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AN OLD-TIME MOTHER

by General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland

AMONG THE FAMOUS WOMEN of the Old Testament, the story of Hannah continues to have significant meaning. This is especially true as we pay special honor to our most beloved citizens at this time—our mothers. Her story is recorded in the opening chapters of First Samuel. Hannah was one of the two wives of Elkanah, an Ephraimite who lived at Ramathaim-zophim. She accompanied her husband each year to Shiloh where the tabernacle was located and where they offered annual sacrifices. Hannah was childless. On these visits she spent her time at the altar praying for a male child whom she promised to dedicate to the Lord.

We would characterize Hannah as an old-time mother. She had a deep conviction that womanhood's greatest achievement and happiest fulfillment is the role of motherhood. This ancient belief has carried through the centuries, and even today we pay worthy tribute to the role of motherhood by setting aside a day to honor our mothers.

The beautiful prayer and dedication of Hannah is recorded in 1 Samuel 1:11, "And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid

a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head."

God answered her prayer, and she bore a son and called him Samuel ("God hears"). When he was weaned she brought Samuel to the Tabernacle to be trained by Eli, the old priest. The 28th verse of chapter 1 records her dedication: "Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. . . ."

Hannah was a devoted mother. She had other children later but never neglected Samuel. Chapter 2, verse 19, records, "Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice." The world honors her, remembering that her son grew to become the great prophet, Samuel, whose powerful influence led Israel through a turbulent era of history.

Our society today has imposed upon modern womanhood many new responsibilities and changing roles outside the home. Many have entered the marketplace; others have distinguished themselves in professional careers. Many have the difficult careers of dual roles in motherhood and business.

We salute the women of our beloved church throughout the world—especially in your most important and fulfilling role, motherhood. □



by MELVIN G. WILLIAMS

Mama Larkin

A REMARKABLE WOMAN

MY RECOLLECTIONS of Bessie Bonsall Larkin—my great-grandmother—are fuzzy at best. In the memories of my early childhood there remains little more than a stern, gray-haired old lady whose dark dresses were unfashionably long and whose shoes had square heels and laces up the front. To me and to the rest of her family she was Mama.

Only within the last year have I begun to create other images of her—images that came first out of a few newspaper clippings and later out of a battered shoe box labeled “Mother’s things.” In the process I am beginning to appreciate how remarkable a woman she was.

She was a lovely and talented young woman who was ordained to the Christian ministry as “an Elder . . . according to the rules of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene,” in a small church in Harrington, Del., in 1908.

She was a dedicated minister who, two years later in 1910, was authorized to be an evangelist in “the place where God can use her.”

She was a tireless city missionary who preached in the hall of a carpet mill in Washington, under the tent of a camp meeting in Virginia, and in churches from New England to Florida.

She later became an ordained evangelist in the Methodist Episcopal church and was to be acclaimed as “a female Billy Sunday.”

Amid the brief glimpses, some facts are clear. Bessie Bonsall was born near Philadelphia in 1871 of Quaker parents, whose roots went back to William Penn and before that to England. She married Milton Larkin, also of Quaker lineage, and they lived for a while in Philadelphia. Their one daughter, Miriam, was my mother’s mother.

Apparently no records exist to reveal what brought her into the pentecostal fellowship that was to become

the Church of the Nazarene. Fortunately, though, her personal journal survives—a small leather-bound volume that records two of the most significant events of her life: receiving the blessing of holiness and accepting the call to the evangelistic ministry.

The ink has turned brown on the small lined pages, but her firm handwriting is still clear. Under the heading of February 18, 1897, she has written:

J. Wilbur Chapman preached at the Third Annual Convention of the N.J. Conference Epworth League, Burlington, N.J. Text—Acts 2:4—“filled with the Holy Ghost.” I sought and found this beautiful experience on March 4th, 1897, after much thought and earnest prayer with full consecration.

As if to confirm it, she signed her name underneath.

Across the page, but added three years later are these further testimonies:

July 1902 at the Mt. Lake Park Campmeeting on a Tuesday afternoon God call[ed] me to the evangelistic work. The following Sunday morning I preached my first sermon in the Wayne Ave. & Berkeley St. Evangelical Church [in Philadelphia], Rev. James D. Acker—pastor From the text Deu. 32-11-12.

From that same old box I took a yellowed and crumbling newspaper clipping, with no date, of revival services at the Primitive Methodist Church in Shamokin, Pa., which reports “164 converts,” along with these observations:

Rev. Larkin has brought simple, timely messages from the old Book throughout the entire campaign. All who have heard her have learned to love her and her gentle manner in preaching has been the means of bringing many to seek Christ.

Too much cannot be said of the work of the evangelist, Mrs. Larkin. She was faithful to the end in the discharge of her duties in bringing the old time gospel messages and dealing with the unsaved.

Regrettably, much of her life is now lost. But out of the collage of a few clippings and letters and photographs have emerged the outlines, at least, of a remarkable woman. □

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DISAGREES

Barry Swanson presents his case for recognition in the church for all types of music.

Many people agree with him. Some of us who disagree are aware of the quiet atmosphere in the congregation today instead of the acclaim of loud "amens" once heard. Contrast this with the so-called Christian rock that has invaded the sanctuary and any fool can see everything is better! The devil has certainly blinded many in this day of "anything goes."

*Louie Ricci
Chico, California*

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN

Words cannot express how much I appreciate Sue Prentice for her "God's Thank You Notes" (Dec. 1,

1984). Children are also a big part of my life.

A few months ago only 2 to 3 children came to Cheyenne First Church of the Nazarene with me on Sunday mornings. Now the van picks up 10 to 14 children for Sunday School and church! My wife and I are also children's church directors, and we've seen much spiritual growth in many of these "bus children." We hope and pray to do our best to tell them about Jesus.

*A1C Kevin Chick
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COMMUNICATION NOT ENOUGH

Barry Swanson and I are not only friends, we are graduates of the same college, the same music professors, the same year. I find nothing in his article, "Communication, the

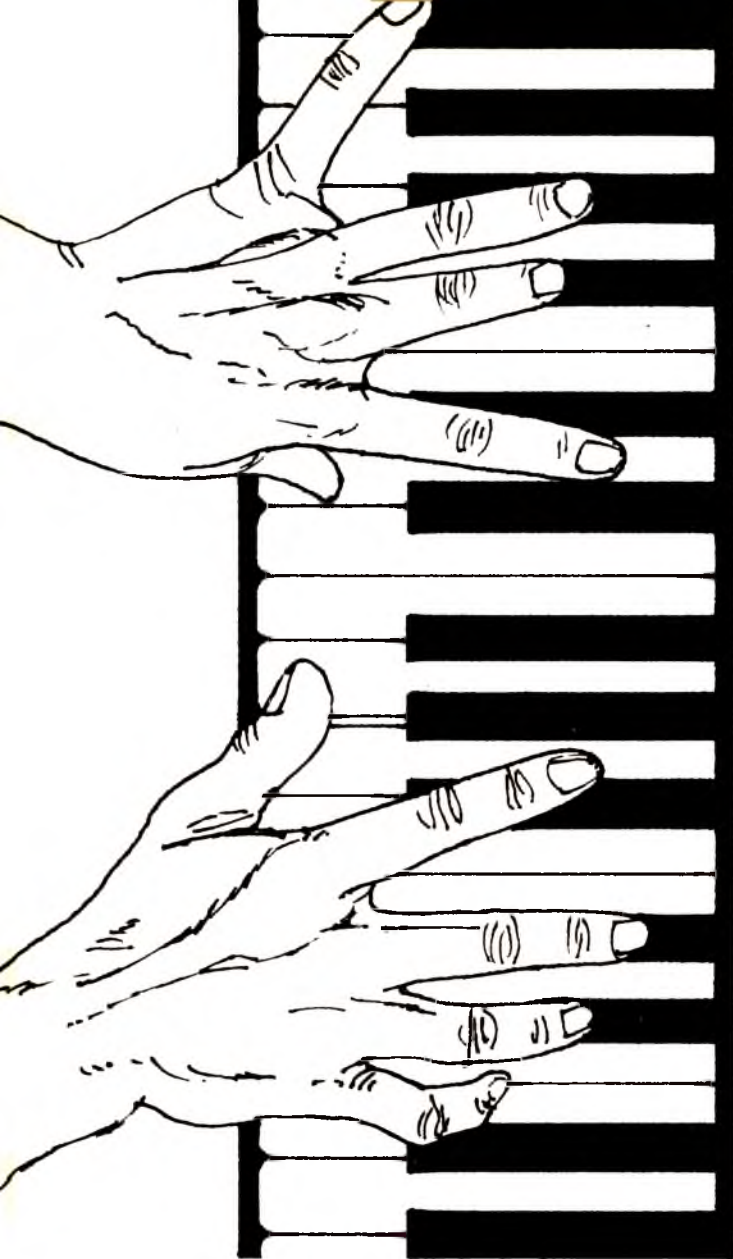
Test of Music" to disagree with other than the title and foundational presupposition, "The ultimate purpose of the church and its music is communication."

I think it matters "what" the church and its music communicate. That's why I wrote, "My Objection to 'Christian' Rock" that raised such a response in letters to the editor.

I felt the *Herald* did me a bit of a disservice when it published my article because one important sentence was edited out. I acknowledge that rock music in certain instances reaches people in a unique way and that door cannot be slammed tight against it.

It does, however, seem inconsistent to me theologically to accept every musical culture just because it is. I can't see the value of acid rock,

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WHEN MOTHER PLAYED THE ORGAN

by MARY E. LATHAM

THE EVENING WAS WARM in the little town. In the filtered glow of a setting sun, people were gathering. An air of curious excitement pervaded the scene.

Closer in, there were sounds of singing. One leading bass voice seemed to lift above the others. And there was organ music blending with the voices. What was going on?

It was a tent meeting. Many of the people were singing. Some were trying to follow. Others were listening to the organ. A few were looking on in amazement.

My young mother was playing that organ. And the tones were remarkably rich for a small folding organ. The volume was controlled by the vigor with which she pumped the pedals. Sure, Mother could play larger organs—pianos too. But this instrument *had* to be portable for easy transportation to all the different places it was needed.

Father had recently finished theological school. Mother had studied too. They were young and full of zeal to spread the gospel of full salvation. They sang, preached, prayed, and traveled wherever doors opened.

And people came. Whether services were in a tent, brush arbor, or schoolhouse, there were always eager listeners. Many, for the first time, heard how Christ could transform life. He would forgive sins and give peace. Through His redemptive power one could be cleansed from inbred sin and discover a life of freedom and joy—call it Christian holiness.

The singing was beautiful—old hymns and gospel songs—led by the tall, youthful preacher with the deep bass voice. And his lovely wife pumped and played that portable organ until it sounded rich and full. Services were alive with the spirit of love and joy.

Those were pioneer days in a vital chapter of our church history. There was no Home Mission Fund, no Department of Church Extension. In fact, *then* our denomination had not even been founded. But young people completely dedicated to God, filled with His Spirit, dared to work in partnership with Him alone.

They took literally Christ's commission to "Go." They endured hardships, preached, sang, and lived in the power of Jesus Christ. And because they did there are today hundreds, thousands, possibly millions, who have heard and experienced the joy of full salvation.

Often we forget the sacrifice and the struggles of those who laid foundations and prepared the way for the worldwide fellowship our church family enjoys today.

One Sunday morning not long ago I worshiped in a beautiful church far from my home base. The sanctuary was comfortably filled. Rich organ music gave depth to the congregational singing. The choir brought blessing with a joyful hymn. The pastor's sermon was inspiring.

As I listened, my mind kept recalling how this work started years ago. Many times I have heard my mother tell of those early experiences: How my father and she moved to the little city, how they felt called to go for the purpose of spreading the good news of Christian holiness.

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WHEN MOTHER PLAYED THE ORGAN

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It would take a book to describe the exploits and endurance of my young pioneering parents as they started a work there. Circumstances could indeed be compared to a mission field. And again, Mother played the organ.

By the time the work was going well the Pilot Point experience had established our denomination. Within a few years my dad made arrangements to organize officially into a church the work God had begun through my parents' labors.

And there was I, years later, worshiping in that beautiful church building, situated on a large plot of ground, in a growing section of a thriving city.

The church is growing. There is a spirit of optimism and faith. It is a beautiful example of the way God works—some to plant, others to water, but God gives the increase.

As we later discussed the present-day challenge and the plans to meet it, the pastor said, "But we could not be doing what we are today if your father had not done what he did."

I heartily agree with that pastor. But let us remember this was teamwork. And the second member of that dedicated team invested all her skills to make a strong beginning and to establish the new church.

After my mother went to heaven I heard a mature Christian, an ardent churchwoman, tell that she was led to Christ in her childhood by her Sunday School teacher, "Sister Latham."

Were there time and space much more could be written about my parents' work in starting new churches, strengthening weak ones, reaching out to those needing help. Their lives were fruitful, full of dedication and daring. They pulled together as a team. God gave results then—and they continue to multiply even today.

Through the years there have been many dramatic stories to be shared, but none more newsworthy than some of the happenings during those years when Mother played the organ. □

A Mother's Prayer

*Dear God, help me to teach my child
Thy truths in purity,
Give me the will and strength to teach
Kindness and charity;
A charity that knows no bounds
When cause is great and right,
True love for Christ and fellowman
And trust in Thy great might;
O God, bestow indelibly
Within my dear child's heart,
A living faith to last the years
When we are far apart.*

—CHARLOTTE CARPENTER
Sabetha, Kansas



HOME IN THE MORNING

by HELEN F. ROTHWELL

TIME AND AGAIN I find myself recounting the lessons I learned from my mother. Among the many, three seem to persist.

We children early learned compassion for the less fortunate from Mother's practical example. I especially remember her concern for Granny, whose weather-beaten house was nothing more than a two-room shack. Other children of the neighborhood were afraid of her, even calling her a "witch," so stooped was her aging frame, so wizened her face, so shrill her voice. But I was not afraid. It was my joy to carry to her the goodies my mother shared: a tin pail of hot soup or warm bread in the winter, a huge bowl of homemade ice cream or slice of watermelon in summer.

In return, Mother learned much from Granny. A Civil War widow, her keen mind was a reservoir of pioneer history, which she loved to share during Mother's frequent visits. And the garden surrounding her tiny home was an Eden of flowers, which she was also proud to share.

My mother also taught me a deep and abiding interest in missions and missionaries. It was a missionary who taught me my first song, "It's Just like His Great Love." Missionaries were always welcome in our home and were frequent guests. Often when a travel-weary missionary had a few days between deputation assignments, he and his family found our home a haven of rest and relaxation. I am sure I found geography a more interesting subject because I had friends in those far-off places!

Mother's interest in missions never waned. Even in her declining years she was a missions enthusiast, always soliciting the support of others for the cause that was dear to her and never failing to give of herself and her means for that cause.

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Perhaps the thing for which I am most grateful is what I learned from my mother's genuine love of and appreciation for the Bible, good books, and Christian literature. Our huge family Bible was my first textbook. With it spread out before me on the floor in front of the fireplace, I demanded to know the stories behind the hundreds of pictures the old Book contained.

Ours was a modest household, with five children to support, but somehow Mother managed money to purchase the best books. She learned about these from ministers or saw them advertised in the church periodicals. Thus by the time I was in my early teens I had read and reread, often many times, scores of holiness classics. Evangelists, who were frequently entertained in our home, found Mother's well-stocked bookshelves an oasis of inspiration.

But Mother also knew how to impart her biblical knowledge to others and for nearly half a century could be found teaching a Sunday School class, except when prevented by illness or the burdens of child rearing. Hers must have been an innate love for teaching, for she did not have the advantage of college training. Even laymen's leadership training was unheard of in her day.

After more than three decades away from the home "nest," I received the inevitable call. Mother had been admitted to the hospital again and her doctor had advised that I come. I was shocked to find her much weaker than I had anticipated and devoid of her former strong desire to live. After a few days with her, the pressure of teaching duties required my return home. Then followed weeks of almost daily long-distance telephone calls.

Since we had a brief Thanksgiving recess, my husband, and I decided to spend it with Mother. On Saturday I insisted that my nurse-sister, wearied from nine weeks of bedside watch, take the day off and leave Mother with me. When I walked into her room that morning and greeted her, she opened her dark eyes wide and, looking at me confidently, said clearly, "I'm going home in the morning." It was the first full sentence she had uttered in several weeks!

I laughed and said, "Well, we want to take you home, Mother, but you have to get well first." But she shook her head and pointed upward, indicating that she did not mean her *earthly* home. The long day passed quietly, the silence of that hospital room broken only occasionally by Mother's reaching in a beckoning motion and calling her mother, her sister, her brother, all of whom had preceded her in death years before.

The doctor told us that she could linger for days, perhaps weeks, and since my husband was due at an important conference on Monday, we sorrowfully decided to return to our home and duties there. So early Sunday morning, after checking at the hospital and learning that Mother "had a good night," we started westward.

Late that afternoon as we were approaching St. Louis, the shrill siren of a highway patrol car called us to a halt. When the officer asked, "Are you Dr. Rothwell?" I knew the rest.

"What time did she pass away, officer?"

"The message stated that just before noon when the nurse went in to tend her, she closed her eyes and was gone," he softly replied.

True to her word, my teacher of unforgettable lessons had gone "home in the morning." □

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO DEATH?

by HARRY A. RICH

I SAT THERE in the funeral home before the casket of my departed mother with chills running up my back, and I wondered what was happening. Suddenly I became aware of what my subconscious mind had been hearing all along. It was an organ playing stirringly:

Christ, the Lord, is risen today. Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply, Alleluia!

At first I felt a little indignant when I heard it. Never had I heard such music at a funeral. As a pastor I had conducted a lot of them.

Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once, He all doth save. Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Then, the thought washed over me, "Why, of course! This is where this song belongs. If it does not belong here, it has no meaning at all. And the only way you can play this hymn is vibrantly. It is alive! It refuses to be toned down."

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

I sat there with tears streaming down my face and praises to God welling up in my heart. I wanted to shout out those alleluias! Christ had opened paradise. He is risen, and because He lives we too shall live!

Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

The triumphant strains died away into silence, and then a more traditional hymn began. My mind went back across the years when, as a sailor in the Navy, I had found Christ. When I returned home on furlough I took my mother to a revival in the Church of the Nazarene in Jefferson, Pa. At the close of the service she heard her first altar call and went forward to surrender her life to Christ. I remembered that I had seen written on the flyleaf of her Bible that she had read it through five times and was working on it again. Mother was now in the hands of the Savior, safe at last. I settled back in my seat with a very tender heart, deeply conscious of the presence of Christ with me, sustaining me in the hour of separation. He was very much alive, and so was Mother, alive with Him. Now that certainly takes the sting out of death, doesn't it! □

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Maintaining Our Message and Mission

by General Superintendent William M. Greathouse

FOUR YEARS before his death John Wesley, founder of Methodism, wrote in the *Arminian Magazine*: "I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having a form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit and discipline with which they first set out."

Wesley's Methodist societies were scarcely 50 years old when he made this prophetic observation. Already they were the most potent spiritual force in Britain; yet Wesley knew that religious movements tend, with the passing years, to lapse into deadening formality.

Someone has said that "the only lesson we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history." Although a salutary warning, perhaps this is too strong a statement. A spiritual movement may take into account the forces at work that would dilute its message and diffuse its power, and take measures to counter these.

We Nazarenes would do well to ponder Wesley's words to the early Methodists. Recently we celebrated our 75th anniversary as a denomination. The groups which merged at Pilot Point, Tex., on October 13, 1908, however, were much older; as a movement the Church of the Nazarene is nearing its centennial year. That makes us twice the age of the Methodist societies when Wesley wrote his solemn warning.

Let us thank God for the degree of doctrinal purity, spiritual power, and holy discipline that still characterizes our church. The initial impulse that gave birth to the denomination—to spread scriptural holiness to the ends of the earth—remains vital and powerful, as evidenced by our entering five new world areas last year.

Wherever you find the Church of the Nazarene around the world, you will hear essentially the same message, feel the same spirit, and sense the same commitment to the holy life. Our pastors and people, college and seminary presidents and professors, district and general superintendents all share a common commitment to scriptural holiness.

Nevertheless, we must be constantly on guard against the encroachment of a form of holiness that denies its power. Our denomination is *not* immune to the subtle but powerful forces that would stultify us as a holiness movement.

What is the secret of maintaining our message and mission? To quote Wesley, it is to "*hold fast both the doctrine, spirit and discipline with which [we] first set out.*"

1. Our distinctive doctrine from the beginning has been holiness of heart and life. Our fathers insisted that Jesus came to save us not just from hell but also from *sin*—from sin in practice in the new birth and from sin in principle in entire sanctification. They urged "the pure love of God filling a clean heart . . . which the Apostles and the Disciples received in the upper room at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. . . . Our preachers are to definitely preach it and urge it upon all believers" (Dr. Bresee's 1898 *Manual*). This is the doctrine we must preserve.

2. The spirit that gave birth to our church was that of fervent love of God and man, a Christlike compassion that encompassed the total person. It was a spirit of joyous freedom in the Holy Spirit when they worshiped, resulting in powerful services of holiness evangelism; and a spirit of service to mankind when they scattered as members of Christ's Body on earth.

3. The discipline with which we first set out was that of the holy life. To be holy was to "crucify the flesh with its passions and lusts" and "to keep oneself unspotted from the world." Those early Nazarenes dared to be different. This difference, flowing from hearts filled with God's pure love, gave them boldness and winsomeness, so that the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

I do not fear that the people called Nazarenes shall ever cease to exist either in the Americas or around the earth. But I do fear lest they exist only as a dead sect, having a form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the *doctrine, spirit, and discipline* with which they first set out. □

WONDROUS POTENTIAL

That's Bobby

by RANDALL G. WRIGHT



Dave Anderson

A SMILING, blond-haired, bicycle-riding lad became my friend not long after I began my pastorate in a small northeastern Missouri town. Bobby was energetic and enterprising. This “newcomer” of a pastor knew nothing of the trials and jumbled mess of feelings, upsets, and difficulties that clouded the past of the 11-year-old.

Two years before, a younger brother had died of a genetic brain disorder; one that left a constant question in the mind of Bobby and his two brothers. “Will I develop the same problem? Will this happen to me?”

Deep, dark depression set in upon the life of the boy, then nine years old. He became schizophrenic and suicidal, jumping from a second-story window in the dilapidated apartment building where his family lived. Months of psychiatric counseling followed.

Could this be the same young man that I had come to know—winning smile, friendly blue eyes, haystack hair, and all? God, through His wonderful grace, allowed this limited preacher to see past an ordinary outward appearance, beyond the words describing the past, and through the life of a lad whose primary goal seemed to be winning the approval of Dad, Mom, . . . someone. He helped me to see a wondrous potential in Bobby.

Bobby came to Sunday School. I was privileged to pray with him at the primitive altar in our home mission church. That day Bobby received highest approval from God.

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Though an underachiever in his schoolwork, young Bobby began to blossom spiritually, showing great spiritual insight. Not long ago he presented me with a copy of a poem titled “To My Non-Christian Friend.” It was written to his unsaved father and is used with their permission.

*If you could only understand the way I
really feel,
Love and true happiness are the things I
have to share,
And I'd do anything for you;
If you could only understand the way I
really love you.*

*I love you in a very special way
I really can't explain.
Not in a romantic way
For that would cause much pain.
But I love you with the love of Jesus Christ
Which He so freely gives.
I just wish somehow, somehow I could help
you find
The source of eternal life.*

*I have spent many nights
Praying on my knees,
Hoping somehow, somehow
You'd see Jesus' love through me.*

*If you would only open your heart's door,
And give Jesus all your heart,
He'd mend your broken, shattered life
And give you a brand-new start.*

Bobby has since answered God's call to preach. He is an amazing teen witness and soul winner. It seems that all he wants to do is *more!*

One Saturday, as I was making calls with our bus ministry crew, there was Bobby. He was on his bike, making his Saturday door-knocking rounds, while other teenagers were involved in a myriad of diversions.

Through his acceptance of Christ, the Kingdom has received a boy possessing an extraordinary concern for lost souls, an overwhelming zeal for service, and a wondrous potential. That's Bobby. □

The Generation Link

by NEIL HIGHTOWER

THE GOSPEL has a measure of dependence on the ordained ministry, but its vital existence depends on interlocking relationships from generation to generation. Families are vitally important to the life of the Church. Although faith is not inherited, it is certainly nurtured by example.

The aged apostle Paul knew this when he wrote his son in the gospel, Timothy: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that [it dwells] in thee also" (2 Timothy 1:5).

Paul would bear fruit through his

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helper. Prayers of faith about the future of the Church look to the new generation of leaders who are rising, who are experiencing the grace and peace of God. There is a sense of helplessness that steals over the "warhorses" of the faith as they contemplate this rising generation. One generation cannot *make* the next think and behave according to its own inward ideals; it can only *hope* that such ideals take hold, and that they find application in the spiritual issues of the day.

Such ideals reflect the faithful influence of Christian homes far more than the public ministry of the Church. Serving God with a pure conscience, to which St. Paul testifies in 2 Timothy 1:3, is a witness to godly forefathers and "foremothers."

Godly young people who know how to exercise a transparent and attractive faith are the hope of the Church and the joy of fading leaders. Such new leaders are not nurtured in a highly erratic and emotional religious atmosphere. They are developed through homes that make spirituality a way of life and

give evidence of understanding the principles underlying issues of conscience.

Faith that is woven into the warp and woof of the home is the cornerstone of Christian experience. Perpetuating a sound faith is dependent upon "holding the form of sound words," as the apostle shows in verse 13. This is a matter of keeping our commitment; and such commitment isn't nurtured in the atmosphere of a "church entertainment ministry." It rests on families who are fully committed to Christ as Lord, and to His Body.

The unfeigned faith of Timothy was tied to the unfettered faith of a mother and grandmother. These godly women decided to rear Timothy for Christ irrespective of the cooperation of his father, who wasn't a Christian (Acts 16:1-3). They apparently demonstrated an open and transparent faith that became evident in the young man's life. Such transparency requires consistency in what one says and does. Here is the key to the perpetuation of faith between the generations. Inconsistency, seen in the lives of the "significant others" by developing children and youth, is the greatest stumbling block in the Church.

It is from the springboard of the unfeigned faith of Eunice and Lois that Paul could appeal to Timothy to stir up the gift with which he was endowed. Gifts bestowed at ordination are only ecclesiastical formalism if they come not from the nurturing of faith. Such gifts only have practical repercussions if they are tied to a warm and transparent faith. On such a foundation the Body of Christ is soundly built. It is this Spirit-endowed atmosphere that bridges the generations and guarantees perpetuation of the faith.

The gifts of the Spirit must be nurtured by unfeigned, transparent faith or they languish. They are always characteristics of the evangelizing Church. Paul does not exhaust their number, but underscores three that are fundamental: love, power, and a sound mind. These enable the Body to face the secular community with courage, because the Spirit-filled believer has lost the fear of man's assessment. Divine love connects the spiritual cells of the Body of Christ



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in a bonding that is imbued with the power of spiritual reproduction. The gift of a sound mind enables us to organize and prioritize the means and the motions of our outreach.

Paul knew that he could illustrate to young Timothy the claims and the commitment of the gospel by pointing to his mother and grandmother. These gracious women represent the mighty influence of women in the Church in every age. Their faith holds the Church to its real task. They do not special-

ize in social fellowship for its own sake but rather in prayer and in faith. Understanding that fire burns brightly only when its coals are stirred up, they habitually exercised these goodly gifts.

They made the cobwebs and dust of nominal religion fly by their intercession and faith. They modeled an unashamed testimony. They fearlessly identified themselves with their jail-bound preacher, Paul.

So it is in the Church of our day. Women largely staff our Sunday

Schools and instruct our children and youth in the Holy Scriptures. Mothers are the first Bible teachers that children know. Mothers still bear the greatest influence in the nurturing of our people to spiritual adulthood. They, and their unfettered faith, are the links between the generations in the Church.

May God grant us an increase of their numbers in this day of decreasing spiritual and moral practice. May we see in them an unfeigned faith that is flowering also in the rising generation. □



by HOMER J. ADAMS

UNITY AND UNANIMITY

IT IS EASY TO CONFUSE unity and unanimity. Unity for a church implies a united, coordinated effort. Unity means harmony, differences in ideas and personalities harnessed and working together for a common cause—the cause of Christ and the spreading of the good news of salvation.

However, unity is a result, not a starting point. It is a result of the building of mutual trust and respect, and of open communication.

Unity is not necessarily unanimity. There may be something wrong, such as shallow thinking or lack of involvement, if members of the church view issues alike.

In an effort to see the church go forward, a pastor or an influential layman may make an unwise proposal, or one complicated by a many-sided issue, such as the church going into debt beyond its capability. It would be a shame, if out of a mistaken sense of loyalty or cooperation, such a proposal were approved without a thorough discussion. It is better to face problems ahead of time than to confront them after the fact. Since it is often exceedingly painful and even expensive to reverse a decision, it is better to weigh the factors in advance, in a spirit of critical inquiry tempered with tolerance. The principle to be emphasized

before and during a debate is that after thorough discussion and vote, all parties close ranks and support the majority decision.

During a discussion of a warmly contested issue such as selling a church and building a new one, several things should be borne in mind:

- There is a difference between opinions and principles. If even one person involved in the discussion sees all his notions as principles, which, of course, should not be compromised, the church really does face a challenge!
- People that are conservative with their own business are likely to be so in considering church affairs.
- The person who invests very little in the church may be quite liberal in spending money others have contributed.
- Decisions of committees and boards should be reported to the congregation.
- Time should be allowed for church members to develop their thinking and allow God to talk to them. This means that haste is to be avoided when dealing with warm issues.

If sensitive and significant issues are accorded open communication and there is a united effort to do that which is best for the church, attended by a sincere desire to seek and follow God's will, unity will be the result. □

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What Can the Righteous Do?

Putting a Stop to Pornography

by PAUL A. TANNER

Was it a cry of desperation or a song of rejoicing, in the providence and justice of God, that caused the Psalmist to ask, “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Psalm 11:3).

The Psalmist was concerned about ancient Israel. I am concerned about modern America. We’re not heeding the lessons of history. No civilization has ever deteriorated morally as rapidly as we have in a single generation.

The writer to the Hebrews spoke of Jesus, “Whose voice then shook the earth . . . removing . . . those things that are shaken . . . that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receive a kingdom which cannot be moved” (Hebrews 12:26-28).

What about the nation that forgets God? What happens to the nation that turns its back on God, that rejects His gracious omnipotent hand, and that blasphemes His excellent Word?

The entertainment media of this country and much of the secular media are shaking the very foundation of Western civilization, which is built upon the Christian view of humanity. If secular humanism gains control of our nation, the generation now being born will live in the most hedonistic, secular, materialistic society the world has ever known. Human life will become incredibly cheap.

Denmark is a good illustration of the consequences of turning to secular humanism to solve social problems. Denmark legalized pornography in 1967. In 1970 they made sex education compulsory. They promptly removed all “age of consent laws” with reference to sexual relations. Abortion on demand was legalized in 1973. Sexual practices, formally listed as crimes, were removed from the statute books. These included such acts as homosexuality, statutory rape, sodomy, and indecent exposure. Contraceptives became free to anyone of any age.

People who don’t know, or those who do know but want to confuse, point to Denmark and say, “Look how sex crimes have decreased.” Well, of course. If sodomy, child seduction, rape, and other sexual molestations are no longer criminal offenses, their sex crime rate may go down to *zero*. Where there is no law there are no criminal offenses.

What are the real facts? Here they are. Assault rape in Denmark has increased 300%. With widespread sex education, one would think venereal disease would dis-

appear. For ages 20 and over it has increased 200%. For ages 16 through 20 it is up 250%. For ages 15 and under they record an alarming 400% increase. Abortions are up 500%. The divorce rate has doubled in the last six years and illegitimate pregnancies are up 50%.

You say, “Has anything decreased at all?” Yes, a lower birth rate is resulting in a decreasing population. Second, the age of first intercourse has substantially decreased—not a record of which to be very proud.

A study conducted between 1964 and 1974 reveals that countries where regulations on pornography have relaxed show dramatic increase in rape (Australia 160%, United States 139%, New Zealand 107%, England 94%).

Countries showing continued restraint on pornography showed less increase in rape (Singapore 69%, South Africa 28%).

But Japan, which does not permit pornography at all, even though they make no claim to being a Christian nation, shows a 49% decrease in rape. Our freedom is leading us to licentiousness, which in the end is self-destruction.

Sam Janus wrote the provocative book *The Death of Innocence*. He is a social scientist, not a religious pulpiter. Janus blames social revolutions that have taken place in our generation. These upheavals, he claims, have resulted in a “new morality,” which is having a devastating effect on children.

First among them is a sexual revolution that has affected all of society, but that has dramatically affected American women. The emphasis moved from procreation to a high expectation of sexual fulfillment. A new ethic of sex and morality emerged.

Next came the contraceptive revolution. Backing up the psychological change of the sexual revolution was the medical means to destroy unwanted pregnancy. Promiscuity grew by leaps and bounds.

Among other revolutions is the “gay” liberation revolution. This is perhaps one of the most vocal self-interest groups in America.

The casualties are all about us. The morality of the street becomes the dominant code. The foundations have crumbled.

This sociological account fits perfectly into the philosophy espoused by Robertson and Slosser in their book *The Secret Kingdom*.

As rebellion gains momentum, participants grow bolder. Practices that were once considered shameful

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and unlawful move into the open. Soon the practitioners become aggressive and militant. As each societal standard falls, another comes under attack. The pressure is relentless. Established institutions crumble. Ultimately the struggle that began as a cry for "freedom of expression" grows into all-out war against traditional morality.

Honor, decency, self-control, sexual restraint, and family values are replaced by gluttony, sensuality, and bizarre sexual practices.

The people then search for a deity that will both permit and personify their basest desires. At Babel it was a tower, humanity's attempt to glorify itself. In ancient Mediterranean culture, like those of Sodom and Gomorrah, it was a god or goddess of sex. In France, it was the goddess of reason; in Europe and the United States, it is the religion of secular humanism.

The trends are well defined and the foundations are being destroyed. A sewer has broken open and is spewing its contents down the main street of every city in America. The TV channels pipe the filth right into our homes.

If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? What can we do to put a stop to the pornography, obscenity, and indecency that is undermining the very foundation of family life, the home, human dignity, and society in general?

In a way I'm glad most Christians don't know how serious the problem is. It's a tribute to your good taste that you don't want to defile yourself in the muck of smut and filth. It's a credit to your moral standards that you don't want your mind putrified with pornographic garbage. On the other hand, maybe it's time to take our heads out of the sand, if our task is to be salt in a sick society.

The rapid descent of our society into the gutter of immorality staggers the mind. During World War II we had pinups, showing a great deal of leg, but little more. In the 1950s, with the invasion of *Playboy*, came total nudity. Once nudity was no longer shocking, they moved to simulated sex. Then came hardcore with explicit sex and homosexuality. By the 1970s came bestiality, using animals and women. Today, the fastest-growing segment of pornography is the use of six-, seven-, and eight-year-old children in every perversion possible, called "kiddie-porn."

In April 1982 a customs official reported that during the four previous years, customs agents had seized 247,000 pieces of pornography, and that 70% of the material was child pornography.

What's happening to our children is not just immoral or sinful or criminal; it is barbaric. No animal would do to its offspring what we read in our daily papers that some parents are doing to their children.

Get the facts. Educate yourself to the seriousness of the problem. People seldom become involved in a cause about which they are not informed.

The basic message of pornography is that sex may be divorced from love and commitment. It may be divorced from moral responsibility. It is primarily an

animal act, no more, no less. It is unrelated to privacy. They also teach that deviant sex is the most exciting.

Their greatest lie is that irresponsible sex has no consequences. Then, what about venereal disease, unwanted pregnancy, abortions, premature marriages, and psychic traumas?

Not until I saw what was happening did I get huffing mad. I can no longer sit idly by and watch an \$8 billion sex industry degrade our society, ruin our homes, destroy our children, and make our precious babies victims of incest and rape. I am indignant and I want you to be.

It's time to get angry.

We need to work with anybody and everybody who is against pornography. The Bible teaches that one person can put 1,000 to flight, but two people can chase 10,000. The result of cooperative efforts is not addition, but multiplication. Effectiveness is compounded when we work together. We need to bring all of our powers into one burning focus.

Cooperation in this area has opened doors for a great sense of unity and oneness, while still recognizing and respecting the autonomy of each group.

Just as God has gifted us as individuals, He has also gifted certain organizations to make their contribution to a united cause.

The National Federation for Decency, Box 1398, Tupelo, MS 38803, has a unique ministry through television monitoring and city-wide mobilization. One hundred and forty of our congregations are engaged in TV monitoring this fall.

Citizens for Decency Through Law, 2331 W. Royal Palm Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85021, offers assistance in legal areas. They also help in organizing communities for action.

Morality in Media, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115, is one of the veteran organizations to aid in cooperative effort. They wield a strong influence in governmental advocacy and lead the way in dealing with cablevision legislation.

The National Consultation on Pornography, Inc., 5742 Hamilton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45224, is the primary coordinating agency to bring together the above organizations and denominational leaders for a massive mobilization of the Body of Christ in America.

The job is too big for any one group. **We must cooperate.**

The place to begin is in the local church. This is a spiritual battle and it is the church's business. Organize a committee of concerned people within the local congregation. Their purpose is to become informed, to pray, and to become active in ways felt appropriate to them.

Calls together key pastors from the city ministerial association. With their endorsement, invite all pastors in the county plus key civic leaders to a special meeting to sensitize community leaders to the seriousness of the problem and seek their support. Make all possible contacts and enlist all possible help from local political officials and parties.

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What Can the Righteous Do?

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Organize to be effective in your community. Appoint committees for special tasks—and keep everyone informed and seek publicity!

New legislation may not be necessary in most communities. There are already enough laws on the books to put pornography out of business in 18 months. Our primary task is to work toward the enforcement of obscenity laws by the U.S. Postal Service, the Commerce Department, and the Customs Department. It must begin with the Attorney General of the United States and go down through U.S. district attorneys and state and city officials.

Work for appropriate legislation in your community. Write to your local, state, and national representatives. Be persistent.

We can win the battle if we arm ourselves with information, indignation, cooperation, organization, and legislation.

Father Bruce Ritter tells of little Veronica. She was only 11 when he first met her. She had already been arrested eight times for prostitution. Authorities never bothered to check her age. Each time she was taken to the adult criminal court. Each time the judge fined her \$100. And each time her pimp paid it and put her back on the street.

Veronica didn't make it much past her twelfth birthday. She was thrown from a two-story window—maybe by a pimp, maybe by a customer. No one has been held responsible.

Veronica is only one. This happens once every week in New York City. Fifty little girls every year in just one city. You say, "But that is New York City. I don't live in New York." True, you may not. But New York City is just a place of execution. These kids come from the towns and cities and suburbs where we do live. They're our kids.

The truth of Proverbs 11:11 is demonstrated again and again that "by the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked." Pornography pollutes cities, but more than that, it pollutes people, one at a time. It pollutes body, soul, and mind. Would it make any difference to you if that one person were your son or your daughter?

This article is a call to action, a call to involvement, a call to commitment. Please, help turn the tide. We must save our children. We must rescue women from bondage and violence. We must be a redemptive force in a decaying society.

There is enough residual power within the churches of our land to change anything that needs changing. □

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CAMELOT is the legendary stronghold of King Arthur and his knights. The castle offered shelter from the perilous English countryside. Those in distress sought the safety of that medieval kingdom to escape all manner of mayhem. The armed might of right was pledged to preserve justice for the besieged. The knights of the round table risked life and limb for that noble purpose.

The presidential administration of John F. Kennedy was also called Camelot. Perhaps it was because of the romantic flair fostered by the personnel. Numerous social welfare programs were sponsored for the needy. The White House was viewed as a bastion of help and hope for the hopeless. All too soon, those dreams were shattered by rifle fire.

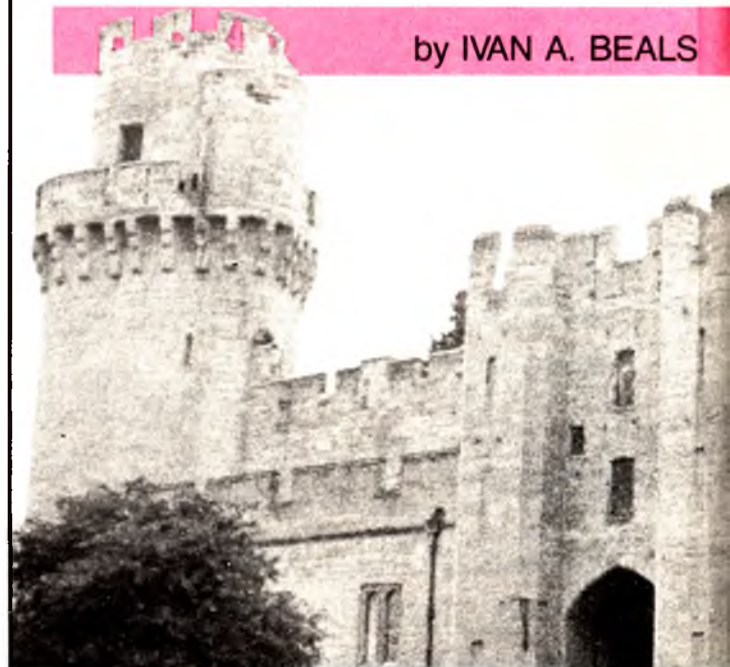
But the bulwark of our society cannot be founded on the elusive magic of Camelot. A vital structure is built by faithful parents and each family member seeking to do God's will. The family unit can become a Christian fortress where godly nurture counteracts the onslaught of evil. Though we live in a sinful world, we need not be of it. Love for God and His Word transforms the life of every believer.

My parents were convinced of that fact. They believed a Christian home could make the difference for every family member. For them, the home was established to influence personal decisions to walk the heav-

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enward path. Scriptural precepts were taught and lived out. The school system was not relied on to mold Christian character. Though the godly impact of the church was cherished, our home was the prime foundry.

There were certain maxims we all lived by. Each of us—Dad and Ma, my sister and me—were accountable to each other. The strict discipline of truthfulness was basic. That generated profound respect for one another, and a sense of well-being. I knew whatever restrictions were placed on me were out of love and deeply felt parental necessity. I was repeatedly impressed that the most important thing in life was to be a Christian.

Lying, cursing, smoking, drinking, and the like, were alien to our home. People who entered the house soon sensed the different atmosphere. We never flew the Christian flag outside, but those who visited saw an inside display. Religious pictures on the wall, magazines and books, and grace before meals gave witness. If one stayed overnight, he observed family worship.

Our family altar was the foundation of our family fortress. I often heard Mother pray God to build a “wall of fire” around me, to keep me from the snares of the devil. As a boy, I had little idea how that would occur. Yet I felt God was watching over me. I knew our home was a haven from the mire of sin.

My mother claimed some words revealed through the prophet Zechariah concerning Jerusalem. “‘And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,’ declares the Lord, ‘and I will be its glory within’” (2:5, NIV). She

INTO YOUR HOUSE

Into Your house I come—

Not bodily but in spirit—

*Recalling the strength of former days
When I entered Your courts with praise.*

As You descend upon Your people

In holiness and in glory—

*May I, too, get a glimpse of Your power
To sustain me in my weakest hour.*

While I worship toward Your temple

In solitude and prayer—

*A voice seems to whisper from above,
“Child, you’re never shut out of My love.”*

—BONNIE ROBBINS BENEDIX

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simply believed God’s protecting presence promised to the holy city could be invoked on His individual children.

Some may think such faith is too farfetched. Whatever the interpretation of that scripture, our family received sustaining as well as saving grace. My sister and I saw how intent our parents were on curbing Satan’s impact on our lives. We both found Christ as our personal Savior—at home. We then learned about putting on “the whole armor of God.”

The family altar employed faith that God would save from sin and rebuke the power of temptation. Though disease came, and death broke our family circle, we felt God with us through it all. Amid suffering and loss, His grace ever proved sufficient.

I grew up asking and trusting God to help me be what I ought to be. I sought His guidance and strength to do what He would have me do. Somehow, the desire to please God and my parents was stronger than the temptation to rebel. I found God cares for His own in special ways. Our family prayers were answered time and again. Financial needs were met, and both physical and spiritual healing were supplied. Others were reached for Christ.

Each Christian family unit functions with diverse success. It depends on the free choice of individual members. It depends on personal faithfulness to God. Satan often finds ways to breach the family’s defenses. Parent-child misunderstandings and sibling rivalries have been used to weaken the structure. One may succumb to peer pressure and be drawn astray by evil.

Though swamped by seeming failure, parents should never give up. If Satan attacks and plunders your household, plead the mighty name of Jesus. Resist the enemy and trust God for the family’s salvation. Pray and work to that end, seeking wisdom and guidance from the Holy Spirit. God is faithful to His own. Ask Him to help you propagate the Christian faith through your children.

Build a family fortress that fights the good fight of faith throughout life. It is the privilege and duty of every member of the family of God. □

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COMMUNISM



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PAID US A COMPLIMENT

I HAVE A FRIEND who lives in a Latin American country. He grew up in a Christian home. Two or three times a year, whenever I'm in his country of residence, we try to get together—to argue. He wouldn't give his life for what I believe, and I know I would not give mine for what he believes. You see, my friend (using the term loosely), is a card-carrying member of the Communist Party.

He actively pursues what he believes are true values and principles for living in today's "emerging and nonconformist" societies and economics of the Third World. He is sincere—a bit twisted and misguided, but sincere. And I think he believes I'm sincere and "sold" on my priorities and beliefs. After all, he was raised about the same way I was and understands my world.

A few months ago, I sat with him in a restaurant overlooking the rugged coastline of the country we

by RAY HENDRIX

were visiting. For the first time he asked me in detail just how the Church of the Nazarene was using radio, television, printed material, and newsprint to spread out "spiritual propaganda." Some of his critical comments and observations were "tongue in cheek." I didn't react. I played dumb, which isn't hard for me.

After I explained in some detail our Nazarene philosophy of broadcasting, its strategy, its development of national talent and productions, its regionalization of media usage, its research into the "needs of the consumer" prior to product development, etc., my friend said: "It's not the Church I remember! The Church is finally becoming competitive." I asked him to explain, and he did. To a large degree, it made sense.

I've learned a lot from my Communist "friend." I'm praying for him, and I know deep down inside

that he knows where the truth really lies. Although I detest just about everything Communism stands for, I must confess they have some interesting ideas. Especially when it comes to the use of mass media as a tool for "proclamation." Carefully, professionally, and scientifically they intensely research the unmet needs of target areas they want to zero in on. They know who to reach, when to do it, how to do it, and who to use. They know how to train, how to motivate, and whom and how the indoctrination process will affect first. Most important of all, they have money to do it with, and hardworking, dedicated people to do it all. Sad to say, their efforts are sometimes effective.

I suppose, in a sense, he and I are after the same basic objectives—to convince people that our position, our beliefs, and our doctrines are the only way to truth. One thing for sure, though, he hasn't even planted a slight thought in my mind about where truth really can be found. With God's help, though,

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I feel as though my friend is having a hard time believing "beyond any question" that what he believes is worth dying for.

The moral of my story is this. Are you just as committed as my friend to support and promote what your church is trying to do in the complex field of media evangelism? Do you know what is being done or who we are trying to reach? What about *how* they must be reached and how much it costs?

Do you know how many people it takes to produce 32 weekly and daily radio broadcasts in 24 different languages and dialects? Are you aware of how many commercial and interdenominational agencies your church works with and through in order to carry on "electronic evangelism"? Do you know how much training goes on in some of our Bible schools and seminaries in the field of communication? Do you have any idea of how much more needs to be done?

One thing I've learned from my conversations with my Communist friend. It's this: Right or wrong, adherents of the Communist doctrine, *young* and *old*, believe it, pro-

mote it, support it, finance it, and are not easily discouraged. They do not accept apparent roadblocks as permanent obstacles, and they are not easily sidetracked from their well-defined objectives and goals.

I would like to believe that we Christians are even more committed than they. As I travel from church to church, as I talk to pastors, district superintendents, fellow laymen, and church members, I sense a new interest, a rekindled desire to know why we do some things the way we do, and why we don't do some things we ought to do. There's a new sense of involvement in missions, directly and indirectly. People are praying for things they never cared about before. Christians are becoming more vocal about some things they were once apathetic about. This is what my "friend" meant when he said we were finally "becoming competitive." Well, about time!

There's one more thing he told me before we said good-bye a few months ago. He said, "If you really believe in something, your fervor and zeal will become contagious. Others will catch it too."

I hope so, I really do. If you could see what I see, read the letters from radio listeners around the world that I read, and talk to pastors and laymen who have helped others find Christ as a result of Nazarene radio and television projects, you too would get excited, and then your excitement would get others excited, and on and on it would go.

We are on the right track! I know we are! But there's so much more left to do, and not too much time left in which to get it accomplished. World Mission Radio, the international, penetrating voice of your church is making an impact in a world that is waiting to hear the gospel for the first time. There's no other way most of them will ever hear it, but by radio. So what do you say? Want to get excited with us? Do you want to be a part of a "competitive" organization? If so, pray for World Mission Radio. Pray *about* your giving to World Mission Radio, and become informed of the needs and the accomplishments.

Well, indirectly and without realizing it, the Communist Party paid us a compliment. Thank you, but you haven't seen anything yet! □

Book Brief

SINGLE AGAIN: Survival Kit for the Divorced and Widowed



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editor



SUICIDE? Surely a book aimed at the Nazarene market wouldn't touch on suicide! But being cast out of the couple's world in the closeknit society of the church is traumatic enough to drive some to suicidal thoughts. The book likens the single-again person to a Titanic survivor adrift at sea on a raft. And the book claims to be a survival kit.

It's my opinion that *Single Again* will be of most value to those who have survived the initial horror of

being cast into the singles' sea. It is a little textbookish; and a person still in shock will not be ready for this type of dialog. In defense of the first problem, let the reader or group, while reading/debating the subject, release the emotion they feel. In defense of the second, answers must be individually tailored to be satisfying. This is the kind of book that might contain one line, one paragraph, or one chapter to pull you to the point of rescue—an important book because its pages have already proved to do that.

Individuals and the causes for their resingling vary too much to know at what point they might eagerly devour this information. But somewhere along the line, and probably fairly close to falling into the singles' crowd, most are going to grasp for the survival techniques offered here for financial disaster, sex (or lack of it), ex-mate problems, in-laws, guilt/resentment, pain/loneliness, and the joy/sorrow of independence. I think the book will help individuals, and should therefore be checked over by pastors for hand-out use. It can't help but be a rousing group study. The issues are volatile and the leader's guide is good. □

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the editor's STANDPOINT

MY LEGACY

The legacy I received from my mother's example is priceless.

One item in that legacy is work. My mother worked hard all her life. She preferred some tasks to others; cooking was her favorite. Whatever she had to do, however, she did without complaint or self-pity. She was a do-it-yourselfer before the concept was popularized in literature. Whatever needed doing, she would grab the necessary tools and go at it. In the face of problems, her strategy was not to fix blame but to find solutions. She did not shrink from the toil those solutions involved.

Another item in my legacy is play. Mother was not addicted to work for its own sake. She knew how to relax the bowstring. Fishing trips and ball games were staples in her diet of recreation for many years. Change of place and change of pace were important to keep work from becoming drudgery. She enjoyed life; she did not merely endure the days.

Mother knew how to serve. For this I remember her

most. She invested a lot of love and work in others. She would share what she had without hesitation or resentment. She cared for the sick—cooking, cleaning, sewing, and nursing—many times around the clock. She cared for the poor, never viewing their hunger as a threat to her small resources, but as an opportunity to practice neighborly love. After Mother found Christ, she expressed her love for Him chiefly by serving people's needs.

Mother also knew how to trust. Her last words to me, conveyed over the phone, were, "I'm not worried about a thing." She took the promises of Scripture at face value and confidently expected the Father to feed, clothe, and shelter His child. I sent her money every month and she repeatedly protested, saying, "You don't need to do that." But I did, not for her sake so much as for mine. She did not live recklessly, but she lived trustingly. She kept her life simple and her wants few, and just knew that the Lord would care for her.

That is a part of my legacy. She could not have made me richer had she left me millions of dollars. □

LESS SQUEEZE, MORE GEESE

Our church has recently entered five additional world areas. To start the work in one of them a record offering was enthusiastically given by our people. The rate of growth in non-English-speaking world areas justifies the historic zeal of Nazarenes for world missions. God is saving a great host of people around the world, and we are grateful.

We will be challenged to enter 20 more fields in the next 10 years. Young men and women will present themselves as volunteers for these new enterprises. People will respond loyally to the call for necessary funds to enter doors that open for evangelism and church planting in these places.

But this exciting record and prospect compel us to face a sober truth. Every field opened calls for large sums of money to develop and maintain the work there until it becomes self-supporting, which often requires years, even decades.

This all means that evangelism and church growth in the U.S. and Canada was never more crucial.

• While other areas will contribute more as their churches grow and their economies improve, the bald

fact remains that 93% of the monies now poured into world mission comes from our North American churches.

You can squeeze the golden goose just so much. Then, instead of more eggs you get a dead goose! The solution is not more pressure but more churches and more members.

I'm not saying that all of us in these favored regions have maximized our giving, but many have and some never will. Unless there is steady growth, and occasional spurts of unusual growth, in what was once the "homeland" of the church, the entire worldwide mission will suffer.

There is an emotional plus in challenges and appeals for gospel work in distant places that we have not generated for "home" missions. Our vision must be clear, our energies focused, for the task of expanding our work in North America. Upon church growth there depends our long-range ability to translate our world vision into reality. Revival, evangelism, church planting, education, and stewardship in North America are indispensable to our mission everywhere else. □

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The church is a people, not a place. The church exists where the people are, not where a building sits.

Never in my lifetime has this truth been said, written, and repeated more times by more people than in recent years.

While I heartily believe this truth, and often affirm it myself, from time to time I find myself wishing some folks cared a little more about buildings without caring any less about people.

My devotional reading recently included 1 Chronicles 29. There David speaks about the projected Temple that Solomon would erect, dedicate, and utilize when he came to the throne of Israel. David said, "The place is not for man, but for the Lord God." "I have set my affection to the house of my God." "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" He called for material and workmen.

Yes, the Church is God's house, the people in whom He lives by His Spirit. But the place where the people meet to worship God, and from which they go to serve

the world, is not unimportant. It is not wrong to have affection for the building, and to invest time, labor, and money in its upkeep.

The Church is a people who gather for worship and scatter for witness under the Lordship of Christ (Matthew 28:16-20). If they worship in a building, that very building becomes a part of their witness. A ramshackle building on unkempt grounds sends a strongly negative message to the community.

I drove past a church building where the paint was scaling off, the doors sagged on their hinges, and broken windows gaped like missing teeth in a snuff-stained mouth. The yard was overrun with weeds and what grass survived was unmowed. To my chagrin, the sign identified it as one of ours. Nazarene was misspelled "Nazerine" and pastor was misspelled "paster." I wanted to kidnap the sign to keep passersby from knowing who met there.

Enough affection, money, and time should be spent on our places of worship to align them with the message we proclaim—that Christ cleans up human life. □

THE BEST MAN, THE BEST REASON

Some good men have died for bad reasons. Such a man was Josiah, a good king of Judah. He died in a battle after refusing to listen to "the words of Neco from the mouth of God," words that warned him not to get involved in that conflict. I knew a preacher whose character and reputation were blameless, but he plunged off a steep highway while driving at high speed, and became the victim of his own careless handling of responsibility. He was a good man but he died for a bad reason.

Some bad men have died for good reasons. Men of tarnished character and misspent lives have died fighting to preserve the liberty of their countries. There have been wicked men who, in moments of heroism, sacrificed their lives to rescue others from peril.

But once, in what Scripture calls "the fulness of time," the best of all men died for the best of all reasons. Jesus Christ, the God-man, united in the mystery of His one person both deity and humanity and lived upon the earth a flawless human life. Then He lovingly and

deliberately sacrificed that immaculate life to save people from sin, guilt, death, and hell.

In the life of Christ there was an element of mystery incomprehensible to our fallen minds and limited reasoning powers. And in His death there was also an unfathomable mystery that defies our analyses and commentaries. Holy Scripture makes it clear that He died for us, died for our sins, died to reconcile us to God, died to rescue us from bondage through fear of death, died to make it possible for us to live in fellowship with God forever. The motive and meaning of His death are plainly revealed. *How* that atoning death becomes translated into transformed human lives continues to challenge and puzzle the thinkers of the church. But all who believe know that His death is our life, though it escapes the boundaries of comprehension.

In the death of the best man for the best reason we are redeemed. Even as it humbles thought, it awakens love and creates joy beyond telling. Thank God for the cross of Christ. □

punk rock, or disco in a worship service when that music brings associations that oppose everything we stand for. In my opinion some forms of music are uniquely base, crude, violent, sensual, and inappropriate for worship services.

Perhaps Barry is unwilling to draw a line anywhere. If so, we disagree. If, however, he does find some music inappropriate for a worship context, we agree in principle and the subjective line is for each to figure out for himself.

To say, "The ultimate purpose of

the church and its music is communication" is to avoid facing the hard issue of consistency in what we communicate and how we believe our people are to live holy, set-apart lives.

C. Dale German
San Ramon, California

AMENS FIRE

Amen to your editorial, "Let the Fire Burn" (Feb. 1). Indeed, far too many of our churches seem to be "conducting a funeral" instead of a worship service.

One of the causes for such pathetic situations is due to the kind of leadership we too often choose to

fill our pulpits. I think we have a good pastor and leader in John Gardner who keeps our church services interesting and "alive" with a good lively song service, testimonies, scriptural holiness preaching, and invitations. He encourages lay participation.

The basic reason, however, is our continued refusal to pay the price for a genuine revival. Many still want evangelistic results without paying revival prices. They continue to believe and act as if God is running a discount house. No way!

Charles C. Davidson
Brandon, Florida

JUST IN TIME

by ORVILLE H. SWANSON

VACATIONS are important for everyone. A time to get away from it all; a time to enjoy the beaches of the beautiful blue Pacific Ocean; or maybe a trip into the great, rugged, gorgeous Rocky Mountains for a romp in the snow. For a busy pastor and his family, it's a time to get away from the clock, from pressing issues, into a time of refreshing rebuilding, and rekindling of the heart and of the family relationships.

During the winter months it has become the custom of our parsonage family to take a weekend holiday mini-trip. Over the years it has brought to us togetherness and pleasure as we have taken the children out of school and headed for places where we are truly by ourselves.

One of these anxiously awaited days was March 14, 1980. We had chosen that weekend to leave the local church and head north. However, one of our ladies, whose husband was headed for the armed services, wished to have her baby dedicated before he left. So, we stayed for the morning service with plans to leave immediately after the final Amen!

Excitement had been building in the entire family for several days as we anticipated the indoor pool, the horseback riding, the vacation from school, and the many other things that would take place in four short days.

As people filed out of the church that beautiful spring Sunday noon, E. J. said, "Pastor, I know you want to get going, but would you have time to drop by to see Willie before you leave?"

ORVILLE H. SWANSON is pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Kennewick, Washington.

**"By ALL MEANS...
Save Some"**

E. J. quickly informed me that Willie had been bedridden for several years with emphysema, had never been a Christian, had not even been inside a church for many years, and really wasn't doing well emotionally, physically, or spiritually.

Never having met Willie or his wife, Anna, I really didn't know what to expect. Knocking on the old farmhouse door, with the children back home wishing we were on the road, I was suddenly greeted by a little old lady in her 80s with a great big smile. Introducing myself as E. J. and Betty's pastor, I asked if I could pray with Willie. "Certainly," came the reply, as she led me back to the bedroom where Willie lay in an old oak bed, hooked up to an oxygen tank and looking very uncomfortable. I thought, "Lord, please forgive me for wanting to be in such a hurry with my selfish life! Help me to do what You would do for them in their need."

We talked for a few moments, we prayed, and then I asked Willie if he would like to know Jesus. Willie gave his life to Christ that Sunday afternoon in that little old farmhouse. Two months later I was to preach his funeral. He had never stepped inside the Church of the Nazarene, never joined the church, but he entered *the* Church of Jesus Christ to live with Him forever and ever.

Later, in the fall of 1980, Anna, the little old lady who had answered the door that Sunday afternoon, began to attend church services with E. J. and Betty. A few weeks later she entered into a beautiful relationship with Jesus. She joined the Dexter, Mo., Southwest Church of the Nazarene in the spring of 1981. Now, as she pushes on toward 90, still serving Jesus, still attending the services, still going strong, *she is a tribute to God's amazing grace.*

A delayed vacation, an interested neighbor, two responsive hearts, and the kingdom of God became a richer place, to His honor and glory!

Just in time! □

IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE AND PLACES



Mrs. Wanda McMichael, Northwest Nazarene College registrar, was honored as the 1984 *OASIS Yearbook* was dedicated to her. She has been associated with

NNC for 30 years.

Mrs. McMichael is known for the individual attention she has given students. She was valedictorian of her class and named in the 1946 edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. She graduated with a bachelor's degree from NNC in '46. She also sang in a school trio, The Harmonettes, edited the newspaper, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She has worked under four different college presidents in her service at NNC. □



Dr. Martha Hopkins recently accepted an appointment as the divisional chairman of Professional Studies at Northwest Nazarene College. This division includes the departments of Business, Education, Home Economics, and Physical Education. She has been coaching and teaching at NNC for the past 19 years.

Dr. Hopkins' coaching responsibilities have included men and women's tennis, basketball, and volleyball. She developed the women's varsity basketball program and has had only one season below 500 percent.

She has resigned her coaching responsibilities to accept a new appointment. She graduated from NNC in '59 and earned her master's degree at Indiana State University, and her doctorate from the University of Idaho. She also taught and coached at Bethany Nazarene College for two years. □

Rev. and Mrs. Orville H. Kleven have volunteered to go as a "work and witness" team to Denmark during May, June, and July. They will assist District Superintendent Niels Eliassen. The Klevens pioneered the work in Denmark 25 years ago. Their address in

Denmark will be: c/o Ms. Grethe Larsen, Solhegnet 29, 2670 Greve Strand, Denmark. □

Rev. Jon Gray, pastor of Lowell, Mass., First Church, has been one of the leaders in the campaign to rid the city of pornography. He received a letter urging continued effort from a 30-year-old father who confessed that he had struggled to climb out of a 10-year descent into bondage to pornographic movies and magazines. "Through counseling, prayer, and commitment of my life to the Lord Jesus Christ," he reports, "I have been . . . set free." He thanked Pastor Gray for "what you are doing for me, for my children, and for the community." □



Dr. Alex McLean, member of the Oakville, Ont., Church of the Nazarene, was inducted as president of the American Iron and Steel Society at ceremonies in New York City February 24-25. Dr. McLean has become internationally recognized for his work in metallurgical research since his graduation from the University of Glasgow in 1958 (B.Sc.) and 1963 (Ph.D.). He has been professor of metallurgy and materials science at the University of Toronto since 1970.

Alex has served the Canada Central District and his local church with the same distinction that marks his professional career. He is currently a member

of the District Advisory Board and the Canadian Executive Board; he has served on the Board of Governors of Canadian Nazarene College. He is a member of the board of his local church, and teacher of the adult Bible class. □

Rev. Dana A. Dunmyer, pastor of Milton, Pa., First Church, has been appointed president of the National Federation for Decency—Susquehanna Valley Chapter.

Rev. Dunmyer will coordinate the work of officers, organizing a united effort among ministeriums, and speaking in schools, churches, and seminars. He will advance legislation in a five-county area spanning from Harrisburg, Pa., to and including Williamsport, Pa. Rev. Dunmyer will work closely with town counsels, and attorneys, and Congressman George Gekas (R) District No. 17, Pa., who is currently working to stop pornography through several proposed bills. □

BRAZIL, RIO-SÃO PAULO DISTRICT REPORTS GROWTH

At the recent assembly for the Brazil, Rio-São Paulo District, Superintendent Joaquim Lima reported to the third assembly since its organization as a regular district. He announced an increase of 523 new members for 1984. This is an annual growth of 25 percent and does not reflect the 339 probationary members being prepared for membership in 1985.

Rev. Lima is serving on an extended call. Elected to the District Advisory Board were elders Eudo Tavares and Amadeu Teixeira, and laypersons Jose Peruch and Jacy Avelino da Silva. Enéide dos Santos was elected NWSM president; Rev. Anips Spina was elected NYI president; and Zilta Oliveira was elected chairman of the Board of CL/SS. □



Chaplain Dick McCool is an example of the sufficiency of God's grace. A quadriplegic since the age of 17, when he was injured in a diving accident, this Nazarene elder makes his disability an asset by ministering to hospital patients at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich. He is the first and only non-Catholic chaplain at St. Mary's, and is loved and respected by nurses and staff. Chaplain McCool (r.) is shown visiting a patient.

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RECOGNITION BANQUET PLANNED FOR RETIRED MINISTERS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Board of Pensions is sponsoring the traditional Recognition Banquet in honor of retired Nazarene ministers, spouses, and widows of ministers. This banquet will be held during the General Assembly in Anaheim, Calif., at noon on Friday, June 21, 1985.

According to Dr. Dean Wessels, administrator of the Board of Pensions, the first banquet was held in 1972 in Miami Beach, Fla. It was so successful that one has been held at each general assembly since. Because of its popularity among those receiving a "Basic" Pension from the church, several hundred are expected to attend in Anaheim.

This banquet is for all retired Nazarene ministers, spouses, and widows and is by reservation only. Invitations have been sent to those on the roll of the Board of Pensions. Any retired Nazarene minister who is not on the "Basic" Pension Roll and who may be eligible to attend, can contact the Pensions office no later than May 20 about reservations. □

HUTCHESON NAMED PENSIONS EDITOR



and Benefits Services.

Dr. Dean Wessels, director of Pensions and Benefits Services, has announced the appointment of Rev. Gary Hutcheson as editor for the office of Pensions and Benefits Services.

Rev. Hutcheson is a 1974 graduate of Bethany Nazarene College and a 1978 graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary. While in seminary, he served in an associate pastoral position at Independence, Mo., and as editorial assistant for the NWMS office under Mrs. Wanda Knox. He has pastored churches in Louisiana and Ohio.

Gary's responsibilities will include staying in contact with over 2,500 retired Nazarene ministers and their spouses to let them know the church remembers and appreciates their years of service. Also, he will be responsible for developing materials to inform active ministers about recent developments in such areas as the church's pension plan, supplemental retirement investments, life insurance, and taxes.

Gary and his wife, Tammy, reside in Olathe, Kans., and attend Kansas City First Church. Tammy is secretary to the Division of Church Growth administrative coordinator. The Hutchesons have two children, Andrew, age four, and Heather, age two. □

to be known as the *Canada Nazarene*; strategies for church growth in Canada; and plans for the regional conference of the church in Canada May 1987. There was an inauguration of the Distinguished Service Award of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada—Mr. Bob Rimington was honored as the first recipient. The board received a \$75,000 matching grant from the Province of Alberta government for self-help projects in Haiti, and endorsed the concept of establishing a French Bible Training Program in Quebec.

The Church of the Nazarene in Canada has 149 churches, 5 districts, 1 college, and headquarters office in Calgary, Alberta. Last year, 9,945 members raised \$8,344,716 for a per capita giving of \$837.65. Property values in Canada stand at \$46,846. The board set a goal of doubling Canadian membership by 1995 to 20,000. The development of internationalization of the Church of the Nazarene is going forward in Canada as Canadians accept the mandate of spreading scriptural holiness in their region. □

NWMS DISTRICT PRESIDENTS MEET

Seventy-six district NWMS presidents met together with the General NWMS Council in Kansas City, February 19-20, to coordinate final preparations for the General NWMS Convention to be held in Anaheim, Calif., June 20-22.

The five California district presidents were introduced as representatives who are hosting the General NWMS Convention through their efforts in registration (Mrs. Judy Haines, Central California), distribution of delegate packets (Mrs. Lois Ward, Los Angeles), prayer brunch coordination (Mrs. Bev Borbe, Sacramento), hospitality (Mrs. Evelyn Sutton, Southern

CANADA'S EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The Church of the Nazarene Canada's Executive Board met in Moncton, New Brunswick, in its annual session January 24-26.

Items of significance dealt with included plans for a Canadian periodical



The Executive Board is pictured (back row, l. to r.): Don Quantz; Rev. William Stewart, district superintendent of Canada Atlantic; Alex McLean; Rev. Lorne MacMillan, district superintendent of Canada Central; Rev. Charles Muxworthy, district superintendent of Canada Pacific; Dr. Neil Hightower, president of Canadian Nazarene College; and Rev. Harry Rich, district superintendent of Canada Quebec; seated (l. to r.) are Robert Rimington; Dr. Robert Collier; Rev. Alexander Ardrey, district superintendent of Canada West; Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary; and Rudolf Pedersen, administrator.



The Association of Nazarene Building Professionals held their annual meeting in San Antonio, February 14-16. Plans were laid for a building professionals luncheon Sunday, June 23, preceding the General Assembly. Continuing improvement of the *Church Buildings Sourcebook* was discussed and new officers were elected to serve for 1985. New officers are shown with the outgoing president. Pictured (l. to r.): are: Tom Schriber, past president; John Westmoreland, treasurer; Clarence Haviland, secretary; Dan Campbell, second vice president; Don Jernigan, first vice president; and Edward Levin, president. Leonard Baun, associates vice president is not pictured.

A jogger's tape recorder/radio combination with earphones was presented by the Association of Nazarene Building Professionals to Dr. Raymond Hurn as a gift of appreciation for his leadership in developing the ANBP as Church Extension sponsor. Pictured with Dr. Hurn are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schriber.

California), all of which are under the support of the General Council member, Mrs. Wilma Shaw (Northern California).

This is the first time all district NWMS presidents have had the opportunity to meet prior to the General NWMS Convention. Along with the wrap-up of convention details, the meeting provided a time of inspiration with presentations from each of the six regional directors, as well as fellowship time with district presidents.

The meeting closed with a challenge from the general president, Mrs. Lela Jackson, to make this the best convention possible.



Pictured (l. to r.): Bob Rimington receives the special plaque from Rev. Alexander Ardrey, Canadian Board chairman.

RIMINGTON RECEIVES CANADIAN AWARD

Bob Rimington of Calgary, Alta., was honored at the Canadian Board's Annual Meeting for long and distinguished service to the church. Board Chairman Rev. Alexander Ardrey presented a special plaque in Moncton, N.B., January 25.

Mr. Rimington has served the church as General Board member,

member of the Board of Governors of Canadian Nazarene College, chairman of the Finance Committee of the college, Canada West District treasurer, member of the Advisory Board, administrator of the Executive Board of Canada, and now as treasurer.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Board has set some ambitious goals for the next decade. Officers elected for the new year were Rev. Alexander Ardrey, chairman; Rev. Lorne MacMillan, vice-chairman; Dr. Bob Collier, secretary; Mr. Bob Rimington, treasurer. Rev. Rudolf Pedersen was elected as administrator.

CHAPLAIN CULVER PROMOTED, COMMENDED


Chaplain Mac D. Culver, wing chaplain for the Alaska Civil Air Patrol (an auxiliary of the United States Air Force), was recently promoted to lieu-

tenant colonel and was presented the Commander's Commendation.

He wrote to the chaplains he supervises, "I am aware that without each of us doing his part this award would not have been possible. I will wear the ribbon with pride, aware that each of you has earned a piece of it."

Chaplain Culver is also assistant pastor and music director at Anchorage Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene. He became an Air Force cadet in 1956 and has done volunteer work in the Civil Air Patrol since. He served as a group chaplain and a deputy wing chaplain before his promotion to wing chaplain. The dedication and team work exemplified by Chaplain Culver and the chaplains under his command has earned his wing the distinction of being Number One in the nation.

Chaplain Culver and his wife, Barbara, reside in Chugiak.



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EVANGELIST'S SLATES

ADAMS, MICHAEL: Pinconning, MI (Wesleyan), May 7-12; Merrill, MI (Wesleyan), May 14-19; Reserved, May 21-26; Reserved, May 28—June 2

ARCHER, DREX: Concerts in South Dakota, May 5-26

ARMSTRONG, LEON, LINDA & FAMILY: Harrisonburg, VA (Virginia Prime Time Retreat), May 3-5; South Hill, VA (South Hill Mission), May 6-12; West Lafayette, OH, May 14-19; Timberville, VA, May 21-26; Woodbridge, VA, May 29—June 2

ARMSTRONG, ROBERT W.: Jackman, ME, May 7-12; Strong, ME, May 14-19

ATKINSON, DEAN & PAT: Vinita, OK, May 27—June 2

BAGGETT, DALLAS: Batavia, OH (Community), May 7-12; Ladoga, IN, May 14-19

BAKER, JOHN D.: Lebanon, IN, May 7-12; Jasper, IN, May 14-19; St. Bernice, IN, May 21-26; Rockport, IN, May 28—June 2

BAKER, RICHARD C.: Hudson Falls, NY, May 14-19; Saratoga Springs, NY (Grace), May 21-26; Auburn, PA (West Penn), May 28—June 2

BALLARD, DON: Anna, IL (1st), May 7-12; Erlanger, KY, May 28—June 2

NEW BEATY TRIO: Mitchell, SD (1st), May 7-12; Dickinson, ND, May 14-19

BEELER, LOWELL: Creasaptown, MD (Wesleyan), May 7-12; Keyser, WV (Wesleyan), May 14-19; Dunbar, PA (Bible Truth Evangelical), May 21-26; Buena Vista, VA (Evangelical Methodist), May 28—June 2

BELZER, DAVE: Mason, IA, May 7-12

BLUE, DAVE & DANA: Miami, FL (Central), May 5; Europe, May 8-29

BLYTHE, ELLIS: Richmond, VA (Highland Springs), May 1-5

BOCK, DON: New Carlisle, OH (Bethel Community), May 7-12; Philo, OH (Grace Bible Church), May 14-19; Hanging Rock, OH, May 21-26; Hoopston, IL (Westside), May 28—June 2

BOICOURT, MARLA: St. Peters, MO (Missouri District Laymen's Retreat), May 17-19; Olathe, KS (SoloCon), May 24-27

BOND, GARY & BETH: Mundelein, IL, May 8-12; Elkhart, IN (1st), May 14-19; Lafayette, IN (1st), May 22-26; Crestwood, IL (Chicago Calvary), May 28—June 2

BOONE, FORD: Decherd, TN, May 14-19; Nashville, TN (Cherokee Hills), May 21-26

BOSHELL, T. JAMES: Weaver, WV, May 7-12

BREWINGTON, JANE: Chattanooga, TN (Calvary), May 7-19

BROWN, FRED: Utica, OH (Hillside), May 7-12

BROWN, ROGER: Gahanna, OH (Columbus North Land), May 6-12

BROWN, TIM: Reserved, May 1-26

BUDD, JAY: Follansbee, WV (Hooverson Heights), May 7-12; Plum, PA (Monroeville), May 15-19

BURKHALTER, PAT: Del Rio, TX (Central), May 5-12; Carrollton, TX, May 14-19; Harrison, AR, May 21-26; Crossett, AR, May 28—June 2

BURNHAM, KEN: Sylvia, KS (Pleasant Hill), May 28—June 2

BUSH, R. ERWIN: Centerville, AL (Southern Methodist), May 1-5; Montgomery, AL (Capital City), May 28—June 2

BYERS, CHARLES & MILDRED: Grinnell, IA, May 8-12; Cedar Rapids, IA (Trinity), May 14-19

CARRICO, J. DONALD: Johnstown, OH, May 21-26

CARROLL, LARRY & ROBERTA: Portland, MI, May 12; Imlay City, MI, May 26

CASTEEL, HOWARD: Plainview, TX (Trinity), May 14-19; Olton, TX, May 21-26

CAYTON, JOHN: Butler, PA, May 7-12; St. Marys, WV, May 14-19; Vienna, WV, May 21-26; Indianola, IA, May 28—June 2

CHAMBERS, LEON: Jackson, MS (Grace), May 3-5; Jackson, MS (Grace), May 10-12

CHAPMAN, W. EMERSON: Pratt, KS, May 12-19

CHASE, FRANK: Council Bluffs, IA (1st), May 8-12; Broken Bow, OK, May 14-19

CHRISTNER, JACK: The Plains, OH, May 7-12; Atlasburg, PA, May 14-19; Bradford, PA (Bolivar Drive), May 21-26; Confluence, PA, May 28—June 2

CLAY, M. E.: Westminster, MD, May 14-19; Mercer, PA, May 21-26

COBB, BILL: St. Charles, MO (Harvester), May 1-5; Overland Park, KS (Antioch), May 7-12; Reserved, May 15-19; Dalhart, TX, May 22-26; Lake Charles, LA (1st), May 29—June 2

COVINGTON, NATHAN: Harrah, OK, May 7-12; Haywood, OK (Ar-pelar), May 28—June 2

COX, CURTIS: Williamstown, WV, May 1-5

CRANE, BILLY: Olean, NY, May 7-12; Leavittsburg, OH, May 14-19; Salisbury, NC (1st), May 21-26

CUNDIFF FAMILY CRUSADE: Oklahoma City, OK (Crown Heights), May 5-12; Hamlin, TX, May 30—June 2

DARNELL, H. E.: Strattonville, PA, May 3-12; Duncansville, PA, May 16-26; Little Rock, AR, May 30—June 9

DEBOLT, TED & DOROTHY: NIROGA, May 6-10

DELL, JIMMY: Coldwater, MI, May 4-8; Charlotte, MI, May 9-12; Knoxville, TN (1st), May 14-19; Springfield, IL (1st), May 23-26

DENNIS, DARRELL & FAMILY: Eau Claire, WI, May 7-12; Jackson, GA, May 14-19

DENNNISON, MARVIN: Galesburg, IL (Faith), May 14-19; Marengo, IA, May 21-26; Red Oak, IA, May 28—June 2

DIXON, GEORGE & CHARLOTTE: Cortland, OH, May 1-5; Wellston, OH, May 8-12; The Plains, OH, May 15-19

DODDS, JOHN E.: Upper Sandusky, OH, May 7-12; Leipsic, OH, May 19-26

DODDS, LARRY: El Paso, IL, May 17-19

DOOLITTLE, KEVIN: New Castle, IN (South Side), May 1; Milton, MA (Evangelical Congregational), May 6; Bangor, ME, May 17-19; State College, PA (Bethel), May 24-26

DOROUGH, JIM & CAROL: Milwaukee, WI (1st), May 5-12; Tomah, WI, May 14-19; Lakeview, OH (Indian Lake Northside), May 21-26; Greenville, OH (1st), May 28—June 2

DUNMIRE, RALPH & JOANN: Clarkesdale, MS, May 7-12; Nashville, TN (Cherokee Hills), May 21-26

DUNN, DON: Toronto, OH, May 7-12; West Point, OH, May 14-19; Strum, WI (Eleva-Strum), May 21-26

DUTTON, BARRY & TAVIA: Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas (Concert Tour), May 7-26

ERICKSON, A. WILLIAM: Goodlettsville, TN, May 1-5; Reserved, May 6-12; Dallas, TX (Casa View), May 22-26

ESSELBURN, BUD—THE KING'S MESSENGERS: Boswell, PA, May 7-12; Stockdale, PA, May 14-19; Macedonia, OH, May 28—June 2

FADER, WES & MARY: Burnham, PA, May 17-19

FARRIS, A. A.: Lancaster, KY, May 7-12; Gallipolis, OH, May 14-19

FILES, GLORIA & DOROTHY ADAMS: Fawn Grove, PA, May 7-12; Easton, MD, May 14-19; Belle, WV, May 28—June 2

FISHER, C. WILLIAM: Shelbyville, IN (1st), May 7-12; Elgin, IL, May 14-19; Amherst, OH, May 21-26

FORTNER, ROBERT: Mahomet, IL, May 7-12

FRANK, RICHARD A.: Supply pastor at Front Royal, VA, month of May

FRODGE, HAROLD: Bluford, IL, May 1-5

GAWTHORP, WYLAND: Boonville, IN, May 7-12; Midland, PA (Ohio-ville), May 14-19; Stonington, IL, May 21-26; Loudon, TN, May 26—June 2

GOULD, LOREN: Ephrata, PA, May 7-12

GRAY, BOB & BECKY: Puyallup, WA, May 8-12; Bremerton, WA, May 15-19; Kentucky District Camp, May 20-26; Kansas City District, May 28—June 2

GRAY, DAVID: Winslow, IN, May 7-12; Bunola, PA, May 14-19; Schuylkill Haven, PA, May 21-26; Collingdale, PA, May 29—June 2

GREEN, JAMES & ROSEMARY: Kansas City, KS (Metropolitan), May 1-5; Essexville, MI (Bay City 1st), May 7-12; Rock Island, IL (1st), May 15-19

HAINES, GARY: Washington, DC (1st), May 3-5; Roseville, MI (Metropolitan), May 11-15; Burton, MI (Flint South), May 16-19; Cimarron, KS, May 25-29; Arief, TX, May 31—June 2

HANCE, RAY: Fredonia, KS, May 15-19

HANCOCK, BOYD: Abilene, TX (Southwest), May 28—June 2

HAYES, ALVIN: Way, CO, May 21-26

HAYNES, CHARLES & MYRT: Glasgow, KY (Trinity), May 7-12; Washington, IN, May 14-19; Nashville, TN (Bethel), May 21-26; Newberry, IN, May 28—June 2

HELMS, MIKE & GLORIA: Parker City, IN, May 7-12; Huntington, IN (Faith Chapel), May 14-19; Anderson, IN (Indian Meadows), May 21-26; Mount Sterling, IL, May 28—June 2

HIGGINS, CHARLES: Reserved, May 6-11; Orlando, FL (Caribbean Missionaries Retreat), May 13-17; Tulare, CA (Wayside), May 19-23; Cottage Grove, OR, May 26-29

HILL, BEN: Laingsburg, MI, May 7-12; West Frankfort, IL, May 14-19; Eldon, MO, May 21-26

HOWARD, DICK: Skowhegan, ME, May 7-12; Shippensburg, PA, May 28—June 2

HUBARTT, LEONARD: West Lebanon, IN, May 7-12

JAMES, RANDY & MARY JANE: Carbon, IN, May 7-12; New Haven, IN, May 21-26; Syracuse, IN (Wawasee Community), May 28—June 2

JAYMES, RICHARD: Akron, OH (Cottage Grove), May 1-12

JEFFIRES, JEFF & JAN: Winston, OR, May 3-5; Placerville, CA, May 12; Poway, CA, May 19-22; Montrose, CA, May 26; San Fernando, CA, May 30—June 2

JOHNSON, RON: Northwest (Concerts), May 7-31

JONES, TERRY: Sioux City, IA (1st), May 1-5; Michigan City, IN, May 14-19

JUSTICE, MEL & DONNA: Angola, IN, May 7-12

KNIGHT, JOHN L.: Lebanon, IN, May 7-12; Lancaster, OH (1st), May 14-19; Butler, MO, May 21-26; Nevada, MO, May 28—June 2

KRATZER, RAYMOND: Vancouver, WA (Central), May 5-12

LAING, GERALD: Charlesvoix, MI, May 14-19

LASSELL, RAY: Rensselaer, IN, May 7-12; Rantoul, IL, May 14-19; Yorktown, IN, May 21-26; O'Fallon, MO, May 28—June 2

LAWSON, WAYNE: Los Angeles, CA, May 1-31

LECKRONE, LARRY: Binghamton, NY (1st), May 1-5; Camillus, NY (Syracuse Immanuel), May 7-12; Waverly, NY, May 14-19; New Philadelphia, OH, May 21-26

LeCRONE, JON: Holy Lands, May 6-16; Concerts in Washington, May 18-19; Point Orchard, WA, May 22-26; Kelso, WA, May 28—June 2

LIDDELL, P. L.: Essexville, MI (Bay City 1st), May 7-12; Warren, OH (Champion), May 14-19; Payne, OH, May 21-26; Kokomo, IN (Northside), May 28—June 2

LOETSCHER, O'NEAL & LINDA: Big Spring, TX, May 7-12; McCune, KS, May 14-19; Superior, NE, May 21-26; Manhattan, KS, May 28—June 2

LOHR, DON: Pineville, WV, May 1-5

LORENZEN, LINDA: Sharpsville, PA, May 5; Monroe, MI, May 11-12; Akron District (Young Adult Retreat), May 17-19; Sharon, PA, May 25-26

LOWN, ALBERT: Fresno Grove, CA, May 10—June 20

LYBARGER, EVERETT: Sioux Falls, SD (1st), May 7-12

MANER, ROBERT: Liburn, GA (Parkview), May 7-12; Fortson, GA (Columbus), May 14-19; Alcoa, TN (Maryville 1st), May 21-26; Archdale, NC, May 28—June 2

MANLEY, STEPHEN: Puyallup, WA, May 8-12; Bremerton, WA, May 15-19; Kentucky District Camp, May 20-26; Kansas City District, May 28—June 2

MARTS, HOPE: Easton, MD, May 11-12

McFERRIN, RICK & LANETTE: Rochester, IN, May 7-12; Portland, IN, May 14-19; Williamsburg, VA, May 21-26; West Bend, WI, May 28—June 2

McQUEEN, A. W.: Oklahoma City, OK (Calvary Bible Fellowship), May 5-12

MEYER, BOB & BARBARA, DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH: St. Louis, MO (Webster Groves), May 12-16; Traverse City, MI, May 19-23

MILBURN, GARY: Eldersburg, MD (South Carroll), May 7-12

MILLER, WALLY & CARROLL: Kent, WA (Covington), May 7-12; Renton, WA, May 14-19; Seattle, WA (North), May 21-26; Gladstone, OR, May 28—June 2

MILLHUFF, CHUCK: Grand Island, NE, May 5-12; New York, NY (Manhattan), May 22-26; Little Rock, AR (Calvary), May 29—June 2

MILLS, CARLTON: Melbourne, FL (1st), May 5; Kansas District Tour, May 13-17; Raytown, MO (Kansas City), May 19; Brandon, FL, May 26

MOORE, NORMAN: Phoenix, AZ (Monte Vista), Yucalpa, CA, May 12; Semi Valley, CA, May 22-26; Arrow Head Springs, CA (Quest Retreat)

MORRIS, CLYDE: Exmore, VA (Wesleyan), May 14-19

MOSS, UDELL: Cuyahoga Falls, OH, May 7-12; Centralia, IL, May 14-19; Mexico, MO, May 21-26; Waynesville, MO (1st), May 28—June 2

MULLEN, DEVERNE: Greentown, OH, May 7-12

MUNCIE, ROBERT & JANE: Mountain Home, AR (Twin Lakes), May 7-12; Roxana, IL, May 14-19; Indianapolis District (SAM Retreat), May 20-22; Bedford, IN (1st), May 22-26; Reed City, MI, May 28—June 2

MURPHY, MARK: Pickford, MI, May 7-12; Michigan District (Laymen's Retreat), May 17-19; Alanson, MI (Lakeview), May 21-26

MYERS, HAROLD: Caro, MI (Ellington), May 7-12; Midland, MI (Nease Memorial), May 14-19

NEFF, LARRY & PATT: Traverse City, MI (College Terrace Wesleyan), May 14-19

NORCROSS, JIM & DARLENE: Karval, CO, May 7-12

OLIVER, L. S.: Denver, CO (Wheatridge), May 7-19

OVERTON, WILLIAM: Reserved, May 7-11; Northfield, NJ, May 12-17; Wolcott, VT, May 28—June 2

PAGE, MARK: Circleville, OH, May 7-12; Lithopolis, OH, May 14-19; New Richmond, OH, May 21-26

PALMER, JAMES: Connorsville, IN (Gortner Memorial), May 7-12

PASSMORE EVANGELISTIC PARTY: Waltersburg, PA, May 7-12; Allison, PA, May 14-19; Hyde, PA (Wesleyan), May 21-26

PEAL, DONALD: Jamestown, TN (Pine Haven), May 7-12

PERDUE, NELSON: Oakland City, IN, May 7-12; Traverse City, MI (Wesleyan), May 14-19; New Philadelphia, OH, May 21-26; Rutland, OH, May 28—June 2

PFEIFER, DON EVANGELISTIC TEAM: New Boston, OH, May 14-19; Chillicothe, OH (High Street), May 21-26

PIERCE, BOYCE & CATHERINE: Watseka, IL, May 5-10; Rockville, IN, May 14-19

PRICE, JOHN: Fort Smith, AR (Southside), May 28—June 2

PRICE, ROSS: North Pekin, IL, May 7-12; Creve Coeur, IL, May 14-19

RAINS, HAROLD: Nocona, TX, May 7-12; Buffalo, OK, May 22-26

REDD, GARY: Woodville, TX, May 31—June 2

RICHARDSON, KENNETH: Colona, IL (Green Rock), May 7-12; Clinton, IA (1st), May 14-19

RICHARDS, LARRY & PHYLLIS: New Castle, IN (Westview), May 11; Indianapolis, IN (Church of God), May 12; Columbus, IN (1st), May 14-19; Mooresville, IN, May 19

ROBINSON, TED: Denton, TX (1st), May 14-19; Tucson, AZ (Palm-dale), May 21-26; Eagle Point, OR, May 28—June 2

ROTH, RON: Dexter, MO (Southwest), May 1-5; West Plains, MO, May 7-12; Chanute, KS, May 13-19

SMITH, CHARLES HASTINGS: Gardendale, AL, May 15-19; Mobile, AL (1st), May 21-26

SMITH, HAROLD & ORPHA: Leroy, MI, May 7-12

SMITH, LARRY & FAMILY: Marysville, CA, May 14-19; San Jose, CA (Valley), May 21-26; Orangevale, CA, May 28—June 2

SMITH, OTTIS & MARGUERITE: Wells, NY (Wesleyan), May 7-12; Bakers Mill, NY (Wesleyan), May 14-19; Clarion, PA, May 21-26; Summit Hill, PA (Wesleyan), May 28—June 2

SMITH, DUANE: Viroqua, WI, May 7-12

STANFORTH, KENNETH: Manteca, CA (East), May 7-12; Lynden, WA, May 21-26

STANTON, TED & DONNA: Pana, IL (1st), May 7-12; Rock Hill, SC (Grace), May 14-19; Lisbon, OH, May 21-26; Dayton, OH (Maryland Avenue), May 28—June 2

STEVENSON, GEORGE: Topeka, KS (Fairlawn), May 7-12; Chester, WV, May 14-19; Vienna, VA (Valewood), May 21-26; Woodbridge, VA, May 29—June 2

•**TAYLOR, MENDELL:** Clinton, IL (1st), May 21-26

•**THOMAS, J. MELTON:** Shattuck, OK, May 7-12; Reserved, May 14-19; Intermountain District Assembly, May 22-24

VARIAN, WILLIAM: Raytown, MO (Kansas City), May 1-5; Bryan, OH, May 7-12; Newell, WV (Glendale), May 14-19; Gallatin, TN, May 21-26

WELCH, MRS. DARLENE: Louisville, KY (Hikes Point), May 9; Louisville, KY (Presbyterian), May 10; Bloomington, IN (1st), May 11-12; Springfield, OH (1st), May 18-19

WELCH, W. B.: Louisville, KY (Okolona), May 5

WELLS, LINARD: Mount Pleasant, TX, May 7-12; Horseshoe Bend, AR, May 14-19; Georgetown, IN, May 21-26; Middleport, OH, May 28—June 2

WHITWORTH, MARCUS: Fort Smith, AR (Northside), May 2-5; Chanute, KS, May 13-19

WILCOX, WALTER: Fredrickton, New Brunswick, Canada, May 28—June 2

WILLIAMS, E. VERBAL: Greentown, OH, May 7-12; Macungie, PA, May 22-26

WILSON, BARRY: Evansville, IN (Beacon), May 7-12

WISEHART, LENNY & JOY: Bakersfield, CA (1st), May 14-19; Santa Cruz, CA, May 21-26; Los Angeles, CA (Westchester), May 28—June 2

WOODWARD FAMILY EVANGELISM: Mount Vernon, IL (1st), May 7-12

WOOLMAN, JESSE: Nobel, OK, May 7-12; Crescent, OK, May 31—June 2

WOOTEN, D. J.: Hagerstown, MD (Evangelical), May 7-12; Newark, DE, May 19; North East, MD, May 26

WYLIE, CHARLES: Columbus, OH (Community Church), May 7-12; Indianapolis, IN (Meridian Street), May 14-19; Bettendorf, IA, May 28—June 2

•**WYRICK, DENNIS:** Clinton, OH, May 1-5
•designates retired elder



The Lower Yakima Valley Zone of five churches held its annual Holiness Crusade recently in Grandview, Wash. Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, was guest speaker for the five-night event. The altars were lined with seekers each evening. A highlight of the crusade was a men's prayer breakfast. Over 30 men met and prayed for the crusade and one another. Dr. Stowe shared a devotional, and Dr. Don Wilber, zone chairman, led the prayer time. Pictured (back row, l. to r.): are Rev. Sid Cox, Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, Dr. Don Wilber, and Rev. Gary Cobb; and (front row, l. to r.): Rev. John Lundy and Rev. Greg Hicks.

was evident and people responded. Twenty-five sought God's help at the altar.

On the first night of the revival one couple rededicated their lives to God. In subsequent services they brought 10 other family members, all of whom responded to God's call.

The Sunday morning service was especially blessed of the Holy Spirit, and

10 people of varied ages came to the altar. Testimonies at the close were not only from those who received help at the altar but also from many who had been touched by the Holy Spirit.

Pastor David K. Kline reports, "Revival continues. The couple who brought their family said that one daughter who had not been able to attend prayed through in their home." □

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

VISITATION AND PRAYER PAVE WAY FOR REVIVAL

Six weeks before the first service with *Evangelist Ted L. Robinson*, the people of the **Spring Arbor, Mich., church**, began praying. In every service and publication the revival was stressed. The church was opened for prayer Monday nights from seven to eight o'clock.


Outreach for the revival began when two teams of men made calls on two Saturdays, inviting people to participate in Vacation Bible School. Besides the children of the church, four new families were reached. Sunday School attendance increased by 20, and it was among this group that revival began.

The biblical text for the meetings was 2 Chronicles 7:14, and the theme song was, "We Have Come into His House and Gathered in His Name to Worship Him."

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TWO JOIN MVNC FACULTY

Stanley L. Doerr and Steve Ervin have joined the Mount Vernon Nazarene College faculty, President William J. Prince announced recently.

Doerr will serve as an instructor in biology. He has spent the past three years in Africa after accepting a teaching assignment by the Church of the Nazarene Mission Board in 1981. During the 1981-82 school year he taught at the Nazarene Mission School in Endzingeni, Swaziland. The years 1982-84, he taught biology and also served as head of the Science and Mathematics Department at Mzomhle High School in Ciskei, South Africa.



Prior to accepting the teaching assignment in Africa, Doerr worked for the United States Department of Fish and Game; the Gulf Oil Company; the United States Department of Agriculture; and at Pan American University as a laboratory teaching assistant in physiology and anatomy.

Doerr earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Mid-America Nazarene College in 1977, and his master's degree in biology from Pan American University (Tex.) in 1981.

Ervin has joined the faculty as an instructor in accounting. He earned his master's of accountancy in December 1984, from Miami University. While at Miami University he served as a graduate assistant in accounting systems.

After graduating from MVNC in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and computer science, Ervin worked for the Goodwin and Benninghoffen Accounting Firm, Fairfield, Ohio.



Dr. Leslie Parrott, president of Olivet Nazarene College, recently received the prestigious William Booth Award from Salvation Army Commissioner Andrew Miller. He was given the award for his study of the place of holiness in the early history of the Salvation Army in England and for his leadership in making ONC the degree-granting institution for the School of Officers Training in Chicago.



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CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING HELD AT NTS

A two-week church planter training school was conducted January 21-31 at Nazarene Theological Seminary by Dr. Raymond W. Hurn, Church Extension Ministries director. Thirty seminarians took the course for credit. Total enrollment reached 50. Nine teams analyzed prospective areas for new churches.

Most seminarians took the course for two hours of credit, which included field work in nine different subject areas where new churches were thought to be viable. At the end of the course a luncheon meeting was held with district and seminary leaders to deliver nine abstracts of research to sponsoring pastors and the district for future consideration for new churches.

Throughout the sessions, seminary students and others expressed enthusiasm about the practical handles received for new church evangelism. □



Mr. Ray Bowman, A.I.A., brought lectures to the class on the new small first unit and conducted seminars each afternoon during the first week on specialized building programs. Mr. Bowman now works full-time as a consultant to churches in ministry and church buildings.



Specialists in urban and ethnic work assisted in the instructional process. Pictured (l. to r.) are: Rev. Jose Dimas, Central Latin American district superintendent; Rev. Dallas Mucci, New York district superintendent; Dr. Jorge de Barros, Portuguese editor, radio speaker, and member of the Language Publications Division. Specialized help was given to some pastors and churches wishing to launch ethnic works.



Dr. Ray Hurn giving lecture during the training school

FOR THE RECORD

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY INFORMATION

CANADA QUEBEC—June 3. Church of the Nazarene, 765 Sauve Blvd., Ste-Eustache, Quebec J7R 4K5. Host Pastor: David Jordan. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

MAINE—June 5-6. Church of the Nazarene, 525 Highland Ave., South Portland, ME 04106. Host Pastor: Clarence C. Hildreth. General Superintendent: Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.

NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA—June 5-6. Central Church of the Nazarene, 7291 E. 81st St., Tulsa, OK 74133. Host Pastor: Russell Human. General Superintendent: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe.

CANADA WEST—June 6-7. First Church of the Nazarene, 126 14 Ave. S. W., Calgary, Alberta T2R 0L9. Host Pastor: Daniel R. Gales. General Superintendent: Dr. V. H. Lewis.

NEBRASKA—June 6-7. Northwest High School, 2710 North Rd., Grand Island, NE 68801. Host Pastor: Arlan Hoskins. General Superintendent: Dr. William M. Greathouse.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN—June 6. Nazarene Indian Bible College, 2315 Markham Rd. S. W., Albuquerque, NM 87105. Host Pastor: Denny Owens. General Superintendent: Dr. Charles H. Strickland.

NORTHWESTERN OHIO—June 7. Community Church of the Nazarene, 2945 N. Cole St., Lima, OH 45801. Host Pastor: R. Wayne Sharpes. General Superintendent: Dr. Jerald D. Johnson.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

ALABAMA NORTH and ALABAMA SOUTH—July 1-7. Rolling Hills Campground, Hwy. 31 S. & I-35, Calera, Ala. Special workers: evangelist, Don Pfeifer; singers, The Believers. District Superintendents: B. J. Garber (North) and Don Jernigan, Sr. (South).

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS—July 1-7. District Center, Manville Camp, R. R. 1, Manville, IL 61339. Special workers: evangelists, Nelson Perdue and Charles Johnson; singers, Bob and Becky Gray, Floyd H. Pounds, district superintendent.

SOUTH CAROLINA—July 1-7. District Campground, Batesburg, S.C. Special workers: evangelists, General Superintendent V. H. Lewis and Chic Shaver; singers, Wally and Ginger Laxson. D. Moody Gunter, district superintendent.

NORTH CAROLINA—July 4-14. Hendersonville Campgrounds, corner of Upward and Orchard Rds., Hendersonville, N.C. Special workers: evangelists, Ted Lee and Morris Wilson; singers, Jim and Rosemary Green. Oval L. Stone, district superintendent.

NORTHWEST—July 4-7. Pinelow Campgrounds, Rte. 1, Box 570, Loon Lake, WA 99148. Special workers: evangelist, Curtis Smith; music by district talent, Walter E. Lanman, district superintendent.

CANADA WEST (Saskatchewan)—July 4-7. Arlington Beach Camp, west of Cymric. Special workers: evangelist, Harry Rich; singer, Paul Mullen. Alexander Ardrey, district superintendent.

CANADA WEST (Manitoba)—July 11-14. St. Malo Camp, south of Winnipeg. Special workers: evangelist, Alexander Ardrey; singer, Paul Mullen. Alexander Ardrey, district superintendent.

UPSTATE NEW YORK—July 6-14. Brooktondale Campground, 120 White Church Rd., Brooktondale, NY 14817. Special workers: evangelists, General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins and Steve Manley; singers, Steve and Sue Caudill and Roy Henck. George E. Teague, district superintendent.

GEORGIA—July 8-14. Nazarene Campground, Adrian, GA 31002. Special workers: Charles Smith, Denny Owens, and Gary Bond. Harold Latham, district superintendent.

MISSOURI—July 8-14. Pinecrest Nazarene Camp, Star Rte. 2, Fredericktown, MO 63645. Special

workers: General Superintendent V. H. Lewis, Bob Hoots, and Hardy Weathers. Hiram Sanders, district superintendent.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—July 8-14. Mission Springs Conference Center, 1050 Lockhard Gulch Rd., Scotts Valley, CA 95066. Special workers: evangelists Chic Shaver and Earl and Hazel Lee; singers, Jonathan and Ilona Welch, and Ron Lush, Sr. Clarence J. Kinzler, district superintendent.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA—July 9-14. Camp Sugar Pine near Yosemite. Special workers: evangelist W. E. McCumber; music by district talent, Wil M. Spaitte, district superintendent.

DAKOTA—July 9-13 evenings; 14 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. First Church of the Nazarene, 602 13th St. S.E., Jamestown, ND 58401. Special workers: evangelist, Leon Chambers; singers, Gospel Servants Quartet. F. Thomas Bailey, district superintendent.

DALLAS—July 9-14. Scottsville Campground, eight miles west of Marshall, Tex. Special worker: evangelist, Bob Hoots. W. M. Lynch, district superintendent.

ILLINOIS—July 9-14. Nazarene Acres, Rte. 1, Mechanicsburg, IL 62545. Special workers: Lenny and Joy Wisehart, Dennis Wyrick, and Bill and Terri Cobb. John Hancock, district superintendent.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO—July 10-13 evenings, 14 (three services). MVNC Gymnasium, Martinsburg Rd., Mount Vernon, OH 43050. Special workers: evangelists, General Superintendent Charles H. Strickland and John L. Knight, Sr; singers, the Paul Eby Singers. D. E. Clay, district superintendent.

CANADA CENTRAL (Clarksburg)—July 13-21. Clarksburg Camp, Clarksburg Rd., Clarksburg, Ontario N0H 1J0. Special workers: evangelist, George Stephenson; singers, Chuck and Mary Jackson. Lorne MacMillan, district superintendent.

CANADA CENTRAL (Cedarvale)—July 26—Aug. 5. Cedarvale Tabernacle, Nazarene Camp, Rte. 2, Pefferlaw, Ontario L0E 1N0. Special workers: evangelist, George Stephenson; singers, Chuck and Mary Jackson. Lorne MacMillan, district superintendent.

MICHIGAN—July 13-21. Central Lake Nazarene Campgrounds, 7926 Central St., Vicksburg, MI 49097. Special workers: evangelists, Morris Weigelt, Wilbur Brannon, and Nelson Perdue; singers, Dave and Dana Blue. C. Neil Strait, district superintendent.

MAINE—July 15-21. Camp Wakonda, Rte. 220, Washington, ME 04574. Special workers: evan-

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CENTRAL OHIO—July 19-28. District Camp-ground, 2708 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. Special workers: evangelists, Dwight E. Neunenschwander and Lenny Wisheart; singers, Larry Leckrone. J. Wilmer Lambert, district superintendent.

HAWAII PACIFIC—Aug. 4-11. First Church of the Nazarene, 408 N. Judd St., Honolulu, HI 96817. Special worker: General Superintendent V. H. Lewis. Darrell Teare, district superintendent.

MOVING CHAPLAINS

CH. CHESTER MULDER, USA (Ret.), from Abbotsford, British Columbia, to Australasian Nazarene Theological College, 40 Woodlands Dr., Thornlands, Queensland, 4163 Australia

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RONALD DALTON from Lebanon (Tenn.) West View to Cincinnati Montana Avenue

M. DEAN DAYWITT from Oelwein, Iowa, to Muscatine, Iowa

PAUL W. GRIFFIN from New Cumberland, Pa., to Endicott, N.Y.

JOSEPH JONES from Shawmut (Ala.) First to Phenix City, Ala.

BILLY J. JORDAN from Sulphur, La., to Ebenezer, La.

CHRISTOPHER MANBECK from Ottumwa (Iowa) First to Chariton, Iowa.

JAMES A. MORRIS to Kokomo (Ind.) Forest Lawn

MELBURN SORENSEN from Cincinnati Montana Avenue to Mitchell, Ind.

THOMAS G. TRIMBLE from Clearwater, Kans., to Waltersburg, Pa.

JOHN H. WELLER from Concord, N.C., to West Palm Beach, Fla.

DONALD H. WILKINS from Sterling Heights (Mich.) Community to New Lothrop, Mich.

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MRS. MARGARET BROMLEY, Papua New Guinea, Furlough Address: 16 Casius St., Woodridge, Queensland, 4114, Australia

REV. JAMES and SHEILA CLYBURN, Australia, Resigned—New Permanent Address: 211 Jomah St., Rossville, GA 30721

REV. LAWRENCE and BETTY FAUL, Jamaica, Field Address: General Delivery, Mandeville, P.O., Jamaica, W.I.

Dr. GLENN and RUTH IRWIN, Papua New Guinea, Furlough Address: 25 Garden St., Hillsdale, MI 49242

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Corpus Christi, Tex., 50th anniversary, announced in the April 15 issue for May 19, has been postponed until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Oklahoma City Trinity Church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 14-16. The church was organized as Murphy's Chapel Church of the Nazarene in 1935. All former pastors, associates, members, and friends are invited to attend. Dr. Donald W. Wellman, Rev. Robert L. Sumner, and Henry H. Spencer will be involved in the weekend's activities. For further information, contact the church at 7301 S. Walker, Oklahoma City, OK 73139, or phone (405) 632-3307.

The **Watsonville, Calif., church** will celebrate its 50th anniversary June 15-16. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send letters of greeting to the church. District Superintendent Clarence Kinzler will be the special speaker in the June 16 morning service. For further information, contact the church at 710 Green Valley Rd., Watsonville, CA 95076, or phone (408) 722-2407.

The **Craig, Mo., church** will celebrate its 40th anniversary July 7. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend or send greetings to the church. These letters will become part of a Book of Memories. For further information contact the church at P.O. Box 160, Craig, MO 64437.

Announcements should reach us three months prior to the date of the event announced.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is a privilege for me to recommend **REV. DONALD W. HICKS** as an evangelist. He is well qualified

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to do a great job in revival work. He may be contacted at: 221 Sedgfield Rd., Centerville, GA 31028, or phone: 912-953-2145.—*Harold Latham, Georgia district superintendent.*

REV. CHRIS SUTHERLAND has returned to itinerant evangelism after two years at the Long Island, N.Y., Bay Shore Church. He has, in the past, been used of God in crusades and revivals. We in New York commend him and believe he will be even more effective than before. Contact him at 1312 Pine Acres Blvd., Bay Shore, NY 11706.—*Dallas D. Mucci, New York district superintendent.*

It is my privilege to recommend **REV. DAVID HAIL** as a full-time evangelist. Following a successful pastorate on the Indianapolis District, Rev. Hail is reentering the field of evangelism. He is an excellent preacher and will serve churches very effectively. You may contact him at: 5788 Sharp Rd., Dayton, OH 45432. Telephone: (513) 256-5836.—*Rev. John F. Hay, Indianapolis district superintendent.*

REV. RON FREELAND, who has served as an evangelistic pastor for 25 years, is entering the field of full-time evangelism as of September 1, 1985. He has served with distinction on all major district boards and has been successful as pastor of churches of all sizes. I highly recommend him to churches everywhere. You may contact him at 511 N. Grant St., Bloomington, IN 47401. Phone: 812-332-7465.—*B. G. Wiggs, Southwest Indiana district superintendent.*

REV. JAMES McCALLIE united with the Church of the Nazarene at our last district assembly. He came from a sister denomination where he has served very ably as pastor and full-time evangelist. He has had unusual acceptance and excellent success as singer, musician, and warmhearted Bible preacher. Those with whom he has served highly recommend him to others. He may be contacted at R.R. 6, Box 254, Columbus, IN 47201. Phone: 812-988-2668.—*B. G. Wiggs, Southwest Indiana district superintendent.*

REV. CLAUD LUFF, after an outstanding career as pastor of churches in Indiana and Iowa, has recently entered the field of full-time evangelism. He is a warmhearted communicator of Bible truth. Every church he has served has prospered spiritually, numerically, and financially. He is deeply spiritual and studious. He can be reached at Rte. 2, Box 166A, Oakland City, IN 47660.—*B. G. Wiggs, Southwest Indiana district superintendent.*

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Nazarene health care professionals are invited to attend concurrent organizational meetings at 3 p.m. on June 22 at the Hilton Hotel in Anaheim, Calif.

- Medical and osteopathic physicians and dentists will convene the first Annual Meeting of the new **NAZARENE MEDICAL-DENTAL FELLOWSHIP (NMDF)**.
- Nazarene nurses will meet concurrently to organize a new worldwide nursing fellowship.

A dinner for all health care professionals will follow the business meetings.

For information on these events and tickets contact:
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At the Middle-European district assembly was the largest group to be ordained in its history. Seven licensed ministers were ordained. Front row (l. to r.) are Regional Director Thomas Schofield; Dr. Charles H. Strickland, general superintendent; ordinands and wives, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Vollenweider, Rev. and Mrs. Ulf Weisensee, and Rev. and Mrs. Hans-Guenter Mohn; back row (l. to r.) District Superintendent Hugo Danker, Rev. and Mrs. Wilfried Ache, Rev. Mary Schaar, Rev. Alfred Schaar, and Rev. and Mrs. Steve McCormick.

REV. WILLIAM E. CLARK, 104 E. Logan St., Brazil, IN 47834, is available for revivals, conventions, and camps. He has served as pastor and evangelist for more than 25 years and is well acquainted with the needs of churches. He will be happy to serve churches of any size. Phone: 812-448-3787.—*B. G. Wiggs, Southwest Indiana district superintendent.*

REV. WARREN F. TOLER, 209 W. Court St., Greensburg, KY 42743, is now scheduling revivals and special services. I recommend him to our churches and pastors everywhere. He is an experienced and effective evangelist and soul winner. His pastoral experience includes the Winchester and Flatwoods churches on this district. Any church will be profited by calling him for a revival or special service.—*John W. May, Eastern Kentucky district superintendent.*

Evangelists may be reached through Evangelism Ministries' toll-free number, 800-821-2154.

VITAL STATISTICS

MOTHER OF DR. STOWE DIES

Mrs. Florence Stowe, mother of Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, general superintendent, passed away early March 19. Her 98th birthday would have been in April. Mrs. Stowe had been hospitalized for two weeks, following a fall at the nursing home where she lived in Castle Rock, Colo.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. James Butler, Wednesday, March 20, at the Littleton, Colo., Church of the Nazarene, where she was a member. Graveside services were held March 22 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica, Calif.

Mrs. Stowe was the widow of Mr. Ernest Stowe, who died in 1957. Besides Dr. Stowe, she is survived by another son, Dr. David Stowe of Englewood, N.J., who recently retired from the post of executive secretary of the Missionary Board of the United Church of Christ; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Born April 9, 1887, in Iowa, Mrs. Stowe was converted in the Methodist Church and later sanctified in a Methodist revival. She early wanted to be a missionary but was thought to be too frail by church officials. She remained very missionary-minded and her elder son later served as a missionary to China prior to the invasion of the Japanese. The Stowe family moved to Santa Monica, Calif., in 1938, at which time they united with the Church of the Nazarene. She lived in Santa Monica until moving to Kansas City in 1966. She had lived in Colorado for the past 10 years.

OLDEST CANADIAN NAZARENE DIES

Mrs. Mary Ludlow, the oldest member of the Canadian Church of the Nazarene, died at the age of 106

February 18. She was born Mary Sherson in Parry Sound, Ontario, on November 14, 1878. She later moved with her parents to Proton Station area near Shelburne, Ontario. After working in Toronto and later in the Province of Manitoba she lived in Chicago, where she first encountered the Church of the Nazarene. She later returned to the Proton Station area where she married her husband, Thomas Ludlow. Though Mrs. Ludlow had no surviving family, she

was highly respected in her community, where she was affectionately known as "Aunt Marie." The last five years of her life she resided at Austin's Nursing Home in Shelburne. Her membership was transferred by Rev. Ben Kaechele to Shelburne, Ontario, Grace Church.

Funeral services were conducted in Dundalk, Ontario, on February 20 by Rev. Douglas C. Woods, pastor of the Shelburne church.

DEATHS

MRS. MARY RUSHING CLARK, 87, Feb. 9, Friona, Tex. Interment: Phoenix, Ariz. Survivors: no immediate family.

MARY L. CRIDER, 79, Feb. 11, Shelbyville, Ind. Survivors: daughters Mrs. James (Martha) Wessic and Mrs. Tom (Donna) Boone; son James E.; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 1 brother.

REV. W. DONOVAN CROFT, 87, Feb. 21, Herndon, Fla. Survivors: wife Verna; sons Donovan and William (Bill); daughter Edith Parsons; 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 3 brothers; 2 sisters. Ministry: Florida.

JOHN DAVID (J. D.) CROUCH, SR., Dec. 11, Angleton, Tex. (auto accident). Survivors: wife Betty; son David; daughters Lynette and Linda Graham; four grandchildren; two brothers; four sisters.

MRS. EDITH A. FELKER, 80, Feb. 4, Nashville, Tenn. Survivors: daughters Mrs. Virginia McIntosh and Mrs. Lillian Thomas; son Cecil L.; three granddaughters.

REV. HARLAND C. JOYCE, 69, Bowdoinham, Maine. Survivors: wife Doris; sons Richard, Daniel, and John; daughters Marilyn Davis and Carolyn Morse; 10 grandchildren; one brother. Ministry: Maine and Massachusetts.

REV. GEORGE M. LAKE, 70, Nov. 11, Shawnee, Okla. Interment: Waldo, Kans. Survivors: wife Olive; daughters Marilyn Watkins, Alice Wycoff, and Joyce

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Rucker; son Jerrold R.; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 1 brother. Ministry: Kansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Mississippi, and Papua New Guinea.

MRS. BERYL McCLELLAN, 87, Feb. 28, Port Huene, Calif. (leukemia). Interment: Camarillo, Calif. Survivors: husband Lewis; sons Dr. John and Dr. Ernest; daughters Olive Manion, Lois Hall, and Martha Rice; 12 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren

REV. C. O. MOSER, 66, Feb. 22, Chester, S.C. Survivors: wife Evelyn; sons Robert and Jim; daughter Claudia McDaniel; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Ministry: South Carolina.

REV. JAMES A. PHILLIPS, 98, Mar. 15, Colorado Springs, Colo. Survivors: daughters Eunice and Mrs. Lloyd (Edna) Cornelison; one granddaughter; two great-grandchildren. Ministry: Kentucky, Idaho, Florida, Wyoming, and Colorado.

REV. JOSEPH T. PORTER, 74, Dec. 29, Huntsville, Ala. Survivors: wife Nell R.; sons Rev. John R. and Floyd Rex; daughters Thelma Carter, Margaret Stone, Shirley Neal, Barbara Longo, and Mary West; 16 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren. Ministry: Tennessee and Alabama.

SAMUEL P. QUIGLEY, 95, Feb. 10, Dexter, Mo. Interment: Monroe, La. Survivors: wife Goldie; daughter Lois Lake; three grandchildren.

MRS. REBECCA "BECKY" (KNAPP) SIDES, 35, Feb. 20, Colorado Springs, Colo. Survivors: husband Francis; daughters Kelly and Katy; her parents; two sisters.

HAZEL LOUISE TEAGUE, 66, Mar. 10, Gadsden, Ala. Survivors: husband W. C.; sons Cecil and Terry.

DR. JOHN PAUL THOMAS, 51, Mar. 15, Marshall, Minn. Survivors: sons William P. and Mark A.; his father; one sister; one brother.

REV. ROYAL C. WARNER, 64, Feb. 27, Montebello, Calif. Survivors: wife Helen; son Ron; one granddaughter. Ministry: Oregon and California.

LULA MARY WILSON, 93, Feb. 18, Eureka, Ill. Survivors: son Paul; daughter Evelyn Snellenberger; 6 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 1 sister.

BIRTHS

to WAYNE AND SANDY BARTON, Portland, Oreg., a girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Feb. 7

to STEVE AND ESTHER (CLARK) BRETT, Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, a girl, Ashley Esther, Jan. 27

to PAUL AND MELODIE (ADAMS) COLE, Lincoln, Nebr., a boy, Glen Gabriel, Mar. 24

to NELSON AND BEVERLY (WELSH) EAGLE, Indianapolis, Ind., a girl, Diana Layne, Mar. 8

to BERTRAM AND DANA (BIAS) GRANT, Tucson, Ariz., a boy, Tyler Gordon, Mar. 30

to REV. RICH AND DEBBIE (GROVE) HENRY, Menton, Ohio, a boy, Matthew Ryan, Mar. 5

to REV. JOE AND JANET (HUEY) HUDDLESTON, Olathe, Kans., a boy, Jonathan David, Mar. 16

to DAVID AND KATHLENE (BUNGARD) HUTTON, Norwood, Mo., a boy, David Graham, Feb. 15

to REV. STEVE AND CINDY (HARRIS) INGERSOLL, Olathe, Kans., a girl, Brenna Lynne, Nov. 14

to REV. M. G. "RON" AND DENA JOHNSON, Dallas, Tex., a boy, Timothy Andrew, Feb. 11

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NEWS OF RELIGION

NUMBER OF UNEVANGELIZED IN WORLD HAS DROPPED, BUT SO HAS PERCENTAGE OF CHRISTIANS.

The number of unevangelized people in the world has dropped by about 4 percent since 1980, but the percentage of Christians in total world population also dropped by about one half of 1 percent during that time, according to a report by David Barrett, Anglican statistician and editor of the *World Christian Encyclopedia*.

According to Barrett, the number of unevangelized in the world has dropped by 45.3 million in the last five years, leaving an unevangelized population of 1.3 billion, 27.9 percent of the world's population.

The number of Christians in the world grew by 115.9 million during that period to a total of 1.5 billion, or 32.4 percent of world population. This is a slight drop from 1980, when the percentage was 32.8.

In the last five years Muslims added 94 million adherents for a new total of 817 million. Hindus now stand at 648 million, a gain of 64.8 million, and Buddhists added 22 million, and presently total 296 million.

Barrett notes a gain of 400 Christian missionary-sending agencies; the new total number of agencies is now 3,500. There are 250,000 foreign missionaries, an increase of 1,000, and 3.5 million national Christian workers, up by 550,000 in the last five years. □

NAE CONDEMNS HOMOSEXUALITY, PORNOGRAPHY, GAMBLING.

The National Association of Evangelicals took strong positions against homosexuality, pornography, and gambling in resolutions passed during its recent 43rd annual convention, held in Los Angeles.

The NAE resolved that "homosexuality is a deviation from the Creator's plan for human sexuality," and opposed legislation based on "sexual orientation." The resolution went on to "strongly urge" that churches and religious organizations be exempt from complying with any "so-called Gay Rights legislation," which is currently law.

The resolution also stressed the importance of proclaiming the good news of forgiveness to those involved in homosexual practices, and urged accepting them into fellowship "upon confession of faith and repentance" from the sin of homosexuality.

The NAE also spoke out strongly against the \$8 billion pornography industry in the U.S., stating that this industry portrays sexuality dehumanizing and morally destructive to both children and adults. The resolution called for the president to "declare publicly his support for the enforcement of obscenity laws and to order the Justice Department to enforce the existing obscenity laws."

The resolution concluded by urging "Christians everywhere to seek ways to minister more effectively to both the victims and perpetrators of obscenity and pornography."

Finally, the NAE reaffirmed its opposition to gambling and lotteries, including those run by the government. In a resolution passed at the convention, the NAE stated, "We believe that gambling . . . is potentially addictive . . . a social evil that feeds upon greed and sells a set of fantasy values that exploits people . . . especially the poor." □

NBC NETWORK CHANGES MIND ON BIBLE ADS. NBC radio network has reconsidered its refusal to accept commercials submitted by Thomas Nelson Publishers of Nashville for their paperback book *The Bible*.

Nelson was notified by NBC that they would not accept commercials because the Bible is a controversial book. Nelson circulated a letter accusing NBC of violating First Amendment freedom.

NBC now accepts the ads. □

to FORREST AND RENEE (FORTNER) KNOX, Haifa, Israel, *a girl*, Abigail Eve, Mar. 20
 to JOHN AND ANNE (JACKSON) MATTHEWS, Savannah, Ga., *a boy*, Jonathan Creswick, Feb. 27
 to DEAN AND JOY (SLOTTERBACK) MOSER, Willingboro, N.J., *a girl*, Kelly Deanna, Feb. 13
 to TOMMY AND FAITH (HOUGH) NIX, Watsonville, Calif., *a boy*, Jaron Matthew, March 1
 to BRENT AND PAM (ANDERSON) SEAL, Colorado Springs, Colo., triplets, *two boys*, Judson Robert and Jonathan Ryan, and *a girl*, Jessica Rochelle, Mar. 9
 to GORDON AND BETTY THOMAS, Swaziland, *a girl*, Abigail, Feb. 21
 to REV. GENE AND DORENE (WATROUS) TURNER, Portland, Oreg., *a girl*, Mandy Michelle, Feb. 17
 to JERYL AND NANCY (HILLERY) WHITE, Hurst, Tex., *a boy*, Andrew Jordan, Mar. 14
 to ALLEN AND VICKI (ARMSTRONG) WILSON, Wadsworth, Ohio, *a boy*, Aaron Allen, Dec. 4

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MARRIAGES

SUSAN MURPHY and DEAN WOODCOOK at Owego, N.Y., Oct. 6
 KARLA ROCHELLE SCHACK and RICHARD C. BUCHANAN at Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 9
 CHERYL RENEE STEMEN and DON ADAM CARLEY II at Bethany, Okla., Mar. 2
 KATHY R. WHITLOW and DAVID LINDON BELL at Fairfax, Ala., Mar. 9
 KATHRYN ELIZABETH RAP and MARK WILLIAM POUNDS at Portland, Oreg., Mar. 16

ANNIVERSARIES

REV. CARL AND MARIAN KISER were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary March 23. An afternoon reception was given by their 4 children and 14 grandchildren at the Holiday Inn, St. Peters, Mo.
 They are members of the St. Charles, Mo., Harvester Church. They formerly pastored churches in Nebraska and Missouri.
 SENATOR AND MRS. R. HENRY MANCHESTER of Cambridge, Vt., celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary at a dinner given in their honor. They have 4 daughters: Mrs. Maurice (Merilyn) Clinger, Mrs. Richard (Carolyn) Hover, Mrs. Richard (Jean) Hook, and Mrs. Dale (Rhoda) Mingleddorf; 3 sons: Alan, George, and Carroll John; and 17 grandchildren. They were married March 30, 1935.

Henry and Marjorie are members of the Waterville, Vt., church and have also been active in the Ithiel Falls Camp Meeting Association.

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You have said that we are not a fundamentalist church. Why not? I've always considered myself a fundamental Bible-believing Christian, according to Webster's definition of the word.

"Fundamentalism" arose in response to "modernism." The fundamentalists especially emphasized the virgin birth of Christ, substitutionary atonement, divine inspiration of Scripture, the resurrection of the body, and the physical return of Jesus Christ. These doctrines we also affirm in our creed.

However, the fundamentalist churches, for the most part, have also insisted upon a premillennial return of Christ (and some upon a pre-Tribulation rapture of the Church). We are not committed to any one millennial theory, and our preachers and teachers are not unanimous in their understanding of the order of events associated with the Second Coming.

Furthermore, most of the fundamentalists adhere to a doctrine of verbal inspiration, which some, but not all, of our people accept.

Again, the fundamentalists have a doctrine of sanctification that varies from ours.

We are a Protestant, Wesleyan, evangelical, conservative church, and that is fundamental to us. Within this creedal framework there is room for more than one interpretation of *how* Scripture is inspired, *when* the millennium will occur, and *what* mode of baptism is acceptable, etc.

We have much in common with the fundamentalists, and many of our people have been strongly influenced by them—but we are not fundamentalists, just as we are not Calvinists or anabaptists, though we have some doctrines in common with them also. □

Does the person who is Spirit-filled continue to be oppressed by demons? Must he constantly "cast them out" in the name of Christ?

I find no evidence in Scripture for the notion of God's redeemed people being possessed and oppressed by demons. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). The believer is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit does not intend to share His residence with demons.

The name of Jesus is our defense against evil forces, but there are no references in the New Testament to Christians casting demons from themselves. Yield the temple to His control, and He will keep His house secure against His foes!

We may become emotionally depressed at times, but possessed and/or oppressed by demons within?—No! □

Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father" (John 4:21).

We know that worship at the Temple in Jerusalem ceased when the Romans destroyed it in A.D. 70. What about the Samaritan temple? When did worship cease on Mount Gerazim?

The Samaritan temple, which was built around 400 B.C., was burned by the Jews in or around 128 B.C. This further fueled the long-standing hostility between Samaritans and Jews, to which the woman refers earlier (v. 9). Hadrian, who was the Roman emperor from A.D. 117 to 138, built a temple on Mount Gerazim and some scholars think the ruins of the Samaritan temple were beneath it.

However, the words of Jesus did not depend upon the destruction of temples for their fulfillment, though His words may have foreshadowed those destructive times. Comparing verses 21 and 23, Jesus was affirming true worship as communion depending not on a particular place or posture, but upon a right relationship to God through Jesus Christ as our Savior. □

THE CHURCH SCENE



The Wasilla, Alaska, church has 75 members. Following the district *Herald of Holiness* subscription campaign in February, district campaign manager Matthew Weaver reports Pastor John Vaughn and congregation gathered over 100 subscriptions. Many of them were for families outside the church.

The Wasilla church has surpassed its goal of 38 *Herald* subscriptions in this grand fashion for the past two years. □



The Allen Park, Mich., church Board of Trustees chairman, Howard Malone, received a city beautification award from Mayor Lada, City of Allen Park. Mr. Malone (l.) is pictured presenting the "We Care Award" plaque to Pastor Robert T. Collins (r.) and the church during a Sunday morning worship service.

NAZARENE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES

Four more couples have achieved certification as Nazarene Marriage Enrichment leader couples, having completed the requirements of the provisional process. All four couples have been models for growth and dependency as they challenge others in the journey to Christlikeness in marriage.

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Waterford, Ohio



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Greenfield, Ind., Church had a Marriage Renewal Service February 18. Twenty-two couples renewed their marriage vows, and the marriages ranged in length from 3 months to 38 years. Special music was provided by Larry and Phyllis Richards. A reception followed the service. Pictured are those who participated (back row, l. to r.): Tricia and Mike Rutledge, Gail and Dave Negiliski, Edna and Mike Ryba, Martha and Ed Sears, Doris and Rev. Keith Sparks, Beth and Joe Rutledge, Vicki and Joe Smith, Pat and Tom Cooper, and Jan and Leonard Smith; (middle row, l. to r.) Rene and Mike Williams, Linda and Bill Couch, Bonnie and Larry Brooks, Martha and Bob Cooper, Doris and Sonny DeWitt, Lynn and Bob Pepperworth, and Sandy and Garry Sargent; (front row, l. to r.) Pam and Tom Austin, Frances and Rodger Stephenson, Dottie and Tom Macy, Betty and Bill Rutledge, Pat and Ed Wolsiffer, and Mary and Lloyd Bettcher.



A new building was recently dedicated in Big Springs, Tex., with West Texas District Superintendent Gene Fuller bringing the dedicatory address. Representative Larry Don Shaw, Mayor Clyde Angel, former pastors, and the president of the Howard County Ministerial Fellowship brought greetings. The new building houses the sanctuary, two nurseries, a bride's room, choir room, class room, and offices. It is the third building of the complex, which includes a gym and Family Life Center and Kids' Korner housing Sunday School, children's churches, and Lancaster Learning Center. The complex is on seven acres with an evaluation of about \$1,000,000 and indebtedness of \$290,000. Dr. Carl Powers has served as pastor since 1982.



Pictured with District Superintendent Dwight Neuenschwander (*center*) is Rev. Phil Burton (*l.*), ordained elder and founding pastor of the Wellington, New Zealand, Wainuiomata Church which is shown. Rev. Paul Burton (*r.*), ordained in 1984, was installed as pastor of the Wainuiomata church, the church of his childhood, by the district superintendent March 3, 1985. The Wainuiomata church has moved full cycle to the second generation as their new pastor succeeds his father, who is now pioneering a new work at Massey, a suburb near Auckland, New Zealand.



Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, general superintendent, and Dr. Harold Latham, Georgia district superintendent, recently dedicated Dublin, Ga., First Church's new sanctuary-education unit. The building was designed by J. H. and H. Architects and constructed by Cogen Industries. The sanctuary, with overflow space, will seat 475, and the building remodeling program has added 21 classrooms, offices, a library, and a fellowship hall. The pastor is Myron G. Wise.



Pictured with Mrs. Nees and their daughter, Lois Smith, Dr. Nees prepares to leave New Zealand after conducting the New Zealand district assembly January 2. He also spoke for the camp meeting services December 29—January 1, and the district NWMS Convention December 31. Lois spoke to the NWMS Convention about the Community of Hope ministry in Washington, D.C., in which she and her husband are involved. Dr. Grady Cantrell, principal of the Australasian Nazarene Theological College, spoke in the closing service January 2. Eight New Zealand students are attending the college this year. District Superintendent Dwight Neuenschwander, serving on an extended call, reported all churches paid all budgets in full and an increase in membership.

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**DISTRICT AWARDS
PRESENTED AT ANNUAL
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One of the highlights of the annual Leaders Conference held recently at the Vista International Hotel, Kansas City, was the presentation of awards by the Board of General Superintendents.

Great Commission Medallion awards were presented February 20 to district superintendents whose districts excelled in four achievement areas in 1984. These districts are grouped in five categories based on their number of churches. Awards were presented as follows:

Category	No. Churches on District	Winners
I	1-35	Rev. Roger Wegner, Alaska
II	36-55	Dr. Wil M. Spaite, Central California
III	56-75	Dr. W. M. Lynch, Dallas
IV	76-95	Dr. Robert H. Scott, Southern California
V	96+	Rev. C. Neil Strait, Michigan

The four areas of achievement are in membership growth, Sunday School attendance gain, budget payment record, and new church organization.



Great Commission Medallion award winners at the Leaders Conference in Kansas City are pictured (back row, l. to r.): C. Neil Strait, Michigan; Robert H. Scott, Southern California; W. M. Lynch, Dallas; Wil M. Spaite, Central California; Roger Wegner, Alaska. Front row (l. to r.) are Mrs. Jerald (Alice) Johnson, General Superintendent V. H. Lewis, Mrs. V. H. (Esther) Lewis, Mrs. Orville (Louise) Jenkins.

Specific goals are established in each of these areas.

Silver Citations were awarded to district superintendents whose districts achieved highest percentage gain in one area of achievement. Silver Citation winners for 1984 were: Sunday School attendance gain—Rev. Roger

Wegner, Alaska, 11.17 percent increase; membership growth—Rev. Roger Wegner, 11.23 percent increase; budget payment—Rev. Roger Wegner, 106.14 percent General Budget, plus all others in full; new church organizations—Rev. D. W. Thaxton, Houston, 9 percent gain—five churches. □

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May 26, 1985

To reach the Year of Church Growth goals, each church is requested to receive 10 new Nazarenes or 10% of their present membership.

IT'S EASY TO REPORT

- **PASTORS**—Before 5 p.m. on May 26, report to your zone chairman your Sunday School attendance and the number of new Nazarenes during the Year of Church Growth from September 1, 1984, to May 26, 1985. (Actual year extends on to August 31, 1985.)
- **ZONE CHAIRMEN**—Phone zone figures to the district chairman by evening, May 26.
- **DISTRICT CHAIRMEN**—Phone district figures to the Kansas City Division of Christian Life and Sunday School by noon (CDT), June 4.

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REV. PACKARD ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF BRITISH ISLES SOUTH DISTRICT



Rev. John Packard, pastor of Bolton First Church of the Nazarene, was elected superintendent of British Isles South District on the fifth ballot Friday, March 22. He succeeds Rev. Herbert McGonigle, who resigned from the post. Rev. McGonigle was elected superintendent in March 1984.

Rev. Packard had pastored the Partick, Glasgow Hart Memorial, Glasgow Sharpe Memorial, and Erskine churches on the British Isles North District prior to accepting the Bolton pastorate on the British Isles South District in 1982.

He and his wife, Vera, have four children. □

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HENSLEY SPEAKS AT NPH SALES LUNCHEON



Christian author, Dr. Dennis Hensley, was the keynote speaker at the annual NPH Sales Luncheon, Wednesday, April 3, at the Alameda Hotel in Kansas City.

Dr. Hensley told the group of about 200, which included NPH sales representatives, guests, and other employees from headquarters and the publishing house, that they should not fear failure.

"If you're not failing, you're not trying," said Dr. Hensley, repeating the words that helped Thomas Watson, Jr., founder of IBM, to become a success. He emphasized that a person's perspective of failure, accompanied by an appreciation of it, will help him to succeed.



Special music was provided by song evangelists Dave and Dana Blue.

The Sales Luncheon has been an annual event for more than 25 years. Sponsored by NPH as a climax to the annual sales conference, it is a time of fellowship and inspiration for those involved in the development and promotion of NPH periodicals, books, and musical publications. □

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NWMS ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR CONVENTION

A number of special events have been planned in connection with the General NWMS Convention in Anaheim, Calif., June 20-22.

On Thursday evening the Missions Rally will be held, featuring a new children's mission musical and a message by evangelist Rev. Juliet Ndzimandze from Swaziland.

Special music will be performed Friday from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. This program is designed to provide an informal atmosphere for visitors and delegates to enjoy the music of their own land and that of their Nazarene brothers and sisters from around the world.

Besides workshops pertaining to the eight areas of NWMS, there will be the premier of "The Calling," a docudrama film chronicling the work of pioneer Nazarene missionaries to the head-hunting Aguaruna Indians in Peru. The film will be shown during the Saturday morning session, which begins at 8:00.

Also, a special sending service will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. for 34 new Nazarene missionaries.

All of these events will be held in the Anaheim Convention Center Arena. □

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BEEGLE APPOINTED EDITOR FOR CHURCH GROWTH DIVISION



Rev. Bill Sullivan, Church Growth Division director, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Nina Beegle as division editor. She will be doing interviewing, writing, and reporting for Chaplaincy, Church Extension, Evangelism, and Pastoral Ministries in the Church Growth Division.

Mrs. Beegle worked in Christian Life/Sunday School from July 1975 through December 1981. She has served in Church Growth Division since June 1982.

Her responsibilities in Church

Growth have included the assistant editorship of *Preacher's Magazine*; editorship of *Update*; editing and proof-reading for the division; designing and writing of copy for brochures, flyers, and ads; writing of articles for the *Herald of Holiness*; and serving six months as interim editor of *Mission Alert*.

Prior to coming to Nazarene headquarters, she was a successful freelance writer and assistant editor of *Light and Life* magazine.

She is the wife of Rev. John Beegle. They have five daughters and one son. □

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NEW ADDITIONS AT NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE

Rev. Jerry D. Lambert was inaugurated Monday, March 25, as the third president of NBC. A number of denominational leaders and college presidents were present for the special ceremony, which preceded the annual Board of Trustees meeting. At that meeting, Rev. Lambert announced the appointment of Dr. Neil B. Wiseman as the new academic dean of NBC.

Dr. Wiseman comes to the post from a pastorate at Pompano Beach, Fla., First Church. He served as head of the Religion Department at Trevecca Nazarene College before serving in Pastoral Ministries at Nazarene headquarters. He replaces Dr. R. T. Bolerjack, who has accepted the post of assistant to the president, in charge of ethnic training.

Rev. Lambert also announced the creation of a chair of evangelism at NBC, which will be filled by evangelist Dr. Stephen Manley. The chair will provide a one-quarter-per-year program to train students in classroom theory and offer field experiences in evangelism.

Dr. Manley will continue to hold revivals and other meetings along with his new responsibilities.

The chair is being funded with a gift from Rev. Harry Dickerson.

The NBC Board also learned that Dr. Phyllis Perkins, NWMS executive director since 1980, will leave that post to accept an administrative-teaching position at the Bible college in August 1985. Dr. Perkins will serve in the area of admissions and recruitment and will teach courses in English, Christian education, and missions.

Dr. Lambert had earlier announced that Dr. Raymond Hurn, Church Extension Ministries director, will join the NBC staff in August 1985 as a teacher and consultant. □

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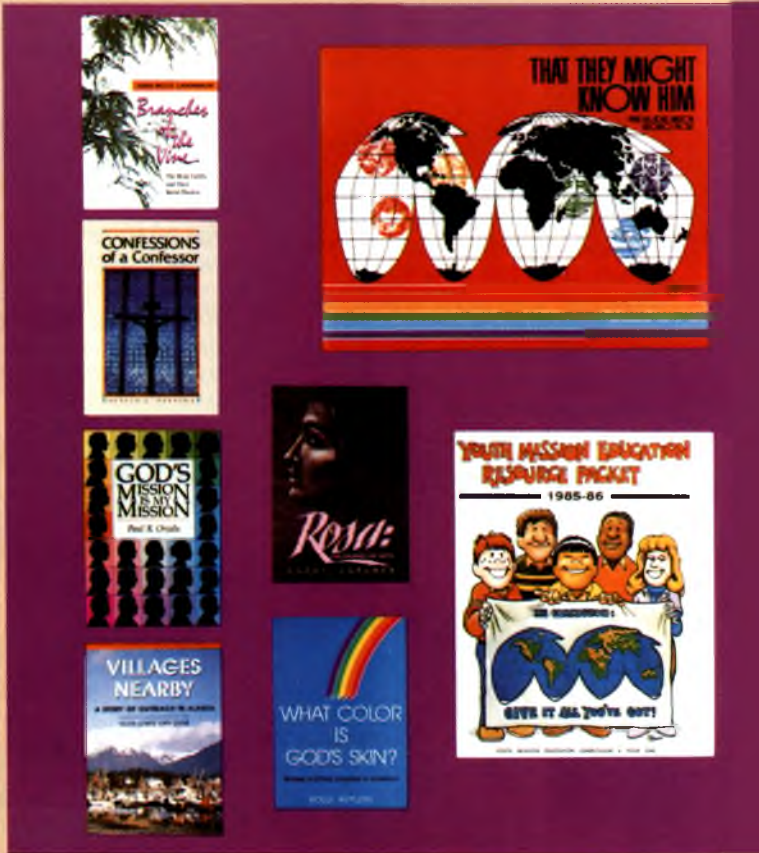
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