed and fasted and carried a real burden for souls. The soul-searching and Spirit-filled messages of Brother Flannery gripped hearts. We appreciated his ministry, and many said this was the best revival in years at this church.—E. B. Moss, *Pastor*.

Somerton, Arizona—Our fortieth anniversary and home-coming Sunday, October 27, was a high day. Work days and evenings had been utilized for six weeks getting the church ready for the occasion. Rev. J. L. Wheeler, former pastor, (now pastor in Holtville, California) was the morning speaker. Former members from Arizona and California attended the services. A Spirit-anointed time of singing, testimony, and reminiscing was held in the afternoon. Rev. Marvin J. Pace, preceding pastor, (now at Bisbee) was special speaker in the evening service. Somerton church—oldest on the Arizona District—was organized October 28, 1917. We thank God for His blessing on our services, and for new contacts being made in the community.—ROBERT CONN, *Pastor*.

Versailles, Illinois—Recently we had a good revival with Miss Mary Ann Freeman as the evangelist. Miss Freeman is a good preacher, singer, youth, and children's worker, and puts her whole self into the services. In spite of much sickness and bad weather, some souls prayed through to victory. We thank God for Miss Freeman's ministry with us.—DAVID E. MILBY, *Pastor*.

North Dakota District Workers' Convention

The North Dakota District Workers' Convention was held October 28 to 30, at Bismarck, with Rev. David Figg as the fine host pastor.

We were privileged to have Dr. Samuel Young as the special speaker. We were honored to have him on our district, and his messages were helpful and inspiring.

The attendance was good, and each department of our church was well represented.

District Superintendent Harry F. Taplin and wife, who live in Bismarck, held open house at the district parsonage on Tuesday between services. Wednesday noon they entertained Dr. Young, all visiting evangelists, and the pastors and their wives at a luncheon.

We are all striving to make this an outstanding year in the salvation of souls and the building up of the work of holiness in North Dakota.—W. M. BROWN, *District Secretary*.

Speedway City, Indiana—After serving our Madison Avenue Church in Indianapolis for three years we came to the fine group of folks in this church. In November we closed what many say was the best revival in the church's history. Rev. Dwight F. Steininger was the evangelist-chalk artist and Miss Phyllis Coulter the song evangelist. The picture drawn each evening, representing a familiar hymn, was of much inspiration; also God mightily used Brother Steininger's preaching. Miss Coulter sang with the anointing of God. A good number of folk prayed through to victory at the altar, and our church is greatly encouraged.—JOHN H. CHANDLER, *Pastor*.

Fayette, Idaho—Following a very successful ministry of Rev. Herbert Lilly, we came to pastor this church and found a loyal group of people. October 6 marked the beginning of the Sunday evening broadcast, "Fireside Hour," over KSRV, Ontario, Oregon. In a recent revival the Lord signally blessed the ministry of Evangelist R. H. McCart. We feel the results of this meeting will be long-lasting, and that our church never can be the same. We have given the McCarts a call to return next year; we appreciate their good work.—HOWARD MANSFIELD, *Pastor*.

Evangelists Billy and Helen Smith report: "We are closing another wonderful year in the field of evangelism. God has given us the privilege of working with some of our best people and pastors. Recently we closed a meeting with Rev. Russell Clay at the Manhattan Boulevard Church in Toledo, and also a meeting with Rev. Frank Roddy at McArthur, Ohio. After three more meetings before Christmas, we will have a week's youth revival in Maryville, Tennessee, en route south. We will be in Florida from January 10 to April 1; our headquarters will be c/o General Delivery, Lakeland, Florida. If you desire us to assist in youth revivals or church meetings, or week-end conventions, during this time, write us at Lakeland. We preach, sing, direct the singing, and work with the children."

Evangelist F. C. Savage writes: "After resigning pastorate of the church in Plymouth, Indiana, last January, my meetings have taken me to Florida, Oklahoma, and Colorado. I am now on the Pittsburgh District, where God gave us some splendid revivals some years ago. I plan to be in meetings in Florida after January 1 and have some open time for the first three months of the year. Will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Recently closed a wonderful revival with our Circleville Church at Irvin, Pennsylvania. Please remember Wife and me in your prayers. Write us, P.O. Box 3, Kokomo, Indiana."

Evangelist Cletus Franklin writes: "I am now completing two years of work since re-entering the evangelistic field. I surely appreciate the wonderful pastors and people of our great church. We have labored on ten districts, and God has been good to us. Mrs. Franklin and I now travel with a house trailer; our new home address is 116 McGrath, Battle Creek, Michigan."

Rev. J. V. Langford writes: "After our pastoring the church in Farmington only five months, my wife's health has become such that it is necessary to take her out of the parsonage. I am therefore re-entering the field of evangelism; my present address is 820 N. Dustin, Farmington, New Mexico."

Argo, Illinois—It was a rare privilege for our church to have Dr. Roy Cantrell, president of Bethany Nazarene College, as evangelist for eleven days in October. His preaching and spirit will long remain a source of blessing to us and our community. Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith sang to the blessing of our hearts night after night. We thank God for victories at the altar of prayer and for new foundation stones laid at the altar of our hearts. Please remember Argo pastor and people in your prayers.—H. L. JOHNSTON, *Pastor*.

Greeley, Colorado—Fifty-one-year-old Greeley First Church experienced a good revival recently. The timely and scriptural messages of Evangelist A. W. Kuschner and the inspiring singing of Mrs. Kuschner gave us more visible results, under the blessings of God, than our last four meetings combined. God is blessing and our faith is rising for the future.—WALTER E. VASTBINDER, *Pastor*.

Deaths

MRS. SALLIE VAN ARSDEL, wife of Rev. J. W. Van Arsdel, (deceased) died September 5, 1957, at Long Beach, California, after being confined by illness for the past three years. Her husband had pastored for many years in Arkansas and Oklahoma prior to retirement. She and her husband both were members of the Church of the Nazarene for many fruitful years. She is survived by four children: Lois Barclay, of Santa Ana; James W., of Long Beach; Roy C., of Long Beach; and Rev. Joseph L., Nazarene pastor at Molalla, Oregon. Funeral service was conducted at First Church of the Nazarene in Long Beach, where she had been a member since moving there from Oklahoma.

J. J. GOOZEE, of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, died August 7, 1957, at the age of ninety-five. He had been in reasonably good health until about the last week of his life. He was born in Kent, England, and as a young man came to America, pioneering in North Dakota and western Canada. He was always an exponent of evangelical faith and gave much of his time, interest, and support to the church. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Dora Edwards, Mrs. Effie Martin, Mrs. Elizabeth Sabean, and by one son, Rev. Alan Goozee. Interment was made in the Red Deer Cemetery.

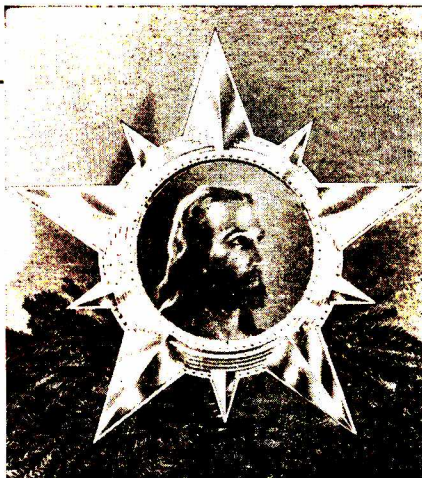
RONALD EARL, son of Rev. and Mrs. Arvey Meyer, was born September 17, 1939, in Plymouth, and died August 16, 1957, in Ladoga, Indiana. Ronald knew God and was used of Him in various ways. He is survived by his parents and one sister, Mrs. Geraldine Mosier, of Edinburg, Indiana. Funeral service was held in the Ladoga church, with Dr. L. C. Davis, district superintendent, in charge, assisted by Rev. Paul Hoskins and Rev. Claude Wilson. Interment was made in the Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburg.

MRS. DAISY MYERS, age seventy-nine, died June 16, 1957, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Nelson, Belle Glade, Florida, after a lingering illness. She was a native of Kentucky, the daughter of Rev. V. A. Savage. She came to Belle Glade in 1948, where she attended the Church of the Nazarene and, until her illness, was active as a Sunday school teacher. She is also survived by a brother, Dr. J. E. Savage, of Louisville, Kentucky. Funeral service was held at the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Kenneth Price, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Charles Crauswell of Pahoake.

MRS. DOROTHY FAYE CHICK of Hutchinson, Kansas, died June 28, 1957. She was born June 22, 1914, and in 1937 was married to Earl Willison; he died in 1941. A daughter, Betty, and twin sons, Earl and Everett, died in 1940. In 1943 she was married to William H. Chick, who survived her; also four children, Fern Willison, Marilyn and Carolyn (twins) and Donald Chick; her mother, Mrs. Ruby Barnes; two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Bowling and Alice Barnes; and two brothers, Ralph and Chester Barnes.

WILLIAM H. CHICK was born July 8, 1902, and died July 9, 1957, just eleven days after the death of his wife. Besides the children mentioned above, he is also survived by a brother, Gene Christensen. Both funeral services were conducted by Rev. Claude White, pastor of the Peniel Church of the Nazarene, Hutchinson, Kansas.

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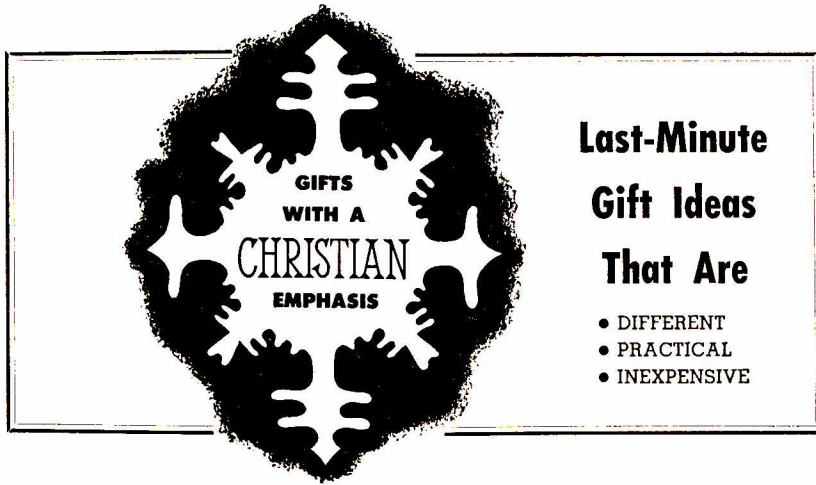
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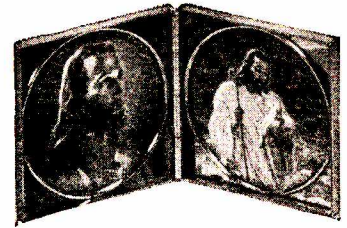
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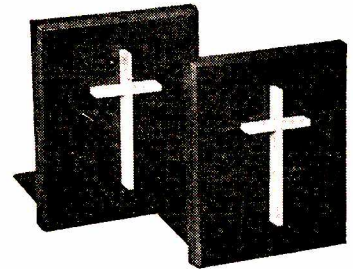
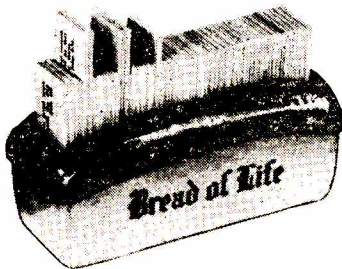
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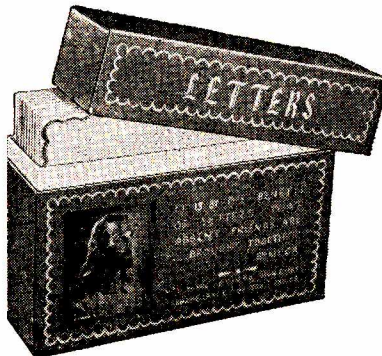
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—to Carlton Leon and Barbara (Hensley) Burlison, of Loma Linda, California, a daughter, Linda Lee, on November 11.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Hess of Orangeburg, South Carolina, a son, Larry Doran, on November 8.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Franklin of Pueblo, Colorado, a daughter, Rhonda Joy, on October 31.

—to Donald and Eulene (Akin) Dorr of Marion, Indiana, a son, Darrell Ray, on October 28.

—to Kenneth and Helen (Montgomery) Vaught of Attica, Indiana, a son, Timothy Ken, on October 25.

—to Donnell and Carroll Joyce (Atkins) Whitcack of Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Donna Joyce, on October 24.

—to Rev. and Mrs. James E. McCormick of Charlottesville, Virginia, a son, James Mark, on October 18.

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