

# Herald of HOLINESS

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## Join the Glad Song!



The story of Christmas is the song of redemption. It becomes the feast of salvation to all mankind. Mystery indeed that God should become flesh, and in our likeness! But revelation, too, for men beheld His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Silently and almost secretly He came, but on time. Paul wrote, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law."

What an advent was there in Bethlehem! All the world's events converged at that lonely place. Phillips Brooks expressed it well,

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

No wonder the heavenly choir sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

How fitting that lowly shepherds alone should be tuned to hear that song in the night! But it came to them in an hour of frightful revelation when the glory of God shone on them in fearful splendor. Only humble hearts such as theirs would dare to follow the strange instructions: "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." But boundless joy followed their obedient trek. "They came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger." Then these unlettered men became the first heralds of God's unfailing faithfulness. They told their story openly and God gave them a song as they returned to their regular vocation. Let us join them today:

*Oh, come, let us adore Him.  
Oh, come, let us adore Him.  
Oh, come, let us adore Him.  
Christ the Lord.*

But we see more than the holy Child Jesus at Bethlehem today. We see Him at Calvary and then at the garden beside the open tomb. Our song now includes the final triumph of His cause. "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth"! Let us sing the glad song. May our voices swell the chorus. My heart joins in the last words of Edward Perronet (author of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"), "Glory to God in the height of His divinity! Glory to God in the depth of His humanity! Glory to God in His all-sufficiency!"

**General Superintendent Young**

# LATE NEWS

Rev. Dennis Mangrum has resigned as pastor of the Nashville Woodbine Church to accept the work of the church in Jackson, Tennessee.

Word has been received that Mrs. McIntyre, wife of Dr. Warren C. McIntyre, died November 15, after a long illness. Funeral was on Thursday, November 17. Dr. McIntyre writes, "She went with blessed assurance; gave me a good, clear testimony shortly before passing. She knew me to the last."

After serving the church at Mountain Grove, Missouri, for six and one-half years, Rev. Malcolm Eudaley has accepted a call to pastor the church in Neodesha, Kansas.

After serving for almost seven years as pastor of the Dewsbury Church, in Yorkshire, Rev. T. W. Schofield has resigned to accept a call to pastor First Church in Bolton, Lancashire, England.

Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Grover, 715 Diamond Street, Nampa, Idaho, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 27. Their children arranged an open house in their honor. Mr. Grover served the church as pastor and evangelist for many years, closing out his years of service on the Idaho-Oregon District. Mr. and Mrs. Grover are members of the College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa. Physically, the years have taken their toll; spiritually, they are still enjoying full salvation and looking toward that building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Bynum of 307 N.W. First Street, Bethany, Oklahoma, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the Bethany Youth Center, Sunday, January 1, between the hours of 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. Their friends are cordially invited to "drop in" to honor the Bynums. Brother and Sister Bynum have been loyal Nazarenes for the past fifty years. Their wedding ceremony was performed by the late Nazarene evangelist, Rev. J. C. Henson. Mrs. Bill Gronemver (Nazarene pastor's wife, Clarence, Missouri) and Mrs. Charles Attaway, daughters of the Bynums, are directing the arrangements.

Vengeance is one thing God never gives to another: "Vengeance is mine, I will repay."—H. ORTON WILEY.

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It is better to be a little man with a great purpose than a great man with a little purpose.—W. E. ISENHOUR.

### NOVEMBER WITNESSING

First full day of reporting

1,628,123

(68 home and 13 overseas districts)

Complete report next week

EDWARD LAWLOR, Secretary  
Department of Evangelism

## PUBLISHED BY AN ARMY

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company [margin, army] of those that published it" (Psalms 68:11). An army of evangelists! These were probably not of the order of evangelists but of the people who, with hearts aflame, made the Word their own and then ran with it to make it known—publish, proclaim, spread it abroad.

Many means of communication we have in our modern world, but there is still no other means of disseminating news so effectively as the telling of it by one person to another. To "publish" in the days of the Psalmist before the printed page was thought of, was to make public, to declare widely, to sound out, to promulgate. It still means this. And the best means is probably still by life and lips.

The Word was first of all the Living Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who came to declare the Father (John 1:18). Also, "The Word of life: . . . was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness. . . that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you" (1 John 1:1-3).

This is witnessing of the most telling sort. The world will still pause to listen to "that which we have seen and heard." Perhaps it has had enough of theories.

Ten thousand times ten thousand should be the army that publish this manifestation of God—this Word which is the word of redemption and deliverance, the word of warning, of prophecy, and of promise.

Every believer should have a sense of mission. He or she is a part of this army whose privilege and charge it is to publish or herald the Word.—MARY H. AUBSBURY, Los Gatos, California.

## THE TRAIL BLAZER

By CHRISTINE WHITE

Take up the torch of truth, my friend;  
Remove the stumbling stone;  
Clear the path for other feet,  
Though you must walk alone.

Guard the flame of faith and keep  
It burning through the night:  
Some wanderer upon the hills  
May see your guiding light.

Hold high the lantern of pure love;  
Let song and cherry laughter  
Lend hope and courage, joy and peace  
To all who follow after!

"Faith attains its highest vigor when it grasps a personal object and not an abstraction, the Blesser and not the blessing."—DANIEL STEFFLE.



# I AM COME

By **BERTHA MUNRO**, *Professor of English Language and Literature*  
*Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass.*

In that coming God said the second time, "Let there be light."

I was working against a deadline, a fresh lecture to prepare on the relation of contemporary literature to theology. A new book, *Literature and Religion*, had come to my attention; to do an honest job I should read this work honestly. I must present a true picture of today's thinking. I needed the time. But this evening was also the Friday of revival week—a critical moment; every person counted. I went to church, and was not disappointed.

I had seen enough of the book in question to know it presented a desperate world: the current mood of literature as "the myth of nothingness"; its writers obsessed with "thanatophobia" (fear of death); our society as having "come to the end and found nothing there." "God is dead" and human cries are hurled into the face of a blank universe. Life has no meaning or purpose. There have been, so the author says, some feeble attempts by "Christian writers" to express their dogma. But theology will not answer the need. Effective literature must capture the imagination, and a world to which conventional Christian symbols have become meaningless is left cold. Literature is vital communication. The picture could not be more depressing.

I went, as I said, to the revival meeting. The sermon by Dr. V. H. Lewis began with the same thesis: a desperate world. But it gave a different answer. Its subject was *Reality* and its mood assurance. Reality to be found in Christ. There are four tests of reality, tests we have every right to apply to prove reality, demands that must be met if we are to trust it as genuine. They are "(1) conscious contact; (2) definable concept; (3) applicability to life's necessities; (4) durability, or lasting quality." There was no arguing, no attempt to convince; only one example after another of personal, vital experience of those who

had found meaningful reality in Christ. Fit climax to a week of messages on "The Living Christ"!

God dead and Christian theology meaningless? No. Here is Christmas, and its eternal challenge: Take the great Gift, and let Him prove His reality thrilling through and through your being, till its greatness has captured completely—then pass it on to this confused, skeptical, fearful world. "Evangelism First" because of Christmas! He came; He still comes.

For weeks there has been singing in my heart, and often on my lips,

*Oh, I have found it,*

*The Crystal Fountain,*

*Where all my life's deep needs have been  
supplied.*

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How the words have echoed and re-echoed: "my life's deep needs"! Then I read, "Deep calleth unto deep"; the depth of God's resources calls to the depth of our need. And I understood. Here is Christmas. The first Christmas was God's trumpet call, His "deep" to ours. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all" (Romans 8:32)—all we need? That day the Fountain was opened to the house of David. The manger led straight to the Cross and the empty tomb.

All my life's deep needs? Christmas is Handel's *Messiah* realized. Strain after strain tells the story.

*Hope:* "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2).

*Aloneness ended:* "His name Emmanuel . . . God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

*Forgiveness:* "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

*Rest:* "Come unto me, all ye that labour" (Matthew 11:28).

*Cleansing:* "And he shall purify the sons of Levi" (Malachi 3:3).



*Acceptance:* "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Isaiah 9:6).

*Guidance:* "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor" (Isaiah 9:6).

*Security:* "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd" (Isaiah 40:11).

*The future:* see Revelation: "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (19:6); "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords" (19:16); "Glory, and wisdom, . . . honour, and power, . . . be unto our

God for ever and ever" (7:12).

My need—and yours: "To comprehend . . . the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (Ephesians 3:18-19). Christmas is only the beginning, but a glorious beginning.

Life has no meaning? There was Christmas Taste and see!

"We see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus" (Hebrews 2:8-9).

## What Do We Mean by the Incarnation?

By J. CLIFFORD MITCHELL



The word "incarnate" comes from two Latin words; the prefix *in* and the noun *caro*, which means "flesh." So we have the meaning "within flesh."

"Incarnate" stands for the revelation, the witness, the coming of God in and through the Man Christ Jesus. There are many passages of scripture in which the idea is expressed: "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14); "Who, being in the form of God, . . . found in fashion as a man" (Philippians 2:6-8). God incarnate, manifested, revealed in Christ Jesus—this is the doctrine of the Incarnation.

Jesus was God coming so graciously near to us that He may speak to us, and convince us of His concern for our highest good, our redemption, the restoration of our oneness with Him. "He was not a God standing afar off waiting for us to draw nigh, but a God who sought us out, striving ever to enter, trying the doors," writes A. E. Whitam, "strategically planning, making himself small as a child and lying down on the doorstep of the world, until the world moved by the cry of a child, stealthily opened a door that had remained barred against the thundering tempest and avenging words, took the child in, and unwittingly let God through . . . A God with more discernments than judgments, more sorrows than angers, a God who would forgive sin when you asked and because you asked."

All the wonder of God's love for us was revealed through the life of a normal Human Being. Some

people are confused by the misconception that Jesus was Someone different from an ordinary human being. This is due to the fact that they are not familiar with the New Testament portrait of Jesus. Those who will take the trouble to read the Gospels cannot fail to see that Jesus passed through all the experiences of a normal human being. The Gospels give us a picture of One who was truly human. Jesus walked by faith and not by sight. He relied utterly on God in prayer. He knew the meaning of work, hunger, thirst, temptation, suffering, and death. He "was in all points tempted like as we are" (Hebrews 4:15). He was limited just as you and I are limited by our common humanity. In this He was one with us. I am thinking of one who said, "The fact that originates life for me is the fact that He knew life as I know it."

When I look out on this vast universe with all its fascinating wonder, its mystery, its unimaginable greatness, I see the wonder of God's creative power. When I consider the beauty of this world, I see the artistic side of God's nature; but when I enter a stable and look into those dancing baby eyes, I see the greatness of God's loving heart. "God so loved . . . that he gave" himself through His only begotten Son. Here the deepest truth about God is revealed; in the love and mercy and forgiveness and will of Jesus are embodied the love and mercy and forgiveness and the will of God. God comes to earth through Jesus and looks into our eyes, saying, "Be ye therefore perfect, even

as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

In His coming to this world the purpose of Jesus was to do something for mankind which could not be done by anyone else. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Corinthians 5:19). The object of the Incarnation was the redemption of the world. Reconciliation, at-one-ment, begins with the Incarnation.

This truth is expressed in one of Charles Wesley's Nativity hymns:

*The eternal God from heaven came down;  
The King of Glory dropped His crown,  
And veil'd His majesty;  
Emptied of all but love He came.  
Jesus, I call Thee by the name  
Thy pity bore for me.*

The love which came down at Bethlehem, the love which no one realized more fully than Charles Wesley, involved death, was of itself reconciling love.

*The Ancient of Days,  
To redeem a lost race,  
From His glory came down,  
Self humbled to carry us up to a crown.*

*Our Immanuel came  
The whole world to redeem  
And, incarnated, show'd  
That man may again be united to God.*

The amazing truth of the Incarnation is that God became man that man may become Godlike. Man become Godlike! Yes, this is gloriously possible when a man says, "Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus!"

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# Solving the Peace Problem

By E. G. THEUS

Retired Nazarene Elder, Bethany, Oklahoma

No nation wants war. Even Russia wants peace. Never was there such a united effort of nations to prevent war and to win the peace as now—and yet the peace problem is still far from being solved. The world today stands trembling with fear at the heated, explosive climax in world events.

Is there no way to solve the peace problem? Many bloody wars have been fought and many

peace treaties have been signed, but world peace is still far from being achieved. Thus far in late years the fear of world extermination has postponed World War III. The United Nations is working desperately day and night to solve the peace problem. Independence of nations and the way of democratic government are being urged; still peace seems far away.

Yes, there is ONE WAY, the way that has not yet been tried, but someday will be tried, and that way is THE CHRIST WAY. Woodrow Wilson said, "Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually." Quoting from William Jennings Bryan: "Christ deserves to be called the Prince of Peace because He has given us a measure of greatness which promotes peace. When His disciples disputed among themselves as to which should be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, He rebuked them and said: 'Let him who would be chiefest among you be the servant of all.' Service is the measure of greatness; it always has been true; it is true today and it always will be true, that he is greatest who does the most good."

The Bible plan for peace is, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). And there is no other way of overcoming evil. Our strong military forces may postpone war and make possible the day of peaceful settlement, but Christ gave the only way of reconciliation and permanent peace when He said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 19:19).

It is encouraging to note that our national government is taking a long step in that direction when, in times of disaster, our ships are found loaded and on their way with food and clothing to assist our antagonists as well as our friends. Still another long step toward peace is taken as we give the underprivileged nations of the world medical, financial, and know-how aid without an eye to selfish remuneration, except remembering that, "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

Christ's cause on earth is imperishable and must triumph over all the wrath of man. The writer looks forward to the day when the nations of earth will try THE CHRIST WAY, when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4). Let our prayers be, God grant that this day may soon come!

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**"The heart's experience is the final proof of the correctness of the head's theory. It will thus be seen that one will be stable in doctrine so long as he is settled in heart verities; and that the best guaranty of orthodoxy is the maintenance of a satisfied soul."—J. B. Chapman ("Herald of Holiness," November 2, 1921).**

# The Night We Played Detective!

By JAMES E. KRATZ, Nazarene Missionary, Brazil

There we sat, alone in the dark on a deserted bus, 4,297 nautical miles from our home in Oregon. We had boarded the bus in town and had ridden to the end of the line. Not knowing Spanish to any degree, we weren't aware that the driver was telling us it was time to get off. He must have been accustomed to such dumb Americanos, for he knew exactly what to do. He turned out the lights, got off the bus, and left us to figure out the next move ourselves.

Presently we caught another dilapidated bus for the return trip to the town square. All the while we were searching for signs of an evangelical church in which to worship on the Lord's day. Then we saw him! A young *caballero* boarded the bus with a Bible under his arm. I crossed the aisle of the jerking vehicle and applied my "broken Spanish." He looked bewildered, even half-frightened. I gestured wildly and did everything I could think of to tell him we were looking for a church.

A few stops later, our young *amigo* stepped off the bus. He seemed so bashful that we wondered what he thought when the two strange-acting foreigners followed him down the dark, narrow street. The strange sounds and smells helped to set an eerie mood for our sleuthing adventure. Dark figures were silhouetted in the dimly lighted doorways. Dogs yapped and snapped in disapproval. Children, some quite naked, appeared in the streets and gazed at us in bewilderment.

As we continued to "shadow" our youthful "suspect," he suddenly turned into an even darker street. Presently he entered a gate. We followed, each secretly wondering if we would *ever* find our way back to the ship again. There it was! An "evangelical" church, as the Venezuelans pronounce it. Here was an oasis in the desert of spiritual darkness and desolation.

We understood very little of the prayers, testimonies, and songs, but we felt deeply of that spirit of filial love that binds all true believers together in a common bond of fellowship all over the world. We had fellowship with the saints.

After being aboard ship for nearly a month, one feels the need of fellowship with other Christians. As we have no Nazarene work in Venezuela, we hunted out believers by whatever means possible in the three ports of entry. In many towns, Protestants are nearly as scarce as the proverbial "hen's teeth." Those we did find and fellowship with are of the finest caliber—jewels indeed.

On that Friday night mentioned above, the church was nearly full of worshipers. Many had walked two miles, or at best had caught the nearest bus from their home. Yet they came.

Our minds drifted back home to the brightly lighted, well-furnished churches with their beautiful black-top parking areas provided for big, luxurious cars; some of the areas all but empty on prayer meeting night or during revival meetings. While Christians in "underprivileged" countries walk blocks to church, all too many church members in America have given up the arduous task of getting into the family car and driving to church in favor of their favorite show on the "one-eyed monster" in the living room.

Thank God, there are still many Nazarenes and other devoted believers who have not succumbed to the carelessness just mentioned. But why is it that people seem to be more responsive where conditions are harder? Perhaps it is because it costs something to be a Christian there. There is that something within us that values lightly anything cheap. David expressed it wisely when offered a parcel of ground gratis for the erection of an altar: "Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price; neither will I offer . . . unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (II Samuel 24:24).

That's it, Nazarenes! If our faith isn't *costing* us something by way of self-denial, then it isn't worth having. Let's re-evaluate our values, and inventory our heritage. Our forebears paid a heavy price to give us the heritage we enjoy today. Shall we lose these priceless privileges of fellowship and work in our great Zion by a wrong appraisal of our truest treasures? Let us value highly the opportunities of fellowship in God's house at every opportunity: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

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**"Richard Waston says, 'The Word of God is the food of faith.' This is true especially of the state of full trust in Christ; it is rooted in the soil of the Divine Word. We must take time to read, mark and inwardly digest spiritual truth, if we would promote spiritual growth and strengthen all the elements of spiritual life."—Thomas Cook.**





# GOD'S GIFT Cannot Be Hid



By **HARRISON DAVIS**

Nazarene Missionary in Tokyo, Japan

In the nation that stands fifth populationwise among the countries of the world only one person in each two hundred claims Christ as Lord. Even fewer in their practical living treat Him as Master of their lives. Yet as December 25 approaches, the multitudinous flower shops throughout the land display and sell enough trees to reforest mountain-sides, while across busy counters pass enough blinking lights and bright ornaments to adorn them all to the place of virtual unrecognizability.

In the great department stores in the world's largest city foreign-trained merchandising and advertising experts make much of "Xmas" sales. Newspapers with circulation in the millions carry ads of "Christmas" entertainment, some of which would make strong men blush and which brings fresh sorrow to the heart of Christ.

In Japan, "wild" Christmas parties and great "Xmas" sales are not a part of the national culture. These things have been learned from foreigners who have been observed here or in their own countries by quick eyes that glean for sharp, remembering minds.

Here December 25 itself is not a holiday. As on other days, the efficient public transportation networks funnel millions of souls to the hearts of cities, where business is "as usual," and faithfully broadcast them again as the day draws to a close. With the exception of years when Christmas falls on Sunday, even great foreign exchange institutions like the Bank of America and Chase Manhattan operate throughout the day.

The fact of the case is that the average citizen is pressing on toward the great national holiday just one week away. Employers must prepare to pay, and employees are eager to receive the traditional year-end bonus, much of which will go to clear debts, buy gifts, and prepare for New Year's feasts. (Teachers this year will get 1.8 of a month's salary, while many companies pay 1.5.) Christmas to the rank and file is only a gaudy, imported wrapper containing nothing. To others the same wrapper contains an excuse for excess or an occasion for gain. To the multitudes Christ remains the Great Unknown, the X of Christmas.

Well may the unbeliever ask, "What is the meaning of Christmas?" And well may the servant of God flee to the Throne for wisdom as he en-

deavors to lead his sincere and beloved inquirer through the accretions straight to the Christ.

Sometimes, as the missionary looks at the glittering externals void of content through the eyes of the inquirer, he may be tempted, as some at home have done, to dissociate himself from the whole, and to agree that only thus can the problem be met.

But there is another side. There is the great area of personal knowledge of Him who is called Jesus and the God-given dynamic energizing those who serve within this area of grace. Christmas in Japan has a deep and true meaning for those in whose hearts Emmanuel is enthroned.

Although it must be frankly admitted that in some church activities there are excesses, innocently participated in, that do not honor Christ, these are not the rule nor are they commended. Thinking evangelicals throughout the country use this time to make an even greater effort to point people to the timeless Gift. They assure the seeker as well as the unconcerned that there is One who stands unchanged above the superficiality and emptiness of excess and commercialism. They frankly confess that the Redeemer cannot be found by searching within the tinsel and gilded wrapper. They strive to show the 93,000,000 unsaved that Christ is not the unknown X but the living Saviour.

Classes of new converts are prepared for baptism at Christmas time. Young people's groups rehearse for choir and caroling. Candle services will symbolize receiving life from Him who is the Light of the World. Sunday schools use the commemorative day of the First Advent as the focal point for months of special instruction of little hearts and minds.

By radio the simple, clear message of the Saviour goes to otherwise difficult-to-reach ears. Tracts especially prepared for this time point out the way to the Saviour. And the faithful pastor and evangelist open the Word that is ever new: "For unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour" (Luke 2:11).

Energies are not dissipated in condemnation. They are expended in a positive effort to lift men to, and to join in worshipping, Him whom gaudy wrappers cannot contain. Though man-made emptiness often diverts the attention, God's Gift cannot be hid. HE is being revealed in Japan as CHRIST at CHRISTmas time!

# NEWS



in PICTURE



**HAPPY EIGHTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY**—to Dr. H. Orton Wiley from the faculty of Pasadena College. Shown above is Dr. Ross Price presenting a portable transistor radio to Dr. Wiley at the regular college chapel on November 15.

*In a show of genuine affection, the faculty and students rose to their feet and gave Dr. Wiley a prolonged ovation. He replied with his customary twinkle in the eye, saying that he had plenty of radios but they all seemed to need electricity!*

*In presenting the gift, Dr. Price said that an institution is the extension of the shadow of a man and that Pasadena College is that of H. Orton Wiley. Later in the proceedings Mr. Lon Tuin, president of the student body, presented Dr. Wiley with a gift from the students, at which time he stated that no students anywhere were more highly favored than those at Pasadena College to have association with Dr. Wiley.*

By EVANGELIST ED BENNETT

# C H R I S T M A S S P I R I T

It's Christmas again, that joyous day when Christians the world over pay homage to Christ, the Prince of Peace. This Christmastide, let us all worship and rededicate ourselves to the service of God and country. Let us pray to Him to keep

us steadfast in our faith. Let us give thanks for the bounty and privilege that are ours.

Let us bring cheer and hope to the sick and sorrowful. In our devotions, let us remember to pray for those whose daily lives are darkened by persecution, hunger, and fear, that they again may enjoy the light of freedom. Let us ask God to help our leaders, and those of other lands, to attain unity and brotherhood among nations so that all peoples may come to live together in peace.

May our homes be alight with peace, as we are surrounded by joy and gladness, and filled with the warmth Christmas brings to everyone, especially those near and dear to us. Let us not forget the less fortunate who are compelled to live behind the iron curtain, with so few churches in which to worship.

As we listen to the music of the cherished carols hovering like a benediction over the bustling crowds, let us send our prayers and our love to the multitudes of the world who know not the joys of Christmas. This Christmas Day their hearts will carry the same wearisome load, as darkness and superstition take the spot that should belong to the lone Galilean. If we this past year have done our best for the Master, let us be happy and joyful, instead of being sorrowful and sad.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood, away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the everyday world, towards the joy of giving and sharing. Is not this the true spirit of Christmas? Thank God for peace in our cities and towns—yes, and in our time for all the world, with Christmas spirit holding eternal sway over all our hearts. So in the valley or in the mountain, in sorrow or in happiness, let the spirit of Christmas warm the hearts of all mankind.

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*"Factions in the church are always disastrous. Petty differences are magnified when the church is idle. Disputings about modes of baptism, finespun differences in church polity, or the validity of wearing some insignificant article of apparel have used up enough religious energy to have evangelized a generation. The essential creed is not very long and thinking people will never be a unit on nonessentials. The Roman Catholic church has the only method that will secure unity in nonessentials. The plan is to provide a spiritual and intellectual dictator and give his decisions full moral sanction. But if every one is permitted to read the Bible and think for himself, as Protestantism says is his right, then we will have to adopt the motto, 'In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, in all things charity.'"*  
—J. B. Chapman (*Herald of Holiness*, June 1, 1921, p. 3).



# Faith Amidst Adversity

By DELMAR STALTER, *Pastor, Churubusco, Indiana*

God spake to Noah saying, "Make thee an ark . . ." (Genesis 6:14). Further dealings with Noah brought the revelation that in 120 years the world would be destroyed by flood. The task given Noah involved a world of lost men, and he was to give the main strength of his witness to building this vessel called an ark.

We know the revelation of God to Noah was limited, yet extensive enough to spell out the requirements. With crude tools, the gopher wood (cypress) was gathered and shaped into a huge barge but, nevertheless, according to the requirements of the Lord.

Noah and his generation learned that God's plan may look peculiar to sinful men, and even foolish, but it saved Noah nonetheless. The difficulties of time, travel, tools, and methods made his task harder. Nothing is said about how this "preacher of righteousness" (II Peter 2:5) supported his family, nor how he financed this tremendous operation. Little is said of the ridicule that must have been heaped upon him. We know nothing of the nights he retired to bed, deeply disturbed in his spirit, discouraged by problems, and frustrated by hardships.

No one recorded Noah's disappointment about the small number of converts for his 120 years of ministry—only eight. Yet there must have been some consolation to know that his three sons—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—and their wives stepped aboard.

Yet Noah did not fail God. He obeyed in the building of the ark, in the preservation of animal life, and the establishment of a God-centered faith that saves the soul. When others played, he worked. While others laughed, his heart wept. While licentious men glutted their lust, he denied himself. While others taught their children to sin, his own learned to pray.

Amidst it all, he could trust God. Yes, to Noah, the revelation of God was sufficient. In fact, it was sufficient even for those who rejected it. Noah held to his moral standards when the rest of the race failed. He worshiped God, not at the foot of the idol of self.

Noah had faith, in spite of all untoward circumstances, to do the whole will of God. Such dedication is rarely seen, even in the Scriptures. Yet here we witness the absolute necessity to do the whole will of God. A half-finished, half-pitched ark would

have been of no use. Such dedication is a far cry from the halfhearted dedication in our day.

God's plan was limited by Noah! God was limited by man's co-operation! Noah was "righteous" and he found "grace" with God. How? By faith in adversity. Each day, as he added each piece to the ark, he was completing his "salvation" from the Flood. The pitch, so necessary, was put both inside and outside, to keep out the damning influence of the world's flood. Faith prevailed!

The triumph of faith is seen as Noah built the altar upon leaving the ark. He made his sacrifice for three reasons: first, to thank God for deliverance while the world perished; second, to seek Him for present need; and thirdly, to seek a covenant (a promise) for the future. Yes, the rainbow is our present testimony of Noah's faith amidst adversity.

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## The Song and the Star

By GRACE V. WATKINS

*My father had the shining gift of song.  
His voice was cello-beautiful and strong.  
Oh, sometimes, listening to the choir  
where he  
Gave humble, dedicated ministry,  
I felt I stood with shepherds, hearing bright  
Allegro-anthems syllabled with light;  
Then came with gladness to the manger  
place  
And looked upon the Christ child's holy  
face.*

*My mother had the gift of quietness.  
How often her tranquillity would bless  
My weaviness with peace! And in her eyes  
It often seemed I saw the star arise  
In silent majesty so calm and fair  
My heart was filled with wonderment of  
prayer.  
As though that star, more lovely than  
a gem,  
Were leading me to the Child of  
Bethlehem.*

*What sweet, what priceless memories they  
are:  
The golden-echoing song, the quiet star!*



# POETRY FOR Christmas

## **My Heart Is a Room**

By ELIZABETH N. HERRELL

*The inn was crowded that clear, cool night  
In Bethlehem long ago,  
So Joseph and Mary were turned away.  
How could the innkeeper know*

*The promised Messiah was seeking a home!  
To herald the Christian's morn,  
In a nearby straw-strewn stable  
The Hope of Mankind was humbly born.*

*He needed not the comforts an inn  
Afforded the traveling stranger.  
He chose for companions shepherds and  
lambs;  
For His royal cradle, a manger.*

*The heavens never knew beauty more bold  
Than they wore for His royal acclaim.  
Then angels stepped forth in star-jeweled  
robes  
To hallow the night He came.*

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*"No room, no room," echoes down through  
the years,  
Dark omen of prophecy.  
Love opens the door to the dear Christ child.  
"My heart is a room for Thee!"*

## **The Christmas Story**

By ELSIE M. BROWNELL

*I wish I had been on the Judean hill  
When the angels sang sweetly their "Peace  
and good will,"  
On that wonderful night in the long,  
long ago,  
When the star shone so brightly the right  
way to show.*

*I wish I'd kept watch with the shepherds  
that night  
When the hills were all bathed with the  
heavenly light,  
And had walked along with them to  
Bethlehem town,  
And been with them when Jesus, the  
Infant, they found.*

*I would like to have been with the good wise  
men three  
As they rode on their camels the Saviour  
to see,  
To have seen Herod's face when they  
questioned him then  
Where to find the King, Jesus, the  
Saviour of men.*

*Or have been there when kings of the Orient  
came  
To worship the holy Child, praising His  
name,  
Bearing gifts of frankincense, of myrrh,  
and of gold;  
Yes, I should like to have lived there then,  
in days of old.*

*Though I must live today with the yesterdays  
gone,  
I adore Him and worship with the break of  
each dawn;  
For the Babe in the manger, my Saviour  
is He,  
And He lives in my heart—lives for  
eternity!*

## **The Peak of the Year**

*Isn't Christmas a wonderful time!  
For me, it's the peak of the year;  
Friends and family seem so close,  
And heaven feels so near.*

*Like a prophecy of life above,  
With kindness and love and cheer,  
It makes the world seem heavenly—  
Oh, would it were thus all year!*

*But we who know Emmanuel  
And own Him as our King  
Rejoice with joy unspeakable  
And carols ever sing!*

—LYLE PRESCOTT



*"For 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" (Isaiah 9:6).*

*May the joy of the Lord be yours at this Christmas time, and His peace reign in your heart throughout the new year.*

H. C. Powers	Roy F. Smee
G. B. Williamson	George Coulter
Samuel Young	M. A. Lunn
D. I. Vanderpool	Lewis T. Corlett
Hugh C. Benner	W. T. Purkiser
V. H. Lewis	A. F. Harper
S. T. Ludwig	Paul Skiles
John Stockton	Mary Scott
T. W. Willingham	Dean Wessels
Edward Lawlor	Bennett Dudney

*The result of holiness in action, everywhere and all the time, is that life as a whole becomes hallowed with a divine sacredness and radiance. Life is fulfilled because it is filled full of God's holy, sanctifying presence."—Selected.*

*"Many in our active churches are very hungry as to the soul. They are anaemic in the spirit. They are fed upon sentiment and not on faith. They have hectic energy—and leanness of soul."—P. T. FORSYTH.*

## May They Soon Complete the Story

(I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

By ALICE HANSCH MORTENSON

*"Angels from the realms of glory"  
Heralding the Saviour's birth,  
May they soon complete the story  
For this poor, sin-troubled earth,*

*Herald soon His second coming.  
I can almost see them stand,  
Wing tips poised and pulses throbbing,  
Waiting for the King's command:*

*Watching Christ, who has been seated,  
Rise in majesty and power,  
As God whispers, "She is ready!  
Claim Your bride this very hour."*

*Then, O Gabriel, blow your trumpet,  
Heralding our Lord's return!  
While we work and wait with patience,  
It is this for which we yearn.*

*In an instant He shall change us,  
And "the dead in Christ shall rise,"  
And with them "caught up together"—  
We'll meet our Saviour in the skies!*

*"Angels from the realms of glory"  
Heralding the Saviour's birth,  
May they soon complete the story  
For this poor, sin-troubled earth!*



# EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

## **Christmas and the Calendar**

There is an unsung miracle in the fact that the birth of a Babe in a stable has changed the calendars of the world. Each time we write a date we testify to the importance of the event from which that date is reckoned.

Consider for a moment the stupendous meaning of "Before" and "After" as nearly all civilized people have counted time for well over a thousand years. Nothing but the most momentous date in history could serve as a pivot for the centuries.

Add to this the fact that it all came about without human planning, and in spite of determined efforts to make it otherwise. In pre-Christian ages the reigns of kings and emperors were used to mark the march of the years. The ancient Greeks counted time by Olympiads, the four-year intervals between their great games. The Romans dated their calendars at first from the founding of the city by the Tiber; later by the names of their consuls; or by the fifteen-year tax periods, which they called the "indictions."

Who knows the name of Dionysius Exiguus, the obscure Christian monk who first began to use the symbol A.D. in his Easter tables? Quietly, pervasively, as imperceptible as the turning of the tide, as unknown and unrecognized as the beginning of a new age, the name of Christ, our Lord, began to rule the calendar.

Since that time many efforts have been made to change the focal center of the calendar. Mohammedanism attempted to force on the world its method of counting the years from the "prophet's" flight, only to fail. La Place, the astronomer, proposed to link human time to the stars, but few paid any attention. The French revolutionists decided to count the years from the foundation of the First Republic, a venture that lasted just thirteen years. Moscow has announced its purpose to institute a new calendar based on the Bolshevik revolution, an effort which will no more succeed than those which have gone before.

The case is open for all to see: only one event has been decisive enough to serve as the measure of civilized time. Only one Name is important enough to separate the centuries into "Before" and "After." Olympiads, eponyms, the founding of Rome, consuls, indictions, and all the rest are forgotten. Only "Before Christ" and "Anno Domini," "year of our

Lord," remain to testify to Him who is Lord of time.

Is it not at least passing strange, humanly speaking, that an almost unnoticed event, unrecorded in human history, in an out-of-the-way spot, affecting humble artisans and peasants of a despised race, should be the watershed of the ages, cleaving the centuries as the continental divide sunders the western United States? Is there not a miracle in the fact that a self-effacing Jewish Lad who traveled no more than two hundred miles from the place of His birth, who wrote nothing that has come down to us, who lived and died among common people, should have written His name and the time of His birth on every calendar and every dated document of civilization? Passing strange, that is, and a miracle, *unless He is as faith proclaims Him to be, very God of very God, Redeemer of mankind, and the Hope of the ages.*

What we remember at Christmas time is obviously more than the birth of a great man. Great men have come and gone through the centuries, and none of them has carved his name on the calendar. What the angels sang about on the first Christmas morn was more than the coming of a great prophet. Great prophets have come and gone, and none of them has changed the flow of time.

The only event great enough to be landmark and time-measure for all civilization is the incarnation of the eternal Son of God. The divine Christ has left His signature on the ages. Even those who lift their puny pens in attack against Him, when they date their works of straw, unknowingly testify to Him as Lord of history. Truly, "My times are in thy hand" (Psalms 31:15).

Every date we write, every page we turn on the calendar, every new year we greet adds its weight of testimony to the logic of the changed calendar. God has indelibly carved the name of His Son, our Saviour, on every day, every year, and every century of human history. "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).

All time gets its meaning from the One whose coming into the world marked its fullness. Time began when His creative act launched the worlds into space. Time reached its apex when He took upon himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Time will

end when the angel plants one foot on the earth and the other on the sea and announces that there shall be time no longer, for "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 10:6-7; 11:15).

What emperors, astronomers, great men, and prophets have been unable to do, Christ has done. Believers and unbelievers alike count the centuries from a manger-cradle in Bethlehem of Judea. Christmas has transformed the calendar, and planted a Light in the midst of the years.

*Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord!*

## **Sons by Nature or by Grace**

God has only one Son by nature. He has many children by grace.

Jesus of Nazareth, born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, was "the only begotten of the Father" (John 1:14). Although no man has seen the Father at any time, "the only begotten Son" has made Him known (John 1:18). "God . . . gave his only begotten Son" that all might be saved who believe in "the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:16, 18). "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9).

These words do not mean that Christ *became* the Son of God in Bethlehem. They mean that He who was eternally the Son of God became flesh. The only Son of God by nature became the Son of Man that we who are the children of men by nature might become the children of God by grace.

This is the mystery and miracle of our Christian faith. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11-12).

There have been those who have tried to build a system of doctrine on the idea that all human beings are children of God naturally. They have spoken much of "the universal Fatherhood of God," the "spark of divinity" within each man. Although not nearly as popular as it once was, this idea is not yet entirely dead.

Such notions as these come from a complete misunderstanding of the Word of God. Nowhere did Jesus teach God's universal Fatherhood. Rather, He spoke of God as *His* Father, and taught that others might become God's children through the grace to be found alone in Him.

God is our Creator. He loves us as a Father. He has endowed us with His image. He has made us potentially His children. But we become actually His children only in Christ. We become sons by adoption and a new birth by receiving Christ and believing on His name.

And in the realm of grace, "God has many children, but no grandchildren." There is no "birth-right membership" in the universal Church. "Ye must be born again" is the basic requirement to enter the kingdom of God. Each must come and receive for himself. Only those led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God (Romans 8:14).

God is first of all "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). He becomes our Father when we are begotten "again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

## **Editorial Notes**

I do not know the author of "The Christmas Creed," but it is worth pondering in this mid-twentieth century:

"We believe that mistletoe is more significant than missiles;

"We believe that Bethlehem's star outshines man's satellites;

"We believe that the Wise Men's gifts have not suffered from inflation;

"We believe that the fear of the Shepherds is more healthy than the fear of rockets;

"We believe that Joseph's dreams still outwit Herod's hate;

"We believe that our journey to the Manger is more important than a trip to the moon."

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KTSR, the new FM radio station of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, has started its regular schedule of broadcasting, presenting the finest in religious music, devotional messages, and religious news. With its studios located in the chapel wing of the seminary building, the station will serve primarily as a teaching tool for the practice department. It is staffed by three students working under the supervision of Professor James McGraw. An initial broadcast schedule of two hours each weekday evening, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., has been set up; with Sunday broadcasts from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The equipment and studios have been furnished without cost to the Seminary.

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Have you seen the new *Aldersgate Teen Topics*? This is a program quarterly for teen-age youth groups sponsored by the Aldersgate Associates, an interdenominational group of publishers representing five holiness denominations: Evangelical Friends, Church of the Nazarene, Free Methodist, Pilgrim Holiness, and Wesleyan Methodist. The Aldersgate Associates expect to co-operate in other publishing ventures from which all of the participating denominations may benefit.



# Department of EVANGELISM

EDWARD LAWLOR, Secretary

## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP Your Right and Privilege

*Are you a member of the Church of the Nazarene? You can be. Church membership is a right and a privilege extended to all who have been born again.*

*"There is such helpfulness with brotherly watch care and counsel as can be found only in the Church.*

*"There is the godly care of pastors, with the teachings of the Word, and the helpful inspiration of social worship. And there is co-operation in service, accomplishing that which cannot otherwise be done" (Manual).*

*Your pastor will be glad to talk with you about membership. Call him today.*

*Nazarenes! Our great church is receiving a host of new people into membership. The pastor can officially take them into the church, but only "Nazarenes" can welcome them into fellowship. Invite those new Nazarenes into your home for fellowship and refreshments.*

*"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (1 John 3:14).*

## The Golden Age Folk

Thank God for our older folk who in many cases have surpassed many younger people in their soul-winning endeavors through the "Try Christ's Way" soul-winning program.

Someone said recently, "We should retire all over sixty-five." But, no, in the service of the King, there is no such thing as retirement from the divine commission. Wise are the church and the pastor who keep alive the soul-winning passion of the "golden age folk." Many of our people are at their best in their older years, when experience in human relations, along with the kindness of age, makes them wise and competent.

In our rush and bustle, have we neglected to give our older folk the place and full opportunity in the "Try Christ's Way" soul-winning program that their experience and ability deserve? We employ specialists in youth work, and well we should, but why not give some specialized leadership to our golden age group? Why not have in all of our churches praying groups, visiting groups, mailing groups, and welcoming groups of veterans from the golden age group?

The church must never be guilty of causing any of the golden age folk to feel unloved and unwanted; rather we should go all out to welcome, love, and respect them. Let us keep a place in the active program of the Church of the Nazarene for the older people of our church.

The golden age folk must accept the challenge of the twilight years to go seek the lost and share with those who are younger, through prayer and holy ex-

ample, the great heritage of the yesterdays of our church.

## "Titanic" Survivor

Four years after the "Titanic" went down, a young Scotchman rose in a meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, and said: "I am a survivor of the 'Titanic.' When I was drifting alone on a spar that awful night, the tide brought Mr. John Harper, of Glasgow, also on a piece of wreck, near me. 'Man,' he said, 'are you saved?' 'No,' I said, 'I am not.' He replied, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.'" The waves bore him away; but strange to say, they brought him back a little later, and he said, 'Are you saved now?' 'No,' I said, 'I cannot say that I am.' He said again: "'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.'" Shortly after, he went down; and there, alone in the night, and with two miles of water under me, I believed. I am John Harper's last convert."—Have you made your first convert?

## A Good Daily Prayer

*God help me to see in those I meet,  
On country road or city street,  
Not just people passing by,  
But those for whom Jesus came to die.*

## Timely Slogans

Have Voice ..... Will Invite  
Have Phone ..... Will Call  
Have Pen ..... Will Write  
Have Interest ..... Will Come

Have Car ..... Will Bring  
Have Concern ..... Will Pray  
Have Ability ..... Will Use  
Have Conviction ..... Will Share  
Have Hope ..... Will Rejoice  
Have Money ..... Will Tithe

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# Religious News and Comments



By WILSON R. LANPHER

## Church and State In Puerto Rico

The people of Puerto Rico gave strong demonstration in their recent election that they are following American tradition of keeping the church and state separated. An article in the *Island Times*, an English-language newspaper, states that the Christian Action Party polled only 51,072 votes. This was the party supported by the Roman Catholic bishops, and this was the first time the party entered an open contest with other parties. The resounding defeat gave strong evidence that the people of Puerto Rico will not stand for dictation from the Roman Catholic church about the way they should vote.

## American Baptist Convention

The American Baptist Convention will use as its theme "Behold, I Send You Forth" for its 1961 session to be held in Portland, Oregon. A convention reorganization looms as the major business to be acted upon during the session to be held June 14 to 18. In our own denomination we must keep alive the theme "Try Christ's Way." As the new year approaches, with all of its portent of uncertainty, it is vital to our own spiritual life that we look upon the new year as presenting opportunities. Slogans and themes are most meaningful when they find outlet in obedient human beings.

## Still "The Old Rugged Cross"

"The Old Rugged Cross" is still America's favorite hymn, according to a poll taken by the *Christian Herald*, a non-denominational Protestant magazine. In the largest response to any of the *Herald's* hymn surveys, readers cast thirty thousand votes for their favorites. The winner and the runner-up. "What a



Friend We Have in Jesus," occupied identical positions in the last survey taken in 1953. Others in order of popularity are: "In the Garden," "How Great Thou Art," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Abide with Me," "Rock of Ages," "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Amazing Grace," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Beyond the Sunset," and "Blessed Assurance." Biggest surprise in the poll was "How Great Thou Art," a newcomer to the United States, which placed fourth.

## Where Religion Rates

Less than 5 per cent of the \$625 million distributed in an average year by the more than five thousand philanthropic foundations in the United States is used for religious purposes. A report released by the Foundation Library Center shows that religion receives about \$28,065,000—next to last among the various fields in which grants are made. The least amount goes to government. Of the total grants made for religious purposes in an average year, theological seminaries get 44 per cent; churches, 26 per cent; church-related schools, 9 per

cent; welfare programs, 6 per cent; and ministers, 5 per cent. Education is the chief benefactor with an average distribution of \$257,090,000. Following it are health, \$98,343,000; social welfare, \$90,585,000; scientific research, \$71,212,000; humanities, \$33,922,000; and international affairs, \$32,705,000.

## Church Membership

Membership in United States churches and synagogues increased by 2,669,164 last year, according to figures just released. This represents a 2.4 per cent increase over 1958 and brings church membership to a record total of 112,226,905. Of the grand total reported for the year 1959, 226 Protestant groups reported a total of 62,543,502 communicants as against 61,504,669 in 1958. Among other religious groups the Roman Catholics numbered 40,871,302; Jews, 5,500,000; Eastern Orthodox, 2,807,612; and Buddhists, 20,000. With respect to Protestant and Roman Catholic church membership, it is pointed out "that no precise comparison is possible. Most Protestant churches enumerate as members persons

who have attained full membership, usually at age 13. Catholics regard all baptized persons, including children, as members."

There is small room for comfort in the above statistics when we think of the vast number still untouched by any religious group. And when we think of the number of truly converted people in the above figures, there is no encouragement for complacency. Let us combine in our "Evangelism First" thrust to win those in our sphere of responsibility for Jesus Christ.

## Now It's Official

Figures just released from the Federal Census Bureau reveal that the nation has 167,471 clergymen and 193,467 bartenders. What an indicting commentary on our nation that has fallen so far and so quickly from a vital morality! Much of the cause can be traced to an apathetic Protestantism, that has become so conformed to its age that it no longer has the inner spiritual resources to make it a problem to the men who make their millions by debasing their fellow man.



GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

## Thank You For Your Prayers

Please thank all those who have remembered me in prayer during my illness, that we may rejoice together in the wonderful goodness of God, who has brought me through. Also thank all those who sent letters and messages of encouragement. I appreciated them all. I have now been discharged by the doctors, and they indicate that it is perfectly all right for me to return to Cape Verde Islands at the end of our furlough year.—CLIFFORD GAY, *Cape Verde Islands*.

## Prayer Request

Brother Harrison's little girl Carol has come down with scarlet fever, and also the Japanese girl who helps Grace in our home, so our family has been exposed. So far Carol is not seriously ill, but we would appreciate your prayers that no complications will develop among any of us.—BARTLETT MCKAY, *Japan*.

## Bolivia Reports

God has blessed our efforts here in Bolivia and given us progress beyond what we could have thought possible. We now have 16 organized churches

on the district, 4 being organized this past year. There are 17 day schools with an enrollment of 560. Our Bible school has 25 students. A year and a half ago we had only 2 missionaries here. Now we have 9. We give God all the praise for the accomplishments of this past year.—VINCENT SFEELY, *Secretary of Mission Council*.

## British Honduras Meets

British Honduras held its fifteenth annual missionary council meeting recently. The first day was a time of waiting upon God, and our hearts were melted and blessed as God came down to meet with us.

Part of the first night we spent listening to a tape sent by Rev. Ronald Bishop and his three fine girls, absent from our field because of the illness of Mrs. Bishop. Their testimonies and words of greeting deeply touched our hearts. We longed more than ever for their return to the field. We pray that it will please God to touch Mrs. Bishop.

A letter of greeting was read from the York family, absent from us because of the illness of little Danny. We pray for them, too, that God will send them back to us.

We were all glad for the news that

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Wyman will soon be with us.

A spirit of unity and love was evident during the entire session, and reports showed advancement in all the phases of the work.

Many souls have sought the Lord during the past year. The outstanding event of the year was our District Preachers' Convention held at Benque Viejo in February. God wonderfully came upon the hearts of pastors, students, and missionaries. The meetings were a time of deep heart searchings, putting things right, joyful testimonies, and waves of glory.

About one hundred and twenty young people sought the Lord in our first district camp.

Eight revivals were held during the year, and several week-end holiness conventions.

The cry of all our hearts is, Revival in our time!—EDWARD CAIRNS, *Reporter*.

## Africa at Last

By JACK RILEY

### Union of South Africa

Africa at last! Praise God for a wonderful journey and a safe arrival in the land to which He has called us!

Our hearts are thrilled at the challenge and opportunities here in the locations about Johannesburg. There are about one million souls in these locations, to whom we need to give the gospel.

God is blessing and giving wonderful answers to prayer for revival, as well as material blessings. God has already given us a greater burden for this work than we have ever known.

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# the Answer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

**Does the Nazarene organization believe in the gift of tongues as recorded in I Corinthians 12:28-29, as a gift only, not an evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit? God put them in the church with the other gifts for His own use. Do you believe it to be a supernatural gift?**

The Church of the Nazarene totally and completely rejects the idea of any kind of tongues as an evidence of the baptism with the Holy Spirit. So far as tongues as a gift only is concerned, most of us would probably feel that the New Testament gift was not "unknown" tongues but represented a miraculous ability to speak foreign languages, a gift pre-eminently useful during the rapid spread of Christianity throughout the many lingual groups of the Mediterranean world (see Acts 2:8-11).

There are some difficult points in I Corinthians 14. But we notice that "unknown" is italicized throughout, which means that there was no corresponding word in the original. Then we notice that Paul speaks of the "unlearned" or ignorant persons not understanding (vv. 16, 23, 24), a point which John Wesley understood to mean that "men of learning might have understood." The "no man understandeth" of verse 2 would then be "no man *present* understandeth."

**Is it right to add Home Department and Cradle Roll members to the Sunday school attendance each Sunday, when they are not present?**

No. Only persons present at the Sunday school hour may be counted in the attendance. Classes or schools held away from the church building and at other hours than the regular Sunday school hour may be reported as branch Sunday schools, but their attendance is not added to that of the parent Sunday school. There is one case I know of where Sunday school workers go to a nearby children's convalescent home during the Sunday school hour and conduct a regular Sunday school for the children there. The children attending the classes are

**What is the meaning of the last part of Matthew 6:34, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof"?**

Taken in its context, it means, "Don't worry about the future. You've enough difficulty and hardship for today without adding to it the burdens of tomorrow. Leave the future in the hands of God, and do your best now."

Adam Clarke says, "Sufficient for each day is its own calamity. Each day has its peculiar trials: we should meet them with confidence in God. As we should

Again, the whole tone of the chapter is not sympathetic or encouraging with regard to the gift, whatever it was. In addition, the whole spiritual life of the church at Corinth at this time was not such as would make us want to imitate its example, yet in I Corinthians alone is the gift mentioned.

The principles underlying the giving of spiritual gifts are outlined in I Corinthians 12:6-7. The fact that there are spiritual gifts in the Church in all ages does not necessarily mean that every gift must necessarily be given in every period of the Church's life.

As to whether I believe "it" to be a supernatural gift, I can only say that if I should ever find or have verifiable evidence of a person testifying to the saving power of Christ in a language he had not learned but which was understood by those who heard him, I should most certainly say that was a supernatural gift. However, I have not yet had this opportunity.

added to the attendance of the parent Sunday school, which seems fair and reasonable.

The work of the Sunday school is vitally important in the program of the Church of the Nazarene. But the size of the Sunday school, in numbers only, is not the only measure of the stature of a local church. Someone quipped, "Those who live by statistics shall perish by statistics." If emphasis on size leads to reporting artificial figures or padding the record, then it has gone too far.

live but a day at a time, so we should take care to suffer no more evils in one day than are necessarily attached to it. He who neglects the *present* for the *future* is acting opposite to the order of God, his own interest, and to every dictate of sound wisdom. Let us live for *eternity*, and we shall secure all that is valuable in *time*."

## Foreign Missions

(Continued from page 15)

We are happy here. We feel this is where God wants us.

When we were in the States, Mrs. West at Casa Robles spent some time with us teaching us a bit of Zulu. In our first service here, the day after we arrived, we greeted the people, gave our testimonies, and spoke a few minutes in Zulu. They were surprised, and we were thrilled with the little knowledge we had picked up. We certainly owe Mrs. West a great debt of gratitude for her patient hours of teaching.

Right now there are six churches and six parsonages under construction in the locations, and we have not even begun to touch the great needs of these vast settlements of African people.



By J. W. ELLIS

Topic for  
January 1:

### God Revealed in Christ

SCRIPTURE: John 1; 20:30-31 (Printed: John 1:1-18)

GOLDEN TEXT: *But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name (John 20:31).*

Hold your breath . . . calm your heart—and behold the majestic sweep of the Living Word! In creation's cradle the Word was there. Not standing idly by while God formed the world, but the Word was with God in the making of it! Not standing separate from the purpose of creation, the Word was God! And wonder of wonders—that Word was Jesus Christ!

Now stand back in awe; for in Bethlehem's cradle the Word was there. Mary . . . Joseph . . . the innkeeper . . . the shepherds . . . the angels—what a cast were they to thrust that scene before the minds of men! But let us not overlook the Baby, for that Baby was the Word, and that Word was Jesus Christ!

The Word made flesh—yes, that was God revealing himself in Christ.

True religion is not a matter of services, but service.



And there was a man sent from God whose name was John to bear witness that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself and that all who received this Word through faith would be made partakers of eternal life.

There was the revelation—God in Christ. There was the messenger—a man named John. There was the message—reconciliation. Down to earth came Christ. Among men He moved. Back to the Father He went. Behind Him were men redeemed by His power. To them was left the charge to tell the world about the revelation from above that had changed their lives. The Great Commission grew out of the Word made flesh.

“Go,” said Christ. Start where you are! Spread out! Hit the road! Sail the seas! Tell the nations! Make all men everywhere My disciples! Move, men, move! There was a man named John to tell the story. And all men who name Christ

as Lord must join the proclaimers’ band if they are to retain their faith and make valid their salvation.

The key is the revelation of God in Christ. Its meaning must be grasped by mind and heart. And, more significant still, men must be grasped by the revelation.

What, then, is the revelation? The eternal Christ—the same was in the beginning with God. The Creator Christ—all things were made by Him. The living Christ—in Him was life. The illuminating Christ—the true Light was He. The incarnate Christ—the Word was made flesh. The redeeming Christ—sons of God are they who believe on His name.

God revealed in Christ!

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## Public Morals and YOU!



Crime in the United States reached an all-time high in 1959, when more than 1.5 million serious offenses were committed, according to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Statistics from the FBI’s 1959 *Uniform Crime Reports* released the middle of September show that crime increased 1 per cent over 1958 and 69 per cent over 1950. The increase in crime is not merely keeping pace with the population growth, the FBI reports, but is increasing four times as fast as the population.

“Unless positive steps are taken to check this rising crime trend,” Hoover said, “this country will face a crime problem of emergency proportions in the years ahead.”

As usual, alcoholic beverages played a large part in the nation’s crime and arrest record. In one 1959 FBI study of 1,789 U.S. cities with populations over 25,000, arrests for drunkenness were three times higher than the arrests for disorderly conduct, the next “most popular” crime, and alcohol figured in nearly 58 per cent of the arrests. In these cities with a total population of 56,187,181, law enforcement officers made 2,612,704 arrests. Among these were:

Murder .....	2,610
Manslaughter .....	1,319
Robbery .....	15,379
Auto theft .....	33,409
Aggravated assault .....	29,860
Forcible rape .....	4,002
Commercialized vice .....	18,514
Narcotic laws .....	10,562
Liquor laws .....	61,718
Intoxicated driving .....	109,678
Disorderly conduct .....	323,353
Drunkenness .....	1,001,427
Gambling .....	68,082

The ominous upward spiral of criminal offenses continues to increase in 1960. FBI reports for the first six months of the year already show a 9 per cent increase over 1959, with December, called the “most crime-ridden month,” still coming up. Attorney General William P. Rogers terms this rise “startling.”

EARL C. WOLF, *Secretary  
Committee on Public Morals*



## NAZARENE MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Department of Ministerial Benevolence  
DEAN WESSELS, *Secretary*

A widow who gave thirty-one years of service to the Church of the Nazarene wrote this

warm letter:

*I wish to express my appreciation to you for my monthly allowance during the past three years. It has meant so much to me. At the time Mr. ——— passed away, there was nothing in sight. But your monthly check and the generous gift at Christmas time not only have been a lifesaver financially, but have given me that lift, something that told me I was not alone or forsaken; that our lives had not been spent in the church in vain, but that thousands of Nazarenes were yet back of me, even if my hair is gray and my strength limited.*

Because the old-age support of the minister is a scriptural requirement, we welcome this opportunity to show our love and appreciation to these “veterans of the Cross.” We give, not just because there is a budget to pay, but because there is love in our hearts. Is not love the only worthy motive for giving? GIVE, not because you feel you must, but because you LOVE. Give, so they may be assured that their church remembers them.

### HOLINESS NECESSARY

John Wesley says: “In 1729 my brother Charles and I, reading the Bible, saw we could not be saved without holiness. In 1737 we saw that this holiness comes by faith. In 1738 we saw, likewise, that men are justified before they are sanctified; but still holiness was our object—inward and outward holiness. God then thrust us out to raise up a holy people.”

After preaching the doctrine of holiness for half a century, and having seen thousands brought into the experience,

he wrote two years before his death: “This doctrine is the grand depositum which God has lodged with the people called Methodists; and for the sake of propagating this chiefly He appears to have raised us up.”—*Exchange*.

“It is deplorable that God’s hungry sheep, hoping for the pasture of the living Word, should be fed on disquisitions on the themes of the latest headlines.”—J. S. Stewart.





Note to our readers: The Servicemen's Commission has received numerous requests for the names and addresses of our active-duty chaplains. We are listing these for the reader's information.

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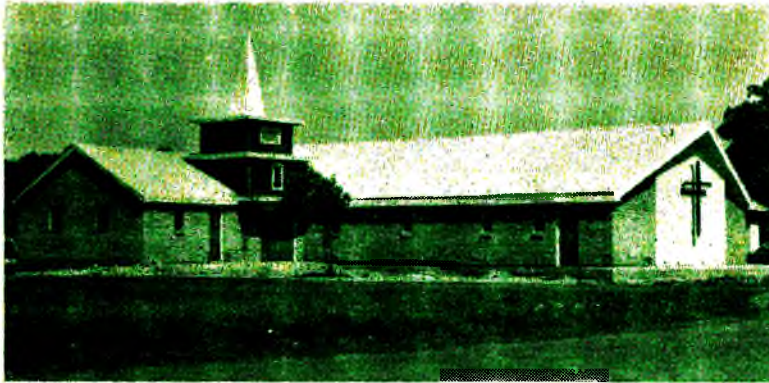
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# News of the Churches

## Faith Church, Irving, Texas



Faith Church recently enjoyed a Heaven-sent, Holy Ghost revival, the best in the history of the church. Evangelist Thomas Hayes was mightily used of the Lord, and helped the people to pledge themselves in prayer and fasting, some of them fasting for several days. Brother Hayes poured out his heart for a revival, and prayer was the watchword. All of us appreciated the evangelist's tender spirit, and his close, yet kind preaching. His messages were anointed of God. Assisting Brother Hayes in his work was Brother Ed Wolpe, converted night club entertainer. He was used of the Lord as he played his trumpet in special songs and congregational singing. Ed's dedicated life and testimony touched many hearts. In the course of this revival several trends were noted: not one barren altar service, more seekers than ever before, consistently the best attendance of any revival we have had, new families saved and sanctified, a fine group of

men and women saved and sanctified after years of prayer by loved ones, new families joining the tithing band, and several people healed by God. Tithes increased during the meeting, and are still climbing! The revival closed with shouts of victory—a little sample of heaven on earth. We have completed our beautiful new sanctuary, which has exposed beams, a fine educational unit, two departmental auditoriums, and the sanctuary is equipped with a beautiful concert organ, air conditioning, choir loft, and a balcony. Construction on our new brick parsonage begins in a few weeks. The total church plant will have an evaluation of over eighty thousand dollars, with a debt of only thirty thousand dollars, thanks to God for His help and the faith and labor of our fine members and friends. The pastor is serving on a unanimous extended call.—**DAVID A. HISS, Pastor.**

Evangelist J. Mervin Cooke reports: "I am completing about eighteen months in the field of evangelism, and the Lord has given us a goodly number of seekers. The interest has been good and the attendance encouraging. The program of children's work which we carry on in connection with the revival has proved to be most successful, with a good number of seekers among the boys and girls. This program has also resulted in a good many new contacts for the Sunday school. We use gospel film-strips, hymn strips, choruses, contests, etc. We have two open dates in the early spring, April 13 to 23 and April 26 to May 9, also some open dates for the fall of '61. Write us, Route 5, Lynn Avenue, Abbotsford, B.C., Canada."

Song Evangelist Lee Everleth writes: "We would like to report a fine series of meetings on the Northwest District—seven meetings, with God blessing all the way. We will be in the East again in the spring and have some open dates during that time. Write us, 618 8th Street, Marietta, Ohio."

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "We have some open time early in '61 which we would like to give any church needing our services as preacher and singers—January 18 to 29, February 1 to 12, and March 1 to 12. We will be in Williamsburg, Indiana, March 30 to April 9, and would like to slate March 16 to 26 between Bethany, Oklahoma, and Williamsburg, Indiana. Write us, 609 N. Mueller, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Rev. Jack Sutherland writes: "After five years of evangelism for the Church of the Nazarene which has led Wife and me into many districts where we have preached and sung the glorious gospel of Christ to many souls, I have accepted the call to pastor our Southside Church in Omaha, Nebraska. We wish to thank the many pastors and their wives who have so graciously entertained us in their homes, and also our wonderful lay people in the various congregations. God has given many victories as souls bowed at the altar of prayer seeking to be saved and sanctified. We thank Him."

Englewood, Colorado—On Sunday night, November 20, this church closed the greatest revival in its history. Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep were the Spirit-anointed workers, and every service was truly blessed of God. Interest and attendance were the best we have seen in years, and God gave us over seventy seekers—old, middle-aged, young people, and children were saved and sanctified. Ten new members were added to the church on the closing night. These are good days for our church, and we thank God for His blessings.—**BERT EDWARDS, Pastor.**

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Munger report: "Sunday schools continue to double in one Sunday; quite a number lately 'stay doubled.' In five days with Rev. Gerald Vandevort at Hollydale, California, the attendance went from around 200 to 605, and the second Sunday 'leaving-off' was 451. Also, at Compton First, in a meeting with Pastor Jenkins, the attendance was nearly doubled on the second Sunday. At Brea, Pastor Paul Beneficial reports by letter, 'We should be able to maintain a gain of about 100 over what we were running.' We had a great campaign with Rev. Paul Hagemeyer at La Habra. Their district paper rates them as the school with the 'highest percentage increase' on the district. In October, 1959, they had 96, and in October of this year the average was 223—an increase of 132 per cent. Their junior high formerly ran only 3 or 4, and now (weeks after the campaign) it is still running more than 20, with their N.Y.P.S. Fellowship class (a new class) organized with 25. It's the Sunday-after-Sunday, weeks-after-the-drive that counts. At the Marshall Memorial Negro Church the average last year was 25, and a 2½-day campaign brought the attendance to 533. Three Sundays later a 1½-day canvass brought it up to 958. Pastor Charles Ballard and his wife are doing a wonderful work in this church; pray for them."



Oxford, Nova Scotia, Canada—Our church enjoyed special services, November 13 to 20, with Mr. Cedric Landers as song evangelist and musician, and the pastor as the preacher. Attendance was good with over 100 in each Sunday preaching service, 132 and 158 in Sunday school the two Sundays, and an average week-night attendance of 76. Brother Landers is a young man who loves God, co-operates fully, and supplies a full musical program, including solos, group singing with local talent, and instrumentals on his piano, accordion and his Hammond organ, which he brings with him. There were fourteen seekers, and the meeting was an encouragement to the church and an aid in our "Try Christ's Way" witnessing program. The Oxford church was organized by Dr. H. F. Reynolds in 1902, and is the oldest continuous Church of the Nazarene in Canada. This church, in a town of 1,500 people, averaged 147 in Sunday school last year under the leadership of Rev. V. E. Williams, pastor. Mrs. Cribbis and I came in September and have found an aggressive, spiritual, generous, and loving people in this church of about one hundred members.—ROSS R. CRIBBIS, *Pastor*.

Rev. Robert W. Taylor writes: "Two years ago I left the evangelistic field to start a new church in St. Charles, Illinois, feeling it to be the call of God. After organizing the church with eighteen charter members, the district superintendent asked me to remain as pastor for at least two years. I am now on the third year and, after much prayer, I feel that my work is finished here, so I may re-enter the evangelistic work—the field of my calling. I am now making up my slate, and am open for meetings beginning February 1, 1961. Write me, 710 Walnut Ave., St. Charles, Illinois."

Zelienople, Pennsylvania—Our church recently enjoyed a wonderful revival, and the workers were asked to stay on an extra week. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Williamson are fine preachers, and carried a real burden for the meeting. God blessed, there were new people in the services, and a good number of seekers.—H. W. DIBBL, *Pastor*.

Alliance, Ohio—Our church had a very fine revival, November 3 to 13. God came; the people worked, prayed, and

responded to the requests of pastor and evangelist in every way possible. Pre-service prayer meetings were well attended each night, with as many as twenty people coming to the prayer room. Evangelist Fred E. Drayer and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Metcalfe were the special workers. Surely no more faithful servant of God could be found than Brother Drayer, and the Metcalfes sang with untiring inspiration. Brother Drayer's preaching was inspired of God; many souls bowed at the altar of prayer, and many were led into a deeper relation with the Lord. God came on the services, and I can say without reservation that our people are closer to God than I have ever known them to be. We give God praise for His blessings, and thanks to these faithful servants of His who worked so untiringly night after night. Evangelism is "first" in our church and our people are working hard at the "Try Christ's way" plan.—J. O. McCASKELL, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Don Scarlett writes: "Because of unavoidable circumstances, I have an open date in January, which I'll be glad to slate somewhere in the central states. Write me, Route 1, North Vernon, Indiana."

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### New York District Assembly

The fifty-third annual assembly of the New York District was held September 30 and October 1, on Long Island, in the new sanctuary of the Valley Stream church.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding general superintendent, met with an enthusiastic response from pastors and laymen as he repeatedly stressed "Evangelism First."

Rev. Robert I. Goslaw presented his eighth report as district superintendent, in which he outlined plans for extensive advancement during the coming year. The report was received with a rising vote of thanks, and the appreciation for his services was further expressed by a love offering contributed by the members of the assembly.

Evangelism was given particular emphasis in the service on the first evening by each one of the department heads of the district, and the district superintendent. The goals and methods of "Evangelism First" for the fall and winter seasons were presented.

A delegation of thirty-three Puerto Rican students and teachers of the Bible school of the new Spanish-East District visited the assembly and brought greetings in Spanish, which were interpreted by Rev. Espada-Matta. There was great rejoicing among the members of the assembly over this very evident progress in this most crucial area. An offering was received for the benefit of the Billy Graham New York Spanish Crusade.

In the final service of the assembly, in the midst of a wonderful spirit of unity and blessing, Clarence Jacobs was ordained to the ministry.—SAMUEL N. SMITH, *Reporter*.

**Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.**



## Thanksgiving Rally Kansas District N.Y.P.S.

On Thanksgiving evening, and all day Friday, Nazarenes from all over the Kansas District gathered in Hutchinson for their annual Thanksgiving rally. Over nine hundred folk enjoyed the fun, fellowship, and inspiration of the varied program prepared by the district council.

The two outstanding features of the rally were—the special speaker, Dr. W. T. Purkiser, editor of the *Herald of Holiness*; and the singers, the Burch Trio, from Minnesota. The preaching and the singing certainly lifted us up to heavenly places.

Other outstanding events were: The *oratorical contest* on the subject "HIS," in which the winners from the zone contests competed. First-place winner was Richard Goering, from the Hutchinson Bethany Church. Tied for second place were Donna Hance from Wichita Eastridge Church and Drexell Gasset from the Wellington church. Third place was won by Kyleen Lacy, from the Cimarron church. The *Talent Contest* had the following winners: tied for first place were Larry Phelps of Hoisington and Peggy Graham from Wichita Westside, each with a vocal solo. Second-place winner was Gary Hancock, from Burr Oak, with a vocal solo; and third-place winner was Drexell Gasset, with a piano solo.

Rev. C. M. Knight, new pastor at the Wichita Linwood Church, brought the morning devotional message. In this morning service, and also in the Friday evening service, we had a large choir made up of teen-agers from over the district, directed by Mrs. Herbert Merritt. An interesting hour of fun in the gymnasium was directed by Rev. Lester Unruh.

Many comments indicated this was one of the best district youth rallies we have had on the Kansas District.—Ed. Houston, *District President*.

## Washington District Preachers' Meeting

Amid the autumn beauty of the mountains in southern Pennsylvania, the pastors and wives of the Washington District met for the annual preachers' meeting, November 14 to 16. The old-fashioned charm of the White Sulphur Springs Hotel gave an atmosphere of quiet and isolation from routine and problems.

Our special speaker, Dr. T. W. Wingham, spoke from the depths of his soul to the depths of our souls. With an insight that gave the authentic note, our hearts were opened to Bible truth, and the presence of God quickened as it healed. Again and again our souls were stirred as the mediatorial work of Christ shone forth in wondrous beauty and power.

Often our gatherings broke into shouts and tears as the Spirit of God used His servant to focus our eyes on truths that are basic and eternal. The goals and plans for our work will feel the touch of a group of pastors who have a new depth of love and faith in Jesus Christ of Nazareth.—WILSON LANPHER, *Reporter*.

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## Chicago Central District N.Y.P.S.

On November 19 the Chicago Central District, under the general leadership of our district president, Russell Carlson, conducted a most successful N.Y.P.S. talent contest and rally.

The district teen-age supervisor, Rev. Arthur Evans, did an excellent job of direct supervision of the contest and rally. Rev. Wm. Foote, our congenial and affable emcee, guided the contest and rally through the day.

The contest was held at Westside Church in Kankakee. The contestants were very positive and determinative as they participated, which created an atmosphere of competition. There was felt the genuine presence of the Holy Spirit in the services, which made them distinctively religious in nature.

College Church was used in the afternoon service as Westside Church had reached its saturation point. Brother Paul Skiles was the special speaker for the afternoon rally, and Professor Murray of Olivet Nazarene College did an outstanding job with the district teen-age choir.

Paul Skiles played the trombone as he is so capable of doing, and led the choir as he played. He spoke on "Attitude of Gratitude," and captivated the teen-agers' attention in the opening seconds of his message.

As our district superintendent, Rev. Mark Moore, challenged the district N.Y.P.S. to greater achievements and areas of service, and as our minds recaptured the thrilling moments of the day, it made one glad to be a Christian and a part of a progressive district on the move for God.—EUGENE SANDERS, *Reporter*.

*Religion is like a bicycle—when it isn't moving forward at a good speed, it wobbles.*

## Signs of Abundance of Rain

By ALMENA M. SPRINGER

*Does the present seem just a dark valley,  
The future a mountain of fear?  
Are shadows of doubt and suspense  
Around you—hovering near?*

*Life's trials—do you shrink from them?  
Does it seem you've no strength to go  
thro'?*  
*You have come to the end of yourself  
And think there's no more you can do?*

*Take courage, dear Christian, and listen—  
The showers of blessing He'll send—  
For dryness and darkness and shadows  
Are signs of "abundance of rain."*

*"God is able to blot out the guilt of sin, but even He cannot always forestall its consequences."—MARY SANDERS.*

*"It is then a great blessing given to this people, that as they do not think or speak of justification so as to supersede sanctification, so neither do they think or speak of sanctification so as to supersede justification. They take care to keep each in its own place, laying equal stress on one and the other. They know, God has joined these together and it is not for man to put them asunder; therefore they maintain, with equal zeal and diligence, the doctrine of free, full, present justification, on the one hand; and of entire sanctification both of heart and life, on the other."—John Wesley.*

## OUR RELIGION DOES MATTER!

By EVANGELIST  
ERMA P. HAVENS

The frequent claim that "religion does not matter" and is no longer a challenging factor in our lives has caused me earnestly to pray that God will precipitate a revival of vital religion in our hearts.

If we are true to our interpretation of the Scriptures and to our heritage in the church, implications of our religion will reflect themselves in every area of our lives. Since we have become "new creatures in Christ," our habits and ways of living have been changed. We seriously embrace the exhortation of the apostle, "Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

Transformation involves adopting a way of life that will complement and grace the name of Him whom we love and serve. It can be observed of us that we "have been with Jesus" by the disposition that characterizes our attitudes. Animosity, bitterness, or indifference is not compatible with the Christlike spirit that should emanate from us.

Dr. R. T. Williams, in treating the subject "Relationships in Life," clearly defines our relationship to God, men, and things as the criterion by which we will either obtain or miss heaven. If our religion has not affected our lives in each of these areas, then it is lacking in vitality, and probably does not matter.

James found no difficulty in making a practical application of his religion. In the first chapter and the twenty-seventh verse of his book, he states that pure religion placed his life in proper perspective before God. It moved him with compassion and concern for those who were suffering and unfortunate, and it established a clear line of demarcation by which he was in no danger of being lost in the maze of religious sympathizers whose convictions were not clearly defined.

The manifestations of grace and mercy that enable us to be numbered among the people called Nazarenes demand faithful consistency in applying the teachings of Christ to everyday situations.

"The love of Christ [that] constraineth us" literally conscripts our loyalty and devotion until those associated with us are warmed by our love for the Saviour. As the warmth of the fire is radiated in every direction and dispels the chill that envelops the room, the practical application of the transforming grace of God and the motivation of implementing the Great Commission in "Evangelizing Now" will demonstrate that our religion makes a tremendous difference in us and is a significant factor in our lives.

## HEAVEN Is Worth Waiting for!

By F. W. DAVIS

*Has it ever occurred to you, Christian,  
How wonderful heaven must be?  
That home where the saints here are  
waiting—*

*The face of their Saviour to see?  
The trials of life here will vanish,  
When the gates of God's city appear;  
And His glories celestial surround us,  
As He reaches to dry every tear!*

*One thought of our home over yonder,  
When life and its conflicts are done,  
Brings joy and blest consolation,  
When I think of that prize to be won.  
No pleasures the world has to offer,  
No sin that our lives would enthrall,  
Can compare with the beauties of  
heaven—*

*The Lord hath prepared for us all!*

## "SHOWERS of BLESSING"

### Program Schedule

Dec. 25—"The Baby That Makes the Difference"—by J. E. Williams

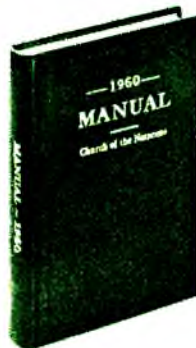
Jan. 1—"Shut the Door"—by J. E. Williams

Jan. 8—"Great Men Pray"—by R. V. DeLong

Jan. 15—"The Question That Persists in Living"—by J. E. Williams

"You cannot love men from the pulpit. You can only love them in concrete personal situations wherein there is cost."  
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## Deaths

REV. GEORGE R. SHAFFER

George R. Shaffer, age forty-nine, our pastor at Poplar, Montana, suffered a heart attack on October 31, and died at the hospital that evening. He was ordained at our last district assembly. Brother Shaffer was a very godly man, a Christian gentleman, a loyal booster in the church, and a sound preacher of scriptural holiness. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice, two married daughters, and a preacher son. Funeral service was conducted in Havre, Montana, by Rev. C. H. Green, assisted by Rev. Archie Brown, Pastors of the Rocky Mountain District served as pallbearers.—Alvin L. McQuay, district superintendent.

**WILLIAM H. B. ISAAC** was born April 13, 1874, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and died at his home in Fitchburg, August 29, 1960. He was a Christian and respected by all who knew him. Although compelled to yield to severe physical infirmity, he had a consciousness of God's presence and keeping power. Before he became disabled he attended services at Fitchburg First Church of the Nazarene. He believed in the church and its message, and maintained a firm faith in God to the close of his life. He is survived by his wife, Mary A. Isaac, and a daughter, Marion. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Curtis L. Stanley, of Bath, Maine, a former pastor of the Fitchburg Church of the Nazarene, assisted by Rev. Ranceford Webb, pastor. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg.

**EDGAR DALE SUMMERHILL** was born March 16, 1890, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and died August 24, 1960. He was married to Miss Maggie Ola Swenney in 1919. He was a veteran of World War I, and a resident of El Dorado, Arkansas, for thirty years, during which time he faithfully attended all the services of First Church of the Nazarene, paying his tithe and helping in any way he could. He served as the church librarian, and secretary-treasurer of the men's Bible class for many years. He is survived by his wife; three daughters: Mrs. Eddie Hair, Mrs. Alford Yocum, and Mrs. Charles Wright; and a brother, Will. Funeral service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Carl Prentice, Sr., in El Dorado First Church, with burial in Rest Haven Cemetery.

**WALTER E. NEVITT** of Taylor, Michigan, died September 20, at the age of seventy-four, after a short illness. He served as custodian of First Church of the Nazarene in Owensboro, Kentucky, for more than fourteen years, moving to Michigan in 1955, where he was a member of Eureka Church of the Nazarene, at Taylor. He served God and his church with love, and his was a testimony to righteousness. He was a source of spiritual encouragement and guidance, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, one son, one brother, and five sisters. A memorial service was held in Flat Rock, Michigan, with Rev. D. K. King officiating, and funeral service was held in Owensboro First Church, by Rev. Fred T. Carby, his pastor for eleven years, assisted by Rev. O. Thrasher, also a former pastor. Interment was in the cemetery at Hawesville, Kentucky.

**WARREN A. COZBY** was born July 26, 1879, at Wolfe City, Texas, and died July 5, 1960, at Safford, Arizona. He was converted at the age of seventeen and sanctified three years later. He became a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene fifty-two years ago; was a member at Bisbee, Arizona, at the time of his death. His wife preceded him in death, and he is survived by one son, Rhynolds, an army captain; also by four brothers and one sister. Funeral service was conducted in the First Methodist Church in Ranger, Texas, with Rev. Robert Ferguson, Nazarene pastor, officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Ranger, Texas.

**JULIUS F. SCHROEDER** was born November 28, 1878, in Green Bay County, Wisconsin, and died October 30, 1960, in Selma, California. He was married to Miss Lena Sommers in 1900. They were charter members of the Church of the Nazarene in Mohall, North Dakota, when it was organized in 1918. They moved to Selma in 1947, where he was faithful to the Lord and the church. Plans were being made for their sixtieth wedding anniversary. He is survived by his widow; three daughters: Leona McLain, Minnie Johnson, and Dorothy Olson; five sons: Bernard, Rev. Louis, Raymond, Orville, and Lyndon; also by his stepmother, three brothers, and four sisters. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. John G. Rupp, assisted by Rev. M. F. Gordon.

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## I LEARN TO PRAY

By BERNIECE AYERS HALL

*I learn to pray—as naturally  
As flowers turn to the sun,  
As rivers join the boundless sea  
When their swift course is run.  
I too, as these wise ones, must learn  
Here in a world of storm and strife  
The heart of man must also turn  
And seek the Lord of Life!*

*I learn to pray! Oh, joyous, priceless art  
By which my faith takes wing!  
To open wide the secret heart  
To God—is such a gladsome thing!  
Oh, power, His power, is mine today;  
For like these blooms, I learn to pray!*

**One cannot preach holiness as an isolated theme. If he preaches holiness, he must also preach regeneration; for only the regenerated are proper candidates for holiness. And I have never known a man to maintain his place as a promoter of scriptural holiness who failed to ring clear on all the fundamentals. All true-blue holiness preachers are as clear as bells on the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, the deity of Jesus Christ, the personality of the Holy Spirit, future destiny with its rewards and punishments, and every other vital tenet of our holy religion; and I do not know of any other doctrine that can lay such a claim as the touchstone of orthodoxy.**—J. B. Chapman.



**Announcements**

**WEDDING BELLS**

Miss Bettie Purvis of Grand Prairie and Mr. Ladell Patterson of Abernathy, Texas, were united in marriage on November 25 in First Church of the Nazarene, Grand Prairie, with Rev. Roy E. Wolford officiating.

Miss Sherril Kathleen Raker of Lewistown, Illinois, and Donald Spotloe of Proctorville, Ohio, were united in marriage on November 19 in Lewistown, Illinois, with Rev. W. C. Raker, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. Chester Wright.

Miss Sandra Day of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Mr. Philip Harrison of Boston, Massachusetts, were united in marriage on October 8 in First Church of the Nazarene, Grand Prairie, with Rev. Roy E. Wolford officiating.

Miss Beverly Ann Harbourn of Hannibal, Missouri, and Robert Lee Ingols of Ft. Madison, Iowa, were united in marriage on October 1 in the Hannibal Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Charles Rache, grandfather of the bride, officiating.

**BORN**—to Byron and Carolyn (Wilson) Buker of Clay City, Indiana, a daughter, Karen Lee, on November 25.

—to George and Caroline (Cunningham) Denlinger of Bradley, Illinois, a daughter, Natalie Sue, on November 18.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Flynn of Hot Springs, Arkansas, a daughter, Teresa Jo, on November 17.

—to David and Norma (Johnson) Craig of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a son, Kevin Dwight, on November 8.

—to Richard and Betty Jo (Hayes) Converse of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a daughter, Lynda Lee, on November 3.

—to Raymond and Jean Alexander of Grand Saïne, Texas, a daughter, Kemberly Kaye, on November 1.

—to Clayton and Sally (Boyer) Shaffer of Schuylkill Haven Pennsylvania, a daughter, Krystal Anne, on October 29.

—to Charles and Naomi (Davis) Gibson of Wichita Falls, Texas, a daughter, Sherri Litenn, on October 25.

—to James and Carolyn (Hayes) Bohi of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a son, Daniel Wayne, on October 22.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Andrews of North Pekin, Illinois, a daughter, Bonnie Joy, on October 2.

—to Chester and Erma Hokins of Clear Lake, South Dakota, a daughter, Judy Kae, on October 1.

—to Gerald and Gloria (Conrad) Cresswell of Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Lynn Michele, on September 28.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a Christian grandmother in Alabama for a teen-age couple, unsaved, considering a serious step, that God will have His way; also for a revival in that community, that the work of God may be built up; and for an unspoken request;

by a Christian couple (Christians for thirty years) in Tennessee that God may undertake for them—the husband has had little work for a year, and they have pressing bills—they do believe God cares for His own;

by a Christian brother in Ohio that God may help him at his work and especially in Christian witnessing, for the healing of his wife, and that his son may find divine help in planning for his future;

by a Nazarene lady minister in Kentucky for her husband, who is very ill with heart dropsy, that God may undertake for him.

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