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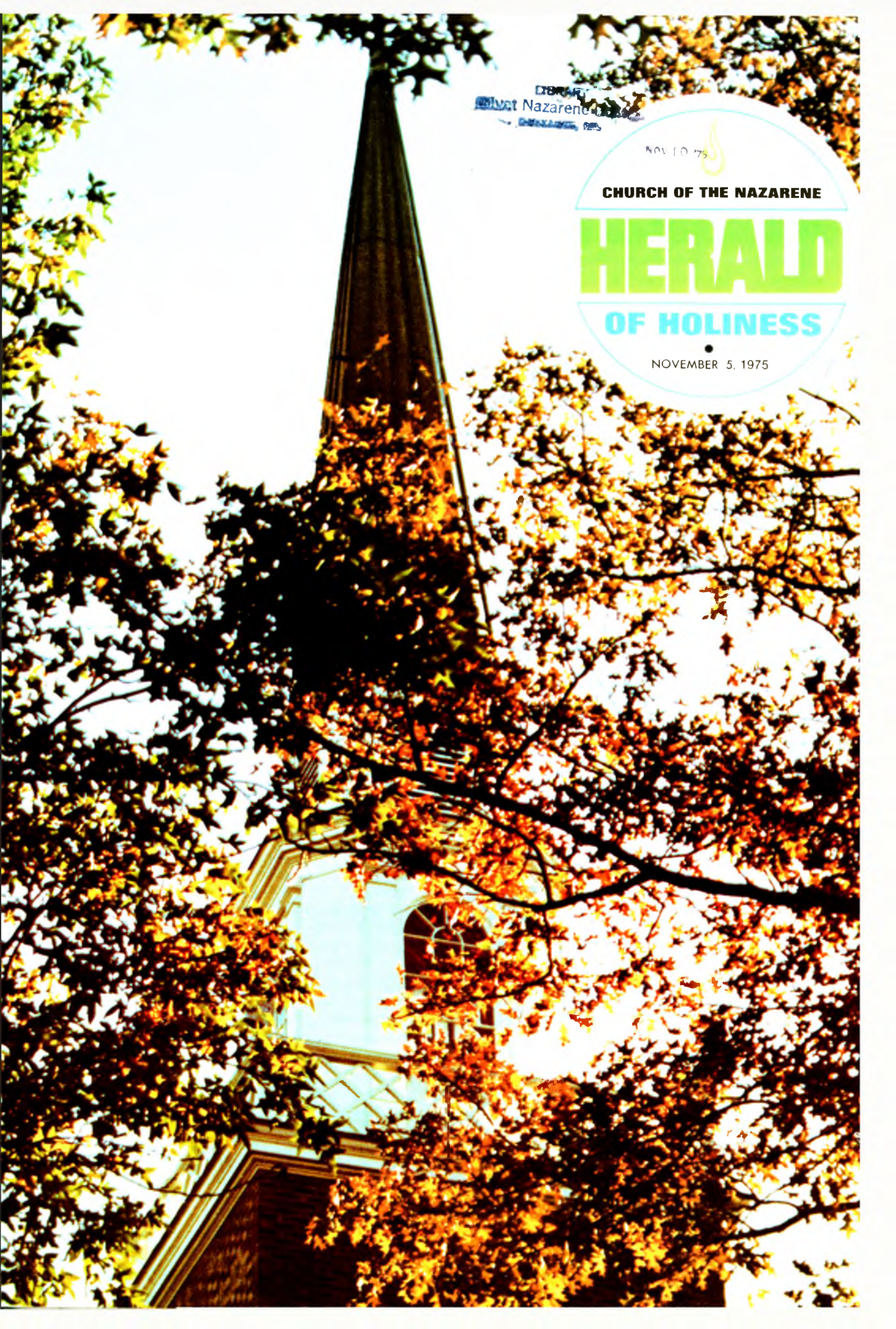


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—General Superintendent V. H. Lewis



Faith Peace, Joy— Good to Possess

MORE AND MORE the values and commodities of earth are being eroded away. There is less and less for more and more people. Already there is not enough to go around.

This is no less true in the intangible but very real realm of living. Honesty, integrity, friendship, international cooperation, etc. are fading. In their place come dishonesty, untruthfulness, suspicion, and enmity coming under the general terms of corruption and decay. Both of these last terms are servants of death. So in this hour of impoverishment it is good to have the priceless, fadeless gift of God.

Faith in Him, our Saviour and Lord. Ah, how priceless a treasure! He loves, cares, and understands. This we believe and find it verified each day. We do not walk alone. The path He blazed for us through life is still as plain and straight as He made it. It is a good road to travel.

Peace—how precious a commodity in a troubled and unpeaceful world. He

brought it with Him when He came into our hearts and lives. It is His gift: "my peace I give unto you." So we journey and live with the untroubled heart; neither are we afraid. It is in peace that the personality grows, the soul is at its best, and life yields its beneficial fruits.

Joy—it is indeed the boon to our lives. It is music and beauty and splendor in the daily walk of life. All things Christ said to His followers were so, "that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

Just think of it: These priceless, precious, God-given blessings and benefits—all ours for keeps. Over and above the discordant sounds of strife and false revelling in the earth, we have the faith, peace, and joy of those who walk with Christ. The journey is good. The flowers are beautiful. The music is sweet. The peace of our soul is deep and settled. Tomorrow holds no apprehensions. It is His tomorrow. He will make it right for us. □

RECENTLY by letter a Japanese Christian friend told me of the blessings he and his wife had received in the Lord's service. Their two sons and two daughters were Christians. Two had attended a Nazarene college, and the other two would be entering soon. One is considering a call to the mission field. Then he wrote: "They will all be on their own soon, and they will be completely in the Lord's hands. Come to think of it, *they couldn't be in better hands.*"

What a message of encouragement for Chris-

world's arena. I cannot say that their wrestling is always done in the way that seems best to my old eyes, but I admire the divine order that evidently lays upon each generation its own work, to be done in its own way; and I am convinced that whether it may seem to us for good or for ill, the generation that is passing must give place to the one that is coming and must keep hands off from interfering.

"Advice we who are older may give, and the fruits of our experience, but we must be perfectly content to have our advice rejected by the younger generation and our experience ignored."

Committing the work of the church to those who are coming after us, and in turn committing *them* to God, removes anxiety and brings confidence and joy in the "sunset years."

"They couldn't be in better hands!" □

"They Couldn't Be in Better Hands"

By W. S. PURINTON

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H. Armstrong Roberts

tian parents, and for all who are passing their responsibilities to those who are younger. "They couldn't be in better hands."

We do our best to bring up our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. We seek to live an exemplary life before them. Then they establish their own families, and we must commit them to the Lord and to the word of His promise: "But the loving kindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, to those who reverence him: his salvation is to children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant and remember to obey him" (Psalm 103:17, TLB).

Paul reminded Timothy that he was a third-generation Christian. He was early taught "the way" by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. In my own family, and in so many others today, we have third-generation Nazarenes, on whom we are depending to carry on God's work after we are gone. We must commit the work to them and put them into God's hands.

Hannah Whitall Smith, well-known author of *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*, in her later years left a testimony which might well characterize those of us who are less active than we used to be: "To be seventy gives one permission to stand aloof from the stress of life and lay down all burden of responsibility for carrying on the work of the world; and I rejoice in my immunity.

"I have tried in my day to help bear the burdens of my own generation, and, now that that generation has almost passed away, I am more than happy to know that the responsibilities of the present generation do not rest upon me, but upon the shoulders of the younger and stronger spirits who are called in the providence of God to bear them.

"I find it delightful to be laid aside from one thing after another, and to be at liberty to look on in peaceful leisure at the younger wrestlers in the



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SOME HAVE TRIED to reduce the life and message of Jesus simply to a good moral influence or example. He is more than that; He is our Saviour and Lord! Paul wrote clearly in his first Corinthian letter, "For I delivered to you first, that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures" (15:3, John Wesley's translation).*

But this does not cancel Jesus as our Example. John Wesley called Him with elegance, "The Grand Exemplar."

Concerning Jesus the Apostle John wrote with clarity, penetration, and some majesty: "And the Word was made flesh, and tabernacled among us . . . full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). Then he explained, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth were by Jesus Christ" (verse 17).

The Son of God knew the truth of God and made it gracious. He described our Heavenly Father as better than a good earthly father. But He likened our Heavenly Father to an earthly one who followed his prodigal son in his prayers and love.

When the wanderer started on the homeward trek, the father saw him when he was still a long ways from home. No wonder—the father was looking for him. And it could have been a daily gaze down that country road.

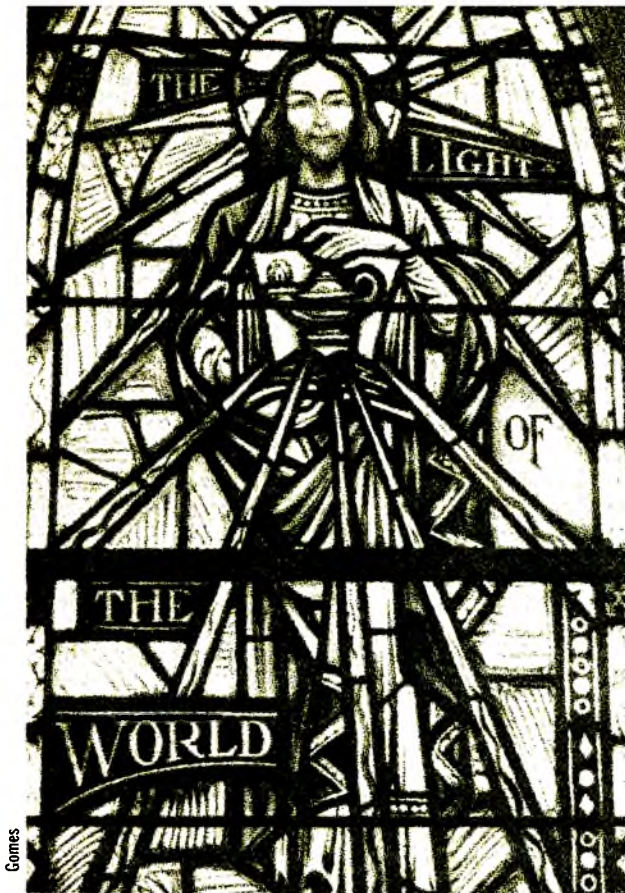
Jesus by His story implied that our Heavenly Father was like this earthly father who forgave and restored his son, even before the latter had completed his confession or offered contrition.

By his personal example Jesus underscored the need for genuine sincerity and unvarnished honesty with God. It was the very climate of His own spirit. Jesus denounced the "phony." He declared, "Thou shalt not be as the hypocrites . . . for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the corners of the streets,

*John Wesley's translation throughout.

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the Hebrews gives us the record: "For we have not a high priest who cannot sympathize with our infirmities, but one who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (4:15).

Jesus probed life to its very depth. He saw readily that man was worth more than a sheep, or a dollar, or any money values (Matthew 12:12). He accepted His role of self-emptying without condescension. He took the role of the servant without becoming a victim to servitude.

He fairly bubbled with joy in obedience to the Father. "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). He gave us the most joyous idea of our Heavenly Father.

Those who say that God is a hard taskmaster do not know Him. Jesus identified himself with the Father's work and insisted, "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).

To be sure, Jesus cried out in the Garden when He was down on His face, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matthew 26:39). The Father's will prevailed.

In the days and nights of great temptation, Jesus refused the kingdoms of this world as Satan's gift. (But Satan did not own them.) The tempter was then, as now, a con man. Only greed and self-centeredness could agree with such a one and be taken in.

But Jesus did die for a Kingdom that was worth dying for and that will always endure. Peter exhorted those first-century Christians who knew the depth and bitterness of persecution on every side: "For even hereunto are ye called; for Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example, that ye might follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Jesus alone is our true Example and Pattern. Shall we not follow the Galilean even today? Then the fog around us will lift and the bugaboos that frighten us will disappear.

*I am resolved to follow the Saviour,
Faithful and true each day,
Heed what He sayeth, do what He willeth;
He is the living Way.* □

that they may appear unto men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward" (Matthew 6:5).

Jesus seems to have been hinting that "moral cosmetics cannot avail us in the presence of God." Truly bottled perfume is no substitute for the pure life.

Although He died a young man on a cross, poise marked the tone of Jesus' life throughout. *He demonstrated an enthusiasm for doing His Father's will.* Yet He had a patience to balance His contagious enthusiasm.

Obedience rather than success seemed to enthral Him, and He was remarkably free from petty anxieties. But He was no recluse, and His temptations were biting and real. The writer to

PEN POINTS

BENDED KNEE, BETTER LIFE

David Head wrote a book he titled *He Sent Leanness*, and in it he wrote this about prayer: "God seems to have some special plan for this strange creature man. If only he were a little less often on his hind legs, and a little more often on his knees."*

These words are a reminder of man's potential, but also a warning concerning his prayerlessness. Ever and again creature man needs to be reminded that when he spends ample time before God on his knees, he walks a little taller and goes a little farther in doing the important things in life.

The prayerless life is never ready for the big, important moments in life. And often, because life is not spiritually alive and open, great causes and

big opportunities pass unnoticed.

Life needs spiritual direction if it is to find its God-planned reason for existence. If he seeks such direction apart from prayer, he only comes to confusion. Such a person will be baffled by 1,000 voices that call. And many of them will sound legitimate.

That man who uses the means of prayer as a "clearinghouse" for the ways that call him, will find direction emerging out of would-be chaos.

David A. McLennan composed "The Devil's Beatitudes," and here is one of them: "Blessed is he who has no time to pray; for he shall be easy prey for me." And that about says it all. □

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*David Head, *He Sent Leanness*, Macmillan Co., 1962.

The Eye of the Storm

RECENTLY I was viewing an exhibit of paintings in an art gallery. One was of particular interest to me. It depicted a severe storm. The clouds were boiling, black, and threatening in appearance. They gave one the feeling that the sun had been struck from the heavens.

One lone sea gull was the focus of the picture. The bird seemed to be flying with great ease. Not one feather was out of place. The graceful creature was completely at rest, soaring through the fretful fury of the turbulence.

How could this be? How could anything airborne avoid being dashed to its death in such a situation?

Both mind and eye searched the canvas for clues. The answer, slow in coming, brought with it a truth of wondrous beauty. The gull, you see, had found that unique location called the eye of the storm—that narrow corridor of space within the heart of nature’s upheaval where there is relative calm and nearly clear skies.

By NELSON F. SHEETS

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The Holy Spirit spoke to me as I observed and God’s Word became bold-faced type. “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee” (Isaiah 26:3).

Surrounding us today are ominous clouds threatening the survival of this planet earth. Man’s heart is failing for fear. We face the menace of an impending storm. Its presence moves nearer. There seems no escape from its coming onslaught.

Although we may not be delivered “from” the storm, we can be assured in God’s Word that His children will be delivered “through” it!

We also know that even when we are in the very grip of trouble, the Lord is with us, and His presence gives calm assurance. This assurance was expressed by Isaiah’s admonition, “Always rely on the Eternal, for the Eternal’s strength endures” (26:4, Moffatt).

Christ’s words to His disciples come to mind which we may paraphrase, “There are so many things I want to share with you about Myself, but you are too immature to understand them now. But when I go away, I will send you My Holy

MY NEIGHBOR’S BIBLE



*I am my neighbor's Bible,
He reads me when we meet.
Today he reads me in my home—
Tomorrow on the street.
He may a relative or friend
Or slight acquaintance be.
He may not even know my name,
Yet he is reading me
To learn if I am living
And walking as I pray.
He is watching closely,
Just what I do and say.
Dear Christian friends and brothers,
If we could only know
How faithfully the world records
Just what we say and do,
Oh, we would write our records plain,
And come, in time, to see
Our worldly neighbors won to Christ
While reading you and me.*

—PEARL ANDERSON
Vinita, Okla.

Spirit to be with you always, and He will fill in the blanks" (John 16:12-14).

Our Lord's promise is to all His own, who have been cleansed from unrighteousness by His blood and filled with His Spirit. He covenants to be with us through all of life's storms.

Hugh Stowell's hymn, "From Every Stormy Wind," expresses the prayer and confidence of every true believer:

*From ev'ry stormy wind that blows,
From ev'ry swelling tide of woes,
There is a calm, a sure retreat:
'Tis found beneath the mercy seat.*

*Ah! there on eagle wings we soar,
And sin and sense molest no more;
And heav'n comes down our souls to greet,
While glory crowns the mercy seat.* □

The Case for Sticking to It

By RICK WITHROW
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the morning they were saved. But as Robert Graham told me last night, "I had heard what I needed to hear, and I knew what I wanted. The pastor preached on tithing the next week and thrust a box of tithing envelopes in my hand. I had no idea what it was all about, but I did know I wanted to do God's will."

The Grahams moved from Roanoke one year after they were saved, to a town that had no Nazarene congregation. They joined a church in a sister denomination and have been faithful and active members of that church for the last 20 years. Now the Nazarenes have established a beachhead in Danville and the Grahams have "come home" to the Church of the Nazarene.

What a thrill to hear this story of perseverance. The Grahams will tell you that if it were not for a Nazarene layman by the name of Bowman who faithfully called on them for six long and sometimes discouraging years, they would not be children of God today.

Just think, two people who have given 40 years of combined service to the Kingdom and who have raised two young men to learn about Jesus and the life of holiness—all the result of outreach evangelism.

What a lesson for bus pastors, captains, and drivers! For Sunday school teachers and church board members! How many times you have knocked on that door. . . . How many times you have been told they would be ready. . . . How many times have you heard noise and yet there was no answer? . . . Or maybe only silence so as not to be heard at all? How many . . . many . . . many . . . many . . . many times? And yet, only eternity will reveal the results of your efforts.

A sign over a hospital bed in a room I recently visited said, "Hang In There." Good counsel for those who do the King's business. □

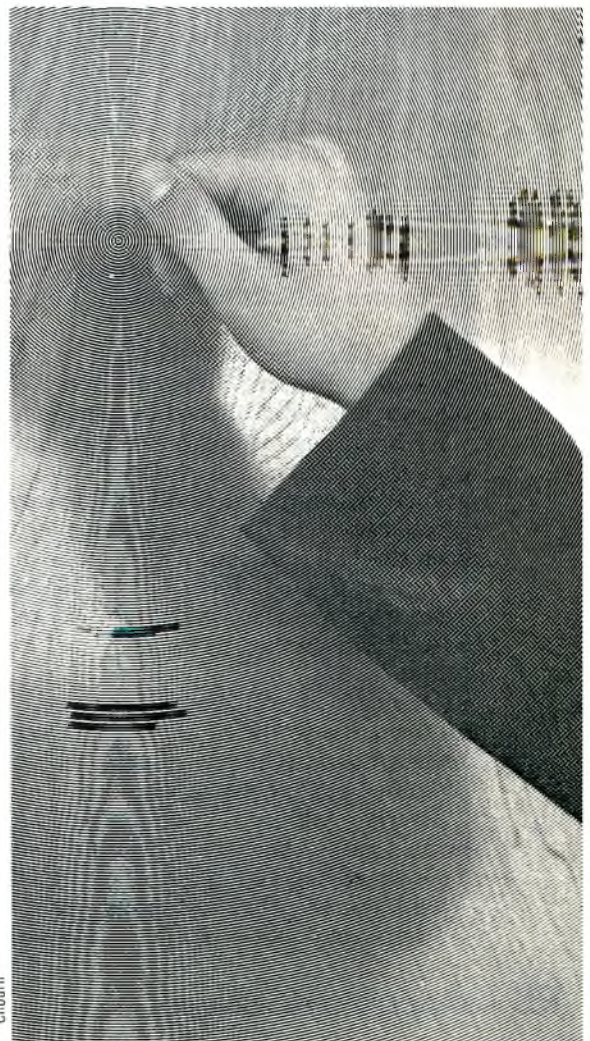
TONIGHT I HEARD one of those great stories of the rewards of outreach evangelism. A young married couple was visited by one of the members of Roanoke First Church of the Nazarene. The visits started 27 years ago.

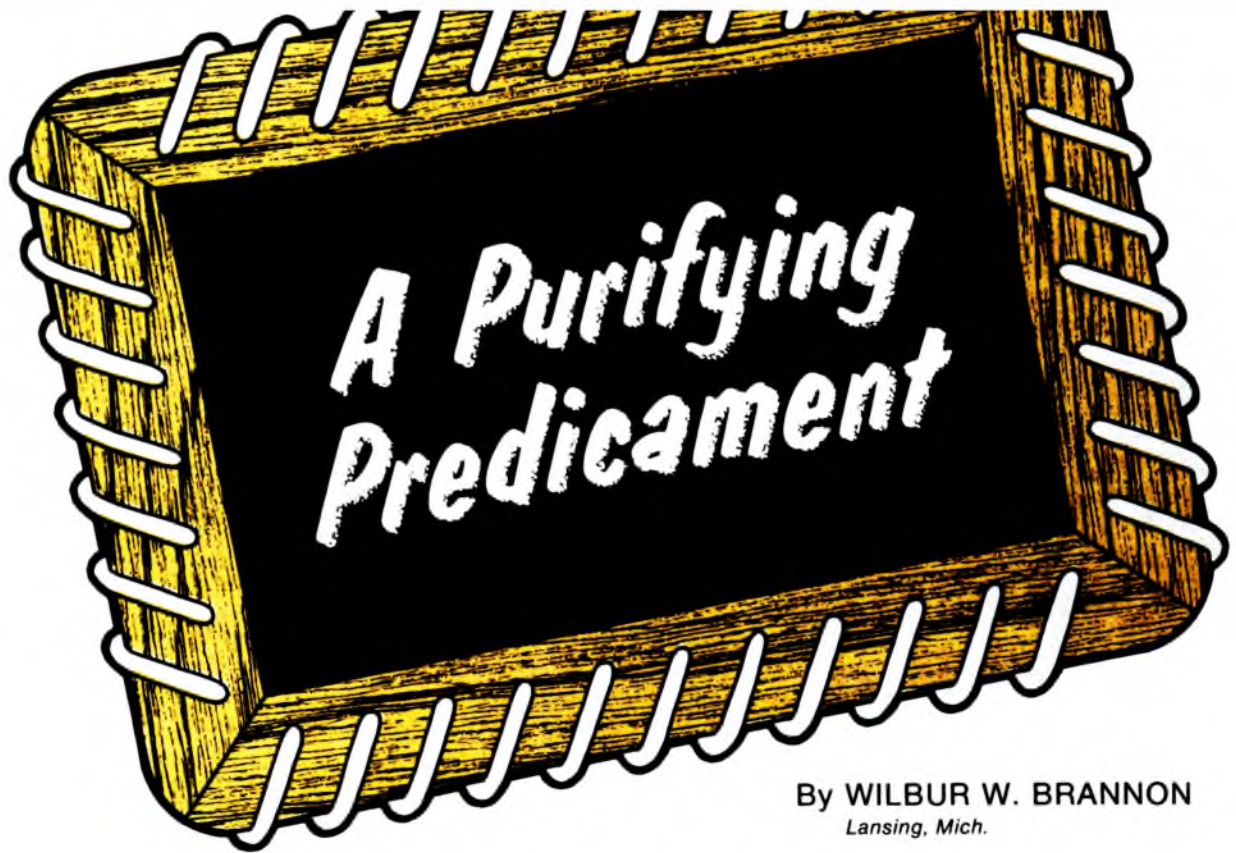
When the outreach person would knock on the door, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham would lay in their beds in absolute quiet, for they didn't want to face the church worker and be confronted with the need to make another false promise.

The Grahams moved and thought that they had eluded the persistent Mr. Bowman for sure. But, there he was the next Saturday asking them to attend First Church.

The game of cat and mouse went on for six years. The church had prayed for the Grahams during that time. Finally one Sunday morning the Grahams came to the altar of prayer and gave their hearts to Christ.

The pastor of the church preached a holiness message





By WILBUR W. BRANNON

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OUR CHAIR-DESKS were crowded in the high school classroom. We were taking an exam, and I was stalled on a question. I pondered. I had already prayed . . . and studied, but now I was stumped.

My eyes dropped inadvertently to the paper next to mine. I saw the girl's answer and *knew* it was right. So I put down the answer. That was wrong. Not the answer, but my putting it down. It had been the girl's answer, not mine.

My action was not premeditated, but it occurred—prompted by a momentary impulse. I handed in the answer as though it belonged to me, though in fact I had taken it from somebody else.

Can a Christian do something like that? Does entire sanctification always prevent you from getting into that kind of predicament?

My heart was heavy. No sooner had I left the room than I knew I had done wrong. I tried to rationalize away the guilt of my action, but honesty prevailed in condemning me. I walked down the hall and down the steps with my heart crying out to God. Then I knew He forgave me.

But what about my salvation? My relationship to God? Did that act de-sanctify me? Had I backslidden?

I couldn't afford to wait for Sunday to make the two trips to the altar. I went directly to my pastor's house. (Oh, how thankful I am for him.)

I spilled out the whole story.

"Brother Atkinson," I admitted, "I know I did wrong. I guess I knew it at the time. But do I need to get saved and sanctified all over again?"

"Did you ask God to forgive you?" he asked. "And are you truly sorry?"

"Oh, yes . . . and I surely won't do it again," I responded.

My pastor asked another question: "Are you willing to go to your teacher and tell her about this, even if it means a failing grade?"

"Yes," I answered deliberately, knowing that step would be hard.

Then my pastor took his Bible and showed me the first two verses of 1 John, second chapter. He explained that John was writing to the "children" of faith, not sinners, and his purpose in writing was that they may not sin. But in the event they did, "we have an advocate"—one to plead our cause—"with the Father, Jesus Christ," and He is just; "And he is the propitiation for our sins:" that is, the remedy for the defilement of our sins.

Pastor Atkinson said, "You have not sinned in the sense of breaking fellowship with the Lord. No," he assured me, "you don't necessarily have to go back to the altar and get saved and sanctified all over again. Look at 1 John 1:7. It says, 'But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.' It's when we refuse 'the light' that we get lost in the dark.

The Spirit used this explanation to illumine my mind and heart.

helps to holy living

When God shows us what to do and we rebel, not only is our response unjustified, our unjustified nature is unveiled as well. But even in error, when we act in uncalculating but wrong ways, if our supreme preference is His will, the sanctification of our heart and life is achieved as the result of a continued loving response to His will.

Though I was fully willing to go through the "two steps" again, nothing could have made me happier that moment and given me more consolation as a Christian than to know Jesus had not cast me out. My heart was leaping with joy at the thought that God still loved me, was forgiving me and filling me with His Spirit. I accepted that gracious forgiveness and continued in obedience.

After walking this "way of holiness" now for 30 years, I have learned that the Spirit moment by moment sanctifies me while my all remains fully yielded to Him. The initial act of divine grace in sanctifying fullness was a crisis, but it isn't that single event that I've relied on in the intervening years. Rather, it has been because of His abiding presence that I have found the deep peace of a sanctifying relationship.

Since that early experience, there have been other times I have had to ask God's forgiveness. I have had to ask people to forgive me, too. Not in order to get saved or sanctified over again, but in order to *keep* saved and wholly sanctified.

We must admit unhappily that Christians do act at times in sub-Christian ways. The problem is not alleviated by castigating them as backsliders. By such actions not only do we become liable as unrighteous judges, but also we may be denying a hidden grace at work within the other person. This does not miss blasphemy too far.

The Christian in the throes of spiritual conflict sometimes reveals the earthiness of his vessel. The quality needs improving, but there is no doubt about whose hands are molding it and the holy use to which those hands are putting it.

There must be no condoning of sin, no excuse for wrong actions. Sin is conquered in the Christian's life. But our failures must be acknowledged, rectified, and by God's grace not repeated. Such confession and immediate divine forgiveness can keep our relationship with the Lord intact.

It isn't easy to grow up. Parents often wish to protect their children from some of the pitfalls of doing so. But children learn some things by themselves, the hard way. By experience. Don't we all? . . . even Christians, continuously learning how to "grow up into Christ."

Sanctification—experiencing the Spirit's purifying love—will prevent us from moral defeat. The Holy Spirit will even use our predicaments, our failures, as occasions for sanctifying us at deeper levels where our spiritual awareness is sensitized and our implicit obedience is prompted by a primary love for God. This is the growth that always happens in the sanctified life, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5, RSV). □



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CLEAR WATERS

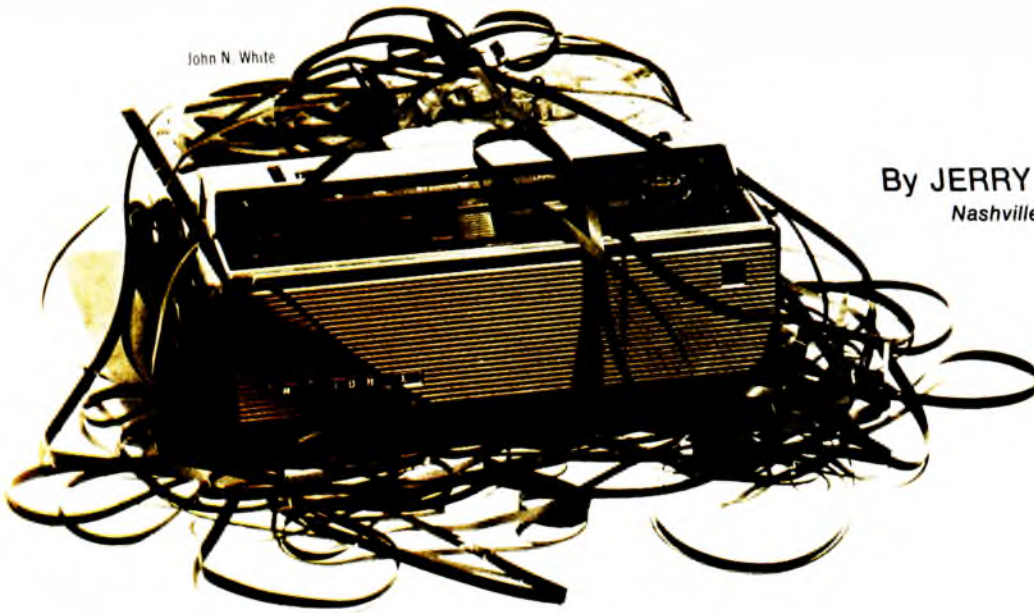
*The restless sea spoke to me
In tones so entreatingly,
I bared my soul and cried aloud,
"O God, remove every cloud!*

*"Darkness has embraced me . . .
Shadows all around I see!"
God answered as the tide came in:
"Take heart—I will remove all sin."*

*The tide receded . . . then I knew
No trace of sin remained. 'Twas
true!*

*My Lord had a miracle performed!
Clear waters had my soul trans-
formed.*

—TRESSA TERRY
Nampa, Ida.



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STUPIDITY OR “UNKNOWINGNESS”

AN ACQUAINTANCE and I were unable to work a simple mechanism. A third person, knowledgeable of such an instrument, came along and was able to assist us. I made a casual remark about our “stupidity.” My friend quickly asserted that “it was not stupidity, but rather a simple case of ‘unknowingness.’” The distinction seemed important to him, so my chuckle was kept silent.

The euphemism of “unknowingness” for “stupidity” is attractive—and in retrospect I must admit it is often most appropriate. “Stupidity” seems to imply some serious moral or judgmental fault, whereas “unknowingness” may describe a missed opportunity. The incident set churning some ideas about the relationship of spiritual growth to Bible study and the Christian’s use of his mind.

The Christian Church has a history which has been plentifully dotted with devout persons who were also intellectual giants; and thousands of others only slightly less conspicuous in their study and discernment. Their knowledge of the Bible, theology, and the history of Christianity was dug out by disciplined effort during centuries when there were few study helps.

But think of the possibilities available to us today of becoming more like the Master through careful and regular study.

“Unknowingness” in our time has resulted in part through the convergence of several trends. The trend toward *specialization* has meant to some that the clergymen are to be the ones with theological and biblical savvy.

The trend toward placing greater emphasis on *feelings*, as opposed to rational processes, has led to such often used expressions as “just because,”

“What are your vibes?” “turn on,” or “Jesus is my high.”

Another major factor contributing to “unknowingness” regarding the Bible and doctrine is the universal *glut of knowledge*, or information overload. For example, “There are so many books and commentaries I don’t know where to begin.” Unfortunately the information glut can lead to despair with nothing at all being done about one’s “unknowingness.”

Specialists are needed; a proper emphasis on feelings for balanced living is beneficial; and, although sometimes dizzying in its impact, we can be grateful for the information glut which characterizes our day. However, Mr. Average Christian needs to be confronted with the possibilities of attaining some new levels of understanding.

There is a close relationship between incorporating sound biblical and theological materials into one’s mind and growing spiritually. Is it not accurate to assert that one will not grow as he ought if he does not continue to deepen his understanding of Christian faith and reach for new spiritual insights? If not universally applicable, at least the assertion approximates the situation for most of us most of the time.

The biblical writers affirmed man’s need to exercise and discipline his intellect and his spirit. They recognized that wisdom is both the awareness of principles and the application of these in one’s everyday experiences. They noted the correlation between knowledge and behavior—as one increases his comprehension of biblical precepts, he improves the quality of his actions.

Wisdom and understanding are exalted by the writer of Proverbs. We would do well to memorize

and adhere to his counsel:

*Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
and the man who gets understanding,
for the gain from it is better than gain from
silver*

*and its profit better than gold.
She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare with
her.*

*Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.*

*Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.*

*She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of
her;*

those who hold her fast are called happy

(Proverbs 3:13-18, RSV).

What are you doing, or going to do, about your areas of “unknowingness”? Opportunities for the acquisition of new insights from the Bible and contemporary Christian literature are almost limitless. One checklist you might use to motivate yourself is to make two schedules: one for this past week (the way it was) and another for this coming week (the way you wish it to be).

Compare three things—time spent (1) watching television, (2) reading newspapers and magazines, and (3) reading, studying, and memorizing the Bible.

Welcome to the lifelong thrill of eliminating “unknowingness” from your life. It is a rewarding and exciting endeavor which enriches one’s spirit, deepens one’s relationship to Christ, and equips one to serve his fellowmen. □

When the Basket Breaks

MOTHER, it’s nice to have a friend to help you when the basket breaks!” exclaimed five-year-old David as he settled down on the car seat beside me.

He had just trudged through a foot of snow from his kindergarten classroom to where I was waiting in the family auto. His arms were loaded with “show and tell” items: a fallen pine branch he had salvaged from the lot where we had purchased our Christmas tree, and a few “odds and ends” he had used to decorate the branch.

With him was one of his faithful little school friends who had helped him carry his precious cargo to the car. One glance at the broken basket, the disarray of snow-covered items on the seat, and then my son’s exclamation, told the story.

My heart welled within me. “Yes, son,” I thought, “it is good to have a Friend to help you when the basket breaks.”

I too have cherished certain things in life, though not as tangible as tree branches and decorations. I have experienced emptiness and bewilderment as they slipped from my grasp. But I have a Friend who was there when everything was falling apart, and He knew just how to help me.

My mind went back to the time when my husband and I were overseas and far from home and those who cared. We were confused and lonely. We knelt one afternoon and poured out our hearts to our Friend. Soon we had “prayed through” and were rejoicing in His outpouring blessing. Our world seemed to be crumbling, but He brought rest and security.

Then there was the time, also in a foreign coun-

try, when this Friend healed our 10-month-old baby. The end of his finger had been cut off in a door. Infection had set in and the tiny bone protruded above the flesh. The doctor showed us the terrible sight. But that night while prayer rose to heaven, our Friend, the ministering Angel, came. The next day the doctors laughed at yesterday’s report. No infection and no protruding bone!

I needed this understanding Friend when my mother slipped out of “my world” into a better one. I had not seen her for almost a year. I longed to visit with her again, but after a 22-hour trip, I was 3 hours too late. In this crushing grief and bitter disappointment, my Friend comforted me by His presence.

In the valley of decision this Friend has paced the floor with me and pointed out the way. In times of sorrow, He has placed His strong hand on my shoulder. Even more importantly, my Friend brought joy when He forgave my sins and later when He cleansed the “inbred sin” from my heart. And He continues to give His joy in every circumstance of life.

“Yes, son, it is good indeed to have a Friend ‘when the basket breaks’ and the bottom falls out.”

He doesn’t “just happen” to be there at the right time. This Friend arranges to be near and is always willing to help. He not only supports in the task of “picking up the pieces,” but He heals my broken heart as well . . . His name is JESUS. □

By JANE KRISTOFFERSEN

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For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matthew 16:26).



THE NEW GOLD RUSH

THERE WAS great excitement when the government again made it legal for private citizens to have gold, and a mad scramble for the precious metal was anticipated.

The gold rush was not as widespread, or as exciting, as anticipated, however, once the restrictions and dangers became known.

While the new gold rush may not be as exciting as the one a century and a quarter ago, when gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in California, and thousands left homes and jobs to trample each other in their search for fortune in the "Mother Lode," yet increasing thousands are shoving, scratching, gouging and, as in that earlier gold rush, trampling each other in their mad scramble for money.

Millions around the world seem to feel that gold, or money—and the security it symbolizes—can be discovered almost anywhere today—in stocks, in oil, in property, in deals of every kind. But a greater discovery—the discovery that money may not be worth what it costs—is made by only a few and then, too often, too late.

A London newspaper offered a prize for the best definition of "money" and it was won by a young man whose definition was as follows: "Money is an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider of everything except happiness."

That young man in London had made the real "gold discovery"—for he had already discovered the important truth that "a man's life does not consist in the things he possesses."

There was another young man—this one in Palestine—who had made the same discovery. For even though he was very rich in material things, he realized one day that he was poverty-stricken in the values that make life meaningful and satisfying. So he came to the One who knew what life, real life, was all about—he came to Jesus.

When he was told the conditions of authentic and meaningful life, however, he turned away, for he had "great possessions." And as he walked away from Christ and the demands and dimensions of real life, he walked back into the frustration and futility of tearing down barns to build larger ones—forgetting that no man can ever have enough of what he doesn't really need.

Mr. J. Paul Getty is a current illustration of the same truth. For while Mr. Getty is one of the world's richest men—*Fortune* magazine listing him as one of two Americans worth over \$4 billion—he was quoted as saying, "I wonder what kind of achievement it really is—to make a lot of money?"

It was a young Jew—and aren't Jews supposed to know about profit and loss?—it was a young Jew who said, "for what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" or, as the *New English Bible* puts it, "lose his true self?" (Matthew 16:26).

And what, indeed?

And yet there are millions in the modern gold rush who in their mad scramble for money will step on any friend, gouge any competitor, take advantage of every sucker, trample every worthwhile value, wreck their emotional or mental or physical health, and sacrifice even their family and their future to get just a little more of the stuff that has never brought them any measure of real happiness or satisfaction or fulfillment as a human being.

Jesus never said that it was wrong to be rich, but the Bible does say, "When riches increase,

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set not your heart upon them." In other words, don't ever let money, or anything it can buy, become what life is all about. For if you do, the only real progression in your life will be from "rich young man" to "rich old fool."

A note was found by a minister upon his pulpit one Sunday morning which read, "The prayers of this congregation are requested for a man who is growing rich."

In this affluent society in which we live, when so many are running as fast as their greed will take them in this new gold rush, that prayer needs to be prayed for millions.

It is not the *amount* of money, of course, but the *love* of it—and the dependence on it—that robs life of its true values, its real riches, its ultimate meaning and is, as the Bible says, "the root of all evil."

Shall we pray: *Wake us up, O God, to the futility of having full pockets but empty hearts, and to the tragedy of having big bank accounts but living bankrupt lives. Forgive us for scrambling for things—when we should be searching for the true riches of Your love and grace and power and presence. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.* □

“Well... What a Change!”

By C. WILLIAM FISHER

THOSE WERE the opening words of Rev. Darrell Teare's greeting when he first visited me in the hospital in Christchurch after my heart attack.

It had been only Sunday night, at the conclusion of our meeting in Christchurch, that I had talked with Rev. Teare, superintendent of our New Zealand District; and now here I was, on Monday morning, in the intensive care unit in Princess Margaret Hospital.

Yes, there *had* been a change.

But I will say this: If anyone feels he just must have a heart attack, I can highly recommend New Zealand! The land is beautiful, the people are magnificent, the hospital care is efficient, and the New Zealand Nazarenes are really something special. True, it's a long way from home, but the people are so gracious and kind they make you feel you *are* at home.

But Rev. Teare was right: A change *had* come—a change necessitating other changes. Even though the doctors said there was every chance for a full recovery, after several consultations with them (one of whom is an eminent cardiologist), and after seeking God's will in prayer, I felt the following changes would be advisable and necessary: to resign as speaker on "Showers of Blessing"; to no longer carry the music in my meetings; and to reduce the number of meetings.

But there are no regrets. When one has only two fish and five biscuits, one needs to give them all, if they are to be used at all. And, as the commercial says, "I have done what I could with what I had." I only wish I had been a better and more effective evangelist.

But there are no regrets about committing my entire ministry to the field of evangelism with the intensity and totality that I have always felt it deserved. I agree with Lord Beaverbrook, "If God calls you to be an evangelist, don't stoop to be a king."

And there are no complaints.

God has been good. In 34 consecutive years of full-time evangelism, I have been in a hospital, as a patient, only twice: 29 years ago, and now this. Otherwise, I have not missed even one service because of illness of any kind. God has been very good, indeed.

And the people have been gracious. In all these years I have never asked for a meeting, nor had a forced vacation for lack of meetings; and over a third of the total have been in those 62 churches in each of which I have had five or more meetings.

Pastors and people have not only been gracious, they also have been generous—enabling me to stay in the field full-time, and making it possible for Mrs. Fisher and I to conduct 117 overseas meetings without accepting one cent in remuneration above travelling costs.

Changes? Of course. And why not? For life is adjustment to change and, as Alvin Toffler says, "Our task is not to stop change, but to manage it and use it."

Some things haven't changed, however. God's love hasn't changed—nor the adequacy of His grace, nor the reliability of His guidance, nor the dependability of His promises.

One other thing: my *confidence* in His *constancy* hasn't changed. Now, more than ever, I'm sure *that* will *never* change.

So I sing more knowingly, and with even greater trust:

*Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!* □

Due to Dr. Fisher's resignation as "Showers of Blessing" speaker, the Radio Sermon of the Month will be discontinued following this issue of the *Herald*. —Editor.

Any Miracles Lately?

MY PLANE SEAT was by the window. Good! By the aisle a businessman was reading a paper. Soon he laid it on the empty seat between us. I glanced at the title. It was the *Wall Street Journal*.

"You may read it," he offered.

I thanked him and confessed that I thought it might give me a clue to his line of business. (You know, you don't like to just ask a person point blank, "What's your business?" But of course I am always interested to know, especially when I want to channel the conversation into Christian witness.)

That morning I had prayed especially for God to guide me to someone on the plane who might need me. My heart was full of praise for the blessing received in the district camp. Just the night before the evangelist had preached vividly on spiritual investments. I had been thinking a great deal on the subject.

Now here was a man on the plane obviously in the investment business. Interesting! He smiled as though sensing my conclusion, and said, "Investments are not my business."

He paused a moment, then added, "I'm just an investor—and not a very smart one!" and laughed. Obviously whatever stocks he had put his money into were not doing very well.

"There are risks in investments," I ventured. It was really a quote from the evangelist's sermon the night before. "That applies to intangible as well as tangible investments."

He looked at me rather quizzically, then asked bluntly, "What business are you in?"

"Intangible investments." I hoped he would want to know more. By this time he was curious enough to probe further.

With a smile he blurted, "Do you sell religion?"

His question opened the way for a long discussion. I told him of my work through the church. I asked about his church.

He had been reared a Catholic but now attended no church. He confessed that he doubted if he really believed in God.

"If there's a God," he said, "looks like you would be seeing some miracles, and I haven't seen any lately, have you?"

Oh, what an opportunity that question gave me to witness to the power of God. Yes, I had seen miracles lately. Many of them.

I told him about the Nazarene layman I had met only yesterday. He and his wife had driven me to the church where I spoke in the morning

service. The specialist had told them only a short while ago that the man was losing his sight, said he would go blind. Already he was having to curtail his activities—including driving. The church went to prayer on his behalf.

Not long afterward the doctor said, "I don't understand it, but his sight is coming back. His eyes are better."

"Doctor, do you believe in prayer?" the wife questioned. The doctor admitted that it was indeed a miracle.

To the would-be atheist on the plane I related other miracles. The most outstanding were transformed lives. I told him of the young man in New York who was born again and delivered from hard drugs, his life completely transformed. Today he is singing and preaching about the power of God through Jesus Christ.

"Oh yes, I've seen miracles lately. I have experienced some in my own life." As I witnessed to the joy, the peace, the satisfaction, this businessman seemed to have difficulty holding back the tears.

"Well, I must say," he confessed, "you are very convincing."

His home was in New York. I told him about our Manhattan Church and gave him the pastor's name. He had heard on TV about the church's purchase of the Lamb's Club building.

The plane landed. My new acquaintance seemed appreciative. He asked me to give him a list of good eating places to try while attending his convention. Then just before we parted, he named again the restaurants I had given him—and added, "And the man to see in New York is Paul Moore."

"Right," I agreed, "Rev. Paul Moore, pastor of the Manhattan Church of the Nazarene. And I will be praying for you."

All he said was, "Well, I surely need it!"

I don't know the outcome yet. I am still praying for the man who hadn't seen any miracles lately. But I know one thing—he heard about some miracles, and was impressed with what God is doing now.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if our family of believers would unite in prevailing prayer that this hungry man, and others like him, might experience the miracle of God's transforming power? Will you join in this prayer? □

By MARY E. LATHAM

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Grover Brinkman

Petrified to Glorify

By C. DALE GERMAN

Show Low, Ariz.

IN THE DIM PAST the land where I now live was tropical. Archaeologists and other scientists say it was lush with fruits, tall palms, and strange dinosaurs.

Evidence of these wonders abound in fossils, rock formations, and Arizona's ever famous petrified wood. That wood is said to be older than most of us can comprehend.

Petrified wood is fascinating. I find much of it in my own backyard. Within its depths it has all the brilliant colors of the rainbow. Often the bark is so clear and natural looking I have to reach out and touch it to make sure it's solid and real.

Petrified wood is stronger than steel, prettier than stained glass. And when polished it's smoother than silk, shinier than rain, and more fun to play with than marbles.

Christians have some of the same qualities as this rare wood. The Holy Spirit has set deep within them a colorful radiance that the natural man could never have formed.

Outwardly, Christians look much like other people. But when you reach out and touch the "bark" of their lives, you find they are strong, firm, and conditioned to stand the tests of our times. They are real.

Before moving to "petrified wood country," I always thought anything petrified was as either "scared to death" or just plain cold and hard. But God is teaching me a spiritual lesson through the unique processes of nature which result in petrified wood.

Petrification is a long, slow process. Developing Christian maturity is a long, slow process too.

Petrification takes the usual, a tree, and transforms it into the unusual, a rock of wood. Jesus Christ takes the usual, a man, and transforms him into the unusual, a rock of spiritual strength capable of withstanding the storms of life.

Petrification takes the temporary and turns it into the permanent. Likewise, salvation takes eternal death and turns it into everlasting life.

Petrification takes the dull hues of unpolished wood, and makes sunbursts of color out of them. Christ alone can change the dullness of days into sunbursts of new life and meaning.

If you are ever passing through Arizona on Interstate 40, don't miss seeing the Petrified Forest. And when you see it, remember that just as surely as that wood had to be petrified to be glorified, there are inner qualities within you that only the long, slow process of Christian maturing can bring to the surface in all their wonderful color and glory. □



“Who Did He Say Killed the Church, Daddy?”

THE CORNERSTONE bore the date 1905. But the church was dead. Weeds and overgrowth added a full measure to the blight of the neighborhood. There was a signboard above the door but the elements had so erased it that the name was as vague as the purpose of the building. Windows were broken and the door stood ajar.

“Let’s go in and look around,” my 12-year-old daughter suggested.

“I suppose no one would care,” I said, as we plied our way through the weeds and stepped cautiously among the litter of cans and bottles.

Across the street an old man, as weatherbeaten as the church building, watched our every move. He waited until the traffic cleared, then crossed the street. We were inside when he joined us.

“Hi,” I said, greeting the old man. “This your church?”

“Used to be,” he replied. “I still come and clean up once in a while.”

I was amazed at the reasonably good appearance of the interior. Several hymnals lay in the aisle and one pew had been ruined by the rain blowing in through the broken glass. But otherwise, it was not what I expected after seeing the outside.

“What happened to the church?” I queried.

“No one left to love it. A church has to be loved like a house. If no one loves it, the house will soon show it. Plenty of examples of that in this neighborhood.”

Behind the choir loft were faded maroon drapes, dust laden and ornamented with dozens of cobweb patterns.

“My wife and I were married here when I came back from the war in 1919.” He was pensive. His face was lifted slightly and his ear was turned toward the choir loft as though he were hearing an anthem from long ago.

“As a matter of fact, young man, I met her right here. Prettiest girl . . .” He reflected silently once more and seemed to listen for the past to make all its magic sounds again.

“Daddy, do you want me to clean it up?” my daughter asked, arranging the hymnals as though there would be a service there Sunday morning.

“We’ll have to be going, honey.”

It was too late to clean it up. Too late to love this place. It would stand like the ghost of indifference until a bulldozer buried it beneath its own debris-ridden lot.

I had never thought about loving a church. Obviously many people loved our church. It was always clean and freshly painted. The lawn was neat and the shrubs well trimmed. Yes, someone loved it for sure.

But if it were up to me it might soon look like this one. My attendance was erratic and though others had visited me many times, I had never called on an absentee or prospect. And my giving . . .

I signaled my daughter that it was time to leave. We slipped out, leaving behind the old man and his memories in a derelict church building.

“Who did he say killed the church, Daddy?”

“He just said that no one was left to love it. I suppose it was people like me. Careless, carefree people like your daddy, honey.”

“Oh,” she said, staring up at me in disbelief. In her eyes tears were pooling, bearing a quiet but stinging rebuke. I felt my own guilt and despised the shame of it. □

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... TAKEN FOR GRANTED

Nobody likes to be taken for granted . . . particularly in a love relationship. Wives and mothers want their husbands and children to express love and appreciation to them often. Husbands and fathers need to be reminded by their wives and children that they are important to them and that their loving deeds and thoughtful gestures do not go unnoticed. Children thrive in an atmosphere of affection and appreciation. Positive reward has always been the best way to change and mold a child's behavior.

Since God created us in His own image, I think He doesn't like for us to take His love for granted either.

Sunday night in church an elderly lady stood up, praised God, and thanked Him for the beautiful sunset she had just enjoyed . . . and for the corn and zucchini in her garden . . . and for the warm sunshine and the water in the river by her house. I felt badly because I sometimes take God's goodness for granted.

My husband is an orthopaedic surgeon and does all kinds of rehabilitative things in the operating room. He straightens out bones, puts muscles and tendons back together, or sometimes reroutes them; replaces stiff, painful joints with artificial ones that don't hurt and even work.

Yet, if God hadn't designed our bodies with healing processes, his surgery would be futile. A doctor friend of ours often says, "I make the patient comfortable while God does the healing."

I've been thinking about what Jesus did for me when He died on the Cross. The painful beatings, the humiliation of being spit upon, lugging His own cross along the road, having His hands and feet nailed to rough board, and being hung up to die in excruciating pain. Then bearing the awful agony and dreadful loneliness of being forsaken by His Father while He bore my sins and took my punishment.

There was a sign on His cross that read, "JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS." The sign should have read, "Aarlie J. Hull, Sinner."

But you know, I've gone for weeks at a time without even thanking Jesus for doing that for me. I am involved in many aspects of Christian living: making a Christian home, trying to be a good Bible teacher, working in PTO and other school-related activities, counseling and praying with people who need God's touch in their lives.

I get involved in good, Christian activities and forget that after all is said and done, salvation—God's sacrifice of His Son—is the one fact that gives my life meaning. And when I receive His gift of eternal life, purchased for me on the Cross, how can I lay it aside and treat it like it's just another of His many gifts?

Visualize yourself with a friend who is a cabinet maker. He loves you very much and is a very fine craftsman. One day he takes his entire life's savings to buy some very expensive, beautiful wood to make a table for you.

He works for many weeks constructing the table, hand carving exquisite designs on it, and polishing it to a lustrous sheen. Finally it is finished. One day he comes to your house or apartment and presents the table to you as a free gift from him.

You have two options: You can refuse to accept the gift (but that doesn't change the fact that he made it for you and wants you to have it), or you can gratefully receive the gift. If you choose the latter option, the chances are you would not put that beautiful, valuable table in the basement and stack paint cans on it. You probably wouldn't put it in an obscure corner of the living room and pile newspapers on it either.

Most likely, you would put that table in the middle of the room or maybe in front of the big window where it could be the focal point of the room. When people came to your home, you would enthusiastically tell them about your friend who made and gave you the lovely table.

Eternal life, God's fantastic gift to us, should be the focal point of our lives. It must hurt Him so much when we push it aside or stick it in the basement of our lives, taking it for granted. □

The Dual Direction of Divine Love

Peter Bertocci, late professor of philosophy at Boston University, once said that the most important thing in religious development is not simply the conviction that “God loves me.” The individual must also experience the transition to loving God.

One who thinks of God solely as his own security is more liable to prejudice, to an exaggerated view of self, and to insensitivity to others, than one who loves a merciful God and his neighbor as himself. Real love and true religion involve creative acceptance of a cross.

Herein lies an elemental but oft overlooked truth which might well serve as a supplement, if not a corrective, to much current teaching about the directions of divine love in the life of the Christian.

We hear much about the truth that “God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.” Indeed He does. It can’t be said too often or stressed too much. The idea that God is some cosmic tyrant waiting with anticipation to pour out His judgment upon helpless humanity is foreign to Christian teaching, and contrary to everything we know about the revelation of himself in Jesus Christ.

Let us keep saying it in unmistakable and clear tones, and with compassion for men who are starving for lack of love and personal concern—“God loves you.” He loves the world. But more specifically, He loves you and me with an everlasting love.

The love made known in Christ is a personal love, tailored to fit each isolated, guilty, and lonely individual. John Wesley found no real peace until the night on Aldersgate Street when the Spirit of God illuminated his mind and enabled him to grasp by faith the saving truth that “God loves me, even me.”

It is not insignificant that this love was revealed at Calvary—on a cross.

Obviously to be truly Christian one must advance beyond the intellectual phase of faith in which one only grasps with the mind, and gives mere mental assent to, the *fact* of God’s love. That love must be appropriated by trust and commitment, by one’s total being so that

the “love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5).

But Bertocci is right. Our spiritual development must exceed even this stage. The love which has been graciously showered upon us and placed within us must work itself out in our daily exercise and conduct. This is surely a part of the meaning of Paul’s admonition to the Philippians: “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:12-13).

If one never moves from the initial phase of acceptance that “God loves me,” his religious life will become a mere formality—a spiritual “Dead Sea”—if not a form of self-exaltation. It can easily degenerate into little more than a pious expression of “I love me.”

We must love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbor as ourself (Matthew 22:37-39).

To fail to experience more than the truth that “God loves me” will lead one to develop an experience-centered religious life that is individualistic and dependent upon the vagaries of emotional highs and lows. Only spiritual retardation and stunted growth can result.

This pattern of religious life may have the appearance of devotion, but in reality is a self-centered imitation of the suffering love exhibited by Christ on the Cross. One’s personal and emotional needs become paramount and the concerns of others are minimized.

God’s love for man, for “even me,” is the necessary prerequisite for loving God and others. His love for us precedes our love for Him. John’s words are the classic expression of this truth: “We love him, because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19). But the apostle did say, “We love *Him*.” It is to this point in our Christian journey that we must arrive by grace.

The implications for the God-given love which flows in this direction—upward and outward—are clearly set forth in the teachings and examples of Jesus. If God’s kind of love is to be evidenced and shared, the cross cannot be avoided. Jesus said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”

If Jesus went to the Cross, so must we. If Jesus loved the loveless, so must we. If Jesus

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ignored the petty and self-righteous views of the pseudo-religionists, so must we. If Jesus ministered to the outcasts, the brokenhearted, the immoral, the poverty-stricken, the hungry, so must we. If Jesus preached deliverance to the captives, freedom from sin, so must we.

"No man can change the direction of his love any more than a rock can change the direction of its fall." In this Augustine, bishop of Hippo, conveyed truth.

But knowing God loves me, and resting my whole being on this sure word of promise, I will be brought to the Cross where He desires to remove all sinful and selfish love, to make my love single and without alloy.

Only then can I move in my spiritual development beyond the infantile stage of Christian living—the "God loves me" stage—and into the creative stage of service and reconciliation—the "I love God and others" stage. □

"Nostalgia for the Future"

Change has been with us since the beginning of time. It is inevitable. Men have always been able to cope with change. In fact, throughout history they have produced it.

In our century, however, particularly since World War II, change has become so dramatic and rapid due to the spectacular growth of technology that man now seems incapable of absorbing the changes which have altered his life-styles.

The development of atomic and nuclear power, the space exploits which have placed men on the moon, the unbelievable laser beam, the increasing ability to control or determine human life—the list appears limitless—all have contributed to man's illusion of supremacy. At times he fancies himself as the master of his fate, one who has "come of age."

On the other hand, never has man experienced such frustration as he encounters problems which defy solution—the inability to find an enduring peace between nations, inequity of wealth, intricacies of monetary problems, ever increasing pollution, the millions of the world who are starving, and unprecedented social unrest.

All of this has evoked varying and sometimes

contradictory responses. On the one hand some assume that God is unnecessary and religion is passé. On the other hand, some feel a sense of futility in the face of the complex social problems.

The two perspectives have given rise to rather predictable emphases and practices. For some, change is king and there are no moral absolutes. Therefore we have widespread breakdown of traditional value systems. Yet man's inability to solve his problems has led many to emphasize the *apocalyptic* character of our day.

In such times man looks to the future for relief. Consequently, there is a renewed emphasis on the Christian understanding of the "end times" and on the second coming of Christ.

This is not surprising, for as someone has observed, man is made with a "nostalgia for the future." Without a future his life becomes meaningless. This innate human desire finds fulfillment only in Christian faith. Christ is the "firstfruits" of our resurrection, and the Holy Spirit who has been given to us is the Guarantee of, or Deposit on, our final inheritance.

The second coming of Christ is the blessed hope of every Christian and of the Church. It was an important element of early Christian preaching and teaching and is a vital part of our faith.

However, to allow the desire for His coming to divert our attention from the vast social and spiritual needs all around us is to ignore the clear admonitions of the Scriptures. We know that Christ is coming. When—though we are given numerous signs—we know not.

Paul in 1 Thessalonians clearly underscores the fact of Christ's coming. But in his second letter he enjoins those who had quit their jobs to go back to work for the good of others.

As Christ's followers we can never forget the work we are called to do, the evangelizing we are commanded to continue, and the service we are expected to render.

To succumb to a sense of futility, or to become unduly preoccupied with our future hope will lead us to live in an unbiblical way. Our "nostalgia for the future" must not be permitted to dissipate our impetus for life and service in the present. Nonetheless, let us look for "the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). □

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By Melton Wienecke

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"REACH OUT AND TOUCH" TOUCHES NAZARENE COLLEGES

The current Sunday school enlargement campaign, "Reach Out and Touch," is not only successful and well received, it has also produced some unusual activities. Among these is a contest between our Nazarene colleges.

All of the college presidents received one-half of a pair of "Praying Hands" bookends. The presidents and student religious activity leaders are in competition to try to win the "hand" of the other presidents while trying to keep from losing their own.

Many times, due to the complexity of the college campus and

local church involvement situations, it is difficult for the campus to incorporate some of the promotion programs used in the local church. In this instance, the colleges win or lose according to a count of the number of students involved in any way in Sunday school attendance the previous Sunday.

The winning presidents will receive the matching hands to the pair of bronze "Praying Hands" bookends and their student religious life leaders will win beautiful attache cases.

But the beautiful action behind the rivalry is college student involvement in nearby Sunday schools.

EXCITING REPORT FROM HAWAII

The following report was just received from Rev. Robert Killen, church schools board chairman of the Hawaii District:

"Aloha and greetings from Hawaii, the land of sunshine and rainbows! The fall Sunday school campaign, 'Reach Out and Touch,' is thrilling, and our district has taken hold of the opportunities. There are many victories for Christ and the church.

"Bill Young was our speaker and Wally and Ginger Laxson provided the special music for the kick-off banquet held on the Saturday of camp meeting.

"As far as the competition is concerned, it is very good. Cliff and Malinda Green, the district 'Key Kupule,' have obtained a number of prizes from companies and merchants. Some of these will be given to local churches who need help for their use in local promotion. The big prize is two round-trip tickets to Anchorage, Alaska, via Western Airlines. Western Airlines made a presentation of the tickets."



Pictured from left to right: Cliff and Malinda Green, District "Key Kupule"; Mr. Tom Costello, representative from Western Airlines; Rev. Virgil Grover, district superintendent; and Rev. Bob Killen, district church schools chairman.

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NEW FACULTY MEMBERS AT NNC

Eight new faculty members joined other members of the teaching staff at Northwest Nazarene College when classes began on September 5. Included were the following:

Dr. Gary Ganske, former associate professor of mathematics at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., wrote an article, "Finite Rings," in collaboration with an associate, which was published in the *Rocky Mountain Journal of Mathematics*.

Dr. Wesley Hanson earned his doctorate at the University of North Dakota, and he has spent the past three years as a research associate; Dr. Dale Williamson, inorganic chemist, also has had articles in journals in his field.

Dr. C. S. Cowles, author, speaker, and teacher, will serve in the department of religion. (Dr. Cowles is a regular contributor to the *Preacher's Magazine*). Newell Morgan, doctoral candidate in Spanish



ASTRONAUT IRWIN SPEAKS AT BIBLE COLLEGE

Col. James Irwin, the eighth man to walk on the moon, spoke in chapel at Nazarene Bible College, September 23. Only 12 men have made the trip to the moon. Col. Irwin was the pilot of the landing module on the flight of Apollo 15.

In his speech, he gave the detailed explanation of his preparation for the flight as well as the actual flight itself. His testimony of God's presence with him in space and on the surface of the moon was an inspiration.

During his visit to the NBC campus, he presented the college with a picture of himself, the landing module, and the land rover on the moon. Col. Irwin is pictured autographing the picture in the president's office following the chapel service. □



President and Mrs. Kenneth H. Pearsall (seated, l. to r.), Mrs. Ford and Dr. Gilbert C. Ford, academic vice-president at NNC, hosted a dinner for new faculty members at the Nampa college. Faculty members (standing, l. to r.) include: Newell Morgan, Roger Schmidt, Terry Layton, Elwood Self, Dr. Gary Ganske, Dr. C. S. Cowles, Dr. Wesley Hanson, and Dr. Dale Williamson.

at the University of New Mexico, will serve as acting head of the department of foreign languages; and Elwood A. Self has a master's degree in communications from Michigan State University and is pursuing his doctorate in that field.

Terry Layton earned his master's degree at Mankato State College and will be basketball coach and intramural director; and Roger Schmidt, NNC graduate, who obtained his master's degree in health, physical education, and recreation at Central Michigan University. □

FORMER PRESIDENT RETURNS TO POINT LOMA COLLEGE

A former president of Point Loma College, Dr. W. T. Purkiser, was the keynote speaker for the annual Founder's Day Chapel, Monday, October 13, in Golden Gymnasium. Dr. Purkiser, who was president of Pasadena (now Point Loma) College from 1948 to 1957, has joined the PLC faculty this year as professor of Biblical theology and literature.



Dr. Purkiser, an alumnus of Pasadena College, notes a feeling of gratification at being invited to address the Founder's Day Chapel for his alma mater where he later taught and was president. Also, he is "delighted to be back on the undergraduate scene" at PLC as he enters a new area of his life, partial retirement.

Prior to returning to Point Loma College this year, Dr. Purkiser had served for 15 years as editor of the Church of the Nazarene denominational magazine, the *Herald of Holiness*. Concurrently he was

part-time professor of English Bible at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

Author of several books on theology and Bible commentaries, Dr. Purkiser earned the M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Southern California. He is currently editor of the *Wesleyan Theological Journal*. □



Diana Dougan receives congratulations from Rev. Jim Diehl, assistant to the president, for being the one thousandth student to enroll.

RECORD ENROLLMENT FOR MANC

Enrollment for Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, Kans., totals 1,057 students for the fall, 1975, semester. Last year's enrollment was 975 students. For the second consecutive year, MANC ranks first in enrollment among the 24 private colleges and universities in Kansas.

MANC officials predicted an enrollment of 1,000 students. Miss Diana Dougan, 19, Stilwell, Kans., sophomore, was the one thousandth student to register. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Dougan of Stilwell.

"I've been waiting for this ever since the college opened in 1968," said Dr. R. Curtis Smith, MANC president, about the enrollment of more than 1,000 students. "I didn't think it would happen so quickly." □

PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE— Nazarene Communications Commission photographer Dave Anderson caught the people-centered spirit of summer ministries with this montage of photos taken during the Christian Action Team debriefing in California.



A television cameraman silhouetted against the Los Angeles sky records Christian Action ministry late into the evening.



Eddie Rodarte faces tomorrow with a new joy in his heart as he shares his newfound faith with others.

"CELEBRATION" CLIMAXES MINISTRY FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION TEAMS

On August 25, Nazarenes in the Pasadena, Calif., Civic Center auditorium experienced the climax of one summer of ministry and a preview of things to come. They gathered to help Christian Action Team participants conclude their summer of miracles.

The celebration was planned as the culmination of an intensive day of debriefing for the 49 Nazarene collegiate volunteers. They had just completed assignments in home mission locations.

Representative members of the Student Mission Corps, sponsored by the Department of World Missions, and the Lost and Found Singers, sponsored by the Department of Youth, also joined them.

Hosting the celebration were the Los Angeles and Southern California districts. District Superintendents Paul Benefiel and Nick Hull were in charge of arrangements.

The entire day was recorded on videotape. It was under the direction of Executive Producer Paul Skiles of the Nazarene Communications Commission.

The result is a "television spe-



Team participants share their experiences with other teams during the debriefing.



Cindy Brooks brought a ministry of friendship to Mrs. Alice Curless while Danny Franco bridged the generation gap in another direction with children at the Nazarene Christian School in Huntington Park.

cial" of approximately 30 minutes. It presents an action-centered picture of Nazarene ministry to secular television audiences as well as to the church.

The entire summer project was both the continuation of a long-standing tradition of Nazarene personal evangelism and a prototype of things to come.

Various departments of the general church joined their particular talents in one program with the

single aim—to present a redemptive, life-changing witness for Jesus Christ.

This united approach was evident during the two weeks of intensive training at Nazarene Theological Seminary. The largest single block of training was devoted to personal evangelism under the direction of Dr. Don Gibson, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism.

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before the participants had left Kansas City for their assignments, 12 persons were won to Christ.

The second largest block of training was devoted to vacation Bible school skills. Melt Wienecke of the Department of Church Schools gave helpful direction.

Mel Schroeder of the Communications Commission provided instruction in puppetry. Lane Zachary, director of the Lost and Found for the Department of Youth, rehearsed and trained the VBS music groups.

Dr. Paul Orjala and Dr. Kenneth Grider of the Nazarene Theological Seminary faculty gave theological insights into missions and social problems.

Dr. Sergio Franco, director of bilingual education for the Kansas City School District and Nazarene writer and editor, led the sections on cross-cultural training.

Community leaders from the inner city also participated at the invitation of Dr. Franco.

Throughout the training and the summer of ministry, participants kept in mind the challenge of Christian Action Team Director Roger E. Bowman. They were not merely to perform skillfully, but they were to coach local church members in the skills of personal evangelism so the ministry would continue.

Members of the team who went to Manhattan, N.Y., quickly gathered additional "team" members and trained them. So the Manhattan Church had, in effect, four teams in action during the summer.

At Huntington Park, Calif., church, Christian Action Team members coached local people in the Kennedy Plan of personal soul winning.

One of the new Christians at Huntington Park, Eddie Rodarte, began to witness to others. By the end of the summer, he had won 12 more to Christ.

An additional benefit from the summer's ministry came as participants made life commitments of service in the inner city, in social work, or the ministry. □

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WILLIAMSON**

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Sight returned after 26 years of blindness for Carol Sparks, wife of Pastor Carlos H. Sparks of Alief, Tex. Having undergone three years of preparatory surgeries by Dr. Richard Torchia at Toledo, Ohio, way was made for the dramatic final surgery at Center Pavilion Hospital, Houston.

Early February this year, Dr. Louis J. Girard of Houston implanted a keratoprosthesis (artificial cornea) into the tissue of Carol's right eye.

As early as July 3, Mrs. Sparks realized she would have vision again. However, the final unveiling was on the afternoon of her thirty-seventh birthday, August 5. Tests a few days later revealed she had 20-30 vision without the aid of glasses. Carol had lost her sight at the age of 11 through a violent reaction to sulfa drugs.

Since receiving her sight, Mrs. Sparks has read two missionary books; one-third of *The New Living Bible*; *The Hiding Place*, by Corrie ten Boom; and a book on faith. Currently she has read 30 pages of book A of an encyclopedia.

"She reads everything, even the bean can labels," her husband quipped.

Vision for Mrs. Sparks had been a matter of prayer all across America, and in England and Scotland. The Sparkses pastored in Tennessee and Ohio before moving to Alief, Tex., to build a new church on the Houston District.

Carol's story of tragedy and unyielding faith was told in a story published in the January 3, 1973, issue of the *Herald*, entitled: "That Which I Have Committed."

With this announcement of victory comes the thanks of the Sparkses for the faithfulness of so many to pray. □



Over 300 evangelists and 1,100 pastors attended the 20 regional "Interaction Clinics" with Dr. Don Gibson, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism, during June, July, and August. An interesting feature in each clinic was a panel of evangelists and pastors who dealt with such subjects as: Revival preparation by pastor, evangelist and church board communication (understanding between pastor and evangelist), lengthening the schedule of the commissioned evangelist, adequate support for the evangelist, in-service training for the evangelist. Pictured are the evangelists attending the Pittsburgh Clinic.

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DR. RICHARD V. BENNER RECEIVES HONOR

Dr. Richard V. Benner was notified earlier this year that his doctoral dissertation had been selected for national Dissertation of the Year honors by the Association of Professors of Higher Education.



The dissertation, entitled "The Strategy and Structure of Change in the University: Theory and Research on Decision Making in Complex Organizations," focused on the manner in which the pattern of decision making changes as the level of attention and controversy concerning an organizational issue changes.

Dr. Benner received his Ph.D. from Stanford University in 1974 in organizational and administrative studies.

Currently Dr. Benner is director of evaluation and information systems for continuing education at the University of California—San Francisco.

Recently he received a \$430,000, three-year grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to develop a Western Regional Center for Professional Continuing Education. The Center will develop evaluation and management services for continuing education in the health sciences.

Dr. Benner and his wife, the former Patricia Sawyer, and son, John Lawrence, two, attend San Francisco First Church. Dr. Benner serves as Sunday school superintendent. He is the son of Mrs. Hugh C. Benner, wife of the late General Superintendent Benner. □

REACH OUT AND TOUCH IN OKLAHOMA

Over 200 pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and their wives, plus "Key Kuples," gathered at Enid, Okla., September 5-6, for a three-session mini-clinic on personal evangelism.

It all started with a banquet on Saturday night when Dr. Jerald Locke, district superintendent; Rev. Ed Murphy, church school chairman; and Key Kuple Bud and Gladys Lecrone challenged these leaders to increase their Sunday school attendance by 40 percent above last year's average, plus receive 645 new members by profession of faith.

An interesting feature of the two Saturday sessions was special training in witnessing by Dr. and Mrs. Don Gibson, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism. Four ingredients were offered: (1) Know the person (build bridge of friendship); (2) Know the *Word*; (3) Share your testimony; and (4) Lead the person to Christ.

A similar program was conducted by Dr. Don Gibson at Okmulgee, Okla., for the Southeast and Northeast Oklahoma districts, September 12-13. □



ANCHORAGE, ALASKA CHURCH OBSERVES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Anchorage First Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary August 30.

Charter and former members came from Maine, California, Washington, Oregon, Missouri, and across Alaska.

Three of the four pastors were present for the celebration that was climaxed with a banquet of over 400 persons present. Letters and greetings were read from across the United States.

The M. R. Korodys founded the work in Anchorage in 1949. During their 14 years of ministry the church grew with the community and was actively involved in building the physical as well as the spiritual, having a part in local and state building laws, organizing the school districts, serving with fi-

nance committees and fund drives that saw hospitals and a university emerge.

Rev. Korody was selected to pray the official prayer when Alaska became a state under President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Pastor Korody had a local television program for nine and one-half years.

"Korody Day" was proclaimed when they left Anchorage. They had received 450 persons into membership. They had also watched a second church organized. Rev. Korody is now pastoring Kansas City Summit View Church.

Rev. Hugh Hines was the second pastor of First Church. Under his leadership a remodeling program and educational facilities were added. After ministering six years, Rev. Hines is now pastor in Apple Valley, Calif.

Rev. John Eppler succeeded Rev. Hines. For four years the church continued its growth, and a third church took its place in Anchorage community life. Rev. Eppler now pastors in Mundelein, Ill.

Rev. Bob Denham is the present pastor, and the church continues to prosper under his leadership. During the anniversary celebration \$20,000 was pledged toward debt reduction and building a fourth church in the Jewel Lake area of Greater Anchorage.

District Superintendent Robert Shepherd also resides in Anchorage. This thriving metropolis predicts growth to 1 million by 1980. The Church of the Nazarene is growing with it. □



Wayne VanDyne leads choir members of the Independence, Kans., First Church through a final number Sunday, August 10, before retiring after 29 years as choir director. VanDyne was recognized during the morning worship service and was guest of honor at a church social. He was presented a recliner and money from the congregation in recognition of his many years of service. VanDyne will be succeeded in the position by Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Curry. Rev. Clifton Norell is the pastor.

ENC PRESIDENT APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR

President Donald Irwin has announced the appointment of Rev. Gary Jones as the new director of recruitment and communications for Eastern Nazarene College.



Rev. Jones and his wife, Juanita (Parry), had pastored the Rock Hill, N.Y., church. The church was begun less than three years ago as a home missions work and now has a new chapel, parsonage, and a foundation of members for continued growth.

In his new position at ENC, Rev.

Jones will be primarily responsible for the general college recruiting program as well as specific recruitment in Maine, New England, and New York. His responsibilities will also include matters related to general church public relations.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones are graduates of ENC. Rev. Jones also has received the Master of Business Administration degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and the Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

They and their children, Jody, three; Jeffrey, one; and Jennifer, three weeks, became associated with ENC effective September 15. □



Fort Wayne, Ind., First Church has completed a relocation and building project. Previously located in a deteriorating area, the church purchased five acres on a major traffic artery and began construction of new facilities under the leadership of Rev. C. E. Lykins. The building was completed under Rev. Carl C. Ingersol, pastor since August, 1973. Facilities include a fellowship hall and educational space for a completely departmentalized Sunday school. The sanctuary is furnished with padded pews and carpet throughout. Since dedication of the new building, the Sunday school average attendance has increased 26 percent and the church has attained the Evangelistic Honor Roll.



**"MEN-IN-MISSIONS"
WORK CRUSADE**

Our theme of "Reach Out and Touch" was put into practice on an international scale when a Men-in-Missions group traveled to Central America to construct a church building.

On August 17, four women and nine men from the Central Ohio District landed in San Jose, Costa Rica, to begin a two-week work crusade.

The project was coordinated by Dr. Paul Gamertsfelder of the Columbus, Ohio, Shepherd Church, and led by Tom Alexander of the Grove City, Ohio, church.

In Costa Rica, the four women stayed in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Wilson, and the nine men were housed in the Central American Nazarene Seminary.

The growth of the church has been phenomenal in Costa Rica. In just six short years, 11 churches have been organized. Our purpose was to construct a permanent church to replace a temporary meeting place in the pastor's home.

The Men-in-Missions volunteers came home with a new outlook on missions after sharing in the daily lives of the missionaries for two weeks. They had worked side by side with Costa Ricans on the church building. They had taken an active part in the weekly ser-

VICES and revivals, being involved in daily group devotions, speaking through interpreters. Also, they had attended church socials prepared by the Costa Rican women, besides having fellowship gatherings with nine missionaries and their families. □

**TWO PLC PROFESSORS
ELECTED TO EMERITUS
STATUS**

Dr. Paul T. Culbertson and Dr. Harvey B. Snyder were honored with retirement citations during the Point Loma College commencement exercises and elected professors emeriti.

Dr. Paul Culbertson is retiring after 34 years with Pasadena/PLC. He has served 17 years as academic dean of the college and another 17 years as professor of history and psychology. Author of several books and a graduate of the University of Oregon, Dr. Culbertson has been known for his involvement, his faith, his refusal to stop learning and developing, and his commitment to the supremacy of love.

Dr. Harvey Snyder joined the staff of Pasadena/PLC in 1938. He was the originator and successful promoter of the first teacher credential programs at Pasadena College while serving as chairman of the division of education and psychology. For five years Dr. Snyder

was dean of graduate studies before becoming administrative assistant to the president of the college in 1966. He also was instrumental in gaining accreditation for Pasadena College. A graduate of the University of Southern California, Dr. Snyder will be remembered as a goodwill ambassador of the college among educators throughout California. □



On June 22 the Sidney, Mont., church was dedicated, with District Superintendent Ross E. Price giving the address. Also participating in the service of dedication were former pastors, the mayor of the city, the president of the ministerial alliance, and the state senator from that county. Purchase of the land and most of the building was completed during the pastorate of Rev. Evan Kaechele who supervised the construction. The sanctuary seats 300 persons with a full basement for educational purposes. The wing contains the fellowship hall, kitchen, and pastor's study. Rev. L. A. Gray is the pastor.

**DUNN SELECTED FOR
WHO'S WHO IN MUSIC**

Dr. Lester L. Dunn of Bethany Nazarene College was selected by a committee in Cambridge, England, for membership in the *International Who's Who in Music*.



Dr. Dunn served for 20 years as the head of the music department and chairman of the division of fine arts at Bethany, while serving also as the minister of music for Bethany First Church. Dunn is now professor of voice at BNC in a full capacity.

Dunn has received numerous music awards and is listed in various national directories: *Who's Who in American Education*; *Who's Who in the Directory of American Scholars*; *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*; *Two Thousand Men of Achievement*, published in London, England; member of Kappa Delta Pi; and was admitted as a Fellow in the National Association of Teachers of Singing in 1960.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Dunn have been on the music faculty staff at Bethany Nazarene College since 1942. □



District Superintendent M. L. Mann reports that a fitting climax to the Arizona District Camp Meeting was the dedication of the "Rev. J. B. Gatlin Memorial Leisure House." It is a facility built for the comfort and enjoyment of golden agers, and made possible through the gifts of the family and friends of Rev. Gatlin, a veteran pastor on the Arizona District, who went to be with the Lord last year.

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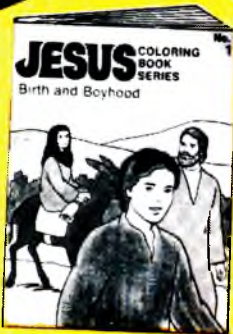
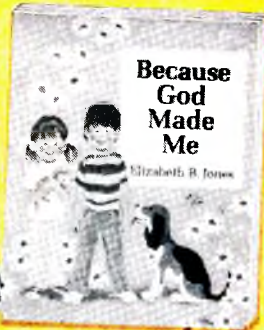
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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REPORTS

MISSOURI

The sixty-fifth annual assembly of the Missouri District convened at the St. Louis Ferguson Church. District Superintendent Arthur Mottram, completing the second year of an extended term, reported.

General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Donald W. Fox, Gilbert Hollandsworth, Lindell Jinkerson, Charles McFarland, Ronald G. Perry, John Stephenson, George Swafford, David Worcester, and Harold D. Wright.

(Elders) Paul Aldrich, Udell Moss, and Herbert Rogers; and (laymen) Al Bain, Glen Bond, and Don Cork were elected to the advisory board.

Mrs. Arlene Mottram was reelected NWMS president; Rev. C. Howard Wade was elected NYPS president; and Rev. Herbert Rogers was elected church schools chairman. □

MOVING MINISTERS

MELVIN G. ABNEY to Irvine, Ky.
 LEON L. ADAMS, JR., from Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., to Mendota, Ill.
 DONALD K. AULT, JR. from Shipshewana, Ind., to Chicago Hickory Hills
 ROBERT BARNETT to Dadeville, Ala.
 W. A. BEARD to Moulton, Ala.
 LESLIE R. BEARDEN from Bakersfield (Calif.) First to Albuquerque (N.M.) Sandia
 VERNON L. BROCKMAN to Rock Springs, Wyo.
 JOHN B. BRYAN from Collinsville (Ill.) First to Palo Alto, Calif.
 ROBERT F. BURDETTE from Wheeling (W.Va.) First to Harrington, Del.
 JOHN E. CARR from Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., to associate, Sterling, Ill.
 DARYL L. CHAMBERS from Wellington, Ohio, to Miami (Fla.) Calvary
 CLIFFORD P. CHEW to Smyrna, Del.
 ALLEN H. CLASON from associate, Taft, Calif., to La Puente, Calif.
 GERALD CRAIG from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, to Bad Axe, Mich.
 DAN CROY from associate, Seattle Aurora, to associate, Colorado Springs First
 RAYMOND E. DEAN from High Point (N.C.) Calvary to Hanging Rock, Ohio
 GLENN R. EVANS to Endicott (N.Y.) First
 J. STEVEN FARGO from Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, to Martinsburg, W.Va.
 RONALD FREELAND to Salem, Ind.
 RICHARD D. GUIZAR from Williamsport, Pa., to Hopewell, Va.
 G. DAVID HALL from Indianapolis Fall Creek to Evansville (Ind.) Victory Chapel
 WILBUR E. HEIZER from Phoenix Westdale to El Monte, Calif.
 ROBERT HERRINGS to Vermontville, N.Y.
 L. DEAN HESS to Memphis Calvary
 DOYLE S. HOFFERBERT from Greencastle, Ind., to New Albany (Ind.) East Side

MILTON HUXMAN from Muncie (Ind.) First to Peoria (Ill.) First
 CECIL L. ISHEE from Evansville (Ind.) Grace to Charlestown, Ind.
 CHARLES L. JARRETT from Alderson, W.Va., to Winchester, Va.
 E. H. JONES from associate, Saraland, Ala., to Mobile (Ala.) Parkview
 JAY H. KEISER from Cardington, Ohio, to Ravenna, Ohio
 A. V. KESECKER to Berkeley Springs, W.Va.
 RICHARD C. KING from Leavittsburg, Ohio, to Portsmouth, Va.
 DONALD R. LAMBERT from Newport, Ark., to Columbia, Miss.
 CLIFFORD LAWHORN to Durbin (Cattlettsburg, Ky.)
 DENZIL LIEBERT from Salem, Ind., to Halesburg (Vallonia, Ind.)
 DARRELL LLOYD to Orleans, Ind.
 JACK LOGSDON to Arona, Pa.
 EARL S. MANN to South Shore, Ky.
 EDWARD MATLOCK to Elmore (Primm Springs, Tenn.)
 RANDALL McVEY from Coulterville, Ill., to Barry, Ill.
 DAVID C. MEADE from associate, Merced, Calif., to Clovis, Calif.
 HERBERT W. MERRITT from Granite City (Ill.) First to evangelism
 JAMES A. MORRIS from associate, Moundville, W.Va., to Allison, Pa.
 WILLIAM S. MUIR from Harvey, Ill., to Emporia, Kans.
 FLOYD OLIVER to Basin, Mont.
 RONALD J. PELTON from Portage (Ind.) First to associate, Kankakee (Ill.) College
 GEORGE PHILLIPSON to Nanty Glo, Pa.
 TERRY G. PIERCE from associate, El Paso (Tex.) First, to Lone Pine, Calif.
 CARL C. PRATT from Sumter (S.C.) First to Newport (Ky.) First
 ROBERT RODEN to Riceville, Pa.

BLAIR F. RORABAUGH from Carlinville, Ill., to Princeton, W.Va.
 ARTHUR T. ROXBY, JR. to Freedom, Pa.
 LEONA SCHIMPF to Seelyville, Ind.
 GWENNOTH SEBRING to Highland (Westmoreland, Tenn.)
 BARRY W. SHIMEL to Somerton, Ariz.
 ROY A. SHUCK from Bloomington (Ind.) East Side to Greencastle, Ind.
 FRANK STANIFER to Covington, Tenn.
 JOHN W. SWEARENGEN from evangelism to associate, Kankakee (Ill.) College
 MICHAEL L. TAPSCOTT from associate, Big Springs, Tex., to Farmer City, Ill.
 HAROLD T. TINGLE to Waynesboro, Tenn.
 CHARLES TONE to Monticello, Ind.
 SCOTT K. VANBIBBER from associate, Amarillo (Tex.) First, to Lubbock (Tex.) First
 DOYCE WHEELER to Gray's Chapel (Cunningham, Tenn.)
 RONALD E. WHITE to Evansville (Ind.) Grace
 R. J. WIENS from Boise (Ida.) First to office manager, North Central Ohio District
 W. PERRY WINKLE from Spokane (Wash.) Millwood to Lewiston (Ida.) First
 LAWRENCE R. WRIGHT from Bethel (Arenzville, Ill.) to Murphysboro, Ill.

RECOMMENDATION

REV. ED WEST is entering the field of evangelism. Ed is experienced in youth ministries. He is a good preacher and will do a fine job in revivals. I highly recommend him. Ed may be contacted at 3046 Lexington, El Monte, Calif. 91730.—Nicholas A. Hull, Southern California district superintendent.

VITAL STATISTICS

FORMER EDUCATOR AND ARMY CHAPLAIN DIES

Dr. R. Wayne Gardner, retired educator, died Monday evening, September 22, in Camarillo, Calif.

He was president of Eastern Nazarene College for 6 years, 1931 through 1936, and he taught there for a total of 19 years. He also taught at Northwest and Olivet Nazarene colleges.

During World War II he served as army chaplain and was severely injured in the service. He retired in 1969 and was living in Port Hueneme, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, who is a sister of Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent emeritus; and two daughters. His funeral was September 25, at the Camarillo, Calif., church. □

DEATHS

STEPHEN A. COOPER, 63, died Sept. 2 in Tulsa. Funeral services were conducted by



Ordination class of the Akron District; pictured (l. to r.) are: Rev. and Mrs. James Lanham, Rev. and Mrs. William Medley, Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Lepter, Rev. and Mrs. Gary O'Bryant, Rev. and Mrs. Marco Galvez, Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Sprague, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Strickland, District Superintendent and Mrs. Floyd Flemming.

NEWS OF RELIGION

Revs. Ted Ingram, Paul Stubbs, and W. H. Johnson. Survivors include his wife, Wilma; two daughters, Mrs. Dale (Janie) Webster and Mrs. Robert (Beverly) Rogers; and five grandchildren.

JASPER L. NUTTING, 63, died Mar. 19 in Wenatchee, Wash. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Norm Steuckle. He is survived by his wife, Laura; four children, Rodney, Royce, Carla, and Jay; seven grandchildren; four brothers; and three sisters.

MRS. ANNA SHALLER, 79, died Aug. 23 at Mendon, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bernard Miller and Rev. Levi Whisner. She is survived by 9 children, 43 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren.

MRS. LUCY E. TAYLOR, 92, died on Aug. 29 in Glendora, Calif. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Bob Sporleder. Surviving are: 2 sons, Charles and Mendell; 3 daughters, Mrs. Haley Messer, Mrs. Willis Messer, and Mrs. Lochie Crumpler; 7 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

to **REV. LARRY AND BECKY (MALLORY) ATTIG**, Miami, Fla., a boy, Jared Austin, Sept. 10

to **GLEN (BUTCH) AND PAULA (HENDRIX) CHAFEY**, Bethany, Okla., a boy, Brandon Lee, Aug. 13

to **DAVID AND PATRICIA (FOLSOM) CUNNINGTON**, Olathe, Kans., a boy, Christopher David, Sept. 16

to **LOREN AND VICKI (SWANSON) DUERRE**, Loveland, Colo., a boy, Chad Loren, Aug. 30

to **LARRY AND SUSAN (BOWLIN) HOUK**, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a boy, Scott Thomas, July 13

to **ORBIE AND MARVA MORRISON**, Makanda, Ill., a girl, Belinda Joyceline, Sept. 9

to **ROYCE AND PAT (HARTWELL) NUTTING**, Kalama, Wash., a boy, David Lee, Aug. 15

to **JOHN AND CARLA (NUTTING) PRYOR**, Ballston Lake, N.Y., a girl, Shellie Dionne, July 26

to **REV. TIM D. AND JANE (SCHOTT) STEARMAN**, Del City, Okla., a girl, Staci Deann, July 11

to **MARION AND NANCY STONEBURNER**, Columbus, Ohio, a boy, Michael Ray, Sept. 14

ADOPTED

by **CHARLES AND KATHY (TAYLOR) HOWELL**, Oklahoma City, a boy, Grant Taylor, born Sept. 19, adopted Sept. 23

by **ROD AND FAYE (LAWSON) NUTTING**, Sitka, Alaska, a boy, Randall Paul, born March 21, 1973

MARRIAGES

MARCIA NEAL and **RANDALL E. ANDERSON** at Houston, Aug. 16

BRENDA JOYCE FRANCIS and **JAMES EUGENE SHOOK** at Auburn, Calif., June 14
LINDA MOZELLE NUTT and **RICHARD NEIL COLE** at Santa Cruz, Calif., July 19

SHEILA THOMPSON and **ROBERT WEST** at Del City, Okla., Aug. 30

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SOUTHEAST ASIA CONFERENCE URGES MASSIVE PRAYER AND ACTION EFFORT FOR CHINA.

Four hundred and twenty participants from 19 countries representing 55 denominations and organizations met in Manila, Republic of the Philippines, September 7-11, for a "Mainland China Evangelism Study Seminar."

The main objective: to study ways and means to communicate the love of Jesus Christ to the more than 800 million people of the mainland. To accomplish this a new generation of Christians must be educated and trained to work for China. Christians throughout the world are urged to take up the spiritual burden for China.

Brother Andrew (*God's Smuggler*) stated, "If the message of Love China '75 is to be put into a nutshell, it will be this: The bridge to China is LOVE."

Rev. John H. Halstead, Hong Kong; and Rev. and Mrs. Melvin V. Laws, Philippines, served as participants for the Church of the Nazarene. □

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE IN CUBA ADVANCES.

The Department of World Missions recently received encouraging news about the work in Cuba from our pastors Rev. Eduardo Valdez, director of the Nazarene Seminary of Cuba, and Rev. Pedro Morejón, district superintendent of our church there.

The former attended the conference on Theological Education by Extension in San Jose, Costa Rica, while the latter attended the conference of evangelical Latin American leaders in Lima, Peru.

According to Rev. Morejón, there are 20 organized churches with a membership of 484. They are now engaged in organizing new preaching centers. □

MRS. GERALD FORD RESPONDS TO GENERAL SECRETARY'S PROTEST.

Following is the letter which Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary, received from Mrs. Ford in response to his letter protesting her statements on a TV program:

*The White House, Washington
September 11, 1975*

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for writing about my appearance on the "Sixty Minutes" interview. The concern which inspired you to share your views is appreciated.

I wish it were possible for us to sit down together and talk, one to another. I consider myself a responsible parent. I know I am a loving one. We have raised our four children in a home that believes in and practices the enduring values of morality and personal integrity. As every mother and father knows, these are not easy times to be a parent. Our convictions are continually being questioned and tested by the fads and fancies of the moment.

I believe our values to be eternal and I hope I have instilled them in our children. We have come to this sharing of outlook through communication, not coercion. I want my children to know that their concerns, their doubts, their difficulties—whatever they may be, can be discussed with the two people in this world who care the most—their mother and father. On "Sixty Minutes," the emotion of my words spoke to the need for this communication—rather than the specific issues we discussed.

My husband and I have lived 26 years of faithfulness in marriage. I do not believe in premarital relations, but I realize many in today's generation do not share my views. However, this must never cause us to withdraw the love, the counseling, and the understanding that they may need now, more than ever before. This is the essence of responsible parenthood.

It is difficult to adequately express one's personal convictions in a 15-minute interview. I hope our lives will say more than words about our dedication to honor, to integrity, to humanity, and to God.

*Sincerely
"Betty Ford"* □

■ **What is the official position of the church with respect to Mormonism? Did the doctrines really originate from certain golden plates from the angel? If not, what was the source? What should be the Christian attitude toward the Mormons?**

There is no "official" position of the Church of the Nazarene regarding any other religious sect, denomination, or group. Our affirmations of doctrine and standards of conduct are stated in the *Manual* of the church. It is better to declare what we *do* believe than to try to deny in an official statement all that we do not believe.

Having said that, we must acknowledge that there are both beliefs and practices within Mormonism which Nazarenes reject. Technically, the Mormons are divided into two major groups: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Their adherents acquired the name Mormons because they accept the *Book of Mormon*.

This book was first published in 1830 in New York. Mormons claim it is a translation of "reformed Egyptian hieroglyphics" written on gold plates, found in 1826 by Joseph Smith. These have never been

found, for an angel—so Smith declared—carried them away, along with the spectacles used for translation.

The book purports to be a history of two ancient civilizations which were located on the American continent. Archaeologists have found no evidence of these civilizations as they are described. The fact that there are approximately 25,000 words from the King James Version in the book is an embarrassment to the Mormons. The book contains plagiarisms from the King James Bible, anachronisms, false prophecies, and errors of fact which are well known and cannot be dismissed.

The *Book of Mormon* in fact was based not upon divinely revealed golden plates, but upon a historical novel written by Solomon Spaulding in the early nineteenth century. It fell into the hands of a Sidney Rigdon and young Joseph Smith who used it as a basis for their new religion. The question-

able character of Smith and his family has been carefully documented.

We reject Mormonism, however, not primarily because of its history or founder, but because of its teachings: Polygamy is accepted (though not practiced now as widely as formerly); God has a body just as we have; the Bible is only a *part* of the Word of God; salvation is primarily by works rather than faith; death does not end man's probationary period; Christ is merely the son of Adam-God and Mary; baptism for the dead is performed; men and women will continue to have children in eternity, etc. These and other beliefs are contrary to scripture and orthodox Christian faith.

Mormons generally avoid alcohol, nicotine, and drugs in caring for their bodies. This discipline is an admirable quality. The Christian attitude toward the Mormons should be the same as toward all men; namely, a Christlike spirit of compassion and love. □

■ **In light of Deuteronomy 23:19, how can the Church of the Nazarene justify receiving money from persons to whom it pays interest, and then loaning it to churches for new buildings, to be repaid with interest?**

The General Church Loan Fund is administered by the Department of Home Missions. Dr. R. W. Hurn, executive secretary of that Department, has approved the following response.

Home mission churches meeting two of the three following criteria are eligible for consideration for a general church loan: (1) less than five years old; (2) raising less than \$30,000; (3) having less than 50 members.

They are required to secure local commercial financing if possible. Only after demonstrating that they cannot get a local loan are they to be considered. The Loan Fund thus is used to help establish churches in an area where we possibly could not have this church without this assistance.

Deuteronomy 23:19 does not apply to the compassionate type of ministry carried out by the General Church Loan Fund. Dr. Charles Isbell, an Old Testament scholar, has commented on this passage of scripture as follows.

"There are two Hebrew words rendered 'interest' in English. One

(*neshekh*) refers to the practice of exacting interest in advance. The verse in question, 23:19, says one may so charge a foreigner—a non-Israelite—though it forbids doing so in case of a fellow countryman.

"The other word for 'interest' is *marbit* (or *tarbit*) which is the 'interest' or 'profit' on the principal sum lent by a creditor. Israelite law permitted this type of interest unless the fellow Israelite borrowing were poor and unable to support himself (see Leviticus 25:35-37; Exodus 22:25-27).

"This method of profit making was practiced in the Hebrew community (Nehemiah 5:6-13). Nehemiah, from a wealthy family, cancelled interest on loans he and his family held—and encouraged others to do so—at a time when Jerusalem was being built and her citizens did not need an extra financial burden.

"From this we may conclude: (a) that *inordinate* gain on an investment is never right; (b) one may normally expect a fair increase (*marbit*) from a loan even to a brother; (c) one may loan money or

goods to assist a brother, and not merely as a means for profit."

Usury, then, is not universally condemned in the Old Testament. Nor is it in the New Testament. If it were forbidden, the world of commerce would come to a standstill. Capital would not accumulate if there were no reward awaiting it.

If one obtains fair interest for the use of money from honest traders, he obviously has power to help impoverished brethren to an extent not possible otherwise.

Individuals lend money to the General Church Loan Fund, receiving interest on these savings accounts. Many are missionaries, pastors, and widows. The fund charges normal interest rates to the churches who borrow these funds. Operational costs (such as accounting, secretarial, equipment rental) are paid from profits. Any remaining profits are put back into the Loan Fund to assist churches.

The fund thus helps others to build new outreach churches to multiply the preaching of the gospel. □

TNC OBSERVES SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Trevecca Nazarene College began her Seventy-fifth Anniversary Year September 11, with a record enrollment of 860. According to Jerry Hull, dean of student services, all dormitory space is full and temporary housing is being arranged for both men and women.

A faculty workshop, under the direction of Dr. William Strickland, dean of the college, featured Dr. Harold Reed, former president of Olivet Nazarene College.

Dr. Mark R. Moore, beginning his eighth year as TNC president, addressed the President's Dinner Friday night, September 5, on the subject, "A Pause to Reflect and a Glimpse into the Future." A special citation was presented to Mrs. Crystine Soyars who is retiring as alumni secretary following 10 years of dedicated service. Prof. Gary

Coulter was named Teacher of the Year and Robert Gore, chief of security, was presented the Staff Member of the Year award.

Extensive campus improvements were completed in 1974-75, the Year of Preparation. A new air-conditioned men's dormitory, Benson Hall, for 266 fellows was initiated. The former men's dormitory, Tidwell Hall, was refurbished for a faculty center. Major upgrading and beautification of the campus was completed, including the Living Waters Cascade—a gift of Nashville First Church.

Special events for the seventy-fifth Anniversary Year feature Dr. Edward Lawlor, general superintendent sponsor, for the fall revival; Dr. William Slonecker, Rev. Gene

Williams, and Mr. Bob Benson as special lecturers; and Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent and TNC alumnus, as the commencement speaker.

An official history of Trevecca's first 75 years is being written by Dr. Mildred Wynkoop. It will be available in hardback form for the graduation season of 1976.

President Moore is seeking old copies of *Zion's Outlook* and *Living Water*. These are old weekly, holiness papers printed in Nashville in the late 1890s and early 1900s. Dr. John T. Benson, Jr., and Dr. Wynkoop need these to complete the historical records. Any papers received will be microfilmed for the college archives and returned to the senders. □

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Knoxville, Tenn., First Church had a groundbreaking service July 20. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Richard Watts and Steve Sharpe, building committee; Don Moore, district advisory board; Pastor Charles Patton; District Superintendent Glen Jones; and Herbert Spain, building fund treasurer.

TAIWAN TAKES HISTORIC STEP

General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, presided at the ninth annual Taiwan District assembly September 3-5 on the Bible School campus in Taipei, Taiwan.



Rev. M. T. Pan

Two major events marked this assembly. With the unanimous approval of the district advisory board, Dr. Stowe appointed Rev. M. T. Pan the first national district superintendent. Because the district income for all purposes exceeded the World Missions subsidy by over 50 percent, Taiwan became a Mission District. Taiwan thus took two steps in one year toward becoming a Regular District. A spirit of unity and cooperation prevailed throughout the assembly.

Dr. Jerald D. Johnson, executive secretary of the Department of World Missions, was also present

for this historic occasion. Dr. Johnson presented certificates of recognition to six pastors whose churches have become 100 percent self-supporting. This represents one-fourth of our churches on Taiwan.

The district has set as goals to be reached by 1980: establish the Church of the Nazarene in each major city on Taiwan, reach a membership of 1,500, and become a 100 percent self-supporting district. □



Pictured on the right is Mr. Larry Tankersley, teacher of the year for the Alabama District. He teaches the young adult Bible class at Lanett, Ala., First Church. Mr. Rodney Walker, Lanett's Sunday school superintendent, left, is presenting the plaque. Mrs. Tankersley looks on.



The new Columbus, Ohio, Northland Church, with a structure of 7,100 square feet and built on 5.8 acres of land, was dedicated June 1 by District Superintendent Terrell Sanders. Rev. Vernon E. Stimpert has been the pastor since 1967.



With the help of district home mission funds, the Georgetown, Ind., church was able to build a four-bedroom parsonage on one acre of ground. Dr. Charles H. Strickland dedicated the parsonage on July 27.



The Fayette, Ohio, church, Northwestern Ohio District, observed its fiftieth anniversary September 7. Pastors who previously served the church, Rev. Paul Hayman, Rev. Harold Frye, Rev. Verne Gambill, Rev. Noel Whitis, and Rev. Myrland Stahl, were present to join the congregation in the all-day celebration. Five of the 15 charter members were also present. They are still members of the church. District Superintendent N. B. Herrell organized the church after a tent meeting held by Rev. D. A. Glaze. Pictures and interesting items from the past were displayed. The present structure was built in 1964. Rev. Larry Fox is the pastor.



CHURCH ORGANIZED ON POINT LOMA PENINSULA IN SAN DIEGO

A new Nazarene fellowship has been organized on the Point Loma peninsula of San Diego, Calif. The Point Loma Community Church officially came into being Sunday morning, September 14, when Dr. Nicholas A. Hull, then superintendent of the Southern California District, conducted the service of church organization. This brings the total of new churches for this quadrennium to 180.

Seventy-four charter members were taken into the new church by

Dr. Hull. Of the group, 36 were by transfer from San Diego Nazarene churches, 26 were by transfer from Nazarene churches outside of the San Diego area, and 12 were by profession of faith.

Regular Sunday services began on July 13 in the auditorium of the Sunset View Elementary School with 80 to 100 persons attending each service. Midweek Bible studies have been hosted in homes for different age-groups.

Rev. Don Hall, associate professor of psychology at PLC, has been asked to serve as interim pastor for the new church. □

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During this time Hazel made a vow: "The first thing I'm going to do when I retire is find a good church and attend every service!"

Retirement came and Hazel moved back to her hometown. Unfortunately, it was not as easy to get to church as in earlier days. City buses no longer ran on Sundays, and taxis were expensive.

She had known just what church she would attend—a brick church on a corner lot near her home. To her dismay, she found that although the brick building was still on the corner, the congregation had moved miles away to a suburban location.

Days and weeks went by. Each Sunday Hazel watched the cars hurrying by and sighed as she remembered her unkept vow. About 18 months after her retirement, her friends from the home came to visit. As soon as greetings were exchanged, one of them said, "Hazel, tell us about the church you picked out to attend."

Hazel replied sadly that she had not

been able to get to a church and had not yet attended. But her friends insisted, "Don't you know the Nazarenes will get you to church?"

One of the visitors volunteered: "I have a friend in my hometown whose daughter attends one of the churches here. I'll call her and find out which one."

The call was made. The friend gave the name of the church and promised to call her daughter long distance about getting Hazel to church. She made the call; her daughter telephoned the pastor at West Side, who in turn called the bus driver for that part of town.

Two days later a faithful bus driver knocked at the door and asked, "Is there someone at this address who needs a ride to church?"

Hazel's answer was a great big YES! And it has been Yes ever since: dedicating her life afresh to God, learning about holiness and experiencing it, giving generously from her pension to the needs of the church. She gives extra, as she says, "because of all the years I did not know the Lord or attend church."

Hazel enjoys riding the big bus to Sunday school, or the van to evening services, making friends with the children and young people who are also riders.

"Where there is a will, there's a way"—and for many churches that way is a bus ministry. And it isn't always children who need help to get to church. There are adults as well.

Maybe there's a Hazel in your town! □

—ELSIE E. BUCKMASTER
Decatur, Ill.

PIONEER MINISTER IN JAPAN DIES



On returning from his recent trip to the Orient, General Superintendent Eugene L. Stowe reported the passing of Rev. Hiroshi Kitagawa at the age of 87 years.

Rev. Kitagawa was one of the two founding fathers of the Church of the Nazarene in Japan, the other being Rev. Ishayama, who preceded him in death by two years.

In addition to being a pioneer pastor, Rev. Kitagawa organized the first training school for Nazarene ministers in his home in Kyoto. For many years he took an active part in the preparation of Japanese preachers.

He passed away in Yokohama where he served his last pastorate. He is survived by his wife, Tyoka, who is 88 years of age and still very active in the church. Also surviving are a son, Shin, who presently pastors the Yokohama church, and three daughters, Naomi, Yoshie, and Keiko.

The Church of the Nazarene is indebted to Rev. Kitagawa for the long and effective contribution which he made to the founding and development of the Church of the Nazarene in Japan. □

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE DESTROYED IN EARTHQUAKE

The severe earthquake, measuring seven on the Richter scale, that struck Southeast Mexico early Sun-

day, October 5, destroyed the village of Chiapa de Corzo, Chiapas, including the Nazarene church building and parsonage. Forty members of the church who lost everything are being housed in the Nazarene church in the neighboring city of Tuxtla Gutierrez. Churches or individuals who wish to help should contact the Department of World Missions. □

NEW CHURCH TOTAL TOPS MARK FOR LAST QUADRENNIUM

Organization of the Boones Mill, Va., Church of the Nazarene on September 4, 1975, brought the total of new churches organized since January 1, 1972, to 182. This surpasses the 180 churches officially organized during the preceding quadrennium. As of September 30, 53 district superintendents had reported 92 locations where services were being held but a church had not yet been organized. A total of 200 churches by January is within reach. □

CONGRESS TO REVIEW CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

The bill H.R. 636, entitled the Tax Policy Review Act, last year called for a "review" of charitable contributions and set certain termination dates on various provisions of the tax laws so that Congress would be forced to take action on tax reform in specific areas. This bill "died" with adjournment last December.

Chairman Ullman of the House Ways and Means Committee has stated that, in conjunction with hearings on "tax reform," the committee in November will debate the issue of charitable contributions and the possibility of eliminating their tax-exempt status.

CORRECTION

In some of the copies of the October 8 issue of the *Herald*, the picture of Rev. Francis Bolerjack was inadvertently printed. It should have shown Dr. R. T. Bolerjack. □

THE FAMILY OF DR. HUGH C. BENNER

wish to convey our sincere gratitude to the hundreds of friends who sent cards, letters, telegrams, cables, telephone messages, flowers, and contributions to the Benner Memorial Fund on the occasion of the recent passing of our husband and father. These expressions of concern and prayer have been a great blessing to each of us in these days of adjustment.

Mrs. Hugh C. Benner
Mrs. Janet Benner Niccum
Jon Scott Niccum
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Benner
John Lawrence Benner

Concerned Christians who fear that their nonprofit endeavors will end up without tax-exempt status should state their views to Chairman Ullman and other members of the House Ways and Means Committee (1102 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515). In addition, they should also write to their local congressman and U.S. senators. The voice of the church through its individual members should be heard if government is to be responsive to its needs. □

THREE NEW MISSION DISTRICTS

Taiwan and the two districts in Korea have reached Mission District status, according to word from Dr. Jerald Johnson, executive secretary of the Department of World Missions. He has just returned from a tour of Nazarene missionary enterprises in the Orient, accompanying Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent.

A Mission District, according to the missionary policy of the denomination, is one that is self-supporting with elected national leaders. These districts have elected full delegations to represent them at the Nineteenth Quadrennial General Assembly to be held at the Convention Center, Dallas, Tex., June 17-25, 1976. □

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