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Hands That Build

General Superintendent Young

Nehemiah was up against it in his mission to rebuild the broken-down walls and burned gates of his native capital, Jerusalem. His enemies, now confronting him with scorn and bitterness, began to attack his motives. Nehemiah's reply is a classic one: "The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build" (Nehemiah 2:20).

Nehemiah's mission may have begun with a sigh and a cry, but it did not end there. God had answered his prayer and had given him favor with the king, who granted his heart's desire: a leave of absence for so many days, the necessary letters of introduction to foreign potentates encountered en route, the needed timber for construction, and a military escort besides. Nehemiah never seemed to lose this God-dependence which made him both humble and self-reliant. Constantly he prayed God to strengthen his hands, but his underlying desire was to use that strength for wall building. Even when he faced up to his foes, the ultimate issues were not vindictive or personal. They concerned only the carrying out of the divine mission to rebuild the walls and rehabilitate Jerusalem.

For Nehemiah, the efforts of men were a necessary part of the divine strategy. Building for God was to be done by the help of men's hands. It was to be a co-operative effort, too, not a one-man job. He waited until the people, his collaborators, saw the issues clearly, then declared, "Let us arise and build." When achievement became reality, Nehemiah was quick to observe, "For the people had a mind to work."

The hands that build God's kingdom today are also human hands, but the strength and enabling are His. Commenting on the Sermon on the Mount, John Wesley observes, "It is he [God] only that changes the heart. . . . Nevertheless, it pleases him who worketh all in all, to help man chiefly by man; to convey his own power, and blessing, and love, through one man to another." The history of the Church confirms this: God does not choose to save men without us.

O God, strengthen our hands this day to do Thy work in Thy way and to make the mission of redemption our primary task. Amen.



LATE NEWS

Telegram . . .

Columbus, Ohio—Two Central Ohio churches in flood disaster area—Columbus Bellows Avenue and Chilli-cothe First. Basements of churches and parsonages flooded and contents seriously damaged. Loss is serious among individual members in these and other areas.—Harvey S. Gallo-way, Superintendent of Central Ohio District.

Special prayer is requested for Mrs. Lue Miller Roberts, retired Nazarene deaconess, who suffered a broken shoulder in a bad fall recently. For years she was superintendent of Rest Cottage in Kansas City, and also served several years as assistant at Rest Cottage in Pilot Point, Texas. She is now being cared for by a niece, at 2534 Fuller, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan; c/o E. E. Halbert. Pray for her and drop her an encouraging note.

Professor John E. Moore, retired Nazarene song evangelist, died at his home in Pasadena, California, on January 23.

Mrs. Thomas E. Mangum, Sr., died at Nampa, Idaho, on January 22, at the age of seventy-three. She and Dr. Mangum founded the Samaritan Hospital in Nampa in 1920. Mrs. Mangum was very active in the missionary program of the Church of the Nazarene; she served three four-year terms as a member of the General N.F.M.S. Council.

Mr. Arthur M. Parker, age seventy-eight, died at his home in Penticton, British Columbia, on January 22. He had been a semi-invalid since he suffered a stroke five years ago; he died in his sleep. He was the father of Rev. J. Fred Parker, editor of *Conquest*; Miss Jean Parker, of Kansas City; and Miss Bertha Parker, Nazarene missionary to Swaziland.

HIGH ON HIS HEART

By CHRISTINE WHITE

*Low at His feet lay your burden of care,
That bundle of worries so heavy to bear;
Lean on His arm and along the dark
way
He'll guide you and keep you each
hour of the day.*

*Lay down your load, content that He
knows
All it contains of life's bitterest woes.
His love and compassion can heal every
smart,
As your wearisome burden rests high on
God's heart.*

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Announcement

After nearly eight years of capable service as district superintendent of the Hawaii District, Rev. Cecil Knippers has submitted his resignation, effective at the close of the district assembly, March 15, 1959.

With the unanimous counsel and support of the Board of General Superintendents, I have appointed Dr. W. S. Purinton as district superintendent of the Hawaii District. He will assume his new duties soon after the district assembly.

—HUGH C. BENNER
General Superintendent

Bennett Dudney, Head of C.S.T.

The appointment of Rev. Bennett Dudney, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee, Illinois, as director of the Christian Service Training program for the denomination, was announced on January 19 by Dr. Albert F. Harper, chairman of the C.S.T. Commission. The appointment became effective on February 1.

A graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, Mr. Dudney served the Bethany First Church as director of Christian education both while a student and after graduation. He then became director of Christian education at First Church, Chicago, Illinois, where he was associated with Dr. C. B. Strang.

Mr. Dudney has been pastor of Kankakee First Church about two years. He has taken graduate work in Christian education at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University.

In his new position Mr. Dudney succeeds Dr. Kenneth Rice, who resigned last September 1 in order to become pastor of First Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Dudney is married and he and his wife have three children.—NAZARENE INFORMATION SERVICE.

Hearing God:

*Incline my ears to hear Thy voice;
I know no fears when I rejoice.*

*Incline my heart to hear Thy word;
Clouds drift apart when I have heard!*

—MARION B. SIOEN

A Stranger But Once!

Did you ever hear the slogan, "Attend our church, where you are a stranger but once"? This old adage is well stated, but ill advised, for if you are a stranger at all, one time will probably be sufficient. The chances are that you will not return very soon.

We say we do not approve of the lodges, yet we form into cliques that are almost as airtight as any secret order. At least the secret orders live up to their name.

Greeting only those of our own social clique is but to draw our pharisaical robes about us. This grieves the heart of Jesus as much today as it did when He walked the shores of Galilee.

If we would have friends, then we must be friendly.

Our wealth is not in silver and gold, but in friendships new and old.

—FRED W. PARSONS, *Pastor, Eastside Church of the Nazarene, New Albany, Indiana.*



REPORTS TO THE GENERAL BOARD

Some Things Which Caught My Attention

General Secretary

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, *general church secretary*, gave some interesting statistics in his report. They were made plain by several charts which he presented. Near the close of his report he states:

"We cannot go into detailed interpretation of these statistics, but will point out a few significant items:

"1. Our total domestic membership has crossed the 300,000 mark with a gain of 9,481 this year—3.24 per cent.

"2. Our church finance exceeded \$40,000,000 for the first time in our history.

"3. Our gains and losses in ministerial status should give pause for thought. While 225 elders were received, there were 137 losses by various means, leaving a net gain of only 88 for the year.

"4. Eighty-one and five-tenths per cent of our churches are still less than 100 in membership,

which points up the need for a lot of growth in established churches.

"5. Using the government's definition of rural as all communities of 2,500 or less, we have 1,240 churches in this class, or 27 per cent of the total.

"We might well ask ourselves what specific training we are giving to pastors for these areas.

"6. Chart VI reveals that we organized 137 new churches but dropped 47, leaving a net gain of 90.

"7. Church membership gains over a five-year period are shown by districts on Chart VII and reveal some interesting facts."

Here are the interesting facts: The Hawaiian District had a gain of 119.89 per cent; Alaska, 108.99 per cent; South Africa, 74.45 per cent; British Isles South, 67.02 per cent; Australia, 61.29 per cent. From then on the gains gradually dropped until the last district reached the minus sign—showing a loss in membership during the past five years. There was only one district in this class.

Chart VII shows a "Survey of Statistics by Ten-Year Periods" since 1908, and shows some encouraging gains. This chart reads as follows:

VII. SURVEY OF STATISTICS BY TEN-YEAR PERIODS
1908-58

		1908	1918	1928	1938	1948	1958
Churches	No.	288	967	1,700	2,527	3,390	4,587
	Gain		679	733	827	863	1,197
	%		236	76	49	34	35
Church Members	No.	10,414	34,306	74,057	152,683	217,106	301,675
	Gain		23,892	39,751	78,626	64,423	84,569
	%		229	116	106	42	39
S.S. Enrollment	No.	7,780	47,617	154,994	307,083	422,832	678,830
	Gain		39,837	107,377	152,089	115,749	255,998
	%		512	226	98	38	61
Junior Society	No.				22,102	29,116	36,402
	Gain					7,014	7,286
	%					32	25
N.Y.P.S. Members	No.	523	5,025	27,279	60,338	69,036	93,069
	Gain		4,502	22,254	33,059	8,698	24,033
	%		861	443	121	14	35
N.F.M.S. Members	No.		2,000*	17,379	49,236	77,422	155,778
	Gain			15,379	31,857	28,186	78,356
	%			769	114	57	101

		1908	1918	1928	1938	1948	1958
Paid All Purposes	No.	\$140,756	\$1,010,892	\$3,530,044	\$4,737,385	\$22,096,555	\$40,140,220
	Gain		\$ 870,136	\$2,519,152	\$1,207,341	\$17,359,170	\$18,043,665
	%		618	249	34	366	82
Per Capita Giving	No.	\$13.52	\$29.46	\$47.66	\$31.03	\$101.78	\$133.72
	Gain		\$15.94	\$18.20	-\$16.63	\$70.75	\$31.94
	%		118	62	-35	228	31

*NOTE: Unofficial. Taken from report of Mrs. S. N. Fitkin in *Other Sheep*, December, 1919.

Also, in this report by Dr. Ludwig, are these words: "9. Chart IX shows the projection of our growth pattern for the next ten years (at 1968), assuming the gain in each area is at the same rate it has been during the last decade." These figures are worth reproducing here:

IX. GROWTH PATTERN PROJECTED 1958-68

	1948	1958	Gain	%	1968
Churches	3,390	4,587	1,197	35	6,200
Church Members	217,106	301,675	84,569	39	420,000
S.S. Enrollment	422,832	678,830	225,998	61	1,100,000
Junior Society	29,116	36,402	7,286	25	45,500
N.Y.P.S. Members	69,036	93,069	24,033	35	125,500
N.F.M.S. Members	77,422	155,778	78,356	101	313,000
Paid All Purposes	\$22,096,555	\$40,140,220	\$18,043,665	82	\$73,000,000
Per Capita Giving	\$101.78	\$133.72	\$31.94	31	\$175.00

General Treasurer

Dr. John Stockton, *general treasurer*, reports:

"The General Budget income last year was \$2,586,931.67; this year, \$2,888,425.95, an increase of \$301,494.28. Special and direct fund receipts last year were \$1,111,830.23. This year they were \$1,212,520.91, an increase of \$100,690.68. Income from investments last year was \$119,853.70; this year, \$138,560.14, an increase of \$18,706.44. . . .

"Total income received last year amounted to \$4,115,290.49; this year \$4,519,518.17, an increase of \$404,227.68.

"Last year the Thanksgiving Offering amounted to \$921,001.41, and we expect that the one now being received will be near the \$1,000,000.00 goal by the time the General Board is in session. [It went over the top.—Editor.]

"The Golden Anniversary Easter Offering amounted to \$1,040,160.14."

Foreign Missions

Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, executive secretary for *Foreign Missions*, in his annual report states:

"In order to present a more accurate picture of the Golden Anniversary year income, may we give the financial receipts and expenditures from November 1, 1957, to October 31, 1958, as compared with the same period the previous year?

Income: Nov. 1, 1956—Oct. 31, 1957	\$1,332,353.34
Income: Nov. 1, 1957—Oct. 31, 1958	1,352,582.77
Expenditures: Nov. 1, 1956—Oct. 31, 1957	921,085.27
Expenditures: Nov. 1, 1957—Oct. 31, 1958	1,140,005.68

"Two observations are of interest in this connection. Our income increased \$20,229.43 while our expenditures increased \$218,920.41. The practical

result is that we do not have as much current balance money to allow the fields this year as was given during Golden Anniversary year. On October 31, 1957, (the low point of the year financially) our balance stood at \$411,268.07, whereas on October 31, 1958, the department had a balance of \$212,577.09.

"The thing which distresses us most at this time is the fact that we cannot send to the various mission fields the \$240,400.00 which was to be sent between January 1, 1959, and April 30, 1959, 'if funds are received above 1957-58 income.' Since our increase in income (Nov. 1, '57—Oct. 31, '58) amounted to only \$20,229.43, and inasmuch as by special vote of the department we added \$44,300.00 to our allocations, the increase has already been used. This means that 119 important items on our fields will go unprovided. This large list of vital projects includes items such as the following:

Missionary Home, Brazil.....	\$10,000
B.T.S. Dining Hall, Haiti.....	2,500
Headquarters Building, Okinawa.....	10,000
Missionary Home, Korea.....	8,800
Missionary Home, Cuba.....	10,000
A Chapel on Each Field (38 @ \$1,500).....	57,000"

Home Missions and Church Extension

Dr. Roy F. Smee, executive secretary, reported for *Home Missions* and Church Extension. During the Anniversary year we did not reach our goal of a new church every day, but there were 235 new churches organized during 1958 in the United States, Canada, the British Isles, and the overseas home mission fields—West Germany, Alaska, Hawaii, South Africa, Panama Canal Zone, and New

Zealand. This represents considerable progress over the past few years. In the field of *Church Extension*, the church under the leadership of Dr. Smee has moved forward.

"At the beginning of 1958 our total loan funds, including the reserve trust fund, amounted to \$741,011.77. These funds had increased about \$120,000 during 1957. As we faced our Golden Anniversary year and the great needs there would be in church building, we dared to set a goal of \$1,000,000 in total loan funds by the end of 1958. This meant an increase of more than double the amount realized in 1957. It was dependent entirely upon the support of our people in sending in their savings deposits. Without any great fanfare of promotion, but with the loyal support of our pastors, district superintendents, and general superintendents, Nazarenes have heard about this fund, prayed about the matter, and sent in their savings for deposit. This report went to the printer early in December, but at that time the total funds were over \$975,000 and drawing very close to our goal."

Referring to an earlier portion of Dr. Smee's report, I mention four reasons why we have not made as great progress in home missions as we should. These are given by Dr. Smee:

"(1) *A lack of interest in home missions.* In nearly every case the districts that made their Golden Anniversary goal made home missions a major item. Someone supplied the spark that set the whole district throbbing in the interest of new churches. There are some pastors who question the importance of the home mission enterprise. Where would they be today if some home mission pastor had not sacrificed and labored on to establish the churches they are now pastoring? And what about our growing, moving population today? Who will reach them for Christ if home missions is not important? The organization of new churches requires hard, sweaty, sometimes discouraging work. On the districts that have made their goal, someone has been willing to pay the cost in toil.

"(2) *The high cost of home missions.* It costs more to start a new church than it did fifteen years ago. Good lots in prospective new church areas cost more. Buildings cost more. Living costs for the home mission pastor are higher. Some districts are weakened financially by the high cost of maintaining home mission churches that failed to grow to self-support. But I am convinced that if the home mission passion is there we will find a way to finance new churches.

"(3) *A lack of long-range planning.* The metropolitan areas of our countries have been growing rapidly in the past twenty years. A lack of long-range planning at the district level results in whole cities developing without a holiness church. Then when we try to enter, the few lots that are left

are usually undesirable and so high-priced that our home mission money is insufficient. Zones can also help in this long-range home mission planning.

"(4) *A restriction of our field.* Are we becoming too class-conscious, limiting our outreach to people within a certain income bracket? When our churches move to the suburbs, do we leave a vacuum in the old community? Are we being influenced by the materialistic attitudes of our suburban civilization? We are called to preach scriptural holiness and to cut across class and economic lines. The limitation of our field will dry up the sources of home mission growth."

Department of Ministerial Benevolence

Rev. Dean Wessels, executive secretary of the Department of *Ministerial Benevolence*, begins his report with a significant paragraph:

"The year 1959 marks the fortieth anniversary of the Department of Ministerial Benevolence. Only eleven years after the Church of the Nazarene was officially organized her founding forefathers realized the importance of making provision for the financial needs of disabled or retired ministers and widows."

Then after giving his financial report, the executive secretary summarizes the ministry of this department in these words:

"There were 301 elders and 188 widows on the roll at the end of the fiscal year. Last fiscal year, under our liberalized emergency policy, \$12,958 was granted to 63 individuals. In the first seven months of the current fiscal year \$11,015 has been allotted to 50 individuals. . . .

"This year, in addition to the regular monthly check and the annual fifteen-dollar Christmas gift check, a small birthday gift was sent to each of the recipients and spouses on the roll."

Of course, above all of this, we must remember the regular assistance which has been given to those who are on the roll. During the last fiscal year this amounted to \$235,879.77.

Nazarene Publishing House

Dr. M. Lunn, executive secretary of the *Department of Publication*, in his report emphasized especially the work of the Nazarene Publishing House. During the last fiscal year its business almost reached the three million mark. The editor and every member of the Church of the Nazarene should be thrilled by the achievements of this business organization which serves God and holiness through the Church of the Nazarene. Here are some paragraphs from Dr. Lunn's report:

"Golden Anniversary Year—1958

"The possibilities of the printed word have been effectually demonstrated during the anniversary year of 1958. While the figures given in this report

include only the first four months (January–April) of 1958, you will be pleased to know that the demand for anniversary literature taxed our equipment and personnel to the limit. We were literally ‘swamped.’

“Two million one hundred nineteen thousand (2,119,000) copies of the special anniversary issue of the *Herald of Holiness* were distributed. The anticipated sale of one million *You Are One in a Million* tracts was exceeded by 462,000.”

Department of Education

As I study the report from the *Department of Education*, written by Dr. S. T. Ludwig, executive secretary, I am impressed with the fact that progress is being made along every line. The total enrollment in our schools and colleges for the first semester, 1958-59, was 5,146, an over-all increase of slightly more than 3 per cent. In the number of students above college level there was an increase of 5.5 per cent. The property valuation is increasing, with a total now of above the nine million dollar mark, with ninety-four buildings in use and four under construction. Along with this our churches are giving more to our schools; the schools are getting better accredited, and they are keeping alert to the days in which we live and serving the church as never before.

Perhaps the outstanding event of the year—that is, from the standpoint of a new departure—was the Theological Workshop, sponsored by our Council of Education and the Department of Education. It was held at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, July 1 to 4, 1958. This Workshop was under the general direction of Dr. W. T. Purkiser, of the Nazarene Theological Seminary. It was the beginning of something from the standpoint of our schools which I believe will be of tremendous significance to the work of education in our church.

Department of Church Schools

Dr. Albert F. Harper, executive secretary of the Department of *Church Schools*, presented a very encouraging report. As one reads this report he is impressed with the many phases of activity which are carried on by this very important department. In the Sunday school enrollment there was an increase of 7.4 per cent during the year, with a net circulation increase of Sunday school periodicals of 19,000 per issue.

In addition to the Sunday school work around the world with which this department has to do, there are the vacation Bible schools, the Christian Family Life emphasis, the Home Department, Cradle Roll, Caravans and Camps, District Church School Board Conferences, Regional Conventions, and other special projects and promotional activities. The significance of these in relation to the

Department of Church Schools cannot be overestimated.

The closing paragraphs of Dr. Harper’s report are headed “Tomorrow,” and read thus:

“We are annually spending \$45,000 of general church money for planning and promoting this work for 680,000 persons—6½¢ per pupil per year does not seem large. If God blesses us in the next five years as He has in the past, we shall have 150,000 new pupils for whom teachers must be trained, classrooms built, and instruction in the faith provided.

“We employ twenty persons and annually spend \$90,000 of publishing house money to prepare the Christian teaching material for these two-thirds of a million pupils. But for each dollar that we spend to plan the material, ten dollars comes back from sales. There will in the next five years be another 150,000 pupils buying and using our materials. We must, under God, keep pace with the demands of these enlarging spiritual responsibilities.

“My constant prayer is that the Department shall give a worthy accounting for these considerable sums of money and provide a deeply spiritual leadership to the 56,000 teachers and 623,000 pupils whom God has entrusted to our guidance.”

Department of Evangelism

The Department of *Evangelism*, under the direction of Dr. V. H. Lewis, promoted three major emphases during the Golden Anniversary year:

“1) The Bible reading and prayer program for January

“2) The holiness emphasis at Pentecost

“3) The ‘Week of Witnessing’ in October

“Note: The Department of Church Schools cooperated in the promotion and operation of this.”

The Department also sponsored the Conference on Evangelism in January of 1958. It was held in Kansas City and set a record in attendance for our church, except for our General Assemblies. In addition, Dr. Lewis has been very active in promoting the Crusade for Souls during the past year. In this connection he has been rapidly covering the entire church in Crusade conferences and tours.

Further, during the past year this department assisted the evangelists in slating meetings for revivals. More than 250 requests were responded to during this time.

Last, I call attention to the “Moving Nazarenes” program, of which Dr. Lewis says:

“In the ‘moving Nazarenes’ program we have cared for approximately seven hundred families this year. Nearly every one of these would have been lost to the church if we had not had them contacted and nearly all of them have, through this service, been saved to God and the church.

“This figure of 700 families or approximately 2,800 people is not admirable in comparison to

the 32,000 or more that needed such service through their moves. The number reached this year has not increased a great deal over last year, which leads to the conclusion that now we are facing the wall of mass ministerial indifference.

"This is a rather difficult field to promote, since the ones in whose hands lies the destiny of those who move are far from the sound of our voice. However, we will continue to promote this most worthy service as vigorously as possible, since it is true, as our general secretary has stated, 'We could save 5,000 annually to the membership of our church and to God.'"

General N.Y.P.S. Secretary

The year of 1958 was a busy one for the *Nazarene Young People's Society*. This is clearly indicated by the report of the executive secretary of this department, Rev. Ponder Gilliland. At the end of the last fiscal year, April 30, 1958, the N.Y.P.S. membership was 93,069, an increase of 2,775. Adding to this 8,938 members on foreign fields, the grand total stands at 102,007. Some of the high lights in the year for the N.Y.P.S. were:

\$27,000 raised for a parsonage for the Jerry Johnsons' in West Germany.

The International Institute at Estes Park, Colorado, where almost 500 teen-agers from all over the world gathered. Total attendance, 763. It is not easy to evaluate the worth of this gathering to our young people.

The addition of 16,000 members and 450 new societies in the N.Y.P.S. and the N.J.S.

Phenomenal increases in *Junior Topics*, *Teen Topics*, *Young Adult Topics*, and *Conquest* subscriptions during 1958.

Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, general president, reported for the *N.F.M.S.* There has been a membership gain of 13.3 per cent over last year in this organization. This brings the total number to 155,778. Add to this 19,124 on the foreign fields, and we have a grand total of 174,902 members in the *N.F.M.S.* The society during the past year has made a 12.7 per cent increase in total giving.

"*Other Sheep* subscriptions number 167,975, a gain of 10,780, or 6.8 per cent increase over last year.

"Readers of the prescribed course are 94,272, a gain of 21,863, or 30 per cent.

"Prayer and Fasting members are 108,519, a 12 per cent gain, or 11,588.

"Many of our quadrennial goals have already been passed.

"Definite praying for specific needs by the Prayer Chart has yielded much fruit this Golden Anniversary year. Among the greatest victories are the revival outpourings on several of our foreign fields, the greatly increased numbers of nationals called

into full-time service, now in training in our Bible schools, the forward move of the Gulf Central District, the progress of the Bible School at Institute, West Virginia. Praise God forever! Let us be definite in our praying for missionary needs and projects."

Mrs. Chapman closes her report with these words:

"The world's population is said to be 2,300,000,000. Of the 44,000,000 births annually, 22,000,000 have no hope of hearing the gospel at our present rate of progress. Of the 800,000,000 so-called Christians, counting Protestants and Catholics—both Roman and Greek Orthodox—by far the greater part do not carry a message of salvation from sin. Many declare plainly that they are not interested in evangelism.

"The Church of the Nazarene has the message. It has the people. It can provide the needed men, money, and equipment. Nazarenes are a mighty army. If all who know and love God would live holy lives, guard diligently against worldliness, deadness, and formalism, if each would put into the fight the best he has, Nazarenes alone could preach the gospel to all the world. There is plenty of standing ground and sufficient equipment to give battle for holiness and missions anywhere along the line."

Nazarene Junior Society

The report for the *Nazarene Junior Society* was given by Miss Betty E. Barnett, director. She states:

"There are now 2,153 Junior Societies, with 36,402 juniors in attendance. This year we gained 2,229 more bright-eyed, wiggling, giggling boys and girls—youngsters who carry in mud, balls, and bats, and leave them lying around the house; who play with paper dolls and buggies and put on dress parades; who inquisitively ask you why and how and when and what; who bound off through your newly planted flower garden; and who may interrupt your best sermon; but who also marvel at the facts of God and whose faith is as high as the mountains. One moment you are thrilled at the sight of them, and the next your nerves are taxed to the limit by their antics. But these are our Nazarene junior boys and girls.

"Add to this number our group on foreign fields and we have a total of 43,958."

The Junior Society raised \$63,392 for all purposes.

"These boys and girls are the greatest asset of our church. To guide and train every child in our church is our aim. Our goal is 'A Junior Society in every church.' The opportunity is ours—for we are interested in juniors.

"And WHY?

"They are the people who are going to carry on what you and I have started!"

Nazarene Servicemen's Commission

Rev. Ponder Gilliland, director of the *Nazarene Servicemen's Commission*, gave his report. At present we have almost ten thousand young people in military service from our Nazarene churches. We currently have twenty-six chaplains; eight of these are overseas. "These twenty-six men are among the finest ministers of our church. That is as it should be. Their record is outstanding. None of our ministry works harder, with longer hours, greater responsibility, in work of greater importance or value, than our chaplains. . . .

"We value very highly these men whose hearts are warm, whose devotion and loyalty to their church have been demonstrated repeatedly, and who render this service at personal sacrifice in many ways. . . .

"Your Servicemen's Commission continues its contact and literature program with our service personnel as described in our report last year. It is a service that grows in its demands of time, but likewise increases in rewarding results."

The most important event of the year in this work was the Servicemen's Retreat in Berchtesgaden, Germany. Of this Director Gilliland writes:

"We had a total registration of 203. It was the hungriest crowd—for both fellowship and spiritual help—I have ever seen. During the first evangelistic message there was a powerful silence. The hunger of their hearts and the need for help and encouragement were reflected from their eyes. When the first altar call was announced, they did not await the singing. They started down all of the aisles to seek God. If you could have seen the long rows of chairs before which knelt hungry, seeking men and women, who came without pressure or pulling, and who prayed through to victory; and if you could have heard their testimonies, you would have felt, as we did, that the Retreat was of God. . . .

"The Board of General Superintendents has voted that this year we shall conduct a Retreat in Japan, October 12 through 14, and our second one in Berchtesgaden, November 2 through 6. We do not anticipate the need of extra budget for this extended ministry to our service personnel."

Christian Service Training

Dr. Albert F. Harper, chairman of the *Christian Service Training Commission*, reported for this department of our church's work:

"Our goal for the Fiftieth Anniversary year was 50,000 C.S.T. credits. We did not reach our goal but we did reach more than 43,500—an increase of nearly 5,000 and the largest number ever reported. The training program moved ahead in every area—more local churches participating, more classes held, more home study, and more N.Y.P.S. Institute credits."

"The special project for the Anniversary year was a church-wide study planned for the month of September. The text was a new book, *The Fullness of the Spirit*, by Dr. William Greathouse. In this project Dr. Rice succeeded in getting together a timely program, a relevant theme, and an excellent writer. The result was the largest sale of any training text that we have published and the largest sale in a comparable period of time of any book ever put out by the publishing house. More than 25,000 copies have been sold."

General Stewardship Committee

The work of the *General Stewardship Committee* was reported by its secretary, Dr. S. T. Ludwig. The church in 1958, our Golden Anniversary year, was certainly accelerated in its activities by the work of the General Stewardship Committee. The amounts of the Easter and Thanksgiving offerings have been reported elsewhere in this resume of the work of our church during 1958. However, there is a very important paragraph on another subject in Dr. Ludwig's report, which we quote in full:

"Perhaps we should call your attention, also, to the fact that in addition to the money given by the church in the two offerings during 1958, the regular month-by-month giving to general interests amounted to approximately \$1,500,000. This means that for the Golden Anniversary year the church has given to the General Budget and Missionary Specials approximately \$3,500,000. This month-by-month giving, we must remind ourselves, is the real lifeline of the church, for it keeps a steady flow of funds available for our world-wide operations. Your committee is trying to find ways and means to stimulate and encourage the regular giving of the church. For this reason the '10 per cent' idea for world evangelism is important. This should be the minimum goal of every church in the denomination. Until it is reached, we have definite work to do!"

Another paragraph in his report reads:

"We point up two items in our per capita giving. With regard to both local interests and district interests a slight decrease is shown, while our giving for general interests shows an increase of 52c per member; our total per capita giving of \$133.05 is 72c less than the year of 1957."

This statement should give us all cause for thought.

Nazarene Radio League

Another important arm of the work of our church is the work of our *Nazarene Radio League*. This report was given by Dr. T. W. Willingham, its executive director. He sets forth clearly the expenditures for the year, and then summarizes in these words our work in this field:

"As of December 9, 1958, 'Showers of Blessing'

was being broadcast on three hundred and forty (340) stations in forty-four (44) states, with fifty (50) overseas outlets; a total of one hundred ninety-four (194) of these stations carried it as a public service feature.

"The Spanish language program, 'La Hora Nazarena,' was being broadcast on twenty-six (26) stations in thirteen (13) countries, and twelve (12) of these outlets carried the program as a public service feature.

"The total savings in reduced air time rates and free time for both programs for the last fiscal year was \$259,308.08.

"We produced and aired six special fifteen-minute broadcasts for our Fiftieth Anniversary. A general superintendent spoke on each program.

"One hundred and sixty-five (165) stations aired these specials, with eighty (80) of these carrying them free.

"On October 12 we had a Columbia Broadcasting System 'Church of the Air' broadcast with Dr. G. B. Williamson speaking.

"In addition to our regular outlets we supply a number of veterans' hospitals with our 'Showers of Blessing' programs and they are used and appreciated."

Nazarene Information Service

The work of the *Nazarene Information Service* was outlined by O. Joe Olson, its director. To give you much of an idea of all that was done we would have to print his entire report—of course we cannot do that; but let me stop with these words. The Nazarene Information Service has been on the job during 1958, our Golden Anniversary year; in literally hundreds of ways it has given out information as to the Church of the Nazarene. This was done not merely to publicize our church, but to help people everywhere to know more about the nature and work of our church. The whole church owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Samuel Young and Dr. S. T. Ludwig, sponsors of this service, and to Rev. O. Joe Olson, its director.

American Bible Society

Our church believes in the *American Bible Society*, and the British and foreign Bible societies. Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, executive secretary for this work, closes his report with these words:

"There is a growing concern in our church for the importance of this work for the Bible Societies. This last year we gave a total of \$15,560 to the American Bible Society, an increase of \$2,700 above the previous year. Regrettably, still only slightly more than one-third of our churches participated in this offering. Last year the Pittsburgh District became the first and only district in our history to have 100 per cent of its churches participating in the offering. We are doing better—but much

less than our best. Settling for less than our best is inconsistent with our holiness message and standards. So—we shall do better."

Book Committee

Rev. Norman R. Oke, secretary, reported for the *Book Committee*:

"The work of the Book Committee consists basically in evaluating manuscripts which come in unsolicited, and in making written assignments to provide a balanced book program to fill our denominational needs.

"This shows you the increase in the annual manuscript flow:

1956—49

1957—86

1958—96

"This reveals that the load has about doubled in two years.

"Of the ninety-six (96) manuscripts considered by the Book Committee in 1958, seventy-six (76) were unsolicited and twenty (20) were assigned. Of the ninety-six (96) manuscripts considered, forty-three (43) were approved for publication (23 unsolicited, 20 assigned).

"The committee met five times and devoted long, strenuous hours to the planning of our long-range book program."

We can't list the manuscripts which have been accepted for publication; there are too many of them.

I would mention in closing however the future book projects:

"College Texts: *Exploring Our Christian Faith*, a college-level text on Biblical theology, is progressing well and is scheduled for release in the spring of 1960. *Exploring the Old Testament* and *Exploring the New Testament* have had wonderful acceptance and a blessed ministry in the three years they have been out.

"Two other projects have been approved but no final plans relative to authorship or release date are ready: college-level texts on HOLINESS and EVANGELISM.

"Our people are increasingly a reading people. This is evidenced by the fact that the Missionary Reading Books have increased in volume from 5,000 each to 7,000 each in one quadrennium.

"It is our distinct honor and privilege to labor for the church in this ministry of book planning."

"To enjoy the privileges and fulfillment of the promises of God, we need to subject ourselves to the will of God, thus yielding to the dictates of His Spirit. His will is good, acceptable, and perfect."—Selected.

The Superintendents' Conference

By SUPERINTENDENT W. RAYMOND McCLUNG, *Houston District*

Powerful and dynamic messages from four of our general superintendents, timely and interesting papers and sermons from district superintendents, informative and thought-provoking panels and group discussion, thrilling reports of progress from our general officers, beautiful and talented music—this all saturated and anointed with the Holy Spirit, made for a most successful general and district superintendents' conference, January 13 to 15, at Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Dr. G. B. Williamson arranged the interesting and profitable program and centered it on the vital theme of devotion.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers' opening message of the convention, on "Devotion Fans the Fire of Evangelism," warmed all of our hearts as he emphasized the importance of the devotional life as related to evangelism. He pointed out that we more often fail in our work of evangelism because of weak motivation than because of the largeness of our task. We must have the strong and urgent motivation of love for Christ and souls if we are to succeed. The test of our love is the length to which it will go.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool gave continued emphasis to the importance of the spiritual life of the individual when he spoke on "Devotion Preserves the Reality of Personal Experience." His message throbbed with sincerity, pathos, and humor as he highlighted the truth that there can be no substitute for a vital personal experience. He cited Paul's experience when he met Christ as an example of what a personal experience will do. This revelation that came to Paul warmed his heart and took the drudgery out of his ministry. Paul did not make the mistake of becoming impatient in waiting for the harvest. He was able to realize the joy of a finished task.

Dr. Samuel Young brought a thought-provoking, scholarly, and Spirit-anointed message on the theme "Devotion Vitalizes Our Doctrines." The paramount emphasis of Dr. Young's message was the relationship between our devotions and our doctrines. With great clarity and force he pointed out that any weakness in our devotional life will break down our doctrine. We must live close to God if we would have Him trust us with His Church. In deep earnestness and sincerity Dr. Young challenged each minister to "take the holy way, take the lowly way, take the rugged way."

Before bringing his message on the topic "Devotion Sensitizes the Conscience as a Guide to Ethical

Practice," Dr. Hugh C. Benner testified to God's sustaining presence during the days that he recently spent in the hospital. The congregation wept and rejoiced with him as he told of the sweet fellowship with Christ that he enjoyed before and after surgery. In his clear, logical, tender, and yet forceful message Dr. Benner warned of false conceptions of holiness that some have as revealed by a tendency to divorce ethical practice from experience, to make ethics strictly external, to set up values in terms of our own ideas as to right and wrong, and to justify low ethical means by high spiritual ends. In the true holiness position ethical practice is rooted in the heart condition—"out of the heart proceedeth"—"a good man out of the good treasure of the heart"—"as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." In referring to the account of the Good Samaritan, Dr. Benner suggested that the three characters of the story reacted as they did because of what they were. Because of what they were we could have predicted what they would have done.

The largest group of new district superintendents yet present for a superintendents' conference was introduced by Dr. Powers. The new superintendents presented were: Albert O. Loeber, South Dakota District; D. J. Gibson, Wisconsin; Warren Rogers, Gulf Central; Harvey H. Hendershot, West Virginia; Dean Baldwin, Joplin; L. S. Oliver, Alabama; Ben F. Marlin, South Carolina; James Hester, San Antonio; Bruce Taylor, Maritime; Harold Daniels, Illinois; R. B. Acheson, Pittsburgh. One new district superintendent, William C. Allshouse, Philadelphia District, was absent because of illness. Dr. Edward C. Oney, retired superintendent from the West Virginia District, was honored for his many years of faithful service as a district superintendent by being presented a Stetson hat.

Space forbids to tell in detail of the other outstanding features of the conference, including the spirit of fervent prayer and rejoicing that characterized the noon prayer and fasting service; the spirit of deep contrition and worship that prevailed throughout the communion service; the keen interest and enthusiasm felt during the panel discussion periods; and the congenial time of fellowship that prevailed during the Thursday evening dinner that marked the close of the conference. Suffice it to say that this gathering will be long remembered by all present as again and again we were moved upon by the Spirit of the living God.



Calling All CHURCH MUSICIANS

Known around the world as a "singing church," the Church of the Nazarene will hold its first National Church Musicians' Institute on the Indian Lake campgrounds of the Michigan District, near Vicksburg, July 7 to 10.

Judging from early response and the support of three similar regional institutes in 1956, a large turnout of Nazarene music directors and pastors is anticipated.

Endeavoring to make the institute reach every district in the United States and Canada, at least, Mr. Al Ramquist, director, will send printed materials describing the courses to be offered and other details to all district superintendents, pastors, and other Nazarenes interested in the development of church music.

A maximum of five hundred persons can be accommodated overnight at the campgrounds. Reservations will be accepted in the order received. A committee of Vicksburg businessmen is investigating the possibilities of lodging up to two hundred additional visitors in the city, which is five miles from the meeting grounds.

The Michigan District camp facilities include three tabernacle meeting halls, dining room, and cottages.

The purpose of the institute is to offer a practical, "refresher type" instruction in various phases of church music. These will include technical performance as well as the inspirational and devotional aspects of church music.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, a general superintendent, a composer and music arranger of note, will be the keynote speaker and serve as counselor.

The faculty will comprise several leaders in the musical field who are familiar to most Nazarenes. These will include Mr. Bill Carle, widely known Christian basso, who will teach gospel song interpretation; Mr. James H. Boersma, Inglewood, California, orchestral instruments; Incz Johnson, Fergus Falls, Minnesota, children's music.

Professor Greg Larkin, of Eastern Nazarene College, will teach organ and piano; Mr. Gerald Moore, Detroit First Church, choir directing and voice culture; Rev. R. T. Williams, Pasadena, California, gospel song leading; and Rev. Floyd W. Hawkins, hymn writing.

The four-day short course will climax in a sacred music festival on July 10. Vocal and instrumental groups and soloists will take part.

The institute opportunity is especially recommended to choir and song leaders, orchestra directors, singers, instrumentalists, pastors in smaller churches, and young people who hope to enter the ministry of music.

The institute will be sponsored by the Nazarene Publishing House. Additional information may be secured by writing to Mr. Al Ramquist, 2923 Troost Ave., P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.—NAZARENE INFORMATION SERVICE.

A Prayer:

*Polish my spirit, dear Lord!
Clean away the stains of lurking self-pity.
Sorrow's dark smudge remove with
Thy firm fingers.*

*Make me glow.
Make me radiant.
Make me more like Thee, I pray.
Amen!*

HAZEL LEE, India



Abraham Lincoln and the Bible

By OVELLA S. SHAFER

When Abraham Lincoln was president, a public school was located near the White House grounds; in fact, it was separated from it by only a fence.

One mornong "Old Abe" listened to the teacher giving a story on neatness, then asking that the children come back to school next morning, each one with blackened shoes.

One of the children, Johnnie S., a poor, one-armed lad, returned the next day and was taunted and jibed by the others at recess because he had used stove polish to blacken his worn shoes. When Lincoln overheard the jeering of the children he started out to learn the facts.

The boy was nine years old and, since his father had been killed in the Civil War, his mother was a washerwoman to provide for Johnnie and three other children. A few days later Johnnie came to

school with not only a new pair of shoes, but also a new suit. And not only was he the recipient of these clothes, but his sister and two brothers fared as well, and coal and groceries were sent to the home.

Johnnie brought to school a scrap of paper containing the following scripture verse which President Lincoln requested to be written upon the blackboard: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

When Lincoln visited the school some weeks later and the verse was still on the blackboard, he took a piece of chalk and said as he wrote, "Children, I have another verse from the Bible that I hope you will learn and practice—'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Plain Speech*

By HONORE OSBERG

Abraham Lincoln was once asked the secret of his extraordinary power of expressing things simply.

"I remember," he answered, "when a child I became irritated when anybody talked to me in a way that I could not understand. That has always disturbed me, and has ever since.

"I recall going to my bedroom, after hearing the neighbors talk one evening with my father. I spent no small part of the night walking up and down, and trying to make out what was the meaning of their, to me, dark sayings. So it became a passion with me to put all I have to say into language that cannot be misunderstood."

Plain speech is always best to use.

Words are often the instruments of human understanding. Daniel Webster has said that by the clever substitution of one phrase or one word for another a just conclusion or a false one is reached.

Even one word is important. Peter Mark Roget, compiler of the famous writer's *Thesaurus*, said the same thing in a different way. "A misnomer

has turned the tide of popular opinion. A verbal sophism has decided a party question. An artful watchword, thrown among combustible materials, has kindled the flame of deadly warfare and changed the destiny of an empire."

Since your words are powerful, use them for worthwhile purposes. Once a man commended a certain orator to Agesilaus, king of Sparta. He stated this orator could magnify trifles into magnificent speeches. The king retorted, "I do not think that shoemaker a good workman who makes a great shoe for a little foot."

It isn't quantity in words, but quality, which affects the minds of men. Great men do not say much, but they speak with a purpose. And their words hammer thoughts into the minds of their hearers.

Disraeli said, "With words we govern men." Read Napoleon's message to his troops: ten words, twenty words, fifty words. And yet these speeches

so fired the hearts of his soldiers that he nearly conquered the world.

"Reduce your thoughts to a pinhead," says another writer. By keeping your words to a minimum you show, too, you are a wiser man than the one who uses speech lavishly. "He that hath knowledge spareth his words," the Bible declares in Proverbs 17:27.

One popular preacher explained his success as the result of a silent prayer which he always offered before speaking. "Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough."

Plain speech in Bible days brought a revival. Ezra, the priest, and Nehemiah, the governor, "read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the

reading" (Nehemiah 8:8). The people rejoiced because they had understood the Word of God, and it brought them back again into obedience to God's commands.

But the greatest example of plain speech, effectively used, is that of the Lord Jesus Christ. He packed a lifetime of living into the Sermon on the Mount. His talks to His followers are full of simple, homely illustrations. And yet these words, packed with power, have made an impact on generations of mankind.

So do not smother big ideas under a lot of big words. Be stingy with your words, but let them be straight, strong, and simple! Whether you speak or whether you write, use plain speech!

*Sources: Bible, English "Revival" paper, Basic Propaganda, Sherwin Cody, "Roget's Thesaurus."

My Beloved Son

By ART RAKESTRAW

God loved the world! This blessed truth speaks forth from many a page of Sacred Writ. Jesus loved the Church—His Church—purchased with His shed blood. But there is another facet to this divine jewel which, while it passes our human comprehension, deserves our grateful meditation. God loved His Son in a paternal-filial relationship, exemplifying in a small degree our human relationship.

"... in whom I am well pleased." These simple words feebly express the divine love of God for His Son. It may be well to note here the shade of difference in the meaning of the word "love" as used in this connection. As pointed out by Rev. Joseph H. Smith, it might well be rendered "take delight in," and he illustrates it by the example of a mother with two sons, one dutiful and obedient, and the other wayward. She loves them both, but she delights in the dutiful one.

May we not let our imaginations soar a little as we consider some events in the earthly life of our Lord? The acts of kindness extended to Him (alas! too few)—the hospitality of the little family at Bethany, the alabaster box with its precious contents! Would it be irreverent to think of God regarding these actions with a tender

and affectionate smile? On the other hand, when we visualize the crown of thorns, the cruel scourging, the sound of the hammers as the nails pierced Jesus' hands, we feel that every blow, yea, every insult, pierced the very heart of God. Can we conceive of God Almighty looking on with indifference at the tragedy of the ages?

Jesus has gone to be with His Father, but even now God is far from indifferent to what goes on down here. Every act of kindness done to a child of God as a fellow member of the body of Christ elicits the divine approval, while every insult or wrong done to the least of them gives God pain. Do not think that God is indifferent to the loose and often blasphemous use of the sacred name of His beloved Son.

I think we may well ponder on this deeply affectionate and perfect relationship between God and His eternal Son. Two spirits, in harmony, but not identical. "... not my will, but thine, be done," Jesus prays in Gethsemane. It was not easy, this bringing together of the Father's will and the Son's. There was a struggle as Jesus faced the Cross, but He did not fail the Father. And to clear away all doubt as to the final outcome, we are told that Stephen saw our blessed Lord standing on the right hand of His Father.



ONE OF 12 "LIVING PIONEERS" OF NEW YORK DISTRICT. Mrs. Florence Cave Brown, was pictured in the Beacon, New York, paper when she was honored by the local church in a "This Is Your Life" program. Pictured with her is Al Stiefel, pastor of the Beacon church, who recently accepted the pastorate at Norwood, Massachusetts.

Expressing it differently, she said—

"When I Leave the Services I Feel Young"

I was sitting at my desk reading the *Preacher's Magazine* when the telephone rang. Mrs. Watrous was calling to say that she thought she had left an item at the church and wanted to know if I might check on it for her. I told her that I would be glad to do so, and then she said, "We had a wonderful prayer meeting last night." After some personal remarks she closed by saying, "When I leave the services I feel young. It strengthens and invigorates me."

Soon I was back to finish my magazine, but I couldn't get away from those words, "When I leave the services I feel young." Finally I could resist the temptation no longer; so dialing her number, I asked, "By the way, Sister Watrous, how old are you?" She answered, "I'm eighty years old." Then I confessed that what she had said about the services making her feel young had intrigued me.

She then replied, "You know, sometimes when

I'm getting ready for church I'm so tired and I hardly go. But when I go to the services and they are so good, I come home and feel like I was fifty years old."

I don't know what it means to feel fifty years old, for I'm not that old yet, but I think I know what Sister Watrous meant by what she said. And in meditation I prayed, "O God, help us to have the kind of services that lift our people and inspire them to face the problems of life with confidence and courage. O God, meet with us and touch us with Thy Holy Spirit in such a way as to give us that spiritual vigor and vitality that makes us 'more than conquerors through him that loved us.'"

In these days of strain and strife, may God use us in some way to help our people spiritually to "feel young" when they leave our services.
—H. L. JOHNSTON, *Pastor, First Church, Battle Creek, Michigan.*



Religious News & Comments

By **LESLIE PARROTT**

The new Congress convened in Washington last month with three ordained clergymen in its ranks . . . Rep. Walter H. Moeller is a Democrat from the tenth district of Ohio and on leave of absence as a Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor . . . Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., is a Baptist Democrat from New York . . . Rep. Merwin Coad, Democrat of Iowa, is a Disciples of Christ minister. Pastor Moeller said, "I certainly understand what the Christian principles are, and a few men of the cloth aren't going to do Washington any harm."

Billy Graham expects to continue his heavy schedule at a more cautious pace after his Hawaiian rest cure . . . his per-

sonal physician is his father-in-law, Dr. Nelson Bell, a former medical missionary to the Orient.

In Cincinnati a \$20,000 verdict was handed down by the court against the St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church and in favor of an injured bingo player. This will become a test case to try the law that exempts religious organizations in "most damage suits."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chionchio, whose baby was kidnaped two hours after birth in a Brooklyn hospital, have confronted authorities with their spirit of forgiveness. Only under pressure did they sign a complaint against the alleged abductor, Mrs. Iavarone.

From Cairo, Egypt, comes word that the Communists in Iraq now are challenging God and Mohammed. Baghdad news sources say that prayers in mosques were disrupted in January and pamphlets "that mock religion and advocate atheism" were circulated. "In attacking religion, the Communists are believed here [Baghdad] to have overreached themselves."

The world's smallest church is located at Drumheller, Alberta, Canada. Its 6 seats were occupied by 15,000 travelers last summer. Services of various denominations are recorded and played by push buttons.

Britain's Nobel prize-winning philosopher, Bertrand Russell, (who once wrote a book on why he is not a Christian) has now attacked both the East and the West, who "defile the heavens by the petty squabbles of animated lumps . . . There may be a war as a result of which all or nearly all will perish. If there is not a war, there may be assaults on heavenly bodies and

Servicemen's Corner



FRIED RICE FELLOWSHIP—"Going to Okinawa? Then you don't want to miss the 'Fried Rice Fellowship'—singspiration, inspiration, food, and fellowship. A friendly, spiritual get-together every Saturday afternoon at 3:30, at the home of our missionaries, Doyle and Mattie Shepherd, Mercy Housing Area, House P 68, Corner Coral Road and China Sea Drive. (If you get lost, call Mercy Operator and ask for 270-W.)"—
Lt. **JIM HUFFMAN.**

CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAINS—Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Maurice R. Holt, National Air Chaplain, Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington 25, D.C., has requested assistance in the procurement of clergymen to serve as chaplains for local Civil Air Patrol units.

The opportunity to render religious service to members of local Civil Air Patrol units is unlimited. Chaplains are afforded the privilege of performing many services which are rewarding—both to themselves as clergymen and to the recipients of their ministry. If interested write to the Commander of the Civil Air Patrol Unit at one of the following addresses:

Roseburg Composite Squadron
P.O. Box 1140
Roseburg, Oregon

Portland # 1 Composite Squadron
3495 South West 103d Street
Portland 9, Oregon

Cheli-Maywood Squadron 19
P.O. Box 126
Hawthorne, California

Sand Point Squadron
1300 104th S.E.
Bellevue, Washington

Squadron 9, Composite Squadron
Box 84-273 Veterans' Administration Branch
Los Angeles 25, California

North Hollywood Cadet Squadron # 3
P.O. Box 311
North Hollywood, California

Seattle Squadron
622 Ellis Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Bridgeport Squadron, CAP
Naval Reserve Training Center
Barnum Dyke, Bridgeport, Conn.

CAP Squadron 53
Norton Air Force Base
San Bernardino, California

Group 20
P.O. Box 76
Chinchilla, Pennsylvania

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Louder W. Gilliland DIRECTOR

it may well happen that means will be found to cause them to disintegrate . . . The moon may split and crumble and melt. Hate and destructiveness, having become cosmic, will spread madness beyond its present terrestrial confines . . . The spread of power without wisdom is utterly terrifying."

In what the *New York Times* describes "as the most accurate compilation of religious statistics yet made of the New York area," it was disclosed that "nearly two-thirds of the more than 15,000,000 persons in the New York metropolitan

area are members of a church or synagogue." The breakdown was as follows:

Protestant—29.5 per cent
Catholic—18 per cent
Jewish—2.2 per cent
Unaffiliated—34.4 per cent

The 1958 *Yearbook of American Churches* gives the following listings of religious affiliation in the U.S.A.:

Protestant—60,148,980
Roman Catholic—34,563,851
Jewish—5,500,000
Eastern Orthodox—2,598,055
Buddhist—63,000

total of any district, twelve. By early fall ten new churches had been organized, but as the months went by it appeared that the last two would not develop. Finally, on December 28, the twelfth church was established. There were twenty-three new churches in Ohio during 1958, the largest number for any state.

The following districts had six or more new churches during the Golden Anniversary year:

Florida	14
Central Ohio	12
Northern California	8
Southern California	8
Abilene	7
Akron	7
Northeastern Indiana	7
Alabama	6
Southwest Indiana	6
West Virginia	6



ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

Golden Anniversary Year Goals

Two great goals were set for the Department of Home Missions for achievement during the Golden Anniversary year. One was to establish a new church every day—a total of 365 for the year. We fell short of the goal, but more new churches were organized than in any previous year in the history of our church. The final corrected figure is 235 new churches in 1958. The largest number for any previous year was 203 in 1951—the only time there had been more than 200 churches organized in one year.

Goals for new churches were set by the district superintendents early in 1957. There were five districts that went over the top and exceeded their goal. They are listed with the number organized during the year:

Abilene	7
Canada Central	5
Florida	14
Gulf Central	2
Southwest Indiana	6

Eight other districts reached the goal they had set for the year:

Arizona	3
Central Ohio	12
Kansas City	4
Mississippi	5
New York	3
South Arkansas	3
Southern California	8
Virginia	5

These thirteen districts that set the pace for the entire church are to be commended for the excellent record they made. Seventeen districts lacked one of reaching their goal for the year. They are listed with the number of churches organized:

Alabama	6
Australia	2
Alaska and Canada Pacific	2
British Isles South	1
Eastern Michigan	4
Joplin	3
Maritime	1
Michigan	4
New England	4
North Arkansas	2
Northeastern Indiana	7
Northwest Indiana	3
Philadelphia	3
South Africa	2
Washington Pacific	4
Wisconsin	3

These districts also helped greatly in setting the new record during 1958. Many of them planned to reach their goal, but something happened that made it impossible to organize the one more church that was needed. One of them, Philadelphia, reopened a church that had been closed, but as it had been carried on the district records as a church, it could not be counted.

Dr. John L. Knight led the Florida District to what is undoubtedly an all-time record of new churches in one year, fourteen. Long before the year began, plans were laid for organizing one new church a month in Florida. Locations were selected and in some instances property was purchased before there was even anyone to send in to start a church. Not only were these plans successful, but two extra churches were organized above the goal for the year. We all congratulate Dr. Knight and the Nazarenes of Florida for this inspiring example of home mission pioneering with vision and careful planning.

Dr. Harvey S. Galloway led the Central Ohio District to the second highest

Our fiftieth year is now past and we have finished with our celebration. This is not a time to rest, for we are beginning the second half-century of our existence. I quote from my report to the General Board at the annual meeting in January:

"As I look at our spreading cities, our growing population, and the un-churched millions in our countries, I know that the day of home mission opportunities has not passed. We must endeavor to . . . pioneer for God through home missions until our Lord returns.

"As we face the remaining year and a half until our next General Assembly, it is my purpose to promote home missions across the church. There are many who have not yet caught on. There are districts that could do in 1959 what they failed to do in 1958. Let there be no soft-pedaling of home missions as we begin our second half-century in the day of the church's greatest opportunity. People won't wait! Those 'having no hope, and without God in the world' must be pointed to 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.' Let us press on!"

Church Extension Goal Reached

The second great goal for our Golden Anniversary year was to reach one million dollars in total church extension loan funds. A brief notice that that goal had been reached appeared in the January 21 *Herald of Holiness*. It was actually December 30 when the million-dollar mark was passed. We deeply appreciate the many Nazarenes who sent in savings deposits to help us go over the top. A complete financial report and a summary of what this money is doing will appear in our column of the February 25 issue.

The Sunday School Lesson

MENDELL
TAYLOR



Topic for
February 22:

Jesus Teaches About His Second Coming

SCRIPTURE: Mark 13:1-37 (Printed:
Mark 13:24-37)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is* (Mark 13:33).

Impressive Stones: The disciples of Jesus were accustomed to small town sizes. When they went to Jerusalem they were awed by the massive Temple that dominated the sky line of the city. They were profoundly impressed by the enormous size of the stones and the engineering skill required to construct such a structure. The quality workmanship and the rare materials that went into the edifice gave the impression that the Temple would be standing when the rocks of the hills were ground into dust and the sun burned into a cinder on the grates of eternity. The holy building appeared utterly indestructible.

In a moment of prophetic utterance, Jesus declared that "there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." The startled listeners could not envision such a calamity. Some of them were anxious to know: "When shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?"

Impending Signs: By implication Jesus indicated that, as the Temple would be destroyed, at a future date the world would be destroyed. Zero hour would come for civilization. The world as we know it would end up in a heap of annihilation. The signs of the beginning of the end were outlined: "Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; . . . ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars."

The actual time of the end is a secret known only to the Father. Man may break many barriers, but the time barrier will be broken only at the order of the Father.

Important Signals: Every time the second coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, warning signals are sounded. These signals are always directed, not to the people of the world, but to the Church. Those who should
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the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Will you please tell us where, in the ninth chapter of Acts, Paul (or Saul) was saved and sanctified?

I believe that he was saved on the road to Damascus. The climax of his conversion experience is given in the sixth verse. The seventeenth verse of this chapter records his sanctification. This answer to your question satisfies me better than any other answer which has been offered.

What does it mean where it says in the Bible that except those days be shortened there would be no flesh saved? Does it refer to the time after the people have been caught up?

I believe that it refers to the time of the great tribulation, or after the rapture has begun.

Is it necessary for us to persevere in our praying or should we just pray and believe? I have been told that the latter method is the one we should follow.

Certainly we should believe—faith is essential in praying. However, perseverance in praying is also essential. We should pray and not faint. This is taught in many places in the Bible. Jesus especially emphasizes this truth in Luke 11:5-10 and 18:1-8. Often perseverance is needed as well as faith. Further, often our faith is proved by our perseverance.

Do you think that a lay leader in the church is loyal if he goes off and takes some more church members with him to follow a former pastor to another town, when the crowd is small at home? Don't you think that this would discourage the new pastor?

There might be a situation under which such as you speak of might be allowable, but I can't think of one now. The rule surely is that the loyal will stand by his own church and pastor. Any other course of action would discourage the new pastor. Blessed is the pastor who has members that he can depend on to be there when they should be. A church cannot be built with members who are always tramping around.

Does a member of the church have a right to call the church board together in the absence of the pastor or church secretary?

I know of nothing in the *Manual* which gives him this right. Here's what the *Manual* says: "The church board shall have a regular meeting within the first ten days of each calendar month, and shall meet specially when called by the pastor, District Superintendent, or the secretary when there is no pastor" (par. 121, p. 75). Even the secretary, according to this statement, can't call a meeting of the church board except when there is no pastor.

Were the disciples sanctified before the Day of Pentecost? If so, when and where were they sanctified? I have been taught that they were all sanctified in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost, but someone claims that they were sanctified before that day.

It is the teaching of our church that of Pentecost, and I certainly agree with the disciples were sanctified on the Day this teaching.

There are several opinions about tithing. In the Bible it says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," which is our church. Now about our monthly checks. Some say that we should take out what we owe first, then our tithes. Others say that, when your check comes the first of the month, you should take out your tithes first and then pay your monthly bills (perhaps there isn't enough to pay your bills). I also want to know if it is right to use some of your tithe for Sunday school.

Tithe your income as it comes in is that we may constantly recognize God month by month, for most of us would as the Owner of everything. There is have little left to tithe if we paid all of some difference of opinion as to whether our other bills first. Besides, the tithe is we should give part of our tithe to the a debt which we owe to God. He should Sunday school. I believe that the ideal have the first and not the last place. is to give to the Sunday school out of All that we have belongs to Him, and your offerings, and I have made this my one reason we tithe and give offerings rule for many years.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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be up-to-date in their relationship with the Lord are the ones who are singled out for these signals. "Take heed" is the watchword which sounds forth the warning for every Christian to observe.

Improper Security: The illustration inserted by Jesus indicated that "eternal vigilance is the cost of preparedness." Those who loiter, or become careless, or give way to negligence, or succumb to "hit-and-miss" periods of devotion, will probably be caught in the throes of false security. Since the time of the event is uncertain, the only safe policy is to keep all accounts properly balanced with the Lord. Spiritual delinquency can be fatal. Unfinished business with

the Lord can have serious repercussions. Sleeping when a post of duty should be served might bring disappointment. The final word regarding this matter is **WATCH!**

This is a gospel of watchfulness. We must be on guard lest we lose our Christian Sabbath, our Christian ideals, our Christian homes. Alertness or sensitivity to the will of the Lord prepares us to live properly in the present world, and produces a readiness for the world-shaking events that mark the end of the age.

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Missionaries on the Move

Rev. and Mrs. Philip Steigleder, home on furlough from Africa, are now making their temporary home at 1614 Dale St., Oildale, California.

The PACKAGE address for Rev. and Mrs. Donald Owens and for Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Cornett has been changed. PACKAGES, MAGAZINES, and all mail other than first class, should go to the following address:

Church of the Nazarene Mission
I.P.O. Box 1327
Seoul, Korea.

LETTERS ONLY may continue to go to their APO address.

As we had hoped, since they have taken the cast off, Sister Alstott has made better progress. It's wonderful to see the way she is able to get around—even doing a lot of the housework. She still tires easily, but every week she seems to gain more of her strength back. Praise the Lord! We still feel the prayers of God's children in her behalf. Again we want to thank everyone who has been faithful in praying—also to thank the many who have sent cards and letters of encouragement. —CHARLES ALSTOTT, *Haiti*.

Greetings in the name of Jesus. We are very thankful to God that the Bible school has been able to open this year. Not only were we able to open, but I believe that our student body here is the best we have had as yet. God has been good to the Nazarene Bible School.

We had our first day of classes on October 21. In the student body there are fifteen young men preparing for full-time Christian work. There are

also five young men in the English program and over thirty young ladies. Of the young ladies, about ten are sure that they want to do work for Christ. Others have come primarily for the program of English. The program of English gives us a wonderful opportunity to reach the community. Three of the young ladies were converted in the girls' prayer meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

It is wonderful to live in a land of peace again. We trust that it will stay this way for a long time. Brother Don was able to come over on October 31. It was the first we had seen him for almost six months.—DONALD REED, *Lebanon*.

We enjoyed very much the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Young. They did not visit each station, as they did the last time they were here. He wanted to meet the national workers, so we arranged a meeting on each district. At these meetings, among other things, he ordained one in the Transvaal, five in Swaziland, and three in P.E.A. You wouldn't say I was biased at all if I said that the service in Gaza eclipsed all the rest. It was an inexpressible blessing to us. The three young men there are sons of parents whom we saw converted in the earlier part of our work. We baptized and married these parents—and then to have part in the ordination of their sons filled our hearts to overflowing. We felt something like Simeon of old when he had seen the Lord's Christ: "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation." When we kneel with a penitent and

"Hey, Bubba! Stay Out Where I Can See You!"

By J. G. WELLS

My neighbor across the street just uttered this cry to his little son playing next door, where it is easy to get out of sight. Three times this morning he has called out these same words, and immediately his four-year-old has appeared and begun playing again where Father could see him.

I bowed my head and prayed, "Dear Lord, help me to always hear Thy voice when I too may be about to get out of sight momentarily. Help me to know that these calls of my Father are for my good and His glory. May I always be mindful of the dangers when in such a position as to bring this cry from Him who loved me and gave himself for me on the cross of Calvary. Dear Lord, help me to consciously avoid those little out-of-the-way places where I might be out of bounds as to the safety of my soul. Teach me anew that he who would utterly defeat my Father's wishes may at times come as an angel of light as well as a roaring lion.

"Then we would most humbly and earnestly beseech Thee, Father, always to hasten Thy anxious call when we, for a fleeting second, become obscure from the place of Thy happiness in our behalf. We are so easily lulled into half-consciousness. Abounding iniquity is so prevalent. Oh, may Thy cry be piercing and attention-demanding! The speeding connivances of soul destruction are so likely to take us unaware—even in the midst of our daily ministrations to others about us. This we pray that the Father may be glorified in the Son, Jesus Christ, and that we may hear the 'Well done' at the end of the day. Amen."

Pastor, First Church, Miamisburg, Ohio

try to pray him through we little know what is wrapped up in that person. I have taken on new courage.—C. S. JENKINS, *South Africa*.

Alabaster Giving at Endingeni

We have just opened our Alabaster boxes here at our church and we have, so far, approximately \$124. The district has not yet brought in its Alabaster money. God is blessing us. Our Women's Meeting sent about fourteen dollars as a special Christmas gift to our leper colony—the first time they have made this effort.

We closed our Women's Meeting with eighty-four women present. Five were out sick. We had asked the Lord for seventy-five women by the end of the year. We had testimonies before we had our feast, and it was a great thrill to see two heathen women, now dressed as the Christians, and on tiptoe ready to testify. They were saved recently in the Women's Meeting.—LILLIAN JONES, *Endingeni, Swaziland, Africa*.

Thought for the Day

by **BERTHA MUNRO**

Instrument of Peace

Monday:

"Confront the Christmas idea." An editorial challenges us to make the latent faith active for more than a brief holiday season. For "it always outshines the tinsel." The "Christmas idea"? "Peace on earth." More than an idea, it is Christ's own legacy to us. "Peace I leave with you." Unused? Unclaimed? Confront it, item by item, in the familiar prayer, "Make me an instrument of Thy peace." (Luke 2:14; Matthew 5:9; John 14:27.)

Tuesday:

"Where there is hatred, let me sow love." Today plant in other lives some seeds of the fruit He has given to you. Any antagonisms, big or little, try melting by unretaliating, impartial kindness. Love is the universal solvent; great adventure this, being a peacemaker without being a meddler. (Matthew 5:43-45.)

Wednesday:

"Where there is injury, [sow] pardon." Remember, it is the injurer who really suffers. Heal his spirit by your gentleness. He needs your sympathetic understanding, and perhaps understanding him will show you something you can ask his forgiveness for. That is the quickest way to peace. (Ephesians 4:32.)

Thursday:

"Where there is doubt, [sow] faith." Go out to understand the doubter too. That man is desperately poor who has lost faith in God, in other people, in himself. Let your love go out to him. Your faith in God has kindled your faith in others and in yourself. Share it. If he doubts you, trust him—and

boost his confidence in himself—and in the God who has made you act like Christ. (Acts 27:25.)

Friday:

"Where there is despair, [sow] hope." Today keep hope alive for someone. If you find a person who has lost hope for himself, hold on for him and let him know you do. Remind him of the "God of hope." And in the group with whom you are working, be a hope spreader. There are always discouraging circumstances; you will meet them today. Keep the contact with headquarters clear, so that the moment the enemy whispers discouragement you can hear the assurance of reinforcements. With your own courage lifted you can lift others. (Romans 15:18; II Thessalonians 2:16-17.)

Saturday:

"Where there is darkness, [sow] light." And that is everywhere. Like Stevenson's lantern bearers (boys who played the game of carrying a bull's-eye lantern under their jackets and suddenly flash-

ing the light on a chance passer-by), you carry in your spirit the secret light of Christ's love. Flash it out on the dark spots in lives around you. "Ye are the light of the world." Don't hide it under the bushel basket. "If to save your candle you put out your light, God will not remember you." (Matthew 5:14-16.)

Sunday:

"Where there is sadness, [sow] joy." And that is the deep thing. A "Cheerio" or a joke or even a gay smile won't do it. You can't divide your own joy and give away half. But you can keep Christ's joy alive and radiant, lifting you above your own sadnesses; it will speak for itself. Share your material abundance—yes; but create hunger for your Christ. His abiding joy is the secret of peace. (Luke 2:10; John 15:11-12.)

The days slip fast into flying years—I cannot grasp them to hold them. Communicating Christ at my ordinary tasks, I can save them for eternity.



Nazarene Ministers Benevolent Fund

DEAN WESSELS, *Secretary*

A pastor in Illinois, who has in his membership a retired minister, wrote the following letter:

In behalf of Rev. _____, I wish to express my appreciation and the appreciation of my church for the splendid way that the office of Ministerial Benevolence stood by Brother _____ in his recently incurred hospital bill.

Your very splendid service brings hope and encouragement to these good men who have served us and the church in the past.

The entire family extends its appreciation for the help that was attained through your office.

The Department of Ministerial Benevolence has given emergency assistance to many of our ministers who have been unable to meet heavy medical expense at times of illness. With each check for emergency assistance goes a message of comfort and cheer. "I was sick, and ye visited me," can be said of each one who contributed to the payment of the 2 per cent budget in his local church. In this way you can "visit" someone in need.

NEWS

of the Churches



General N.F.M.S. Council Meeting

The General N.F.M.S. Council met at the International Headquarters, January 1 to 3, with all members present. The presence and leadings of the Holy Spirit were felt in each session.

Our beloved general president, Mrs.

Louise R. Chapman, opened the session with a wonderful message, reading Exodus 3:15. She pointed out that after our Golden Anniversary year we need to turn aside and look at the burning bush and thank God for the exploits done before we go into our "year of

triumph." Not only do we want to praise God as we look at the bush, but we need God to speak to us again.

Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent sponsor, and Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, executive secretary of the Department of Foreign Missions, each spoke to

the Council, bringing both information and inspiration.

The reports given by Council members showed that the Golden Anniversary year was a time of many victories and decided progress. General Council members, district presidents and officers, and Nazarenes around the world, both children and adults, all co-operated to make the Golden Anniversary year the greatest in the history of the N.F.M.S.

Every one of our seventy-five districts showed a net gain in membership, with a net gain in finances of nearly one-fourth million dollars.

The N.F.M.S. looks forward to another "year of triumph" as they march with God in ever-increasing numbers and efforts up to another General Convention and Assembly.—Mrs. D. S. SOMERVILLE, *reporting*.

Evangelist W. E. Boggs writes: "Due to a pastoral change and cancellation. I have April 29 to May 10 open. I would be glad to give this time to some church and people in the Olivet Educational Zone. Write me c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

In honor of the twenty-five years of service of their pastor, Rev. Harvey Schoonover, the church in Morenci, Michigan, observed the anniversary Sunday—last October 26—with a record attendance of 341 in Sunday school. Dr. Howard Hamlin, guest speaker, spoke to large crowds at all the services. In the afternoon service a new Hammond organ was dedicated; it was a gift to the church by Dr. J. A. Blanchard, a physician and surgeon, in appreciation of the years of service of the pastor. A monogrammed silver tray and tea set were given the Schoonovers by the church members and friends. The present church building was dedicated January 4, 1953; the debt of \$21,000 has been reduced to \$3,000.—*Reporter*.

Evangelist Daniel Stafford writes: "I will soon be beginning my seventh year in the evangelistic field. I have had six full years, averaging about twenty-four meetings a year, in about twenty different districts. I begin the seventh year with a good slate—have one date open in the summer and one in the fall for 1959. Write me, Box 207, Southport, Indiana."

Chillicothe, Ohio—First Church recently closed a most successful revival campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. L. B. Mathews. Under the old-fashioned, truly scriptural holiness preaching of Brother Mathews, and the Spirit-filled singing of Mrs. Mathews, the people were led on to greater spiritual heights. The altar services were fruitful, with more than fifty seekers finding God in salvation, sanctification, and spiritual help. Twenty members were received into the church on profession of faith as a result of the revival. Pastor and people feel that this was one of the most spiritually rewarding revivals we have witnessed for many years.—ROBERT QUANSTROM, *Pastor*.

Coshocton, Ohio—The Pleasant Valley Church was organized last August 10 in

a small building. Since that time the church has made good progress, and we now have a new addition to our building. Recently we had a good revival with Miss Judy Williams, an eighteen-year-old girl preacher. There were seekers at the altar every night and new people were contacted.—L. M. TUCKER, *Pastor*.

Evangelist C. T. Corbett writes: "We opened the new year with a revival meeting at our Garfield Heights Church in Cleveland, Ohio, where Rev. L. L. Kollar is pastor. God blessed and gave us over 100 seekers. This made an average of 100 seekers in each of the last five campaigns we have labored in. Also, this Garfield meeting gave me a total of 131 revival campaigns in the state of Ohio. I enjoyed working in 22 revivals during 1958. At this writing I am beginning a meeting at Jerome, Idaho, with Rev. W. H. Hurn—his fourteenth year in this church. Their new church building is indeed a thing of beauty. Within a few months I will have completed 35 years in the Nazarene ministry, during which time I have labored in over 700 revival campaigns with the grandest folks on earth. We give God praise."

Albany, Kentucky—Revival fires burn afresh at First Church. The church has enjoyed one of the greatest revivals in many years under the dynamic preaching of Rev. Daniel Stafford and the spiritual singing of Brother Douglas Slack. Brother Stafford preached the truth without fear or favor and only eternity will reveal what his ministry has meant to our church. Many souls found victory at the altar, and the revival spirit continues in the regular services. Both Brother Stafford and Brother Slack are slated to return in 1960. The church is showing increases in every department.—JOHN F. HAY, *Pastor*.

Evangelist H. H. Hooker writes: "I have several choice dates in the latter part of the spring, summer, and fall that I could give to churches, camp meetings, or for conventions. Write me, P.O. Box 11, Gardendale, Alabama."

Evangelist Don Isenberg reports: "We are so thankful for the privilege that God has given to our family to travel for eight years together in the evangelistic field, and greatly appreciate the many pastors and laymen with whom we have labored in the work of winning souls. We conducted twenty-two or more revival meetings a year, in many parts of the country, and God blessed and gave souls with many added to the church. Since our daughter is now at E.N.C. and our son in the service, I am traveling alone as chalk-artist evangelist, and will be glad to take meetings anywhere as God may lead. I will be in Colorado until May 10, and would like to slate one or two meetings following this date in that vicinity or on my way back East. Write me, 17 Third Street, College Park, Maryland."

Inez, Kentucky—Recently First Church experienced one of the greatest revivals in a number of years. We thank God

for the old-fashioned, Spirit-anointed preaching of Evangelist Larry Ritchie. Truly this was a Heaven-born revival with great spiritual depths. Brother Ritchie is a forceful, dynamic evangelist with a vision of and burden for lost souls.—JOHN P. SALYER, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Herbert E. Lilly writes: "The Lord blessed us in 1958 with a full slate of meetings, and it was a pleasure to work with our fine pastors and laymen on ten different districts. We thank God for His blessings and the souls who found Him in full salvation. I have a fine slate for 1959, with one open date, May 3 to 10. Write me, 1207 Maple Street, Nampa, Idaho."

The (Thomas) Fowler Family Evangelistic Party reports: "Since entering the field last August 20, we have conducted revivals in Southside Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia, with Rev. Ira E. Fowler; at Coshocton, Ohio, with Pastor W. E. Zimmerman; at Mannington and Spencer, West Virginia, with Pastors Grim and Bess respectively; also at Martinsburg and Chester, with Rev. A. V. Kessecker and Rev. Lewis Legg; then to South Norfolk, Virginia, with Rev. James V. Roberts; to Ohio, at McArthur, with Rev. Frank Roddy, and at Rudolph with Rev. Dale Lockwood; and at Williamstown, West Virginia, with Pastor J. L. Kilgore. We had wonderful times in the Lord with these good pastors and people, attendance above average, and some good altar services. God is blessing our work as a family—there are six of us who play musical instruments and sing, besides the preaching. Write us, 3906 Ninth Ave., Parkersburg, West Virginia."

Homestead, Florida—Recently we experienced the wonderful manifestation of the Holy Spirit in revival services conducted by Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Gould of Sturgis, Michigan. The church had been experiencing Pentecostal victory for several weeks prior to the meeting, but God used Brother Gould in His own special way and the revival tide went to even greater heights. During these seven days of special services, forty-two people sought God for help, and about two weeks later twenty-two people united with the church. We praise God for the Biblical messages of Brother Gould, and for their fine program of music, which was so effective in promoting the work of the Kingdom.—WILLIAM L. CHAMBERS, JR., *Pastor*.

Evangelist James W. Thomas writes: "I am beginning my third year in the evangelistic field. In recent weeks we have seen a number of souls seeking God at the altar and praying through for pardon and heart purity. At this writing I am in a meeting in one of our new churches—Potosi, Missouri, with Pastor H. B. Wiley. Pastors of the zone have been attending to boost the services. Already God is blessing and giving souls. I have some open time after February 8; will go anywhere, large or small church, and do my best for God and souls. Write me, Route 2, Box 55 A, Gravette, Arkansas."

Florence, Alabama—The work at Florence First Church has been advancing with tremendous strides during the past three years. The Sunday school has increased from 172 to an average of 268 for the past three months. An extensive remodeling program has given us a fully departmentalized Sunday school with 7 organized departments. Several Sunday mornings of late our lovely auditorium has been filled to near capacity. We have found it necessary to organize a junior church, and last Sunday (January 11), 60 were present in this service. We give glory to God for the progress made. We are also pleased that our pastor, Rev. J. W. Burch, has been elected to the presidency of the Florence Ministerial Association, which has 44 participating churches in its membership.—**S. L. OLIVE, Secretary.**

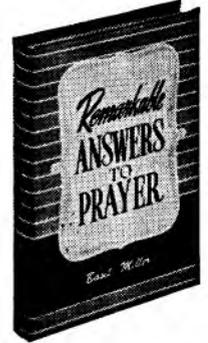
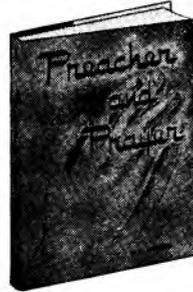
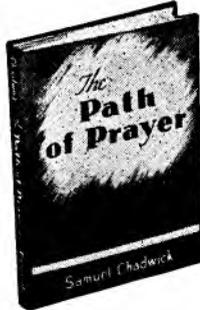
Evangelist Thomas Hayes reports: "One of my great years was 1958, and it was wonderful what God did for us in revivals, especially at Tabor, Iowa; Barstow, California; and Artesia, California. Then we had the greatest meeting in the history of the church at Liberal, Kansas; and a good meeting at First Church, Compton, California. God blessed in the meetings at Costa Mesa, Riverside Drive and Glassel Park, both in Los Angeles, and in a big tent meeting, with some wonderful altar services. We saw as many as 107 seekers during one meeting. We greatly appreciate all the fine pastors with whom we have worked, and also the fine musicians who labored with us. Jim Lee, one of our Pasadena College boys, was a great blessing in playing and singing; also Brother Brothwell, who worked with us in several meetings. I love our people and thank God for the Church of the Nazarene."

Evangelist Charles T. Cook writes that he will be in Stephenson, Michigan, at the Ingalls Church through March 1. Then he has some open time and will be glad to go where the Lord may lead. Write him, 122 Central Avenue, Red Key, Indiana.

Evangelist J. B. Miller reports: "We have recently completed our fall schedule of eight revival campaigns and give thanks to God for His blessings and for the frequent outpourings of His Spirit. After pastoring our First Church in Denver, Colorado, for ten years, we entered the evangelistic field last September, with our first meeting at Bethel Church in Detroit, Michigan, with Pastor R. C. Johnson. Then we went to California, conducting revivals on all three districts there: at Red Bluff with Pastor Ervin Klassen; at Placerville with Rev. Arthur Grobe; in Springville with Pastor Marion Jones; at North Long Beach with Rev. Paul Brandyberry; in Grover City with Rev. Alvin Farrier; at Arcadia with Pastor Joe Stockett; and in Oroville with Pastor John Rupp. In each of these meetings souls found God, with about three hundred seekers, and we rejoiced in some outstanding cases of salvation. We enjoyed splendid fellowship with pastors and people. We have a full slate for the spring, but have a few choice dates open for this fall,

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J. KENNETH GRIDER
for the Committee on Public Morals

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Uvalde, Texas—This church (near where the denomination was officially organized fifty years ago) recently had an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival. Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest Moore, Jr., were the special workers. The attendance was the best in many years and God wonderfully blessed. In addition to the good preaching of Brother Moore, Mrs. Moore served capably as pianist, and their four lovely children sang as a quartet each evening. A singspiration was held on each of the two Sunday afternoons during the meeting, and the glory of God was on the services.—
JULIA GROVES, Secretary.

"A preacher once made the statement that what a person is in secret on his knees, that he is—that and no more. We could add the faith one has while passing through trials and affliction is the amount of faith he has, that and no more. Like gold, if faith does not endure the fire it is not faith at all."—Evelyn M. Witthoff.

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Touch our souls and make us free—
Lord, Thy wondrous love we see.
Purge us with Thy precious blood,
'Neath the blessed, crimson flood.

Lord, we rise—our hearts are pure!
Thou hast sent the double cure!
Sanctified tonight are we—
Thou hast cleansed and set us free!
Amen!

Deaths

REV. MRS. ELVIRA N. WESSELING was born September 30, 1882, at Harrison, South Dakota, and died September 4, 1958, at Nampa, Idaho. In 1902 she was married to Harry J. Wesseling. They were members of the Church of the Nazarene in its beginning years and entered its full-time ministry during the war years. Mrs. Wesseling served as copastor with her husband in both North and South Dakota, beginning in Davis in 1919. In 1931 they came to the Idaho-Oregon District. They spent nearly forty years in the ministry, were responsible for organizing at least three Nazarene churches, besides pastoring many others. While doing home mission work in Elgin, Oregon, Mr. Wesseling died in 1937, and Mrs. Wesseling finished the term of pastorate there. Up until a few years ago she was very active doing missionary work among the American Indians. She and her husband were ordained by Dr. John W. Goodwin in 1929 after serving as licensed ministers for many years. She joined Nampa First Church in 1943 and had been a faithful member; she was a great blessing because of her radiant Christian personality and shouts of praise. She is survived by three sons, John Morris, Harold V., and Don H.; three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Kramer, Mrs. Maude Pooley, and Mrs. Shirley Dyke; also one sister, Mrs. Wm. Bruner. Mrs. Wesseling's sacrifices in the maturing days of a denomination, together with those of her husband and children, read like an adventure in miracles. Funeral service was held in Nampa First Church with her pastor, Rev. Raymand C. Kratzer, officiating.

GUY E. RUSSELL, age sixty-five, died June 12, at Everett, Washington. Prior to moving to Everett two years ago his home had been in Snoqualmie. He was known to all as a faithful friend and member of the Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by his wife, Ilo; a son, Walter; and three daughters, Mrs. R. C. Barnett, Miss Ruth, and Mrs. D. Vredevelt.

MRS. SARAH PRESLEY was born in Kentucky and died at her home in Sherman, Texas, at the age of eighty-seven. She had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for many years. She is survived by three sons and four daughters. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Leon Martin.

WILLIAM GIBSON died June 15, 1958. For fifty years he was a member of Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He taught the young women's class for over twenty years, and served as Sunday school superintendent for sixteen years, resigning because of illness. He was a staunch and exemplary member of the church. In the church's early, struggling days he almost singlehandedly paid the pastor's salary and always saw to it that the pastor had a good suit of clothes. His host of friends miss him from his place in the church. He is survived by his wife, Anna, who is Junior Department supervisor of the Sunday school.

ARTHUR J. KARKER of Houghton, New York, died at the Veterans' Hospital in Buffalo, September 12, 1958, after an extended and complicated illness. He was born August 23, 1888, in Williamston, Michigan. In 1912 he married Laura Whitney, who died in 1915. In 1918 he was married to Gladys L. Gould. To this union were born two sons: Gladwyn Arthur, of Rochester; and Oliver Gould, Nazarene missionary in South Africa; and a daughter, Mary Louise Connors, of Williamston, New York. Besides his wife and three children, he is also survived by one brother and two sisters. Funeral service was held at the Houghton church, with the pastor, Rev. Martin W. Cox, officiating, and interment was in the Houghton Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MRS. BESS WILLARD was born April 21, 1907, in Oak Hill, Kansas, and died August 15, 1958, in Nampa, Idaho. She had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for thirty years and at the time of her death was a member of the College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa. She had always been active in the N.F.M.S. work in the churches, also had a special ability with young people. Her musical touch upon the piano will always be remembered by those who knew and loved her. She is survived by six children: Mrs. Yvonne West, Mrs. Geraldine Smith, Mrs. Verna Smith, Robert, Richard, and Sam; also her mother and grandmother. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Eugene Stowe, with interment at Kohlerlawn Memorial Park, Nampa.

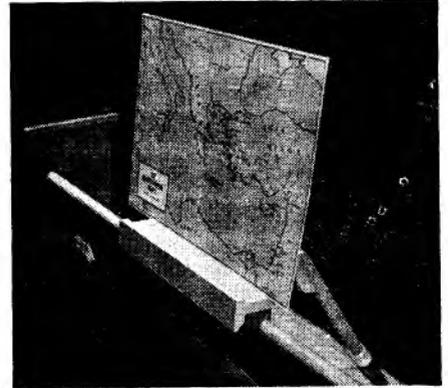


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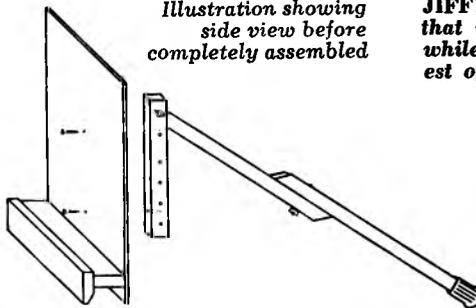


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Announcements

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Verla Louise Oke of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mr. Jerry Lambert of Norman, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on December 27 at First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, with Rev. Norman R. Oke, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Dr. A. Milton Smith, pastor.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Clinton Lamar of Mt. Vernon, Indiana, a son, Timothy Scott, on January 12.

—to Donald and Carol (Curless) Tosti of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a daughter, Allcia, on January 12.

—to Rev. and Mrs. M. Dean Hellenga of Olivehurst, California, a son, Bruce Dean, on January 8.

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—to Rev. Virgil M. and Catherine (Cummings) Hutcheson of Denair, California, a son, Randall Joseph, on January 4.

—to A2/C Paul and Darlene (Wilson) Sexton of Hampton, Virginia, a son, Brian Anthony, on January 2.

—to Bud and Betty Woodcock of Owego, New York, a son, Dean Elwin, on December 17.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Allen Liles of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, a son, Gregory Scott, on November 24.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Tool of San Diego, California, a son, Charles Michael, on November 13.

—to Robert and Hermina (Schultz) Laidley of Chicago, Illinois, a daughter, Dorothy Ann, on November 9.

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by a Nazarene in Ohio for the Lord's will to be done in a problem in the church, that they may have a real revival, and for a special unspoken request;

by a Mississippi mother for an unsaved husband, a father, and also a drunkard—that God will help her to be true and save her husband before the home is broken up;

by a Nazarene mother in Texas that she and her teen-age daughters will be the right kind of examples before the unsaved father and husband, that he may seek God.

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